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### Sister City Relationships Since:

Sendai, Japan	1957
Cuautla, Mexico	1968
Ensenada, Mexico	1976
Gangnam-gu, Korea	1999
Jiangmen, China	1997
Hyderabad, India	2000

### IRC President's Message

## One Individual, One Community at a Time

By Dr. Vince Moses

Good members of the IRC, we have a lot to talk about in this newsletter. First though, join me in congratulating Rene and Michael Wood on the delivery of their wonderful new baby. She's a beautiful, happy little person and a true reflection of her parents.



Rachel Rose Wood & Daddy

As you know, Rene is our newsletter editor, and we're proud of her. She put together our first issue, while preparing for the birth of her child. Now she's right back at the second issue like nothing has happened. Nobody ever accused IRC members of being wimps! Rene, you're the tops. You represent the mission and passion of IRC in all your actions. We appreciate your dedication.

Yes, Rene represents IRC. Wherever she goes, she sows peace and goodwill. In fact, here is the truth of

it: IRC exists as the embodiment of the intentions of hundreds of people like Rene, all striving as one to build upon President Dwight D. Eisenhower's 1956 program for world peace. You, each of you, and IRC as your collective intent, build peace -- one individual, one community at a time. On the launch of the people-to-people program, President Dwight D. Eisenhower phrased it this way:

"If we...want peace, then the problem is for people to get together and to leap governments--if necessary to evade governments--to work out not one method but thousands of methods by which people can gradually learn a little bit more of each other. In this way, I believe, is the truest path to peace."

The March 18-24 celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sendai-Riverside Sister City Agreement clearly validated President Eisenhower's message.

About the oldest continuously operative sister city relationship in the world, our link to Sendai, Japan is cemented by friendship. The bond has been built on fifty years of cultural, educational, governmental, and individual relationships. The March celebration brought that all home. These visitors are our friends. That all certainly sank in upon seeing Itabashi Sensei (Professor Margaret Tomi Natori Itabashi) wheeling her baggage cart down the hallway at LAX toward our awaiting Sendai Committee.

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## **One Individual, One Community at a Time**

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My heart raced at the sight of our old and dear friend, now once again our honored guest. It occurred to me at that moment that this might be her last visit to our city, which she loves so much. Margaret came to Riverside in 1951 on her way to Columbia University for a Master of Arts in Psychiatric Social Work. Her presence in the citizen delegation proved to me the depth of this fifty-year-old sister city agreement. She and the other members of the delegation were not simply cursory envoys; they were, in fact, our close friends, here to renew personal bonds of social kinship.

I am proud to thank and congratulate all of you who made the weeklong celebration a resounding success. Yoko Boucher's article in this newsletter will thank you all by name, but I would be woefully remiss if I did not draw attention to a few of you for your

extraordinary service on our behalf. Yoko Boucher and her fabulous Sendai Sister City Committee for everything under the sun, Sarah Del Gesso for the incredible Legacy Dinner at the Marriott (with sponsors!), Barb Ryon for duty above the call of treasurer throughout the week, Rich Davis and Dr. Clyde Wilson for driving the delegation to the various destinations, Doctors Dan and Esther Hays for being the "dream team," Ted Shimizu for his work as my microphone partner at the dinner and for all his other goodwill ambassadorial duties, Jodi Cahill for the wonders she worked on our behalf from La Sierra University, Diane Elton for her coordination with the American Association of University Women, Riverside Chapter, Katherine Dopler for stepping in at the very last minute to design our dinner program, Karla Adams for helping build event sponsorships and ramrod duties for the half-marathon, Hidaiko and all the other stalwarts among our

resident Japanese-American women for their many labors, all the home stay hosts for opening their homes to our guests, and Sue Strickland, Lisa Brown, Brent Lee and others for their steadfast help with the dinner and elsewhere. Daniel Foster, as usual, came through at all the right times regarding the Giant Orange and the museum opening. Robert Fitch shot reams of photographs, matching the efforts of Brenda Flowers from the City. And Kathie and Steve Webber-Plank flew down from Bellingham, Washington to celebrate with us and to honor Yoko at our dinner. The JACL provided a sumptuous reception fare for our guests.

For all my remaining IRC friends, who threw their backs into making the anniversary events a success, thank you. If I have omitted your name, it is not intentional, I assure you.

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# SENDAI - RIVERSIDE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PHOTO GALLERY



Japanese Festival



Japanese Festival



UCRX Brave Heart Bus  
Arrival at the Marriott



Tea House at White Park



Japanese Festival



Japanese Festival



Japanese Festival



Japanese Garden at White Park



Tea House at White Park



Origami Experts at Work



Japanese Garden at White Park

*Pictures  
contributed by  
Yoko Boucher*

## One Individual, One Community at a Time

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Finally, I heartily congratulate and thank the City of Riverside, the Mayor's Office and staff, especially Dr. Lalit Acharya for making this celebration happen. Under the able Chairmanship of Tom Evans, the Mayor's Sendai 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee orchestrated a superb set of events. From the dedication of the Garden to the last note of the Philharmonic concert, the week, including IRC's contributions, set a precedent for all future anniversary celebrations. We will all be busy soon with debriefing the celebration and will report our findings in future newsletters.

I also want to thank Sarah Del Gesso and the Board for developing a set of sponsorship packages for funding our part in the Sendai Week. Through her efforts, we were able to cover our expenses, no mean feat, i.e., and \$10,000. For that, let me thank our sponsors. They included:

- **Platinum:**  
Altura Credit Union  
Home Security Store  
Drs. Dan & Esther Hays  
Anonymous Donor  
(from our own ranks)
- **Silver:**  
Riverside Downtown  
Partnership  
Robert Fitch  
Jack & Dolores Lambert  
VinCate and Associates  
Yoko Boucher  
Park Place Realty, GMAC  
UCRX for the Highlander  
Brave Heart Bus
- **Bronze:**  
Karla Adams  
Don Luginbill

Thanks also to:

- La Sierra University School of Business, and Jodi Cahill of LSU for coordinating our superb entertainment and decorations
- Flowers for You for the table décor and centerpieces
- Ramon Alvarez: Alvarez Lincoln, Mercury, Jaguar
- Daniel Foster, IRC Board & Riverside Art Museum Director
- IRC Board & Sendai Committee, stalwarts all!

### **IRC in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Mayor Ron Loveridge Recommends Restructuring**

So, we have come through the first quarter of 2007 in high style and

look forward to turning our attention now to the task of increasing our membership, shoring up our sister city committees, and tending to all the other priorities the Board has set for itself this year. One of those priorities is now upon us. Mayor Loveridge has sent a letter to the IRC Board, containing substantive recommendations for enhancing the operational capacity of our organization. His proposals are intended, in his view, to modernize IRC and bring it more in tune with the rapid pace of globalization in Riverside. The recommendations have far-reaching ramifications for IRC, and the Board will look at them seriously and thoroughly. Our conclusions will come to you for discussion and ratification.

Let me conclude, as I began, with the admonition of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. As we approach each of our additional events and priorities for this year, remember, we are engaged in a great work, with immense portent for today's troubled world. We are building peace -- one individual, one community at a time.

## Sendai Half Marathon May 13, 2007

By Karla Adams



The time is near for the Sendai Half Marathon. Our runners this year, Marco Arteaga and Michelle Prowse, have been training hard to represent Riverside well, and they are excited to do their best.

Today Yoko Boucher, Ted Shimizu, Barb Ryon, and I went to the Rotary Club luncheon to speak about the upcoming trip to Sendai, Japan for the Sendai Half Marathon.

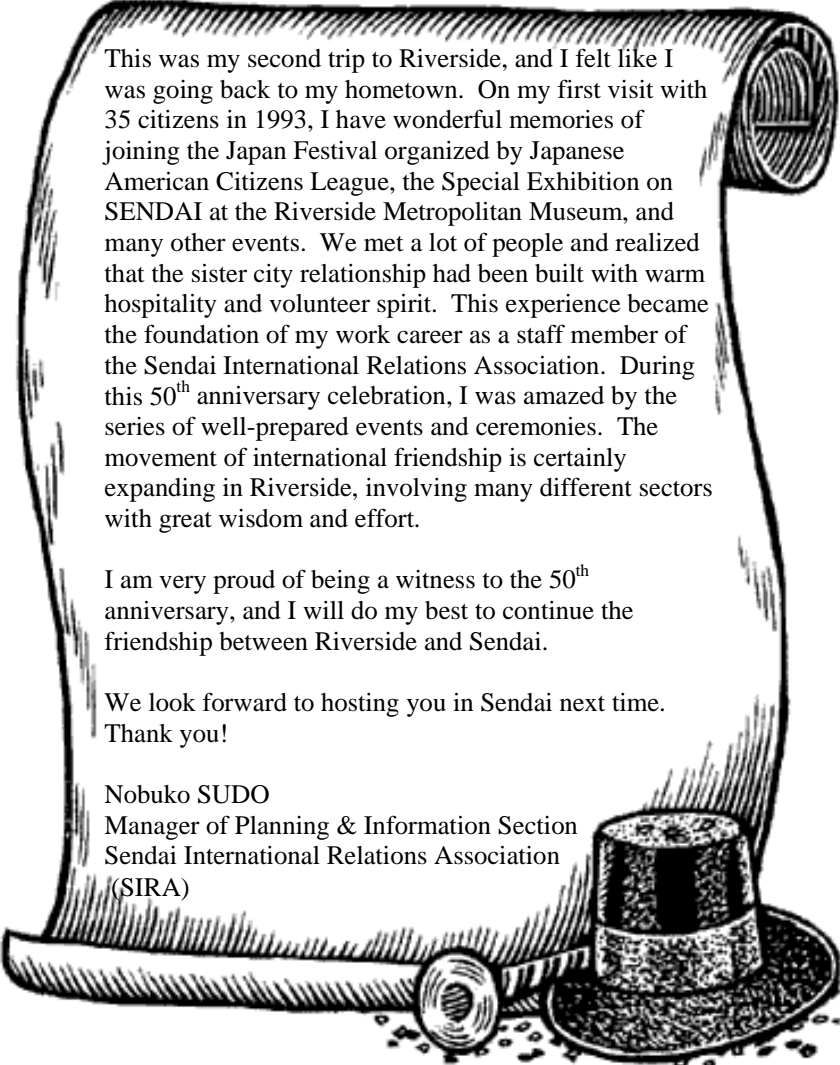
Rod Ballance was very nice to fit us into the schedule. Thank you, Rod!

The Sendai Committee is asking for your support by way of donations or gifts. The donations would be used to fund its

delegation in this year's trip to Sendai, Japan, and the gifts are for the citizens of Sendai. If you are interested in supporting this year's delegation in either way, please e-mail Karla Adams at [getfit@karlaadams.com](mailto:getfit@karlaadams.com)

You can find further information about the Sendai Half Marathon, this year's delegation, past delegations, and also information about this year's runners at [www.RunSendai.com](http://www.RunSendai.com)

### A Letter of Thanks



This was my second trip to Riverside, and I felt like I was going back to my hometown. On my first visit with 35 citizens in 1993, I have wonderful memories of joining the Japan Festival organized by Japanese American Citizens League, the Special Exhibition on SENDAI at the Riverside Metropolitan Museum, and many other events. We met a lot of people and realized that the sister city relationship had been built with warm hospitality and volunteer spirit. This experience became the foundation of my work career as a staff member of the Sendai International Relations Association. During this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, I was amazed by the series of well-prepared events and ceremonies. The movement of international friendship is certainly expanding in Riverside, involving many different sectors with great wisdom and effort.

I am very proud of being a witness to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and I will do my best to continue the friendship between Riverside and Sendai.

We look forward to hosting you in Sendai next time.  
Thank you!

Nobuko SUDO  
Manager of Planning & Information Section  
Sendai International Relations Association  
(SIRA)

# Congratulations On A Job Well Done!

By Yoko Boucher

(On behalf of the Sendai Committee – Co-chairs:  
Yoko Boucher, Karla Adams & Clyde Wilson)

It was a wonderful week of celebrations for the IRC, the IRC Sendai Committee, and our guests from Sendai. We offer our sincere congratulations to everyone involved for a job well done.

We especially thank Mayor Loveridge for his vision to honor our Sendai-Riverside Sister City 50-year relationship. We appreciated the leadership of Mr. Tom Evans as coordinator for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The weekend Japanese Festival event at the Riverside Plaza was through the leadership of Dr. Lalit Acharya and Darlene Elliot. The variety of entertainment and opportunities were wonderful. Others that need thanking for the help in the weeklong celebration are the Mayor and his staff, Department of Parks and Recreation, Rotary Club, American Association of University Women, The Metropolitan Museum, Riverside Art Museum, UCR Extension, La Sierra University, Riverside Community Players, Riverside Community Arts Association, Japanese American Citizen's League, and the Riverside County Philharmonic, and the International Relations Council of Riverside. Our guests also appreciated touring and hearing the story of the Harada House.

This Celebration event made the community aware of the importance of our people-to-people diplomacy and continuous friendship with Sendai.

Our Sendai guests were very pleased and expressed their gratitude with the multitude of areas of involvement of so many fine groups. They were overwhelmed at the outpouring of friendship while they were here.

We would also like to thank every one of the IRC and the IRC Sendai Committee who took time and participated in this celebration event. We worked together and accomplished the biggest event the IRC has ever had. Our IRC President, Dr. Vince Moses took responsibility for the leadership in the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Sarah Del Gesso put together the wonderful dinner at the Marriott. Others who helped with this event were Katherine Dopler, Barb Ryon, Sue Strickland, Bob Fitch, Lisa Brown, Jodi Cahill, Karla Adams, Clyde Wilson, Diane Elton, Rich Davis, Ted Shimizu, Kathie and Steve Webber-Plank.

#### **Transportation Team:**

Dr. Vince Moses, Clyde Wilson, Rich Davis, Bob Fitch, Kimiko Stavros, Xavier Gomez.

#### **Welcome dinner & picnic:**

Drs. Dan & Esther Hays, Dr. Vince Moses & Cate Moses, Karla Adams, Mary Holley, Ozell Barksdale, Bob Fitch, Hideko Parker, Ernie & Fumie Hautala, Chiyohi Creef, Ed & Carole Mael, Ted & Michiko Shimizu, Kimiko Stavros, Jim & Masako Gifford, Lona & Rich Davis, Sue Strickland, Clyde Wilson, Katherine Dopler, Harold & Yutaka Ledbetter, Barbara Ryon, and the newest member, Marsi Millonzi.

**Translators:** Ted Shimizu, Masako Gifford, Yuichiro & Keiko Kakihara, Hideko Parker, Kimiko Stavros.

**Escorts:** Dr. Vince Moses, Karla Adams, Hideko Parker, Bob Fitch, Clyde Wilson, Ted Shimizu, Barbara Ryon, Rich Davis, Kathie & Steve Webber-Plank.

**Photographer:** Bob Fitch.

**Flowers, fruit bags & gift wrapping:** Barbara Ryon

**Host families:** Rich & Lona Davis, Drs. Dan & Esther Hays, Kimiko & Harry Stavros, Dr. Vince Moses & Cate Moses, Sue & Regi Strickland, Tad & Marilyn Dunagan

**Home visit host:** Bill & Shirley Gavitt

Especially we thank Ozell for being at the Marriott at 5:00 AM to bid our guests farewell.

Again, we thank you all for your enthusiastic efforts to make the celebration so successful.

## Jiangmen Sister City Committee Report

On the April Jiangmen Medical Delegation to Riverside

Jiangmen Sister City Delegation successfully finished their two-day visit in Riverside. They left with our friendship and the learning experience back to China. We express our appreciation to all people who supported this delegation visit.



**Loma Linda University  
Medical Center**

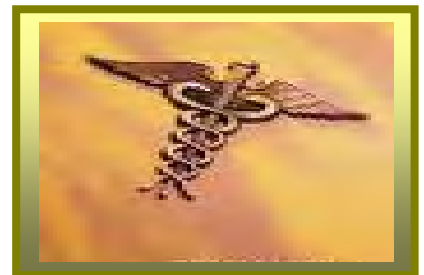
On Tuesday, sixteen doctors from Jiangmen Central Hospital visited the Riverside County Regional Medical Center and the Riverside Community College Medical Program at Moreno Valley. Dr. Jeniffer Wang and Ms. Lijuan Yu, RN, helped with translating and guiding the visitors around. In the

evening, we had dinner at the Victoria Club. Dr. Tina Tian, Dr. Jeniffer Wang, Dr. Long Xu, Dr. YueQing Huang, Ms. Chyee Wang, RN, Mr. Daryl Lee, and Mrs. Marie Lee and many others joined us.

On Wednesday, the group visited Loma Linda University Medical Center. They visited our Da Vinci robotic system and observed operations performed by the robot. Our proton center is the main cancer treatment center for prostate cancers in the world. Our heart institute is where a lot of world medical records have taken place (heart transplants). Then they visited the Rehabilitation and Pain Management Center and Diabetes Treatment Center, etc. Dr. Tina Tian and Ms. XiaoXia, RN, were the translators. Dr. Takkin Lo, the director of the Intensive Care Unit and Hyperbaric at LLUMC even used Cantonese

when he introduced the medical programs to this group. He learned it from his mom at home in the US. In the evening Dr. Vince Moses invited the group to his home for a short visit and refreshments. Then we took them to try Mexican cuisine at the Riverside Plaza.

Marilyn Jacobsen and Dr. John Jang arranged the trip for the Chinese doctors and worked with Dale, Amber, and Cate to handle the details in Riverside. We are grateful for their steadfast support of the Jiangmen Sister City relationship.



If you would like to place an ad or submit an article for our May 2007 Issue of the IRC Newsletter, please send your submissions by the date of May 10, 2007, to: [doloresrenewood@gmail.com](mailto:doloresrenewood@gmail.com).

Do not forget to buy your ticket  
to the May 16<sup>th</sup> showing of  
**"The Smell of the Kill"**

Your \$15.00

will support the Riverside Community Players  
and IRC's

Riverside-Jiangmen Sister City Committee

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