

Pasadena Sister Cities Committee  
Annual Report  
September, 2000- August 2001

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2000-2001 was a very busy time for all members of the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee (PSCC). As in the past, the Committee hosted exchange students and interns, tour groups and visiting dignitaries from our five sister cities of Ludwigshafen, Germany, Mishima, Japan, Jarvenpaa, Finland, Vanadzor, Armenia and Xicheng District, Beijing, China. In addition, our Student Exchange Coordinator, with valuable impute from PSCC Sub Chairs and members of the General Committee, revised the guidelines used in our Student/Intern Exchange Program. The outcome of the revision was an even stronger exchange this year.

Below are listed some of the highlights of each Sub Committee's activities during 2000-01. Highlights include:

**Ludwigshafen, Germany** Michael Warner, chair

Working to develop partnerships between upper schools in Ludwigshafen and Pasadena via the Internet and an exchange between a music program in Pasadena and a music school in Ludwigshafen, hosting student, Esther Kuntz, from Ludwigshafen while she attended PCC during the summer session and intern Ingrid Keller as she completed her assignment at the Pasadena City Credit Union from September 23-November 3<sup>rd</sup>, arranging a display as part of the November PSCC Exhibit at the Pasadena Public Library and selecting Pasadena students, Michelle Carrillo and Kai Zhu as exchange students.

**Mishima, Japan** Bruce Hisayasu, chair (through October) June Takanouchi, chair

The October 17-20<sup>th</sup> visit by Mishima Mayor, Masashi Koike, 41 members of MIRA, and several members of the Mishima City Council (visit included a tour of PCC, CAL-TECH, JPL and the ROSE BOWL, meetings with Mayor Bill Bogaard, James Kossler, President of PCC, Morris Birnbaum, JPL and numerous Pasadenans), hosting two college students from Mishima, selecting two students, Suzanna Avetyan and Carl Torres-Garfias of Pasadena as exchange students, arranging for Mieko Kamon and Bryan Takeda to escort four 13 year olds who attended the Mt. Fuji Summer Camp, and arranging a display as part of the November PSCC Exhibit at the Pasadena Public Library.

**Jarvenpaa, Finland** Karen Holgerson, chair

The attendance of Deputy Finnish Consul, Nicola Lindertz at the celebration in honor of the gift of 1100 books given to the Pasadena Public Library and PCC by Xicheng District, Beijing, China, arranging a display in the November PSCC Exhibit at the Pasadena Library, several special events held at Ms. Holgerson's home for summer exchange students, hosting two students from Jarvenpaa, (Ari Salmi and Tuomas Silen, selecting Pasadena student, Matthew Prieto to visit Jarvenpaa, leading in the work on expanding and revising the guidelines for exchange students and interns.

**Vanadzor, Armenia** Michael Matosian, chair

The study and selection of several schools in Vanadzor for much needed repair under the auspices of the World Bank Project, preparation for the November, 2001 arrival of the Mayor of Vanadzor and group for the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Affiliation with Pasadena.

**Xicheng District, Beijing, China** Elmer Christensen, chair

Organizing the month of November PSCC Cultural Exhibit and the Reception on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Pasadena Public Library as part of the "Gift of Books" by Xicheng District, Beijing, China to Pasadena, (presentation of the books was made by An Wenbin from the Chinese Consulate,) hosting the New Moon Children's Chorus of Xicheng District from March 25-April 2<sup>nd</sup>, (the 35 member chorus of 10-12 year old boys and girls stayed in the homes of local Girl Scouts while performing in several Pasadena schools and in

public concert), hosting two librarians from Xicheng District, hosting a delegation on November 22<sup>nd</sup> with a luncheon and brief tour of PCC, Blair High School, PSCC and Blair, together, being invited by the U.S. State Department to submit a proposal for a Chinese/American high school exchange. (This I Earn program is sponsored in part by the government to help young people become acquainted around the world via the Internet and student exchanges. Blair submitted a proposal to exchange with Xicheng District Middle School, 161).

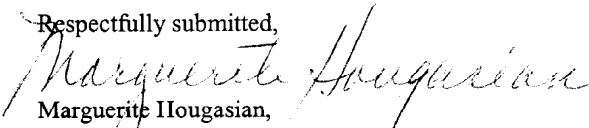
**Student Exchange Program** Lyn Elliott, chair

Pasadena sent five students to our sister cities during the summer. Michelle Carrillo and Kai Zhu went to Ludwigshafen, Mathew Prieto went to Jarvenpaa and Suzanna Avetyan and Carl Torres-Garflas went to Mishima. In January, all schools, public and private in Pasadena including PCC, were contacted and asked to notify students of the Exchange Program sponsored by PSCC. Applications were made available at each school for students 17-24 who were residents of Pasadena or attended school in Pasadena. Interviews were held in March. Those selected took part in an orientation meeting in May and departed at the close of the school year in June, returning the first week of August.

**Intern Program** Fred Alcantar, chair

Ingrid Keeler of Ludwigshafen arrived September 23<sup>rd</sup> and worked at the Pasadena Federal Credit Union until November 3<sup>rd</sup>. After some travel, she returned to Ludwigshafen November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both the student exchange and intern programs were very successful with housing, meals, and many activities provided by Pasadena host families from within and without the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marguerite Hougasian,  
President, Pasadena Sister Cities Committee, 2000-01

Pasadena Sister Cities Committee  
Work Plan 2001-02

Plans for 2001-02 include:

working to connect students in Pasadena schools with students in our five sister cities via the Internet

developing fund raising projects such as "The Pasadena Photo Contest" to raise funds for needy students who wish to take part in the Pasadena Exchange Program

continuing to host exchange students, interns and visiting guests

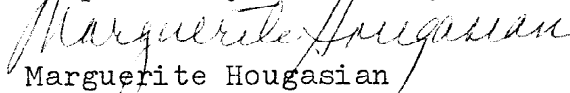
providing partial funding for the repair of schools in Vanadzor, Armenia

joining with the City Development Department to design a "Pasadena Sister Cities" area in the new development of the parks across from City Hall

adding new members to our organization who will lend added energy and expertise to our organization

In addition to the above will be the numerous unexpected opportunities to serve our city and our five sister cities in a mariad of ways.

Respectfully submitted,



Marguerite Hougasian  
President,  
Pasadena Sister Cities Committee

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS, 2001-02

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

October	18	Reflections by Pasadena Exchange Students, 2001 Casita del Arroyo
November	4	Pasadena-Vanadzor 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Doubletree Hotel Canceled until further notice.
	15	Business Meeting Program: Jarvenpaa, Finland Sub Committee
December	6	General Meeting and Annual Holiday Celebration
January	17	Business Meeting Program: Mishima, Japan Sub Committee
February	21	Business Meeting Program: Xicheng District, Beijing, China
March	21	Business Meeting Program: Vanadzor, Armenia Sub Committee
	TBA	"Day at the Races" Scholarship Fund Raiser
April	18	Business Meeting Program: Ludwigshafen, Germany Sub Committee
May	16	Introduction of 2002 Summer Exchange Students Business Meeting Program TBA
June	20	Business Meeting Election of Officers Annual Reports by all Standing Committees Program: Farewell to Pasadena Exchange Students
July	1	2002 Foreign Exchange Students Arrive Welcome Potluck    Date/Time/Place TBA
	25	General Meeting
August	TBA	General Meeting/Student Exchange Potluck

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