



Welcome to the
30th Anniversary
of the
Lethbridge Twinning Society
July 16, 2019



*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens
can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead (1901 - 1978)



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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Thirty years is an impressive period of time for any organization. The Lethbridge Twinning Society operates as a grass roots, citizen volunteer group. The members are “citizen diplomats” who aspire to make a positive difference in our community by their ambassadorship.

The milestone of thirty years holds much history of our Society. Originally established on July 07, 1989 at that time, we had two “Sister Cities”; Timashevsk, of the Russian Federation and Culver City, California, United States of America. In 2003, we twinned with Towada City, Japan and most recently with Great Falls, Montana, United States of American in 2014. Are our Sister City twinnings now complete? I venture to say, “No.” In fact, I want to empathise “No” because sister cities has opened such incredible opportunities for mutually sharing in the ways of culture, economics, education and friendships.

Yes, we are celebrating our anniversary today on July 16, 2019, even more so, we are excited about our future. Our goals are to build on our established foundation and work towards sustaining our sister city relations, implementing novel ideas, using technology and expanding our framework.



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HONORARY CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Thirty years-ago this month a small group of Lethbridge citizens came together to create a unique organization focussed on municipal friendships spanning the globe. The Lethbridge Twinning Society has survived over this time because of the remarkable commitment of its members to promoting friendships across borders. Lethbridge currently has active sister city relationships with Culver City, California, Great Falls, Montana, Towada City, Japan, and Timashevsk, Russia. This demonstrates what can be achieved when you have citizens dedicated to building bridges where none existed before.

Robert D. Tarleck,
A ko'tasi ("Owner of Many Horses") Honorary
Blackfoot Name



CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

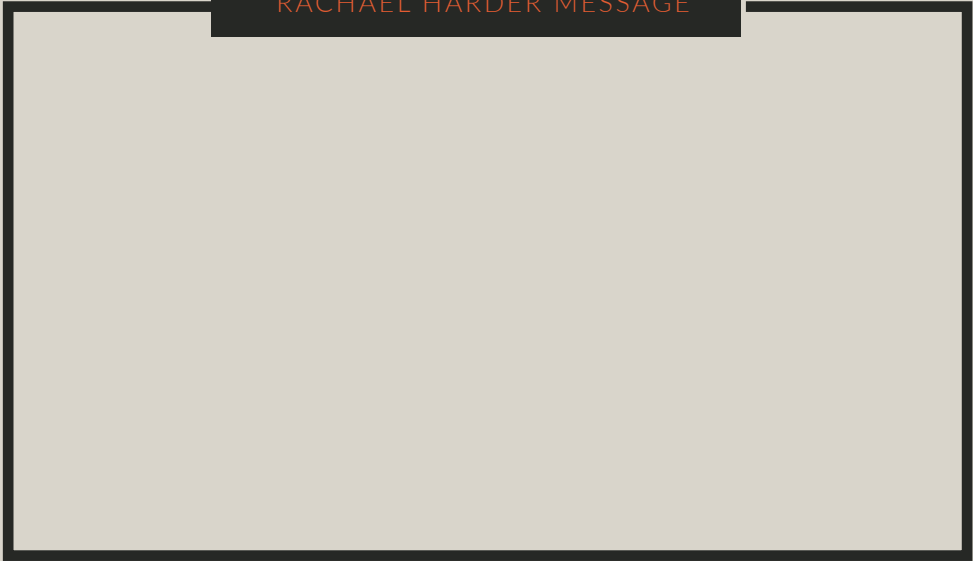
“In a world where there seems to be a heightened degree of dismissiveness and intolerance it is wonderful to see an organization that promotes goodwill and understanding between nations. Once we actually get to know people from other countries and cultures, it becomes apparent that we have a lot in common and we realize getting along with each other is absolutely attainable.

Congratulations to the Lethbridge Twinning Society for 30 years of regularly trying to achieve a reachable goal of world harmony.”

Mark Campbell
Councillor
City of Lethbridge



RACHAEL HARDER MESSAGE





Russian Federation



Timashevsk



Vadim (Dima) Ponomarev

TIMASHEVSK REPRESENTATIVE

Vadim is here from Redmond, Washington, USA and is representing our Sister City, Timashevsk, Russia. Sister City relations with Timashevsk began during WWII in 1942. At that time, Russia and Canada were allies during the war. Occupation forces destroyed Timashevsk, and in a compassionate effort, Lethbridge provided financial assistance. Much later, in 1992 a Lethbridge delegation of 8 men visited Timashevsk. We met Vadim in Timashevsk, School No. 11. Vadim was a primary grade student. Vadim relates that it was at that chance meeting, that he was inspired to “one day” visit North America. That inspiration was realized in 2002 when he emigrated to the USA!



Yasuko Murayama



Japan



Towada-Aomori

TOWADA CITY REPRESENTATIVE

Yasuko is here from our Sister City, Towada City, Japan. Yasuko is representing the “Towada Association for International Relations”. Yasuko was the lead of a delegation from Towada City who visited Lethbridge in 2002. Her outreach directly resulted in our Sister City relations being established in 2003.



United States of
America



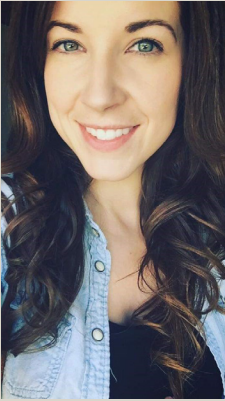
Culver City



Natalie Shaby

CULVER CITY REPRESENTATIVE

Natalie is here from our Sister City, Culver City, California, USA. Natalie is representing the “Culver City, Sister City Committee” and our longstanding relationship we have enjoyed with Culver City since 1989.



Charity Jacobson



Lana Kadashnikov



United States of
America



Great Falls

GREAT FALLS REPRESENTATIVES

Charity and Lana are here from our Sister City, the City of Great Falls, Montana, USA. Charity and Svetlana (Lana) are representing the “City of Great Falls, Advisory Commission on International Relations” We have enjoyed informal relations with Great Falls since 2003 and in 2014 our relationship formalized and we welcomed Great Falls as our newest Sister City.



MP Rachael Harder
- Lethbridge -



MLA Nathan Neudorf
- Lethbridge East -

OFFICIAL SUPPORT

The Lethbridge Twinning Society is very fortunate to have the support of our elected officials, Rachael Harder, Lethbridge M.P., and Nathan Neudorf, M.L.A. for Lethbridge East.



We wish to acknowledge and thank the significant sponsors of the Lethbridge Twinning Society:



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Cor Van Raay



The City of Lethbridge

SPONSORS

Mr. Cor Van Raay - Cor is supportive of so many organizations, groups and Institutions. He is truly a rare example to us of “giving back to the community” and something we should all aspire to follow. Cor is content in helping out when and where help is needed. He never expects anything in return. We want to express our sincere thanks to Cor for the support he has given to the Lethbridge Twinning Society. God Bless Cor Van Raay. The City of Lethbridge is active in supporting the Lethbridge Twinning Society and has been ever since we were established in 1989. We are truly appreciative of the support extended to us by the City of Lethbridge. We look forward to working together into the future for the betterment of our community and our international relations.



THE LETHBRIDGE TWINNING SOCIETY EXECUTIVE



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L-R Carol Pickett (Director for Towada City Relations) Rolanda Richard (Treasurer) Michael G. Bennett (Director for Culver City Relations) Harold Perverseff (President) Brandy Old (Director for Great Falls Relations) Donna Sato (Public Relations and Assistant Web Site Support) Regrets: George Takashima(Secretary) Ludmilla Fedorets (Director for Timashevsk Relations)



ORDER OF PROGRAM

- Welcome – Harold Pereverseff – President Lethbridge Twinning Society
- Singing of O'Canada – Marisa Boles
- Grace – Pastor George Takashima
- Dinner is served
- Message from Honorary Chairman of the Lethbridge Twinning Society Anniversary Committee – Robert (Bob) Tarleck
- Toast to the Queen – Glen Sigglekow
- Introduction of Dignitaries - Guests – Lethbridge Twinning Society Executive
- Introduction of Charter Members of the Lethbridge Twinning Society: Mr. Gary and Kathy Stauffer; Joseph and Charlene Palate; Felix and Jeanne Michna
- Message from: MP Rachael Harder (Alandra Corrigan)
- Message from: MLA Nathan Neudorf
- Message from: City of Lethbridge (Mark Campbell)
- Message from: Town of Taber (Mayor Andrew Prokop)
- Message from: Consul of Japan (Calgary) Mr. Kohei Sakamoto
- Message from: Vice Consul of the Russian Federation (Toronto) Mr. Dimitry Petrov
- Singing of “This Land is Your Land” led by Makoto Sakurada
- Special Presentation to Mr. Cor Van Raay (Honorary Chairman Bob Tarleck and President Pereverseff and all LTS Executive)
- Message from: Yasuko Murayama (Towada City, Japan – Towada Association for International Relations
- Message from: Vadim Ponomarev (Timashevsk, Russian Federation)
- Message from: Natalie Shaby (Culver City, California, United States of America Culver City Sister City Committee)
- Message from: Charity Jacobson and Lana Kadoshnikoff (City of Great Falls, Montana, United States of America – City of Great Falls Advisory Commission on International Relations)
- Closing – President, Harold Pereverseff & Honorary Chairman Bob Tarleck
- Singing of “God Save our Queen”

Please make your way to the Yates Memorial Theatre immediately as the concert will commence at 7:00PM.

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