

A MESSAGE FROM THE PKSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Since our founding in 1988, PKSCA cultural and humanitarian activities have run the gamut from exchanges to celebrations. **2016 in review:**

International Women's Day (often referred to in Russia simply as "The 8th of March") featured a celebration at night club Vie De Boheme, with flowers for the ladies and live music for dancing.

Victory Day (often referred to in Russia simply as "The 9th of May")—a major Russian holiday celebrating the heroic Soviet role in the defeat of Hitler—was celebrated at PSU's 5th Ave. Cinema with commemorative poetry, snacks & refreshments, and the showing of the award-winning WWII Soviet film, *The Cranes are Flying*.

June's *Rose Festival* parade featured a sister cities "pedicab float" entry, with Natalie Verdi and Natalia Hougen in festive native costumes representing PKSCA. PKSCA members also took part in a Sister Cities Reception at City Hall.

Later in the summer, PKSCA participated in Portland's annual *Slavic Festival*, then helped host the *Friendship Radiosport Games*, an international ham radio competition organized by Portland and Khabarovsk sister city colleagues.

The Franklin H.S./Gymnasium #5 Academic Home-stay Exchange, facilitated by PKSCA and launched in 2015, hit the ground running in April with a reciprocal visit to Khabarovsk by Russian teacher Laura Struble and her students, which in turn led to a fall visit to Portland by a Gymnasium #5 English teacher and her students. Stay tuned.

November's *Bridge to Russia* celebrated 28 years of sister city partnership. The gala event was held at Mississippi Pizza and featured Russian soprano Anna Kazakova, accompanied by Nadezhda Ross on piano, and Three for Silver—Lucas Warford, Willo Sertain, and Greg Allison—the local Portland band that PKSCA sponsored to serve as delegates and performers at Khabarovsk's Day of the City spring festival. Three for Silver also presented photos and videos from their Russian Far East goodwill tour.

For more information, go to www.pkzca.org.

Alan Ellis—President

ABOUT KHABAROVSK

KHABAROVSK (HA-BA-RUVSK) IS PORTLAND'S SISTER CITY IN THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST. OUR CITY HISTORIES HAVE MANY SIMILARITIES. KHABAROVSK, AN INLAND PORT CITY ON THE CONFLUENCE OF TWO MAJOR RIVERS, FOUNDED IN 1858, OFFERED EASTWARD PIONEERS ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES: GOLD, TIMBER & SALMON. NAMED FOR THE 17TH CENTURY EXPLORER YEROFYEV KHABAROV, KHABAROVSK IS A TERRITORIAL CAPITAL, POPULATION 800,000, AND A MAJOR CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURE & COMMERCE. KHABAROVSK, LOCATED ON THREE HILLS OVERLOOKING THE AMUR RIVER, WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED AS A MILITARY OUTPOST IN 1651, DURING THE FIRST WAVE OF RUSSIAN COLONIZATION. IT GAINED IMPORTANCE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY AS A TRADING OUTPOST AND TODAY IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING CITIES OF THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST.



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2017
MEMBERSHIP

What is PKSCA?

The Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association (PKSCA) was formed June 10, 1988 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to foster international friendship through cultural & educational exchange and to facilitate social & economic ties between the citizens of our two communities. We are a self-governing board operating under a city ordinance which requires us to be both financially independent of and accountable to the Mayor of Portland. PKSCA is entirely dependent on contributions from its members, supportive businesses and organizations, and fund-raising events. (nonprofit EIN = 93-0981758)

PKSCA is governed by a Board of Directors. (Honorary Directors are designated from time to time for their service in achieving the PKSCA mission.) A Board member serves a three-year renewable term, participating in scheduled meetings and helping to further the PKSCA mission. Board members nominate candidates to fill vacancies on the Board, with a simple majority vote needed for approval. *If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please contact PKSCA President Alan Ellis for details at aje0280@gmail.com or by phone at 503-287-0477.*

Board of Directors meetings are at held at Portland City Hall's Lovejoy Room (2nd floor), on the last Tuesday evening of most* months, beginning at 6:00 and adjourning around 7:45. The meetings are open to the public, and light snacks & refreshments are provided. (If entrance doors to City Hall are locked, ring doorbell for security guard on duty to let you in. If that doesn't work, call 971-219-1831, and a PKSCA Board member will come down to open the door.

OFFICERS

Alan Ellis, President
 Holly Grennan, Vice President
 Martha Hickey, Secretary
 Thomas Benke, Treasurer

AT-LARGE DIRECTORS

Todd Long, Patti Pulliam, Joyce Semradek,
 Bobbie Smith, Mark Smith, Natalie Verdi,
 Angelica Sokolova

HONORARY DIRECTORS

J.E. "Bud" Clark, Rene Berblinger, Sandra Freels,
 Catherine Hay, Gretchen Miller Kafoury, Vera Katz,
 Mike Lindberg, Earl Molander, Consul General (SF)
 Vladimir Vinokurov

2017 EVENT SCHEDULE

- January**
 31 Board Meeting
 6:00 pm – Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- February**
 28 Board Meeting
 6:00 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- March**
 8 *Women's Day Celebration*
*time and venue TBA***
 28 Board Meeting
 6:00 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- April**
 25 Board Meeting
 6:00 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- May**
 9 *Victory Day Celebration*
*time and venue TBA***
 30 Board Meeting
 6:00 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- June**
 27 Board Meeting
 6:00 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- August**
 29 Board Meeting
 6:00 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- September**
 26 Board Meeting
 6:00 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- October**
 *24 6:00 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall
- November**
first weekend *Bridge to Russia Fundraiser*
*time and venue TBA***
 28 Board Meeting
 6:30 pm—Lovejoy Room, City Hall

* **October 24th = one week earlier than usual to avoid conflicting with Halloween night (Oct. 31st)**
There are no meetings in July and December.
**** TBA times and venues will be announced via e-mail, with information posted on PKSCA website.**

2017 PKSCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Membership Category: _____

_____ Corporate (\$250)

_____ Sustaining (\$100)

_____ Family (\$50)

_____ Individual (\$30)

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PKSCA membership is on a calendar-year basis. Please make check payable to PKSCA and mail, with form, to:
PO Box 80651, Portland OR 97280-1651

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