



## **Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities – 2014 Annual Report**

### **Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities activities:**

BDSC hosted a six member Open World delegation from Tajikistan March 8<sup>Th</sup> through March 15<sup>Th</sup>. The Open World Foundation's program is funded by the United States Congress. The group consisted of women entrepreneurs. They had workshops and meetings with Boulder professionals in their fields. As always, visitors were hosted by Boulder families.

As of March 2014 the City of Boulder had paid off the loans to the people who invested money for the Cyber Café project.

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Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities supported the annual March Navruz (Persian New Year- spring equinox) celebration with the local Tajik community. There was dancing, poetry, traditional Central Asian Navruz activities and traditional foods (free samples were given to all who stopped, by a Navruz tradition) including plov, the national dish of Tajikistan.

Haydar Mirakhmatov's planed return to Boulder to finish restoration of artwork on the Teahouse did not happen as he had applied for the wrong type of visa. Boulder City Human Resources will attempt to help him get the correct visa in 2015 so he can finish the restoration.

More archival records of Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities dating to the early 1980's were donated to the Boulder Carnegie Library. This will expand their historical records of the Boulder-Dushanbe Sister City relationship, and the creation of the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse.

BDSC covered CU student Sananam Yakhshibaeva's airfare to Dushanbe to work with students at the Friendship Center for six weeks in the summer.. She reported that the Friendship Center is being used as a language school run by MBO Professionals (appointed by the mayor). The building is clean and well maintained. Fast food and snacks are now being served from the kitchen.

We understand that land marking of the Teahouse is being delayed until the City and Xcel settle the toxic waste cleanup. It appears the best way to protect the interior artwork will be a city ordinance requiring that it be maintained.

We hope a new sign will be put up giving the history of Boulder's relationship to Dushanbe. Dushanbe gave Boulder the Teahouse and the citizens of Boulder gave Dushanbe the Friendship Center that is used as a language school teaching English and other languages. The new sign would be designed to match the new signage in the civic area development.

We continue to maintain Our Web site (boulder-dushanbe.org) and Facebook page.

- We added more to the Boulder History Museum's Dushanbe Sister City Trunk used in their educational outreach programs with local schools.
- A newsletter for our membership and supporters was sent out.
- BDSC continues to participate in Sister City Alliance meetings.

*The following sections of this report are required by City Council Resolution No. 631*

**A(1): IRS Status**

BDSC has maintained its 501(c)(3) status as a private, non-profit corporation.

**A(2): Board of Directors**

The BDSC Board of Directors, none of whom is a part of any commercial venture in Dushanbe, is elected by the membership each year at the BDSC Annual Meeting in November. Members of the Board during 2013 included:

Peter Stoller, President  
Miriam Allen, Secretary  
Aldona Siczek, Phd, Mba, Treasurer  
Leto Quarles, M.D.  
Phyllis Herman  
Adam Perou Hemans  
Lydia Dixon  
Cory Lasher  
Joe Stepanek  
Sophia Stoller  
Ron West, ex officio

**A(3): Membership Criteria**

Membership in the BDSC is not denied on the basis of race, religion, nationality, membership in a minority group, sexual preference, membership in any particular social group, or because of the expression of unpopular political opinion. Specifically, the BDSC by-laws provide that active members "shall include any individuals who are interested in the purpose and objectives of the corporation and who have paid current dues."

Aldona Siczek was treasurer in 2014.

**Financial Reports:**

The financial report to the Colorado Secretary of State is due in May, the 2015 profit and loss statement, and the 2013 balance statements are attached.

**A(4)a: Annual Budget**

BDSC annually adopts a budget for its account. The 2014 budget is attached, the 2015 budget

will be the same.

Submitted by:  
Peter Stoller  
Boulder-Dushanbe President for 2014  
March 27, 2015

Boulder Dushanbe Sister Cities  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2014

ASSETS

Current Assets	Total
Bank Accounts	
Cyber Cafe Bank Accounts	0.00
Cyber Cafe Checking -201000437	1,406.72
Cyber Cafe Construction -270000326	3,654.53
Cyber MM -170013293	12,676.76
Total Cyber Cafe Bank Accounts	17,738.01
Operation Bank Accounts	0.00
Operation Checking - 201000445	2,499.94
Operation MM - 270000318	20,696.55
Total Operation Bank Accounts	23,196.49
PayPal	192.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$41,126.50
Total Current Assets	\$41,126.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$41,126.50
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	44,058.04
Retained Earnings	-1,788.85
Net Income	-1,142.69
Total Equity	\$41,126.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$41,126.50