



**THE BOULDER
CUBA SISTER CITY ORGANIZATION**

Promoting cultural sharing, understanding and exchange between citizens of Boulder, Colorado, and the municipality of Yateras, Guantanamo, Cuba
www.bouldercuba.org

2015 Annual Report

The Boulder-Cuba Sister City Organization is an all-volunteer non-political 501(c) (3) charitable organization. Membership is open to all regardless of race, religion, nationality, political beliefs.

- **City of Boulder Resolution 631 Compliance**
Boulder-Cuba Sister City Organization maintains compliance with all provisions of Resolution 631 regarding: (1) 501(c)3 status; (2) board of directors; (3) membership; (4) financial responsibility. Documents are available for public inspection by contacting Kathleen Hennessey 2835 LaGrange Circle, Boulder, CO 80305.

Highlights of the year 2015 include:

Organizing two trips to Cuba, that included visits to our sister municipality of Yateras. We started the year with a people-to-people trip to Havana and eastern Cuba in January. The delegation consisted of 18 travelers. In Yateras we presented a very large painting of Boulder done by the students at BCSIS, to the Yateras cultural center. The painting was done on a sheet and was inspired by the visit of two artists and two musicians from Guantanamo province to Boulder the previous year who did a workshop on painting sheets at the Boulder school. We left some paints and sheets in Yateras and hope that the children there will do a similar painting that we can bring back to Boulder. Because of community interest we did another trip in October, this time with 14 participants. On both trips we carried donations of school supplies, over the counter medical supplies, guitar strings, reading glasses, books and other things that are appreciated by the residents of our sister municipality.



Boulder, painted by students at BCSIS, being presented to Yateras.



Bocusco officers Spense and Kate with President and Vice President of Yateras with some of the donations from Boulder.

On both trips we learned about the traditional music and dance of Yateras, the changüí, and were entertained by the Danza Libre dance troupe from Guantánamo whose members visited Boulder in 2014

Other highlights of 2015 include: Spense Havlick, founder and current president of Bocusco receiving the Daily Camera's Pacesetter Lifetime Achievement award for his many contributions to the Boulder community.

2016 Work Plan: In 2016 we will continue our mission of bringing Cuba to Boulder and taking Boulder to Cuba. We have a delegation to Cuba scheduled for late October in which we plan to present a PowerPoint presentation in Yateras about Boulder and about sister cities in general; and we have begun a year-long series in Boulder entitled "Rediscovering Cuba" featuring speakers, films, cuisine or other events having to do with Cuba. Our first presentation was January 26, 2016 when Cuban physician Dr. Gisele Coutin presented "**Public Health in Cuba: An Overview**" to an overflow crowd.



Dr. Gisele Coutin Marie, physician and biostatistician from Havana, discusses the Cuban health system and some of the challenges it currently faces to a standing room only crowd. (Jan 26).

Meeting Dates

We have approximately 4 public meeting a year. All meetings will be posted on our website: www.bouldercuba.org

At the public meeting on May 19, 2015 new officers and board members were elected. No officer or member of the board is a part of any commercial venture in Yateras. Officers of the Board for 2015-2016 are:

Spense Havlick, President

David Dent, Vice President

Gerra and Bradford Lewis, co-secretaries

Terry Lindenberg and Kate Hennessey, co- treasurers

The next public meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2016, and the next public meeting with election of officers will take place in June 2016.

Fundraising and Financial report:

Our fundraising consists of membership dues, donations, and any extra money left from our trips after all bills are paid.

Our current balance is \$24,034.73