



HOUSE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS
75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
MAY 28 – 29, 2011
BALBOA PARK, SAN DIEGO, CA

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**House of Pacific Relations-International Cottages in San Diego's renowned
Balboa Park celebrates its 75th Anniversary May 28-29, 2011**

Festive activities planned throughout, including the Parade of Nations,
free entertainment and the 31st Annual Ethnic Food Fair.

SAN DIEGO, May 9, 2011 -- The House of Pacific Relations-International Cottages, Inc. 75th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. The 31st Annual Ethnic Food Fair will be held both Saturday and Sunday, May 28- 29, 2011, at the International Cottages in Balboa Park.

Saturday's event will feature a Parade of Nations starting at 9:30 A.M. The U.S. Marine 3rd Air Wing Band will lead the Parade of Nations from the Lily Pond by Plaza de Panama to the Organ Pavilion. The 75th Anniversary festivities continue with the introduction of honored guests and celebrities. Entertainment featuring the U.S. Marine 3rd Air Wing Band, Philippines, Poland, Ireland, China, Italy, the Mediterranean and Latin cultures with colorful dance & music will be on stage until 6:30pm at the Organ Pavilion. Balboa Park's very own *City Guard Band* will also be performing historical Band music. Exhibits and food sales representing world cuisines will be located at the International Cottages.

Sunday continues the Celebration with our 31st Annual Ethnic Food Fair with ethnic foods from around the World. The International Cottages out-door stage takes on the sights and sounds of world cultures in song and dance commencing at 10:30am and ending at 5pm.

"Cultural presentations and understanding have been our passion," says HPR 75th Anniversary Chairman Mike Richards. He comments, "We were founded during the 1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition in San Diego with the goal to present our cultures and friendship between ethnicities. Today, the House of Pacific Relations is the largest successful non-profit volunteer cultural organization in the United States, carrying out cultural and friendship activities. As of today, thirty-two countries/ethnicities are members of the HPR. "

The mission of HPR is three-fold: 1) Bring into close association the people of various national groups to foster & cultivate a spirit of understanding, tolerance and goodwill; 2) Present programs of an educational and cultural nature beneficial to all; and 3) Provide schools and other organizations the opportunity to take advantage of our diverse cultural resources. This mission is accomplished through cultural open houses and events in Balboa Park and programs presented year-round throughout the San Diego region.

The two-day event is free of charge except for food. Current members include the Houses of Argentina, Austria, China, Colombia, Czech & Slovak Republics, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mexico, Norway, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, and USA.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR CULTURES ON THESE TWO SPECIAL DAYS!

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