

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Craig A. Stough – 11/7/2024

“Sister City Update”

Sister City activities with our Canadian Sister City of Woodstock, Ontario are continuing to grow and strengthen, most recently with our meeting during the Sylvania Fall Festival. We had last met on June 2nd for our Summer Meeting in Port Huron, Michigan.

Several representatives from Woodstock, including Mayor Jerry Acchione, came south to Sylvania for a Sister City Dinner on October 19th. Members of our Sylvania Sister City Commission will be traveling north later this month to again meet and enjoy Woodstock's Annual Santa Claus Parade.

Last year both communities actively participated in Sister City activities, including an International Art Exhibit featuring artwork by Woodstock and Sylvania artists. My thanks to Dan Marsalek for his great leadership as the Sylvania Sister City Commission Chairman during the past five years.

Our Sister City Dinner this year was held at the Olander Park Nederhouser Hall, with food brought in from Shorty's Roadhouse. Newly elected Sylvania Sister City Commission Chairman David Walker served as host for dinner and the business meeting that followed. A Sylvania/Woodstock trivia contest was also held. The meeting was very constructive and successful. Many original and many new members of the Committees actively participated with new ideas to expand and improve our Sister City relationship.

The next day, Sunday, October 20th, many of us participated in Sylvania's Annual Fall Festival Parade. I rode in the parade with Mayor Acchione, who was warmly welcomed along the Parade route. Sylvania Town Crier Michael Lieber was also in the parade, and annually participates in the Woodstock Santa Claus Parade

My thanks to Mayor Acchione and for the active participation by both the Woodstock and Sylvania Sister City Committees. Our time was well spent and I look forward to more international Sister City activities in the coming years.



The combined Sister City Committees at Olander Park



Sylvania Mayor Craig Stough and Woodstock Mayor Jerry Acchione