

Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs



On December 11, we hosted group of very special guests at City Hall. A delegation of Ukrainian elected officials visited our city through the Open World Program sponsored by the Library of Congress. The group consisted of three Mayors of Ukrainian cities, one Director of a Ukrainian Institute and several facilitators of the Open World Program. Joining me in welcoming our guests were Vice Mayor Tom Eggleston and Councilmember David Goulet.



All of the Ukrainian delegates were eager to ask questions and share their experiences. We discussed the structural differences and similarities that existed between our municipal governments. I showed them a slide presentation of Glendale. They were particularly interested in efforts that we had made to revitalize our downtown and discussed ways that they could implement similar efforts.



It is exciting to think that these inquisitive young men would go down in history as the first Mayors of their respective cities. Even though their country is very new, each of their cities contains a long history. It was rather humbling to realize that one of the young Mayors knew of a structure within his city that was over 1000 years old.

The delegates received a walking tour of our downtown and were the first visitors from the Ukraine to sign the guest book in our Visitor's Center. We realized that it is, in fact, a small world when we showed them a photo of Jobing.com Arena and they immediately asked about Wayne Gretzky and whether the Coyotes ended up winning their game the night before.



We spoke for hours and we all enjoyed this unique experience. We exchanged gifts and said our good-bye's. The Ukrainian delegation provided me with a gorgeous decorative egg that represents "life and vitality" which I now have proudly displayed in my office.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.

