

TSC Upcoming Events

- Executive Meeting
Monday, July 18th at
Printing Specialists
7pm
- July 25th 5:30pm
Delegates Welcome
Dinner
- August 12th Delegates
Farewell Dinner
- Monday ,August 22nd
Board Meeting 7 pm

Hackett House Summer
Hours:
Hackett House is open
Weds 10-2 and by
appointment
(480) 350-8181



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -- Mark Twain

Mayor Hugh Hallman Declares October 3-9th, 2011 as Tempe Sister Cities Week

Mayor Hallman has officially declared October 3-9th, 2011 as Tempe Sister Cities Week for Tempe, Arizona. This proclamation is in recognition of the 40 years of international outreach, including more than 750 student ambassadors from Tempe High Schools as well as hosting an equal number of international students. This proclamation celebrates Tempe educators, young professionals, firefighters, police and countless other Tempe citizens that have represented our community around the globe. This proclamation honors the volunteer-run Tempe Sister City program that is nationally and internationally recognized for their award winning programs and events such as the last 38 years of Oktoberfest, and the outstanding events held at Tempe's Historic first bakery, The Hackett House. Congratulations to all the volunteers that have made this organization the pride of Tempe.

There will not be a board meeting in July. There will be an executive committee meeting at Marcus Newton's office: Printing Specialists 1929 E 5th Street Tempe, AZ 85281 on Monday, July 18th at 7pm. All board members welcome.



Our next board meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, August 22. This is the 4th Monday in August

Mayor Schaidinger To Be Inducted into The Ring Of Honor

Oberburgermeister Hans Schaidinger has been a friend of Tempe Sister Cities for 16 years, hosting elaborate receptions for the delegations that visit Regensburg time and time again. He was honored as the Oktoberfest King, and this year he will tap the keg to begin Oktoberfest 2011. Tempe and Regensburg have a very special relationship with many life-long friendships that continue to develop with each student, teacher and professional exchange that occur. Mayor Schaidinger always welcomes visitors with great hospitality and enthusiasm. The Ring of Honor Ceremony will be the evening of Wednesday, October 5th, 2011 in the Sister City Garden in Kiwanis Park.

Barbara Barrett, Keynote Speaker for International Economic Forum

Barbara Barrett, former US Ambassador to Finland, has accepted the invitation to be the keynote speaker at the International Economic Forum. Barrett was Senior Advisor to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, CEO of the American Management Association and has advised five American Presidents on trade, diplomacy and defense policy. It will truly be an honor to have Barbara Barrett speak at the first International Economic Forum, sponsored by Tempe Sister Cities, along with ASU and the City of Tempe. The International Economic Forum will take place Wednesday, October 5th and Thursday, October 6th. Mayors of Tempe's Sister Cities have all been invited to attend. For more information please contact Melissa Werner melissa.werner@asu.edu or Chris Quigley chrisquig@gmail.com.

Student Delegates Come Home With Many Stories to Tell: A Blog From Skopje

I finally have time to begin my blog! The four of us (Natalie, Sean, David, and I) arrived on Sunday afternoon. We each left with our families and I finally met Sashka and her parents. She lives in a house about ten minutes from the center of the city by bus. Her mother made chicken and potatoes for lunch, saying she would start making more traditional foods the next day. We began the meal with a toast, with the operative word being "na zdravye," meaning "cheers," but you also say that when you finish a meal. I have used that word many times so far. Her mother also makes the best lemonade all the time, adding oranges and grapefruit into the squeeze. That night Sashka took me to hang out with her friends at a cafe, a daily occurrence. There I ordered water, and all of her friends and the waiter stared at me like I was from another planet! No one orders water at a cafe, always juice or coffee or something like that. In fact, people drink very little water and lots of juice, coffee, oftentimes alcohol. So far I have been ordering juices and drinking lemonade with abandon, but I will move on to coffee when I am in more of a haughty mood. Yesterday Sashka had a German class in the morning, so she had her friend hang out with my while she was gone. It was so sweet! We went to, yep, a cafe. That afternoon Sashka and I went jogging along a grassy path on the Vardar River. I couldn't believe I was actually running along the river that I had stared at on the map so many times before! Last night we met up with the others to see a play. None of us Americans understood any of it, but the actors were so dramatic it was still entertaining! After we ate at a Macedonian fast food place called Seven, which, ingeniously, serves its huge burgers vertically inside a paper wrapping topped with french fries and a sort of mayonnaise. It was so good. How come no one has come up with that in the U.S? Today we all went to the Turkish bazaar, on the older side of the Stone Bridge, which separates the newer and older parts of Skopje.

It was kind of like the Chinatown of the U.S., except much busier and louder. Everything was mixed together. One might be selling backpacks while the man next to him is selling strawberries and the man next to him is selling cheese. That's where I'll buy the gifts that I'll bring back; they have everything you could think of. People were everywhere and selling everything you could think of. It was crowded and smelly, like a farmer's market mixed with a carnival. For lunch we ate kebabs, which look like sausages but taste like hamburger and are eaten with a focaccia-esque bread and onions. They eat onions with everything, but these onions are sweet, less burning than any I've had. So good. Afterwards we drank Turkish tea in little glass cups. It was strong and dark, kind of spicy. The Macedonian word for tea is "chai," so we were a little confused when they ordered it! Today was hot, not Arizona hot, but hot nonetheless, so we decided to end the afternoon there. . Sashka took me to ice cream and now I'm about eat fruit (the cherries are the best) and Turkish delight, as in Chronicles-of-Narnia Turkish delight. Here they are always eating or drinking something!

Life is very different here, more so than I expected. Overall, it's more... relaxed. People walk everywhere, many of them with no set direction it appears. The square was packed at 11:30 on a Tuesday morning, as it was at 11:00 last night. People will sit at cafes for over an hour easily. At a cafe yesterday, we sat there for an hour and a half, and upon leaving, the same people who were at the table next to us before we sat down were still there! It may be important to mention that every third person here is unemployed, but sitting at a cafe all day sure doesn't sound too too bad. People move at a different pace here, even literally. Their version of walking is more of a sauntering stroll, whereas we Americans move at more of a speedwalk. I admit that slowing down is quite an enjoyable experience. You see more and hear more.

There are a bunch of other random things that are different. In some places in the city people are standing at stoplights, ready to approach your car and wash it to make a little extra money. The toilet paper is orange. Orange! In my house, we wear slippers when we are inside, even though they are more like sandals. Almost everyone speaks English formidably, especially the young people, making me feel silly for knowing just three years' worth of French. And the bus is a perfectly acceptable, practical, and accessible means of transportation. This is all just so different, sometimes shockingly so, but it's amazing! I learn about a million new things every day.

I hope to write here much much more, but we'll be very busy throughout the next weeks. Photos will appear eventually, but until then, na zdravye! Blog by Sheridan Rosner, Delegate to Skopje, Macedonia



The Skopje Delegation with the Mayor of Skopje, Macedonia. Left to right: Atina Kicheva, Sean Mayall, David Tatelbaum, Natalie Burgess, Sheridan Rosner, Mayor Koce Trajanovski, Sashka Grujovska, Leonid Golchev, Nina Tunteva, Filip Josimovski

Needed Volunteers: a team of two volunteers is needed for each of two evenings to operate the "hospitality suite" at Mission Palms on the evenings of Wednesday, October 5, and Thursday, October 6. Times to be announced... Please contact Jane Neuheisel at 480 838-0437.

Please share your stories or news. Send stories to lisa@lisamaynarddesigns.com. The deadline for submission is 7 days after each board meeting. (480)363-1401

Oktoberfest Dates To Remember

- Mon. October 3, 2011 Bakery Day at the Hackett House
- Welcome for Visiting Sister City Delegations Home of Dick and Jane Neuheisel
- Wed. October 5th Ring Of Honor Ceremony, Sister City Garden
- Thurs. October 6th Making A World Of Difference Tempe Center for the Arts
- Wed. and Thurs. October 5th and 6th International Economic Forum
- Fri.-Sun October 7-9 Oktoberfest Tempe Town Lake

There are many ways in which to volunteer for these events. Please mark your calendars for this busy time of the year.

Student Delegation Dates to Remember

- July 25th Welcome Dinner Old Main at ASU
- July 28th-30th Grand Canyon Trip
- Aug. 1-3rd Disneyland Trip
- Aug 5-6 Family Weekend
- Aug. 8th Kartchner Caverns
- Aug. 9th Diamondbacks game
- Aug. 10th Mayor's Dinner Hackett House
- Aug. 11th Prom Shalimar
- Aug. 12th Farewell Dinner Desert Cross Lutheran

Mayor Hugh Hallman has announced his intention to accept a Zhenjiang, China special visit in mid August. There will be a forum of higher education at this time. If this China trip interests you please contact Dick Neuheisel at (480)838-0437.

News to Share?

Please send your stories or announcements to lisa@lisamaynarddesigns.com Submission deadline is a week after each board meeting. I would love to include stories from our traveling delegates. Please forward pictures as well. Thank You!
-Lisa Maynard

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