

TSC Upcoming Events

- Monday, May 16th Board Meeting at The Hackett House
- Fri, June 10th 11th and 12th Board Retreat in Pinetop
- Mid June Travel to European Sister Cities
- Fri-Sun, October 7th, 8th and 9th Oktoberfest

Hackett House
Summer Hours:
May 15th begins
summer hours.
Hackett House is
open Weds 10-2 and
by appointment
(480) 350-8181

Thank you to all the
wonderful volunteers
who made this season
such a successful
one.

As we go to press we have learned that Tom Burns, longtime coordinator for the Carlow, Ireland - Tempe program, has passed away following a long illness. Services are planned at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 15, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1800 East Libra Drive in Tempe. A celebration of Tom's life is planned at Hackett House following the service. We extend our sincere sympathy to Tom's wife Mary...and to his family.

German Teacher Exchange

Our friends from Regensburg, Gertie Dietrich and Kathrin Wein, will have returned to Germany by the time our readers are picking up this newsletter. They are taking home memories of the red rocks of Sedona and a Grand Canyon sunset. They roamed the Desert Botanical Garden and communed with butterflies. They could hardly tear themselves away from the garden where Marianne Mitchell was escorted around the butterfly pavilion by her own personal winged friend who would not leave her shoulder and was a good reward for her chauffeuring all of the delegates about town and to the garden.

They talked fondly about their tour of ASU hosted by

economics Professor Mendez. Yet it has been the connections with people that they will remember most. Gertie said many times that they have been most impressed with the polite and open minded people they have met and with whom they shared many wonderful conversations. She knows that the information she has gained from the teachers she has met and observed at work will provide useful ideas to incorporate into her classroom at home in Germany. Listening to them recount their experiences here reminds us of how good it is to live in Arizona and how many resources we have right here to enrich our lives. If you have participated in a teacher exchange you can imagine how hosts Donna Kosis (Kyrene) and Annette

Asuncion (TD#3) are looking forward to their reunion with Gertie and Kathrin when they make their visit to Regensburg June 19 to July 10.

On April 21, Mary Beth and Horst Spielberg hosted a "shoulder to shoulder" for Gertie and Katherin. The food was lovely, the conversation was lively, and the guests were entertained exquisitely by a string quartet of four eighth grade students from Fees College Preparatory Middle School led by orchestra instructor Amy Smith. The evening was soft and pleasant, Sister City friendships were reconnected and savored, speeches were given. A good time was had by all, and many thanks to Horst and Mary Beth and to Amy Smith and her students.



Youth Group Update



Do You Have Information to Share?

Please send it to

lisa@lisamaynarddesigns.com

The deadline for submission is 7 days following each board meeting.

Youth Group spent April focusing on their commitment to make a world of difference right here in Tempe! Ten delegates volunteered their Saturday and cleaned up the Tempe Sister Cities Youth Group Street. The fundraising committee worked hard this past month to raise money for next year's group and the 2010 group project, the school in Timbuktu. There were fundraisers at restaurants, and baskets for a silent auction to be used at the Mother's Day Tea on April 30th. THANK YOU to any of the TSC members who

attended any or all of those restaurant fundraisers!



In addition to their service work, they continued to welcome the new delegates into Sister Cities by inviting them to sit in on the April meeting. After the usual meeting, there was an ice cream

social where everyone got to share stories and wisdom from the summer.

As the summer draws nearer, and 2010 delegates begin to go off to college, they want to thank everyone who made last summer possible for them. Good luck to the 2011 delegates, they will be forever changed from their experience as have the forty years of past delegates before them.

Respectfully submitted by the TSC Youth Group Secretary, Leslie Klein



Are the sunsets as beautiful in New Zealand? Lyle and Suzanne Bighorn are the New Zealand Coordinators for our Sister City, Lower Hutt. Their two daughters have also been delegates of Tempe Sister Cities. This sunset was from the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale from the 15th floor restaurant, Orange Sky, where Lyle is the food and beverage manager for that resort and others as well. Suzanne is the food and beverage director for The Tempe center for the Arts.



Aid To Timbuktu: Goats and School Supplies

Frank and Fran Casa have donated \$1,000 to provide scholarships of \$20 each for elementary students in Timbuktu. That amount will be sufficient to cover their school supplies and books for a full year allowing some students to remain in school. The plan is to divide this among the 10 elementary schools making sure that there will be an equal number of boys and girls represented. In order to provide 6 scholarships to each school \$1200 is needed. The Casos hope

to make this a yearly donation. If you would like to compliment this donation please contact Sue Lofgren (480) 967-0181

Money for Goats is an ongoing fundraiser that, to this date, provided 35 goats or about \$1000.00 to the families in great need in Timbuktu. What a fabulous way to help a family. Each goat donation is \$30.00.

Also, TSC is inviting both the Mayor and the Vice-Mayor of Timbuktu to be here for all the activities

surrounding Oktoberfest and our 40th Anniversary. We are looking for host families while they are staying here. It is anticipated that they will be here for about 10 days but they could stay with several homes over that time period. It would be nice if a little French is spoken by someone in house but it is not a necessity. It's really a great experience getting to know them.

Contact: Sue Lofgren, 480-967-0181 or slofgren@earthlink.net

TSC Interested in Australian Sister City

Eight Delegates traveled to Lower Hutt, New Zealand for the Thirtieth Anniversary of Tempe Sister City relationship with that kiwi city, and they also visited Australia. Led by President Dick Neuheisel, the group visited with Mayor Rob Valentine and city leaders in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, regarding a sister city in that country. Meetings were also held in Sydney and Cairns with sister city leaders and officials. Each city had its own unique flavor and charm. Australia has many promising twinning possibilities.

Economic Forum Planned for Oktoberfest Week

TSC along with ASU and the City Of Tempe will be hosting an international economic forum. Mayors from eight sister cities have been invited to participate along with the economic leaders of each city. The forum will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 6th and 7th. Chris Quigley (480) 390-1133, Melissa Werner and former Congressman Harry Mitchell will be coordinating this special event.



Vice President Marcus Newton joins Lord Mayor Rob Valentine and President Dick Neuheisel along with other city officials to discuss twinning opportunities

TSC Board Member Retreat will be Friday, June 10th-12th in cool Pinetop. Please contact Guy Roll (480)945-8923 or Jane Neuheisel (480)838-0437

TSC board Meeting will be held at the Hackett House on Monday, May 16th, 2011 at 7 pm. Also attending will be the Hackett House board. Refreshments will be served to celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Hackett House. It was on May 11, 1986 that the Tempe Sister City headquarters, gift shop, and kitchen opened.

Membership Information

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their 2011 membership to Tempe Sister City.

Membership Dues are Tax deductible.

Student/Alumni \$25
Family/Individual \$35
Friend \$50
Corporate \$200
Life Member \$400

Please mail your payment to The Hackett House 95 West 4th Street Tempe, 85281.

Your membership is a vital part of the program's continued success and is greatly appreciated.

40th Year Celebration : Summer Travel to European Sister Cities

Travel plans are underway for the European Sister Cities. The trip will include stays in Beaulieu Sur Mer, France, and the Burgerfest in Regensburg, Germany. Skopje, Macedonia and Carlow would also be great destinations while in Europe. All inquiries should be directed to Dick Neuheisel (480) 838-0437



Oktoberfest Dates To Remember

- Oktoberfest Fri-Sun, October 7th 8th and 9th
- Wed. October 5th Ring Of Honor Program
- Thur. October 6th Making A World Of Difference
- Thurs-Fri October 6th and 7th International Economic Forum

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

Tempe's Population is 162,000 people.

Skopje, Macedonia has about 450,000 people.

Cuenca, Ecuador's population is 467,000.

Lower Hutt, New Zealand's population is 98,000.

Carlow, Ireland has 10,500 people living in the cleanest Irish city.

Timbuktu, Mali has 53,000 people.

Regensburg, Germany has 130,000 people.

Beauleiu Sur Mer, France is home to 5,000 people.

Project Cure Celebrates a Special Guest

Representatives of Tempe Sister Cities attended Project Cure's First Ladies' Luncheon on April 21st, 2011. The First Lady of Tanzania, Salma Kikwete was honored at this special fundraising event.

TSC has collaborated with Project Cure in the past sending \$500,000.00 worth of medical supplies and equipment to Timbuktu and 275 wheelchairs to Hilla, Iraq

Mike Medoro, Executive Director of Project Cure

will be attending this month's board meeting and has agreed to join the board as a special liaison between our two organizations.

The First Lady, Salma Kikwete meets with TSC President Dick Neuheisel at Project CURE's Event



ASU Program: Summer in Macedonia

The ASU Melikian Center and its Critical Languages Institute (CLI) are offering stipends of up to \$1,000 for students of intermediate Macedonian in the CLI and graduate student stipends of up to \$3,000 for any level of Macedonian.

Details are available at (<http://cli.asu.edu/>) and (<http://cli.asu.edu/macedonian>),

but in short, the program provides 2 semesters' of university instruction in 8 weeks (May 31-July 22) in a combination of intensive classes and cultural activities. Tuition for any of these classes is waived, although fees totaling about \$700 apply.

Finally, in August, ASU offers a 3-week study-tour to Ohrid (for an additional 2 credits). Participants

need not be students, although only students can be funded

through our grant programs. Applicants can apply directly through the <http://cli.asu.edu> website.

Please share the word. We will be happy to provide any additional information or to discuss the program on the phone.

