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TSC MONTHLY



For the future, the Sister Cities program creates a foundation upon which we rest our hopes for a more peaceful world for our children and for generations to come. For the present, it creates opportunities for us to make international friendships, to celebrate cultural differences and enjoy the richness that diversity brings to our lives.

~Mae Ferguson, President Sister Cities International

TSC Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, Oct 4th
Welcome Reception for International Delegates and Hosts
- Wed and Thurs, Oct 5th and 6th International Economic Forum
- Wed, Oct 5th Ring Of Honor Ceremony and Reception 6pm Kiwanis Park
- Thurs, Oct 6th Making A World of Difference 6pm Tempe Center for The Arts
- Fri, Sat, Sun, Oct 7th, 8th and 9th Oktoberfest 2011 Tempe Beach Park
- Monday, October 17th Board Meeting

Hackett House Reopens Monday, September 12, 2011

- Mon Oct. 3rd Bakery Days 10-3:30
- Tues Oct. 25th Cooking Class with Chef Eddie Matney 6pm
- Sat Oct. 29th Fall Tea 4 pm
- Sat Nov. 5th Passport to the World 9:15-12:30
- Tues Nov. 8th Cooking Class with Kathy Andrews 6pm

A Warm Oktoberfest Welcome to All of Our International Guests

Cuenca, Ecuador

Richard Boroto
Gloria Carrasco de Boroto
Hugo Pesantez
Maria Pesantez de Pesantez
Marcelo Moscoso
Rosa Loaiza de Moscoso
Wilson Munoz
Jacinto Pena
Graciela Zuniga de Pena

Beaulieu sur Mer, France

Isabelle Hoessley
Daniel Hoessley
Olivier Renard
Claude Lamasuta
Ghislaine Lamasuta
Gerard Caucheteux
Dominique Caucheteux
Charles Feigel
Francine Feigel
Yves Jacob
Veronique Thalamy
Carole Corbin
Edith Gireaux
Yolande Lecorche

Trollhatten, Sweden

Livio Benedetto
Skopje, Macedonia
Dobrin Nedelkov

Regensburg, Germany

Mayor Hans Schaidinger
Franz Feldmeier
Anna Feldmeier
Ruprecht Herzog
Florian Herzog
Christian Gebauer
Uli Ruchdaeshel
Ingo Fuchs
Rudi Brandi
Marcus Schaumberger
Rita Ruckdaeschel
Hansjorg Gehring
Erika Vielberth
Hans Vielberth
Josef Zimmerman
Tina Zimmerman
Traudl Lacher-Joedicke
Herman Goss
Christine Goss
Franzi Goss
Werner Schmaderer
Annelies Schmaderer
Kristina Schmaderer
Fritz Rebach
Julia Rebach

Timbuktu, Mali

Mayor Halle Ousmane
Drawi Maiga

Lower Hutt, New Zealand

Mayor Ray Wallace
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Sandra Greig
Ainslie Greig
Ross McKinnon
Cynthia Patterson
Roger Styles
Margaret Cousins
Tony Stallinger
Kim Kelly
June Ranson
Gordon Malin
Mareia Malin

Zhenjiang, China

Zhang Guoyun
Liu Shanjaio
Jia Shuo
Gong Yifu
Zhao Lageu
Ding Yuru
Fan Yongfang
Fan Tao
Yin Jian
Zhang Baozhong

Carlow, Ireland

Mayor Tom O'Neill
Rody Kelly
Eileen Brophy

HISTORY CORNER

We are now trying to fill in missing information in various topics. The current project is to make a list of all Oktoberfest royalty. **The person who gives us the most names with years will be given a gift.** We have all 2000s **except 2005**, which we need right away. Send the info to either of us. Debbie ladybugdebbie@me.com Shirlee shirleec@yaho.com We are also searching for an original of the first quarterly. Thanks for all your help.

New Zealand Teacher Exchanges: Stories from our Teachers

I am so thankful for the memorable experience I had in New Zealand this summer as a delegate for the Tempe Sister City Educator Exchange Program.

The program gave me the opportunity to visit schools, meet interesting people, and see so many beautiful sights in a fun-packed, three-week trip.

While in New Zealand we visited many different types of schools--private, public, and Montessori. This provided an opportunity to see a wide-range of education and to connect with teachers in various fields. I saw a lot of similarities to our Arizona schools, especially in the push for collaboration in the classroom. One difference that I did notice is the use of cultural heritage in the elective programs. The students were learning about Maori heritage through art, music, foods, and sewing. Over all though, it seems to me that children's behaviors are the same, whether they live in New Zealand or the United States.

My host family was wonderful. They made me feel right at home. Of course

we found out that we had more in common than just the exchange, we all share the Dutch heritage. I believe we shared more Dutch food than New Zealand food during my stay.

Our sister hosts, Anja and Jennifer, planned the most interesting adventures during our stay in New Zealand. Our first weekend trip was to the wine country in Martinborough, sipping wines and tasting olive oils, and shopping in Greytown for antiques. Our second weekend was spent walking on the Kapiti Coast beach, eating fish and chips, and going on an official bush walk. The last week was all sight-seeing visiting the Huka Falls, touring the thermal valley, and experiencing the extreme sport in Rotorua, Zorbing It was a wonderful experience, full of fun moments, beautiful sights and forever friendships crafted. Thank you, Tempe Sister City Exchange Program for making it all possible.

Beverly Koopman-Miller

My trip to New Zealand is a tapestry of memories and senses. I see it from the green grasslands, forests and hills; and rivers, lakes and spraying ocean waves, to the unique smell of the bush. It weaves in warm, friendly people, and the heart of the Maori culture.

I was so fortunate to participate in the three week teacher exchange program with Lower Hutt, New Zealand. Our fellow teachers, the mayor, town council and sister city organization, and local school children all helped to make it a wonderful experience.

I knew this would be a unique adventure from the start. How refreshing to pack for winter in July! From the day we arrived, we had a packed schedule of school visits, social events and sightseeing excursions.

I enjoyed every minute at the wide variety of schools we visited. It was great to share ideas with fellow teachers, and discover just how similar we all are. I loved spending time with children of all ages. It was fun sharing some Arizona culture with them, and having them teach me about their culture and school systems. It clearly reminded me why I love to teach. A special treat for me was spending time with former student exchange delegates Lydia Jones (2009) and Femke Van Schoonhoven (2008).

Our hosts, Jen and Anja, taught us so much about New Zealand culture,, history and nature, not to mention Rugby. I was fascinated by the Maori culture and traditions as well. Several books came back with me to my classroom library highlighting everything I'd learned (as well as a "talking" kiwi bird and World Cup rugby ball).

Our trips on the North Island were wonderful. We walked on driftwood strewn beaches, saw seals and snowcapped mountains, did bush walks through various terrain and snow, and sipped wine during a hail storm in Martinborough. Experiencing New Zealand also included geysers, a 6.5 earthquake, a luge run and Zorbing.

The teacher exchange program is so unique and well-run. I hope it expands in the future, so that more people can experience this. Once again, the Tempe Sister Cities program has provided me with an incredible opportunity to expand my world. By continuing to share my experiences with others, I hope to pass on this gift. I can't wait for Jen and Anja to arrive in Tempe, so I can share with them everything I love about Tempe and Arizona. Thank you Sister Cities!

~Sherri Strauss

The Hackett House needs a volunteer to help at the Boutique one Saturday a month. Training will be provided. The Boutique Chair enjoys a 25% discount on our unique gift items.

Youth Group Update

On September 18, the second meeting for the new Tempe Sister Cities Youth Group was held. The main objective of the meeting was to elect this year's officers and for all members to select a particular committee. The following were elected by majority vote by the Youth Group members: Sheridan Rosner - President, Alicia Clark - Vice President, Natalie Burgess - Secretary, Dallas Sigrist - Membership Officer, David Tatelbaum and Alejandra Guillen - Publicity Officers, Ryan Burke - Fundraising Officer, and Sydney Files and Megan McCauley - Social Activities Officer.

Following the elections, Michael Curd explained the applications for the 2012 Selection Process and provided updates to this year's selection. Then the new officers and members settled quickly into their new committees. The committee officers then discussed with the whole group all of their committee's future plans. Some decisions made by the committees included:

The first social for the youth group will be at the end of October and will focus upon pumpkin carving and watching scary movies together.

The fundraising committee discussed business locations to possibly look into for partnerships or restaurant takeovers.

The recruitment committee will be handing out applications at Oktoberfest and at the Tempe Arts Festival. Finally Community Service stated volunteer opportunities will be serving at Making A World of Difference dinner on October 6th, Oktoberfest October 7-9, and the Chocolate Happy Hour November 17.

The members all agree to keep updated on committee activities through facebook and bring new ideas to the next meeting on October 16. The Youth Group would also like it to be known that any teenager from 15 to 18 years of age is welcome to join and is encouraged. This opportunity will be great for any teenagers who are interested in applying in the future.

Below is a picture of all the new officers. From left to right is, Sydney Files, Social, Alejandra Guillen, Publicity, David Tatelbaum, Publicity, Dallas Sigrist, Membership, Sheridan Rosner, President, Natalie Burgess, Secretary. Not pictured: Ryan Burke, Fundraising, Alicia Clark, Vice President, Megan McCauley, Social.



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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

Please make these corrections and add these new members to your directories.

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