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TSC MONTHLY

Tempe Sister City
Upcoming Events

- Wed. Jan 12th
 Young Artists
 Awards
- Mon. Jan 24th
 Board Meeting
 7pm
- Wed. Feb 9th
 Geography Bee
- Sun. Feb 13th Golf
 Scramble 2pm
- Fri. Feb 25th final selection of 2011 student ambassadors
- Mon. Feb 28th
 Board Meeting/
 Annual Meeting
- Wed. March 2nd
 Legacy Planning
- March 3, 4, 5th
 Sister City
 International
 Conference

Hackett House Events

- Sat. Jan 29th
 Passport to the World
- Sat. Feb 12th Tea to My Heart Valentines Tea
- Mon. Feb 14th-18th
 Soup Kitchen
- Mon. Feb 21st
 Dinner Party
 Cooking Classes
- Fri. March 4th Mardi Gras Carnival

"What you are doing is essential, because we are an interdependent world and that means people have to understand each other."

-The Honorable W. Averell Harriman, U.S. Ambassador and Official during Turman's Presidency

Sister City Young Artists Recognized

Tempe Sister City Young Artist Program

Since 1988, Sister Cities International has challenged children from around the globe to artistically express the mission of Sister Cities: promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation through one individual, one community at a time.



Wednesday, January 12th was Tempe Sister City's annual Young Artists Competition, coordinated by Robin Sprague. The 2011 theme "Shaping Your Community for a Greener Future" was an opportunity for artists to use recycled materials or other 2D media to illustrate the ways the artist, the community, or your sister city are working to protect the environment. The Show winning piece was submitted by Devon Jones, a senior at Marcos De Niza High School. In the spirit of great generosity, Devon donated a large portion of his cash award back to build a school in our sister city of Timbuktu. His piece will be sent to the International Young Artist Competition. First place in the photography category was by Christine Beatty, a junior from Corona Del Sol. Thank you to all the talented participants.

Annual Meeting and Election of New Board Members

Monday, February 28th, the fourth Monday of the month, will be the Annual Meeting and election of new board members. Anyone interested in running for the board should contact Harry Mitchell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee (480) 966-0074. Other members of the Nominating Committee are Marcus Newton, Debbie Duncan, Mary Larsen, David Ihns and David Hoffman. Board meetings are held at Harrison Middleton University located on the southeast corner of Broadway Road and Terrace Road at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. Due to holidays, January and February meetings are held on the fourth Mondays. All members are welcome to attend.

New Website Coming

www.tempesistercities.org will be operational next month. Check out the new look. Also, please email Sharon Doyle or Mary Larsen your email information. Sdoyl1910@yahoo.com or chularsen@aol.com

GOLF SCRAMBLE AT SHALIMAR

Calling all golfers! Tempe Sister City Golf Scrambles are held the second Sunday of each month. All skill levels are welcome. Please contact coordinators David Robertson (480) 820-0293 or Mary Ann Thompson at (480) 966-9240 if you are interested in playing. A potluck follows for golfers and guests. A special thank you to Marcus and Michele Newton for hosting January's potluck.

The Sister Cities International Conference, usually held in July is moving to March. The conference is planned for March 3rd, 4th and 5th. All TSC members are welcome to attend. This would be a great time to attend a conference and see our nation's capitol. For prices and details contact Dick Neuheisel (480)838-0437

TSC Geography Bee On Feb.9th TSC will host

The Geography Bee at 9:30 am at Tempe City Hall. Please come and support the students.



The Dinner Party Cooking Classes begin on Feb 21

Stay Tuned for the exciting new lineup of Chefs! These "classes" are really fun. They feature a local chef, a three-course meal, a complimentary wine bar, and "tricks of the trade" you can use at home. The theme for this series is Springtime in Arizona!



Congratulations to The Hackett House. Volunteers participated in the Window Wonderland window decorating contest over the holidays. 20 downtown businesses competed in creating beautiful window displays. The Hackett Houses window was decked out with soft white tulle. white lights and miniature Christmas trees giving a soft glow to the gift shop. A \$200 prize was awarded to the Hackett House for Most Festive Window. Special thanks to the hard work of Kathy Schreiner and Christina Salhuana.



Soup For You, A School For Timbuktu

As part of Tempe Sister City's 40th Anniversary year long celebration, the Hackett House is hosting a Soup Kitchen to raise money to build a school in our sister city Timbuktu, Mali. Starting on Monday, February 14th to Friday, February 18th from 11:30 to 1:30 pm, Wildflower Bread Company will donate a different soup each day, served in a

bread bowl with salad, coffee, tea and a cookie for dessert. A minimum donation of \$10.00 will be used to help raise \$25,000, Tempe's share of the \$60,000 needed to build classrooms, alleviating the



overcrowded conditions. We are partnering with Sister Cities International Foundation who has pledged the remaining \$35,000. Make this your weeklong, lunchtime destination. Mayor Hugh Hallman will be guest hosting the soup kitchen on Wednesday, Feb 16th.

Volunteers are needed for The Soup Kitchen. Please contact Sue Lofgren for details...(480) 967-0181

Membership Dues News

Your dues for Tempe Sister City membership are due January 1, 2011. Many thanks to the members who have already renewed for the 2011 year. The Board of Directors has approved a change in the dues structure as noted below. Your payment should be mailed to:

Tempe Sister City, membership 95 West Fourth Street Tempe, Arizona 85281

Please include your email address on your check as we would like to include this in the upcoming directory and also to promote paperless communication. If you have already renewed please send your email address to either sdoyle1910@yahoo.com or chularsen@aol.com

2011 Dues Schedule

Student / Alumni \$25 Family / Individual \$35

Friend \$50 Envoy \$100 Corporate \$200 Life \$400

If you are signing up as an alumnus please include the year of participation in the student exchange. All members who renew before February 28th will be included in the 2011 directory of members. Please include your email on your check.

Tempe Sister City Corporation is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organization. As such, your membership is tax deductible.

A special thank you goes to Memorable Events Décor who donated decorations to enliven several events including the Holiday party, the Red Hat Tea and The Chocolate Happy Hour. What a festive atmosphere it created! www.memorableeventsdecor.com

Youth Group Brightens Family's Christmas

The holidays were a busy time for the 2010-2011 Tempe Sister Cities Youth Group! As part of our pledge to give back to the community, we decided as a group to adopt a family for the holiday season. The family we were matched with had a single mom and four children, and they were in much need of anything we could give them. The service committee asked each member to donate at least one ornament that we could use to decorate a tree for the family, and any other gifts we could spare. The service committee was then able to use funds from our account to purchase other gifts for the family, and they were lucky enough to be able to deliver the gifts and see the joy we were spreading firsthand!



Spreading Christmas cheer, the youth group joyfully carols at the holiday party

In addition to adopting a family, we were also asked to carol at the Hackett House Christmas Party. We all very much enjoyed getting the chance to entertain some of the people who made our trips possible! Later that same night our youth group had a party of our own, and we were all able to catch up with each other while participating in a white elephant gift exchange!

Finally, we continue to work on raising funds for the completion of a school in our Timbuktu sister city. As the year begins we hope to be able to raise enough money as a group to at least build another room, so be looking out for future fundraisers! We are all hard at work planning Selection Night for the 2011 delegates, and we cannot wait to provide moral support at future interviews!

Respectfully submitted by the TSC Youth Group Secretary,

Leslie Klein

Student Selection Underway



Angie Thornton, Michael Curd, Dean Gambino, Susan McGill, Sylvia Clark and Alicia Clark (candidate) at the Summer Ambassador Orientation Night.

Student Ambassador selection is underway. Over 60 prospective delegates and their parents came to the Student Orientation. The selection Chair, Mike Curd and other committee members have the bitersweet honor of interviewing the 60 wonderful candidates and then selecting 32 for the summer ambassador exchange. Final selection will be February 25th.

Mardi Gras International Carnival

Save the date. March 4th will be the 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Carnival. This year we will have an international theme. Please come and enjoy the festivities and live music.



New Dates Approved for Oktoberfest

Dates for the annual Oktoberfest have changed. The event will now occur on the first FULL weekend in October. The 2011 event will be held October 7th, 8th, and 9th. The fifth annual Making A World of Difference event will be on Thursday night, October 6th, 2011. Also 6 new honorees will be inducted into the Ring of Honor on October 5th. Please mark your calendars for these exciting events.

Creating Your Legacy: An Estate Planning Workshop

Presented by Louis A. Silverman, attorney at law of Tempe, AZ

Mr. Silverman is an estate and legacy planning attorney in Tempe. He devotes much of his time counseling clients to assist in creating estate plans that work (assets titled correctly, assets are passed on with the most creditor and divorce protection and the least tax possible, agents and trustees are properly chosen and educated, charitable bequests are properly created to maximize client control and benefit pursuant to client's charitable plan, etc).

Hosted by Tempe Sister Cities

Tempe Sister Cities Organization is a vibrant and growing organization that believes in bringing together local citizens with grassroots efforts. Featuring Sister Cities around the world, we're a network of people—diverse global ambassadors—interwoven with common thoughts, ideas and the notion of active participation.

A workshop specifically designed for the members, former delegates, and others interested in supporting Tempe Sister Cities

Learn the basics of estate planning, probate, caring for your loved ones, and how you can support Tempe Sister through charitable bequests and charitable estate planning

Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:00 pm
Dinner will be served
Shalimar Country Club
RSVP by February 23, 2011 to Dick Flurer, 480.413.0323 or email buddix 1923@msn.com



Dick Flurer and Chris Rosner: Legacy Planning Committee