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TSC Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan 15th PF Chang's Marathon

Monday, Jan 23rd Board Meeting 7pm

Sunday, Feb 12th Golf Scramble at Shalimar 2pm

Monday, Feb 27th Annual Board Meeting 7pm

Hackett House Upcoming Events:

Passport To the World Sat. Jan 28th 2012 9:15am

Geography Bee Feb. 8th 2012 9am, City Hall

Valentine Tea Sat. Feb 11, 2012 2pm

Sat. Feb 25th Rummage Sale 9am

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4pm

(480) 350-8181

Volunteers Welcome!

"Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." ~Earl of Chesterfield

Marcus Newton, (489)786-1160, is Chairman of the nominating committee that will make recommendations for positions on the Board of Directors at the February 27, 2011 at 7pm Annual Meeting to be held in The Harrison Middleton University, 1105 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282. Other committee members are Ralph Goitia, Dave Ihns, Beth Lang, and Millie Wuger. Board members whose terms expire include Jill Glickman, Gordon Cresswell, Marney Glancey, Cheryl Hornyan, Linda Parrish, Doug Royse and Richard Sallquist. Members who are interested are encouraged to contact a nominating committee member.

President's Message Happy New Year to all Tempe Sister City Members.

I was disappointed to learn over the holidays that the auto company, Saab, headquartered in Trollhattan, Sweden filed for bankruptcy protection. A proposed sale to Chinese investors failed to materialize. Tempe has been discussing a sister city affiliation with Trollhattan since the fall of 2009. The economic problems faced by Saab have been a major concern for the leaders of that southwest Sweden city of some 50,000 population. Ten percent are employed by Saab so Trollhattan is facing economic woes and an international outreach to Tempe may be delayed.

The 32 student selection we make this spring will bring the total to 745 Tempe high school juniors chosen to represent our city around the world in eight sister cities plus Trollhattan where for the third successive year we will be sending two delegates.

The 32 student delegates this year will mirror the number representing Tempe in 2011; eight to Regensburg; four to Skopje; four to Lower Hutt; four to Zhenjiang; four to Beaulieu-sur-Mer; four to Carlow; two to Cuenca and two to Trollhattan.

Receiving season's greetings and New Year's wishes from all of our sister city friends around the world was a highlight. Many years ago, President Ronald Reagan told a group of sister city international people in the oval office that "You all should make as many friends as possible around the world; it's the best work you can do for America." Tempe's doing its best to follow that advice. It made a strong impression on me as I was President of Sister Cities International and it was always a thrill to have meetings in the White House. President Reagan was a man of peace, but it was Reagan who said in 1987 at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

The sister city idea began in 1956. It was President Dwight Eisenhower, our 33rd President, who was our founder. Every President since our beloved Ike has served as Honorary President of Sister Cities International. It's a program that allows a Tempe student, teacher or anyone else to become a citizen diplomat – someone who can tell the story of our democracy and freedom and make friends for America.

A Kiwi marriage is on the horizon. When a Tempe delegation travelled to Lower Hutt in March to celebrate our 30th anniversary, we were graciously hosted by Mayor Ray Wallace and Linda Goss, his significant other. I suggested they come to our Oktoberfest and International Economic Forum and get married in Tempe. It didn't quite work out that way but Jane and I heard from Linda over the holidays that their wedding is planned for early 2012. Continued on page 2

TSC MONTHLY JANUARY

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Welcome to all the applicants and parents of the 2012 student exchange. Below is a list of events.

APPLICANT and/or PARENT ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

January 18, 2012 Orientation for applicants and parents at Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, 7:00pm

January 21, 2012 Group Interviews at Harrison Middleton University 1105 East Broadway Road, Tempe

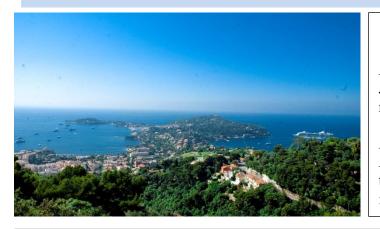
January 28 and 29, 2012 First Individual Interviews at Harrison Middleton University 1105 East Broadway Road, Tempe

January 29, 2012 First Cut (The number of applicants will be reduced) February 4, 2012 Information Dinner for candidates at Hackett House 95 West 4th Street, Hayden Square, Tempe

February 12, 2012 Social Function for candidates and parents at Hackett House 95 West 4th Street, Hayden Square, Tempe

February 25 and 26, 2012 Final Individual Interviews at Harrison Middleton University 1105 East Broadway Road, Tempe

March 2, 2012 Final Selection followed by delegate party at Hackett House 95 West 4th Street, Hayden Square, Tempe, 5:00pm



Celebrating 15 Years Of Friendship With Beualieu sur Mer

A Delegation will be visiting France this summer in mid July to celebrate the 15th anniversary of our Sister City relationship.

Also in July will be the Sister Cities International Annual Conference in Jacksonville, FL. The dates for the conference are July 12th, 13th, and 14th. If you are interested please contact Dick Neuheisel 480 838-0437

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Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman made an extraordinary effort to spend time in Zhenjiang, China in early November. He was committed to a trip to Kazakhstan and then added Zhenjiang in his most difficult itinerary. His fascinating journey was reported to our Board of Directors at our November meeting and I have asked him to share this experience in our next Quarterly publication.

Another great personal interest story will be shared in the Quarterly when we interview Bob Henne, a longtime TSA member who participates in our golf scramble each month. Bob landed at Normandy on D Day 1944. He has met Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Generals Dwight Eisenhower, Monty Montgomery and George Patton. Watch for this story.

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The Tom Burns Golf Scambles are in full swing. Every second Sunday of the month golfers of all levels come and play at the lovely 9 hole, Shalimar with its friendly ducks and beautiful greens. The winners of this month's scramble were Jane Neuheisel, Bob Henne, Dave Ihns, and Dave Robertson. Millie Wuger came closest to the pin. Come join the fun. Email Mary Ann Thompson for Sunday, Feb 12th's game, mathompson131@cox.net or call 480 966 -9240.The start time will be changed to 2pm.

Dear TSC Friends:

Please hold the date for:

Event - Annual Mary Choncoff Endowed Lecture Speaker - Ambassador Philip T. Reeker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Working title - "U.S. Foreign Policy Concerns in the Balkans: Twenty Years After the Collapse of Yugoslavia."

Date - Tuesday evening, February 14, 2012 Time - evening time TBD

Location - ASU Tempe campus; building and room TBD

"Ambassador Philip T. Reeker assumed his current position as Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs on August 8, 2011. He supervises the office of South-Central European Affairs and is responsible for U.S. relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia,

Montenegro, and Serbia.

Ambassador Reeker served as U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia from September 2008 until August 2011. From June 2007 until June 2008, he served at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq as the Counselor to the Ambassador for Public Affairs. He was the Deputy Chief of Mission

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TSC Volunteers worked at PF Chang's Marathon. Sunday, Jan 15th. They served beer in the runner recovery / family reunion area just past the finish line. They gave away to runners, and sold to others. Events like this help to raise funds for TSC programs. Dave Ihns coordinated volunteers for this event Dave and Patty Hoffman will host the potluck following the game. Their address is 8821 S Lakeshore Dr. Tempe 85284, maps will be available at the game. Hope to see you there.





It's time to collect all

those wonderful household items for our first annual Hackett House Rummage Sale. The date will be Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at 9am. Until then....save those gently used items that will bring great joy to some rummage sale treasure hunter!!! Call Cynthia Bryant for more information or to volunteer for this event.

A travel delegation will be visiting our beautiful sister city, Cuenca, Ecuador in mid March. If you are interested in traveling with this delegation please contact Dick Neuheisel (480) 838-0437. Don't miss this opportunity to explore one of the world's most charming cities and its warm and wonderful people.



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

Share a Story! With over 700 past exchanges, it would be wonderful to highlight stories of how the exchange has touched their life in some way. Please reach out to anyone you know that has been part of the Sister City program and encourage them to renew their commitment to this wonderful program.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS NOW!!!!!! Greetings,

The annual membership dues for Tempe Sister Cities are due January 1, 2012. New members joining October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 are not required to pay additional annual dues for 2012. Please include the completed membership information form or include the required information, including your email address on your check. The information you provide will be used as your contact information for the Tempe Sister Cities membership directory. Your payment should be mailed to: Tempe Sister Cities, membership 95 West Fourth Street Tempe, Arizona 85281 Wishing you the very best in 2012. Sharon Doyle and Mary Larsen, TSC Membership Chairmen

Hackett House Happenings 480-350-8181

Geography Bee February 8, 2012; 9:00am; Tempe City Hall Held at City Hall every year, the winner of each school's Geography Bee for grades four to eight competes for the chance to win the overall Tempe Sister City Geography Bee.

Valentine Tea

Saturday, February 11, 2012; 2 to 4:00pm Sign up for a tea in one of Hackett House's historic Friendship Rooms, and you'll find yourself enjoying a wonderful ritual from a more tranquil time. The cost is \$24 per person. Champagne, mimosas and wine are available for purchase.

Snow White Children's Tea

Saturday, April 14, 2012; 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Hackett House will join in the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Snow White. Delicious sweets and savories prepared by the Chefs of the Cordon Bleu School of Culinary Arts. The Story Lady will complete the experience. More information will be made available closer to the date. Costumes are encouraged. \$24.00

Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 12, 2012; 2 to 4:00pm

Sign up for a tea in one of Hackett House's historic Friendship Rooms, and you'll find yourself enjoying a wonderful ritual from a more tranquil time. The cost is \$24 per person. Champagne, mimosas and wine are available for purchase.

To register for this tea you can either call us at 480-350-8181 or register online.



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