

# TSC prepares for the 2010 Sister Cities International Annual Conference in NM

Community Diplomacy: Empowering Partnerships and Programs

The conference will be held July 29 through July 31, 2010 in Albuquerque, NM.

Any dues paying member of TSC is encouraged to attend. Please contact Richard Neuheisel for information.

"I invite all attendees to answer the call to action: Come help us shape what it means to be a citizen diplomat. Come be

part of the dialogue. Come help Sister Cities International create empowering partnerships and programs," says president and CEO of Sister Cities International, Patrick Madden.

Community development, barriers, opportunities and working in Mexico and Africa will be a primary focus at this year's conference lectures.

Keith Wagner, Coby Bruckner and Erica Reyes will represent the TSC youth group at the conference this year. Mariah Hoffman, student ambassador to Lower Hutt in 2008 is working as an intern at Sister Cities International and will be helping at the conference.

The conference will end Sat. afternoon with a tour of Albuquerque.

The official hotel for the 2010 Annual Conference is Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. Visit http://www.sistercities.org for information.

#### JUNE, 2010

### **Upcoming Events**

June 27

Parent Delegate Potluck @ Hackett House

Annual TSC

July 28-31

Mayor's Luncheon

## TSC Gardens renamed by Tempe City Council to honor Dick and Jane Neuheisel, TSC board approves

The Sister Cities Gardens located at Kiwanis Park in Tempe will be renamed the "Dick and Jane Neuheisel Sister Cities Garden" in honor of the couple's many years of service to the Tempe Sister Cities program.

The TSC board unanimously approved the decision last month.

The City of Tempe brought the notion forward.

The couple has led the organization for 40 years and has watched TSC grow to become one of the most successful sister cities in the country.

The garden will be renamed later this year.



Dick and Jane Neuheisel

TSC Monthly is a great way to communicate your news with the TSC community.

Please contact Jennifer Martin at

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to have your info included.

### **Youth Group**

The group was involved in hosting selection night activities and hosted a party at Sam Pfotenhaurer's home.

They participated in the Grand Re-Opening Ceremony for the Tempe Historic Museum & sold Jamba Juice at Mariposa's Multi-Cultural Fair.

On April 22, twenty youth ambassadors volunteered at Project Cure and the 2009 group hosted an ice cream social at Carrie McCauley's home.

This gives the new ambassadors an opportunity to get acquainted with last year's group and share experiences. We wish the 2010 ambassadors a wonderful summer exchange!

### Oktoberfest Updates: Mugs, Meetings and More!

Oktoberfest will open a German shop this year to act as a merchandise store, raffle and silent auction booth all in one. Teacher exchange participants Francisco Garcia and Janice Wagner will chair the shop.

One of the items to be sold this year will be a 33-ounce acrylic stein fashioned after an authentic German stein. Oktoberfest coordinators are very excited about these high quality steins and we are currently looking for a sponsor that would like their logo on all 10,000 steins. Other items include his and

hers aprons, Oktoberfest T-shirts and any donated raffle worthy merchandise.

Oktoberfest will add two additional bratwurst booths to this year's event. The goal is to provide better service to the thousands of attendees. In addition, there will be seven other food vendors to provide a variety of fest food.

Long Wong's in Tempe is planning to provide an exclusive Oktoberfest pizza – only to be sold at the TSC fundraiser. Oktoberfest chairs were on site at Long Wong's last month to sample the delicious one-of-a-kind treat.

If you haven't had time to check out the Oktoberfest Facebook and Twitter pages, now is the time to do so. Oktoberfest chairs have been working hard to provide great information about our largest fundraiser to the community through these social networks. Great information can be found.

facebook.com/tempeoktoberfest

twitter.com/tempeoktofest

### **History Corner**

We are now ready to archive a long-term, ongoing project. This involves our contacting past and present chairs for records, visuals, 3ds and interviews. The latter is to fill informational gaps and obtain personal anecdotes.

Barbara Colleary of Hackett House culinary fame has volunteered for our first one. It will cover the cooking classes and teas. With her we shall refine the process, then begin others.

If you have something you think Barbara may not have or anecdotes including as class members or tea guests, please let us know. Remember we will copy what you don't want to give up.

#### Shirlee King Debbie Duncan



### Important dates for the 2010 summer delegates

#### June

There will be a potluck for all of our wonderful parents and country coordinators at the Hackett House on Sunday, June 27th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. You will be able to swap stories about your kids' experiences and we'll talk about getting ready for the expansion of your family in July. Also, Tempe Sister City T-shirts will be distributed at the Potluck.

#### <u>July</u>

**July 13th**--International ambassadors from Carlow, Ireland arrive in Tempe.

**July 14th**--International ambassadors from Lower Hutt, New Zealand arrive in Tempe.

July 28th--In-town activities planned
"Cinderella Affair" day for female ambassadors to pick their prom dresses (provided through East Valley Women's League/City of Tempe's Cinderella Affair) for the Tempe Sister City Prom on August 13th at Shalimar Country Club.

#### August

August 11th--Mayor's luncheon for international ambassadors. More information will be provided as this date nears.

August 14th--6:00-9:00 p.m. Farewell Dinner at Desert Cross Lutheran Church, 8600 S. McClintock Dr., Tempe, Arizona. More information will be provided as this date nears.

August 15th or 16th--International ambassadors from Cuenca, Ecuador depart from Tempe.

#### August 16th—

International ambassadors from Carlow, Ireland depart from Tempe.

China has changed the departure date for their international ambassadors from August 18th to August 16th.

**August 18th--**International ambassadors from Lower Hutt New Zealand depart from Tempe.

Remember-don't over pack.
Think smart and stay safe. Get
ready to represent your city, state
and country as you head out into
the world!!
Alisan Patten
Summer Activities
Coordinator, 2010