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TSC MONTHLY



TSC Upcoming Events

Sunday, Feb 12th
Golf Scramble at
Shalimar 2pm

Student Selection
Final Interviews
8:15-3:30 at
Harrison-Middleton
University

Monday, Feb 27th
Annual Board
Meeting 7pm

Hackett House Upcoming Events:

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

Valentine Tea
Sat. Feb 11, 2012 2pm

Lunch and Learn Wed.
Feb. 15th 11:30-1:30pm

Student/Parent Social
Sun. Feb 12th 12:00-5:00
at Hackett House

Sat. Feb 25th Rummage
Sale 9am Hackett House
Patio

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4pm

(480) 350-8181

Volunteers Welcome!

“After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come.”
~Nelson Mandela

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.



It's time to gather and bring all your items to the Hackett House for the First Annual TSC Rummage Sale. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Saturday from 10-4 (no clothing please). Donations will be accepted until February 24th. For more information please call Millie Wuger 480 897-0780 or Cynthia Bryant 480 829-0207.

The rummage sale will take place Saturday, February 25th from 9-3. The Hackett House will have specially marked merchandise on clearance as well. Please help to make this event both memorable and profitable by donating your wonderful, gently used items. Don't forget to gather a group of friends and join all the fun on Feb. 25th on the Hackett House Patio, W 95 W. 4th Street, Hayden Square, Tempe. Who knows what treasures you will find!!

Timbuktu Scholarship Fund:

\$20 (the price of a simple lunch for 2 in the US) will provide a scholarship that covers the school supplies for a whole year for a 6th grade student in Timbuktu. Last year we were able to give 60 scholarships to 30 boys and 30 girls. In some cases, we were told, this meant the difference whether or not they were able to attend middle school (junior high) the next year. Please send contributions to Sue Lofgren, 2411 S Newberry Rd. Tempe 85282 and make checks payable to Tempe Sister Cities for any amount.



Youth Group Update

The youth group had a full schedule in December and January! In December, the youth participated in school presentations at major Tempe high schools trying to spread the word of applications for this year's student exchange. The former delegates were and are excited to share and provide information for anyone interested in the exchange program. They adopted a local Tempe family over the Holidays and provided Christmas presents and a dinner for them. The group would like to thank the people who donated with the youth group to help the family!!! They caroled at the annual Hackett House Holiday Party and enjoyed a fun night. In January, the group signed up for hourly shifts to help out with the selection process for the new delegates for the Tempe Sister Cities Student Exchange. They plan to continue with fundraising at local Tempe restaurants during the new semester. Also in the works, is having a booth at the Mariposa Multicultural Fair on February 24. On Saturday, February 25, the youth group will collaboratively join efforts with the Hackett House Rummage Sale. Fundraising proceeds will be used toward Selection Night festivities and a prom in the summer for the new delegates and their siblings from the eight sister cities. Another main objective for the youth group this semester is to be more involved in community projects across Tempe. The group is especially interested in the Project Cure Charity. Finally, the group is actively preparing for initiation night on March 2 for the new Tempe Sister Cities Student Delegates. The next Youth Group meeting is on February 26th at 6:00.

- Natalie Burgess, Youth Group Secretary



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. Part of this excursion will be exploring the Bordeaux Region.

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.

25% OFF

Any regular priced item at the
Hackett House in the month of February,
2012

Come and see the exciting spring merchandise

One coupon per household, please

2012 Celebrating 40 years of Student Exchanges

The first students to go to Skopje, Yugoslavia (now Macedonia) were Jan Alexander, Cathy Gibins, Carolyn Shumway, and David Wynn in 1972. These former delegates have been invited as special guests to all of this year's Oktoberfest events.

Winners of this trivia question from December's monthly will get a Tempe Sister Cities golf shirt.



FORE!!

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. Email Mary Ann Thompson for Sunday, Feb 12th's game, mathompson131@cox.net or call 480 966 -9240. The start time is 2pm.

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.

EDUCATOR EXCHANGE NEWS

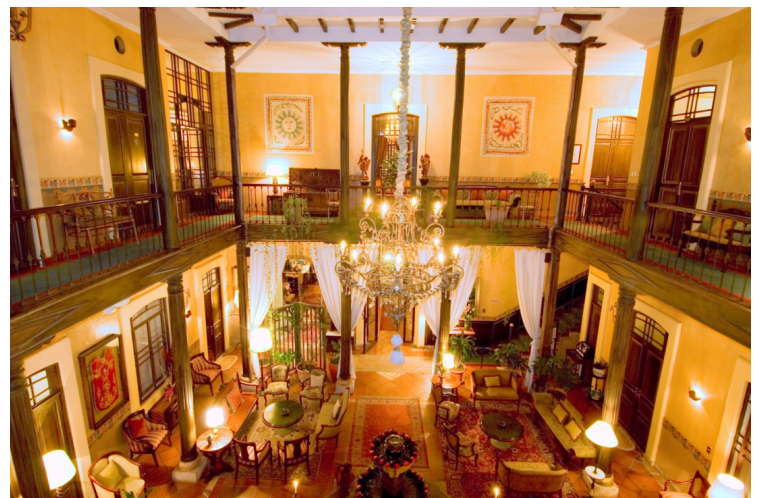
It was all about New Zealand at Jan O'Malley's house on Jan 12 when she hosted a "Shoulder to Shoulder" to honor teachers Anya Geelen and Jennifer Stacey from our Lower Hutt exchange. Anya and Jen had glowing things to say about their visit, agreeing that while New Year's Eve in Vegas was great fun, Arizona's Grand Canyon was the highlight of their holiday break travels. And then, as Jen put it, "reality kicked in" with everyone back in school, but Jen and Anya didn't exactly play hooky as their hosts returned to work. Anya said that they "really enjoyed the hospitality" of the many schools they visited and feel that they have gained many ideas to take back to Lower Hutt. Jen noted that schools in New Zealand do not begin the day with a pledge of allegiance to their flag and said that she is amazed that we have no school-wide break in our staff lounges. Those of us who have been exchange teachers to Lower Hutt certainly would agree that their morning tea time is lovely indeed. Sherri Strauss and Bev Koopman-Miller were hosts to our Kiwi guests, and Sherri had this to say: "I enjoyed seeing my own school, and learned more about my son's school, as seen through their eyes."

Linda Parrish presented Jen, Anya, Sherri, and Bev with our unique and joyful Tempe Sister Cities posters. She expressed appreciation to the people who worked on the "wonderful calendar" for the New Zealand visitors and to Jan O'Malley, who is the New Zealand Liaison.



The selection committee has been working countless hours reading student applications and interviewing 52 perspective candidates for the 32 positions available for 2012. 42 students have made the first cut in this arduous process. These excited students, 3 pictured above with committee member, Carly Keller, met at the Hackett House for lunch and more interviewing opportunities. The students are a vivacious and confident group. February 25 and 26 will be the dates of the final individual interviews at Harrison Middleton University 1105 East Broadway Road, Tempe. Final selection followed by delegate party at Hackett House will be March 2nd at 5 pm.

A travel delegation will be visiting our beautiful sister city, Cuenca, Ecuador and exploring the City of Cusco, Peru in mid March. Spaces may still be available. 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.



Hotel Alcazar, Cuenca, Ecuador

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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

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.



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Don't miss it!
Lunch and Learn
at the Hackett House
Starting February 15th
and then every third
Wed. of each month.
11:30-1:30pm
Contact the Hackett
House for registration

Educator Exchange News Continued...

Also on the agenda for the evening at the Shoulder to Shoulder was the introduction of the five educators who have been chosen to represent Tempe Sister Cities in our summer exchange. Chris Crain (Math Coach, Kyrene) will be our first exchange teacher to Cuenca, Ecuador. Lori McClellan (Gifted Educ. and Social Studies Coordinator, TD3) and Wendy Young (K teacher, Broadmor School, TD3) are going to Regensburg, Germany. Crissy Johnson (K teacher, Fuller School, TD3) and Janice Eubank (Instructional Coach, Hudson School, TD3) are going to Lower Hutt.

The Core Team is delighted to welcome these educators to the teacher exchange. Their gratitude for being chosen and their enthusiasm for the experience to come is good to see. Janice Eubank said it so well in her note to Linda written the morning after the Shoulder to Shoulder at Jan's.
Here are Janice's words.....

"The school bell is about to ring, but I just wanted to take a minute to say, 'thank you!' Last night's Shoulder to Shoulder was so much fun. What an amazing group of people! I loved talking to everyone about their experiences in New Zealand with the Tempe Sister Cities organization, and in education. My travel mate, Crissi, is delightful and we are looking forward to sharing this adventure. Anya taught us our first New Zealand word... 'gumboots' :) My favorite part about this experience is having the opportunity for learning and sharing between educators and countries. I'm inspired because that's already beginning to take place...and I haven't even stepped out of the country! Thank you, again, for all of the time and planning each of you put into making this possible. I am so excited for the next event, and for the exchange."
submitted by Lorrie Nelson

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

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\$35.00 INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY

\$50.00 FRIENDS OF TSC

\$200.00 CORPORATE MEMBER

\$400.00 LIFETIME MEMBER

