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TSC MONTHLY



TSC Upcoming Events:

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*Monday, August 20
TSC Website
Committee Meeting
6-7 PM Harrison-
Middleton University*

*TSC Board Meeting 7
PM at Harrison
Middleton University
All TSC Members are
welcome to attend.*

*Friday-Sunday,
October 12-14*

*40th Annual
Oktoberfest*

“The more one meditates upon good thoughts, the better will be his world and the world at large.” ~Confucius



Tempe Sister Cities is saddened of our loss of Cynthia Bryant on June 25th, 2012. Cynthia's life was one of great service. Cynthia spent her entire career with the United States Foreign Service serving her country in a variety of positions including that of Executive Services Officer. During her career, Cynthia was assigned to posts in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, India, Lesotho, Namibia, Zambia, Madagascar, Morocco and Jordan. In her retirement, Cynthia was a dedicated Hackett House volunteer. " Literally thousands of people all over the world are living better lives today as the result of Cynthia touching their lives in some manner." We will miss her dearly.

Paraphrased from www.legacy.com

Special Honor For Tempe Young Artist

Tempe often makes an impression in the Young Artist program, and this year is no exception. Rebecca White of Corona del Sol merited “Best of Show” at the local event hosted by Hackett House. Broken and Reconnected featured a QR code linked to the Free Arts of Arizona donation page. The winner moved on to international competition in Washington DC. When it was not chosen as a top-ten finalist, Sister Cities International (SCI) created an entirely new honor, the Staff Honorable Recognition, for the unique and intuitive piece. It will be framed along with the other finalists and displayed at the annual conference in Jacksonville. Then it will return to DC where it will be displayed on the wall of the SCI office headquarters for a year for all visitors and delegations to see. Thanks to Robin Sprague and her team for giving our high school artists an opportunity to showcase their vision for a more peaceful and unified world. Congratulations, Rebecca, for connecting us to that vision!

Take me Out To The Ballgame.....In Regensburg!

The organizers of the World Baseball Classic Qualifier in Regensburg announced on Monday the biggest baseball TV coverage in European history. Major League Baseball is going to send an experienced broadcasting team to the tournament in September. According to the press release they are led by experts, which are usually responsible for coverage of MLB Playoffs and World Series games. There will be eight cameras per game. Broadcasts will be made in high definition with the usual graphics, known from MLB and World Baseball Classic games. TV partners in Europe will be announced in the coming weeks. This means us folks at home can probably watch the games on MLB Network – on DirecTV, it's Channel 213.

On The Road To Oktoberfest 2012



Tempe - July 20, 2012

The work starts early for "Three men and a shed". Steve Thorn, Sign Chair, Dave Ihns, Facilities Chair, and Co-Chair Larry West, begin the task of sorting out the signs for the 2012 Budweiser Oktoberfest at Tempe Town Lake. These men are just a few of the many "unsung heroes" that work in behind the scenes, in the early light of morning, (in July, that's the only time to work!) to make sure we all know where to go, how much it costs, what to buy, and how to leave the Oktoberfest! Once all the signs are counted and inventoried, the process begins! So, next time you're at the Oktoberfest, and you see exactly the information you were looking for on a bright Okto sign, you'll know a little more of how it got there.



In the past three weeks we have toured the city of Skopje, enjoyed the new monuments being built, explored Matka canyon, hiked Vodno mountain, swam throughout Ohrid, and bonded over coffees in the picturesque cafes. Every Macedonian and American delegate has loved getting to know each other and we have become like brothers and sisters. From the city park to the decked out family dinners, we have tried so many new things here. First off, the delicious food. I have never liked tomatoes before in my life; then I came to Macedonia. We all dream about eating the stuffed peppers with cheese, meat, and vegetables. More importantly, we are all so grateful for our hospitable families. It is said here that people may not know where or what Macedonia is before they come here, but after visiting it is always unforgettable.

Student Delegates Summer Schedule

Thursday, July 26 Delegates Return from California

Saturday/Sunday July 28-29 Family Weekend

Tuesday, July 31 Delegates depart for the Grand Canyon

August 2012

Thursday, August 2 Delegates return from the Grand Canyon

Friday, August 3 Cinderella Affair at Joan Johnson's

Saturday, August 4 PROM at Shalimar Country Club

Monday, August 6 Mayors Lunch

Thursday, August 9 Farewell Dinner at TBD
Pool Party for Delegates at Pfothenhauer Residence

Friday, August 10 New Zealand Delegation Departs

Monday, August 20 Chinese Delegation Departs

Thursday, August 23 French Delegation Departs
Macedonian Delegation Departs

Saturday, August 25 German Delegation Departs

In The Words Of One of Our Delegates.....
A Glimpse into The Macedonian Experience

Zdravo Tempeans! In other words, hello from Macedonia! This year has been more chaotic than others with the addition of two former Swedish delegates, but we all could not be happier to have a group of six in Macedonia. This has been one of the most incredible experiences for all of us and we wish we never had to leave!

That is so prevalent for all of us and we have cherished every moment we have had here. In our opinion, one of the best qualities about the Tempe and Macedonia exchange is that every experience is so unique. We have the liberty of deciding where we visit, what we do, and when we do it. We have learned about “Macedonian time,” or “lack of time,” while being here. You don’t know spontaneity until you come here. Every delegate hopes to return again next year. Caitlin and I have already planned with our sisters our next year summer plans. We love this country and this experience. Thank you Tempe Sister Cities for this opportunity of a lifetime!



Tempe Hosted a 40th Anniversary Celebration In Skopje

Thanks, Susan for Sharing Your Story of Skopje, 1989

Greetings,

My name is Susan Moore and when I was a graduate student at ASU in 1989, I had the privilege of being selected as the delegate to Skopje where I tutored English. I also had the unique opportunity to live with the family of Branko Crvenkovski when he was a student at Cyril and Methodius University. This was the first time I had traveled alone and I was a bit anxious, but the people of Skopje were warm and welcoming and I soon found myself quite at home. Most especially, the Crvenkovski family embraced me as one of their own. Branko and Trena treated me like a sister and we spent many afternoons on the balcony of their apartment enjoying mother's amazing food and a glass of rakija. To this day, I still have never tasted a tomato as delicious as the ones we picked in their garden at their dacha. During my 3 months in Skopje, my own mother and two sisters came to visit and the Crvenkovski family were wonderful to them.

That summer remains one of my favorite memories. My two families exchanged gifts and stories. The entire experience was a gift to me. I am happy to reconnect with Tempe Sister Cities and celebrate 40 years of life-changing experiences. I am now an English professor at Scottsdale Community College, ***and I always remind my students of the immeasurable personal growth that stems from learning about different cultures while on their way to becoming a global citizen, an insight I gained from my TSC experience.***
Best,
Susan Moore

Here are 2 pictures: Branko and I are in one (love the hair...love the 80's) and in the other is Jasmina Crvenkovski, me, Branko, and my mother who came all the way from Las Vegas to meet my Macedonian family.



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Please email chularsen@gmail.com and
receive important information via email.

The Newsletter and Quarterly are available
online at www.tempesistercities.org.

Calling All Past Delegates

2012 is the year of our 40th anniversary of student exchanges. This is a very special year in which we are gathering student delegates from the past 40 years to get together and celebrate their life experiences as they have been influenced by their student exchange. If you are past delegate please share your story.

Do you have a story to tell? I would love to include it in the newsletter.
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