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# TSC MONTHLY



“Bringing the world together one friendship at a time.”

## TSC Upcoming Events:

*Monday, October 22  
TSC Board Meeting  
7 PM at Harrison  
Middleton University  
All TSC Members are  
welcome to attend.*

*Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> TSC  
Board Meeting 7pm  
Harrison Middleton  
University*

## HACKETT HOUSE

*Dinner Party Cooking  
Classes Monday,  
October 22, 2012; 6 to  
9:00pm*

*Tuesday, October 30,  
2012; 6 to 9:00pm  
Dinner Party Cooking  
Class with Chef James  
Porter*

*Passport to the World  
Saturday, November 3,  
2012; 9:15am – 1:00pm*

*Thursday, November 8,  
2012; 6 to 9:00pm  
Dinner Party Cooking  
Class with Chef Kim  
Lahn*

*Thursday, November  
15, 2012; 6:00- 8:00pm  
Chocolate Happy Hour*



## A TSC REUNION

2012 marks 40 years of student exchanges. Pictured above with Dick and Jane Neuheisel are the four original delegates who went to Yugoslavia in 1972, David Wynn, Cathy Givins, Carolyn Shumway, and Jan Alexander. All former delegates were invited as special guests to all of this year's Oktoberfest celebrations. This was the first time these four alumni have gotten back together. Since that time 745 students from Tempe have been exchanged with our eight sister cities and Trollhattan, Sweden. Stories have been collected from the past delegates sharing their life changing experiences during that summer exchange. Here's to many more exchanges and reunions!

## INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR OKTOBERFEST



There were two very special international groups that honored us by attending the Oktoberfest and Making A World of Difference events. The Folklorico Dance Troupe from Ecuador, pictured to the left had the crowd dancing along as they livened up the Tempe Center For the Arts on Thursday night. They also performed at the Oktoberfest. Another special group was the Maori from Lower Hutt, New Zealand. The soulful sound of these performers was the perfect tribute for the very special evening and weekend.

## *Educator Exchange News*

### New Zealand Teacher Exchange by Crissi Johnson

To say that my trip to New Zealand was a chance of a lifetime doesn't even seem to cover it. Nothing could have prepared me for how amazing the experience would be, or the imprint that the people I met would have on my heart. My "sister" from New Zealand and I were in contact prior to my trip, and I knew we were going to have a great connection. I was definitely correct! I have met a friend for life.

Janice Ewbank and I spent the first two weeks of our trip in schools, and I could go on for days about all we experienced. One of the greatest things I took away was the freedom that kids had to be kids. They climbed trees, played with sticks, and got dirty at school. It was also interesting to see that the schools were each independently run, with their own boards to make decisions. There were no "districts," and each school decided on what direction curriculum would take. There were so many differences and similarities between our schools, but at the end of the day, kids are kids!

The best part of the trip was bonding with Janice, Kathy, and Annie. The four of us seemed to be a perfect match, and it was so comfortable starting on day one. The best part of this program is that because you are staying with a "sister," you are fully immersed in the culture. I learned so many new things, and Annie's family was very comfortable with my many questions. I feel like I was really part of the family.

I can't begin to put into words how lucky I feel to have had this opportunity. I am so excited for December when Annie and Kathy will come to Arizona.



Crissi Johnson, river rafting with her sister, a New Zealand educator.



Pictured above is Debbie Duncan, Mayor Halle Ousmane, Millie Wuger, and Cami Hoessley.

Mayor Halle Ousmane from Timbuktu was an honored guest at Oktoberfest this year. Tempe Sister Cities has been following the news of Timbuktu and their difficulties there. Mayor Ousmane was available in the Information Tent for people to visit with him.

# Harry Mitchell , Don Carlos Award Recipient 2012

Tempe Community Council has named former U.S. Congressman and former Tempe Mayor Harry Mitchell its 2012 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year.

Mitchell will be honored at the annual Don Carlos Awards Ceremony on at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park, 1300 N. College Ave.

"Obviously, I'm very honored because this award means so much to Tempe," Mitchell said. "I think it symbolizes Tempe. Tempe is a community that relies on volunteers."

A half-dozen people submitted letters of support of Mitchell's nomination, citing his years of service to the community, his advocacy for veterans, and his friendly, approachable leadership style.

"That statue (of Mitchell) next to City Hall just isn't tall enough for me," said Ron Pies. "As a person, Harry Mitchell has never changed. He has always been respectful, friendly and 100 percent supportive of anything that benefited his constituents."

Jane and Dick Neuheisel, Don Carlos award recipients in 2005, said Mitchell stands at the forefront of what the Don Carlos recognition means to the community.

"His character is above reproach," they wrote in a joint letter. "His leadership is second to none. His service to others is without comparison and his many achievements are without equal."

This year's awards ceremony is particularly significant because 2012 marks the 40th year of Tempe Community Council's partnering with Tempe to coordinate services and allocate funding for the city's human-service needs. Also, the new mayor of Tempe, Mark Mitchell, is Harry Mitchell's son. It is traditional for the mayor to speak at the awards ceremony, extolling the virtues of the award recipient. The younger Mitchell is proud that his father was chosen.

"My dad exemplifies the spirit of the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award," Mark Mitchell said. "Don Carlos was the nickname of Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull Hayden. "In many ways, my dad is the founder of modern-day Tempe. He was instrumental in the redevelopment of downtown Tempe, laying the groundwork for the Rio Salado and implementing many of the quality-of-life programs we cherish in Tempe. His vision helped create this great Tempe we enjoy today."

Harry Mitchell played an instrumental role in establishing the Tempe Community Council and served as a board member during the years he served on the Tempe City Council, 1970-78. He then became mayor until 1994. He was a state senator and served in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A Tempe High and Arizona State graduate, he also taught American Government and Economics at Tempe High from 1964 to 1992. He has served on dozens of boards of directors, advisory boards and committees, and he also played a significant role in establishing the Tempe Sister Cities program. He has won dozens of awards for his volunteerism and public service.

Excerpt from <http://www.azcentral.com/community/tempe/articles/2012/08/08/20120808harry-mitchell-winner-don-carlos-humanitarian-award.html#ixzz281280Gbg>

## Chocolate Happy Hour

Calling all choc-o-holics! This November 15th, Hackett House has the dessert delights you have been craving.

Every November for the past ten years, Hackett House has satisfied Valley sweet teeth with our Chocolate Happy Hour. Can you think of a better way to usher in holiday cheer than with chocolate, chocolate, and more chocolate? (We didn't think so!)

This popular event features:

All-you-can-eat sumptuous appetizer buffet

Three chocolate cascading fountains with dippable desserts.

Your choice of one: wine or beer (with additional drinks, including chocolate martinis and mudslides available for purchase)

50/50 raffle

Tickets for this chocolate bonanza are only \$30 per person.

Join us on November 15, 2012 from 6:00pm-10:00pm (Food served until 8:00pm)!

You can register now by either calling us at 480-350-8181 or register on-line.

Interested in volunteering for Chocolate Happy Hour? We would be happy to discuss opportunities with you. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator for more details.

## TSC New Members

*We would like to welcome new Tempe Sister Cities' members for the month of September.*

*Ambassador - Alex Gordon*

*Individual/Family - Dr. Darlene Wedington-Clark, Jennifer Botz, Carole Schlappi, Sonia Esposito, Maria Reyes and Anthony Miller.*

You are cordially invited to attend the Shoulder-to-Shoulder party for our Professional Educator Exchange guest...

Biljana Jovancheva and her host Darlene Periconi

Biljana is our first educator exchange teacher from our Sister City in Skopje, Macedonia. We are extremely pleased to be able to host Biljana. Her Tempe host teacher is Darlene Periconi from Tempe High School. Both teachers are teachers of mathematics. Biljana has been busy attending classes in the Kyrene, TD3, TUHSC and Tempe Preparatory.

This party is one more way for her to meet Sister City members personally, fellow educators and give her the opportunity to make new friends in Tempe. I hope you will join us.

The party will be held at Hackett House.

When: Thursday, October 25

Time: 6:30-9:00

Come and join us. If you are able to bring an appetizer or dessert, fine. If not...not to worry..we would just love you have you attend.

Hope you see you Thursday!

## Your Membership Makes a Difference

The money that is generated through the Oktoberfest, Hackett House and your membership help to support the programs offered by Tempe Sister Cities. Every year 32 students from Tempe High schools have paid travel to eight sister cities around the world. Teacher exchanges are also funded through these efforts. Tempe Sister Cities is able to make a difference in the world with the help and support of the volunteers and members like you. Pass along the membership form and share in the hope of the next generation forming lifelong ,worldwide friendships.

Send forms to 95 W. 4th Street  
Tempe, AZ 85281

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...MAKING ONE FRIENDSHIP AT A TIME



MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

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### 2012 MEMBERSHIP

\$25.00 STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

\$35.00 INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY

\$50.00 FRIENDS OF TSC

\$200.00 CORPORATE MEMBER

\$400.00 LIFETIME MEMBER





