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

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Thursday, October 11, 2012



This annual Tempe Sister Cities event honors individuals who have made a substantial difference in people's lives around the globe through their humanitarian efforts. The 2012 honorees have been chosen. Plan now to attend the 6th Annual “Making a World of Difference” Awards and Banquet on Thursday, October 11, 2012 to hear their amazing stories. Taking home the awards this year are:

Dr. Edgar Rodas of Cuenca, Ecuador for his mobile medical project in Ecuador.
Dr. Raul Osorio of Mesa, formerly of Peru, who has led dozens of medical missions to Peru.

Derreck Kayongo, formerly of Kenya, for the Global Soap Project.
Entertainment by Maori visitors from Lower Hutt, New Zealand and a dance troupe from Cuenca, Ecuador.

Artwork by “Making a World of Difference” former recipient, Irma Turtle of Turtlewill, will be on display and for sale. Ms. Turtle's humanitarian efforts in Africa and other areas are well documented.

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

Oktoberfest time is a special time for our honored international guests. Franz Feldmeier has attended Tempe's Oktoberfest for the last 30 years and will be returning again this year. The Regensburg Das Aubachtal Sextett “Oom Pa Pa” band has been coming for the past 15 years. Joining us for the second consecutive year will be the Mayor of Timbuktu. There will be entertainment from New Zealand's Maori Group and Cuenca will be sending a folklorico dance group. The Oktoberfest is special because of these special international guests.

TSC Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 17
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.

Thursday, October 11
Making A World Of
Difference Tempe
Center For the Arts

Friday-Sunday,
October 12-14

40th Annual
Oktoberfest

HACKETT HOUSE

Fall Tea Saturday,
October 6, 2012; 2 to
4:00pm

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

Volunteer Open House
and Breakfast
Saturday, September
22, 2012; 9:00am -
11:00am

Educator Exchange News

My name is Chris Crain and this summer I was given the honor of being the Tempe Sister Cities' first Educator Exchange participant to visit Cuenca, Ecuador. I learned so much about life and education in Ecuador and was able to make friendships that will last a lifetime. Being that this was also my first trip outside the borders of the United States, I expected to learn about all the differences between our lives and the lives of people living in Ecuador. But the most important thing I learned was not how much we are different, but how much we are all the same. From the teachers I spoke with, the students I encountered, the families and friends the thing I realized is that even though we may speak different languages, we all want the same things for ourselves and our students.

My first 2 weeks were spent in Cuenca and I have to thank my hosts, Richard and Gloria Boroto. They made me feel welcome and taught me so much about life in Cuenca. I had the chance to visit educational facilities from preschools to universities. I got to see both public and private schools. Another big thanks goes to Patricia and Walter Bell of the Bell Academy in Cuenca. This was a wonderful school for children that reminded me so much of the schools here in the States. The way they care for their students and high expectations they hold made me wish they had an opening that I might be able to fill at the school! Another highlight of my time in Cuenca was being given the chance to speak twice to pre-service teachers at the University of Azuay. I made a wonderful friend in Ximena Velez Calvo, one of the faculty in the Education department at the University.

Besides seeing schools in Ecuador, I also got to experience the sights and people of both Cuenca and Quito. I visited museums, marketplaces, national parks, stores, churches, the cloud forest and even an amazing birthday party in the country home of the Bells. The highlight of the sightseeing part of my trip has to be the day I spent in Mindo, a village in the cloud forest. Butterfly farms, hummingbird preserves, a chocolate factory, an orchid farm, ziplining and even a bungee jump! And of course, a trip to Ecuador would not be complete without a visit to the Equator. I learned it's true about water swirling down the drain in different directions on different sides of our planet's dividing line. What I didn't know was that water would go straight down the drain directly on the Equator.

Many thanks to the wonderful people of Ecuador and the members of Tempe Sister Cities. I can't wait to go back and see all the things I couldn't squeeze in on my first trip to this amazing country!

White Mountain Retreat Raffle

Quality Hill Resort

only 800 tickets and 8 winners
DETAILS IN GERMAN SHOP
OKTOBERFEST

Pinetop, AZ



Mayor Halle Ousmane from Timbuktu will be coming to Oktoberfest this year. Tempe Sister Cities has been following the news of Timbuktu and their difficulties there. Mayor Ousmane be available in the Information Tent from 2:00pm - 6pm on Saturday for people to visit with and welcome him.

WHITE MOUNTAIN RETREAT RAFFLE

WINTER SPRING SUMMER OR FALL

YOU MAKE THE CALL!

PICK YOUR WEEK AND TAKE A CHANCE

YOU'LL BE IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS IN

TIME TO DANCE!

- 8 WEEKS TO CHOOSE FROM IN 2013
- 8 WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN
- 800 TICKETS ONLY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

ENJOY A WEEK IN A WONDERFUL PINETOP, AZ

LOCATED AT QUALITY HILLS RESORT

EIGHT DIFFERENT WEEKS TO WIN, YOU CHOOSE WHICH ONE IS
RIGHT FOR YOU!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 8:00am The 40th Annual Oktoberfest at Tempe Town Lake presents Das 21st Frank Kush/Oktoberfest Foot Race with distances of 5 Mile, 5km and 1 Mile on a scenic course around Tempe Town Lake. The event will provide additional Oktoberfest “oomp-pah-pah” and further solidify the charitable work of the Frank Kush Youth Foundation and Tempe Sister Cities youth programs. As always, serious runners, walkers, families, kids, and kids in strollers are encouraged to participate. Join the Oktoberfest spirit and dare to run in your lederhosen and dirndls. See the website to sign up www.tempeoktoberfest.com or www.active.com



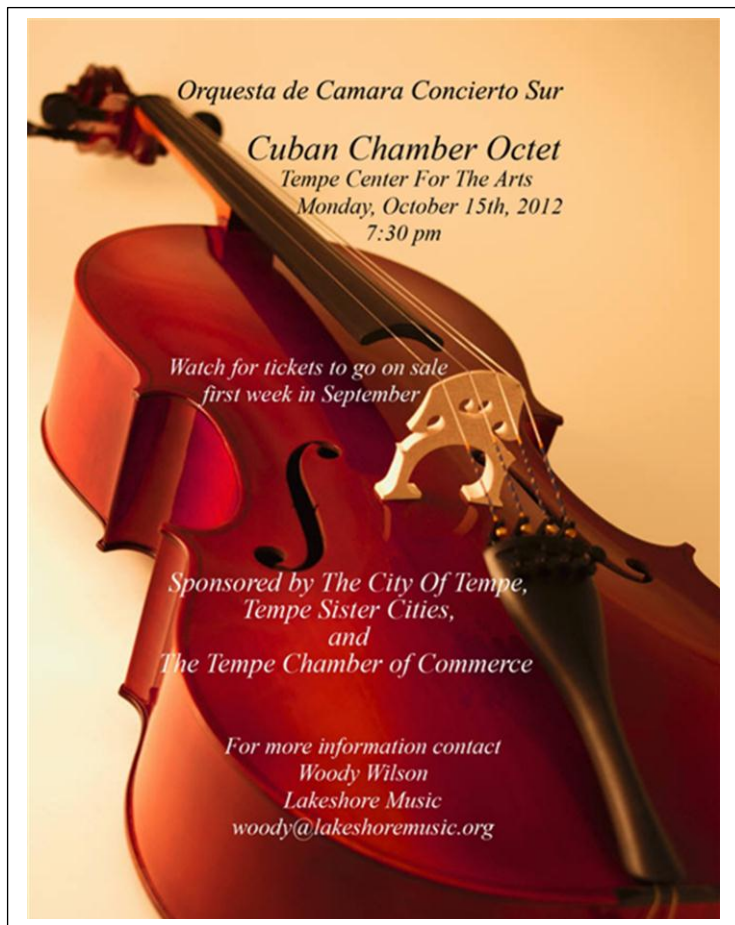
Calling all former Tempe Sister City Ambassadors! We are celebrating 40 years of exchanges. Please contact Melissa (Missy Goitia) Werner at TSCAumni@tempesistercities.org or [@tempesistercities.org](mailto:TSCAumni@tempesistercities.org)

Join us for a weekend of festivities, October 11-14, 2012. For more details please visit www.tempesistercities.org or <http://www.tempesistercities.org>



ASK FOR THERESE!
Need a quick pick up/ drop off to help navigate through Budweiser Oktoberfest 2012? CALL: 602-421-4444 and ask for Therese! For the 3rd year in a row, TELCO Trans is offering special VIP transportation deals for all Tempe Sister City’s International guests, host families, board members, former and current delegates. Oktoberfest is a busy time for all of us and often we need additional help getting around Tempe and the Phoenix area. TELCO can take you there! TELCO Trans will be issuing 20% - 50% discount coupons in all VIP and Visitors’ packets.

Therese can take up to 7 passengers. Contact Bobbi Jones @ bobbi@tempeoktoberfest.com for additional coupons if you need more! We have them! (Coupons are good Oct. 8th thru Oct. 15th – 7 passengers!)
REMEMBER: 602-421-4444 = COMFORTABLE, RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION



Special Thanks!
This year the Grand Canyon Committee was the proud recipient of several donations. We would like to extend a warm thank you to these generous donators for their support and generosity

Joe Impecoven, Outreach Specialist at REI donated water bottles for all our 64 delegates and the assistance of the REI staff with necessary repairs to our tents.

Michelle Hilgers, Executive Team Leader-Human Resources at Target who made it possible for our foreign delegates to experience the All American camping dessert: s ‘ mores.

Jacqueline Bernatt at Sprout donated 25# of trail mix which nourished out delegates who had an extended stay in the bottom of the canyon.

In addition, the In Town Activities Committee extends a special thank you to Red Devil Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria for their generous donation of gift cards which were the prizes for the winners of our Scavenger Hunt.

Tempe Sister Cities thanks you all for your support and assistance with our goal of “Bringing the world together... one friendship at a time.”

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The first meeting of the year for Tempe Sister City Youth was held on Sunday, August 26. Twenty three of thirty two summer delegates attended. In addition to an overview of the mission, vision and operational logistics, youth were able to provide input into what kind of meetings to conduct, philanthropy projects, guest speakers, and social activities that they would like to aim for as we build the year's calendar. The calendar will continue to be drafted in the September meeting as well so that all youth (and their parents) will have an up front big picture of the time and commitments for the overall year. During this meeting, the teens also signed up for their Oktoberfest service hours and reviewed a bit about the upcoming 40th anniversary celebration. Each delegate will then sign up in September for many different areas of his/her interest in relationship to service projects, social events, recruiting members, and fundraising events. There will no longer be just four committees in the hopes that delegates can spread their talents across many of the activities of interest. Finally, the youth received an overview of the different officer positions and responsibilities. The seniors were asked to seriously inventory their time and personal goals between August and September in order to decide the role they wish, or whether to campaign for a role. The president and vice-president will attend a monthly board meeting in addition to plan, conduct and reflect upon the youth group monthly meetings. The elected secretary will not only keep our minutes but also be responsible for writing the monthly update for the TSC Monthly and Quarterly issues. The Finance officer will work with the coordinator and the TSC Finance Committee in order to be mentored as well as be part of input on financial decisions that impact the youth and their goals for the year.

If members have any suggestions for needs in the Tempe area that our youth group may want to consider as they map out the year, please contact Beth Lang, Coordinator. Our desire is to collaboratively work with different facets of the community and work across the generations of people.

I have already witnessed talent, personality and leadership abilities and am very eager to dig in with this group of teens. It is personally gratifying to witness the growth and maturity of each individual over the year and I feel privileged to be the youth group coordinator. Together, we make a world of difference, right here in our community of Tempe.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lang, TSCYG Coordinator

JOIN US...

...MAKING ONE FRIENDSHIP AT A TIME



MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____
 ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 CELL _____
 EMAIL _____

2012 MEMBERSHIP

\$25.00 STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL
 \$35.00 INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY
 \$50.00 FRIENDS OF TSC
 \$200.00 CORPORATE MEMBER
 \$400.00 LIFETIME MEMBER

