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# TSC MONTHLY



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

## *TSC Upcoming Events:*

*Monday, Jan 28th*  
*TSC Board Meeting*  
*7pm*  
*Harrison Middleton*  
*University*

*Board Retreat Sat.*  
*January 19<sup>th</sup> 2013*

*Annual Board Meeting*  
*Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Harrison*  
*Middleton University*  
*7pm*

## **HACKETT HOUSE HAPPENINGS**

*Young Artists*  
*Reception January 9,*  
*2013; 6:00pm- 9:00pm,*  
*Hackett House*

*Passport to the World*  
*Part 2*

*Saturday, January 26;*  
*9:15am – 1:00pm*

*Valentine Tea*  
*Saturday, February 2,*  
*2013; 2 to 4:00pm*

*Mardi Gras Friday,*  
*February 8, 2013*

## **2013 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The 2013 selection committee will begin the important process of interviewing and choosing candidates for the summer exchanges. Our returning members of the selection committee for 2013 are Dean Gambino, Chris Rosner, Craig Keller, Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn, and Susan McGill. There will be two new members of the selection committee this year, John McGuire and Nicki Jacobsen.



## **TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2013**

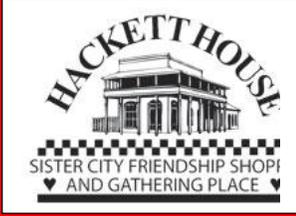
Nice, France

A Sister City Delegation will be planning to visit Beaulieu sur Mer, France this summer for their 16th year anniversary of twinning, dates to be announced. A delegation will also visit Regensburg, Germany for the 2013 Burgerfest. The dates for travel will be the third week in June.

Another travel opportunity in the works is a trip to Trollhatten, Sweden in February or March. A trip to Cuenca and Cusco, Peru, home of Machu Pichu, is tentatively planned for March or April. Please contact Dick Neuheisel (480) 838 -0437 if you are interested in joining any one of these travel delegations. Group travel and the discounts are one of the benefits of your Sister Cities membership. Take advantage of this unique opportunity which always includes amazing hospitality from our international hosts.

## **Board Of Directors Nominating Committee 2013**

Tempe Sister Cities Secretary, Michael Curd, has been named chairman of the TSC Board of Directors nominating committee for 2013. The election will be held February 25, 2013, at the annual membership meeting. The meeting will be held at the Harrison-Middleton University located at Terrace and Broadway in Tempe at 7 p.m. Others on the nominating committee are Louis Araneta, Mary Burns, Gordon Cresswell, Ralph Goitia, Dobrin Nedelkov, Linda Parrish, and Chris Rosner. Board members whose terms are expiring are Frank Casa, Sharon Doyle, Dick Flurer, Dave Hoffman, Dave Ihns, Marcus Newton, and Millie Wuger. Members are asked to contact Mike Curd or one of the other committee members if interested in serving on the Board.



## Hackett House News

January 9, 2013; 6:00pm- 9:00pm, Hackett House  
The 2013 Young Artist Program Showcase and Awards Presentation at Hackett House honors all students participating in the 2013 Sister Cities International Young Artist Competition. All entries will be on display for viewing. Dessert Served. Friends and Family Welcome. Free.

Passport to the World – Session II Saturday, January 26; 9:15am – 1:00pm

Children ages 7-12 years will explore the food and cultures of four Sister Cities countries through hands-on activities and crafts : Ireland, China, Sweden and Ecuador. Student delegates will share their first-hand experiences. Lunch is included. \$15 per child. Optional Adult lunch is available for \$5.

To register for this exciting adventure, please call 480-350-8181 or register online!

### Valentine Tea

Saturday, February 2, 2013; 2 to 4:00pm

Sign up for a tea in one of Hackett House's historic Friendship Rooms, and you'll find yourself enjoying a wonderful ritual from a more tranquil time. The cost is \$24 per person. Champagne, mimosas and wine are available for purchase.

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

### Mardi Gras

Friday, February 8, 2013

Enjoy a night of fun, food, drinks and live music. More information will be posted when available.

### Geography Bee

February 13, 2013; 9:00am; Tempe City Hall

Held at City Hall every year, the winner of each school's Geography Bee for grades four to eight competes for the chance to win the overall Tempe Sister City Geography Bee.

## YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAM

2010 winner by Jennifer Jones



Since 1988, the Sister Cities International Young Artists Showcase has encouraged youth from around the globe to consider the honorable mission of Sister Cities International and express their interpretation of that mission promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, cooperation through one individual, one community at a time. Hundreds of artists have shared their talent with the sister cities community over the past 20 years.

Each September, Sister Cities International Program chooses a theme for high-school aged artists to portray in their annual competition. The students compete within their home town, with each city choosing its own winner to be entered into the worldwide competition.



### Timbuktu Relief Fund

Please consider making a contribution for the relief of our struggling friends in Timbuktu. Your generosity will provide food and water for the countless refugees that have fled Timbuktu since the occupation of Islamists in April 2012. This makes a wonderful gift with a certificate.

Please send your generous donations to: Michael Curd  
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## Wendy and Lori's Journey to Regensburg

Our journey began a year ago when members from Tempe Sister Cities reached out to both of us and encouraged us to apply for the TSC Educator Exchange. We were filled with anticipation and excitement as we navigated the application and interview process. Lori had never visited Germany and wanted to broaden her understanding of Germany's rich and diverse history. Wendy's family heritage is rooted in Germany, and as a kindergarten teacher, she wanted to learn more about the origins of kindergarten which first began in Germany in 1837.

Throughout this journey, we were both amazed at how many lives are touched because of the TSC bond. Throughout the interview process, the "shoulder-to-shoulder" parties, the exchange itself, and Oktoberfest, we connected with old friends as well as new friends who became part of our TSC family.

We are so blessed for participating in the exchange to Germany. The immersion into each other's culture came quickly. In less than two months from the time we knew we were selected for the exchange, Susi and Anita arrived from Germany. We immediately bonded. Although we have different personalities, we were all open to the experience by trusting each other, communicating openly, and demonstrating vulnerability. For example, while our guests were visiting, one shared her discomfort with seeing the American flag visible in so many places. To her, the display of our flag represented a negative connotation. As we shared that it is a symbol of pride and bonding for our country, she gradually became more accepting and open to our perspective. To our amazement, the exchange teacher had the American flag on display in her home upon our visit.

For us, one of the most amazing aspects of our trip to Regensburg was the experience of history coming to life. We saw it in the buildings that dated back two thousand years, in the schools as we enjoyed the display of art modeled after historical European artists, and in the cobblestone streets laced with people sitting outdoors for a cappuccino break in their day. Susi was quite knowledgeable about Germany's rich history and was happy to share with us.

Our school visits also showcased the similarities and differences in our educational systems. We were impressed with the approach of teaching to the needs of the whole child. School seemed like an outreach of home. Students were very knowledgeable about America and were so receptive to us. Finally, the evidence of their pride in the environment was apparent, whether it was recycling receptacles almost everywhere we went, solar panels lining rooftops, or paying for your grocery bags when you left your own canvas bags at home.

This experience has created a lasting bond with our exchange teachers and with the TSC family.

With gratitude, Wendy Jung and Lori McClellan



A church at Lake Ohrid, Macedonia  
photos with commentary from Darlene Periconi  
*"I had a great time in Macedonia. I was the first teacher to go to Macedonia. I was so lucky to be picked to be the first teacher exchange. The country is beautiful... I can't wait to go back. It was a great experience. Macedonia has so much history. It's the only country mentioned in the Bible. I still have so much to learn about the culture and the people."*

## SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Expand the global reach of your Sister City, County, or State program with the help of Sister Cities International. For over 50 years, the Annual Conference has united citizen diplomats from around the United States. Participants receive the tools they need to connect communities and empower partnerships worldwide, achieving President Eisenhower's vision of citizen diplomacy. Attendees receive exclusive access to educational seminars and the opportunity to network and share best practices with other Sister Cities program leaders.

57th Annual Conference: San Antonio 2013

Sister Cities International 2013 Annual  
Conference  
July 11-13, 2013  
San Antonio, TX

Visit [www.sistercitiesconference.org](http://www.sistercitiesconference.org) to register.

NEW TSC MEMBERS FOR 2013

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Patricia & Donald Wilmink IF, Millie Wuger IF, Dennis & Mary Young IF,*

*Mark & Teresa Borota Life, Juan & Annie Carrillo Life, Tom & Nancy Henneberry Life,  
Dobrin & Valentina Nedelkov Life*

Cell Phone Drive

The delegation from Timbuktu has indicated that cell phones designated over 900 gigabytes or GSM activated are able to be used in Mali. If you have any old cell phones that you would like to recycle please contact Michael Curd 602 793 5106. Thank you

Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. More Details in the coming weeks.

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RENEWAL TIME IS HERE

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

become a member today!

You may join online at [www.tempesistercities.org](http://www.tempesistercities.org) or use this convenient form. Join the fun!

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Please choose a category

- College student & young professional **\$25**  Friends of Tempe Sister Cities **\$50**  Lifetime membership **\$400**   
Individual or family membership **\$35**  Corporate membership **\$200**

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