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SUMMER TRAVEL FOR THE 2013 DELEGATES IS IN FULL SWING!

TSC Upcoming Events

Monday, August 19th
7pm Board Meeting
Harrison Middleton
University

Friday, October 11th –
13th
Oktoberfest, Tempe
Beach Park

Events for Oktoberfest
Week:

Thursday, October 10th
Making A World Of
Difference, Tempe
Center for the Arts

Friday, October 11th
Education Forum

Saturday, October 12th
Frank Kush Foot Race

<http://www.tempeoktoberfest.com>



Tempe delegates in Regensburg

Every year all the Tempe delegates upon their return think that the country they visit was by far the best and that their experience was the most impactful. I wish I could say that the eight delegates traveling to Germany are different, but in truth we too think our experience by far has to be the best. How could our summer get any better?

Our adventures in Germany have been so diverse and exciting every day that there is no way to give it justice through explanation. On the first day of our arrival we were greeted by our smiling brothers and sisters and extremely cold weather. Armed with only tanks and short shorts we were all shocked and unprepared for weather in the low 40's during the first week of our arrival. The first night of being in Germany we went to the Dult, which was a festival of sorts and our first true taste of the Bavarian culture. We enjoyed traditional Bavarian music and even went on some rides, a great bonding time with our new siblings. Another highlight that week was the train trip to Munich,

that is capital of Bavaria, where shopping and delicious Italian food was enjoyed. Swiftly, we were rushed off to Berlin, a perfect way for all the Americans and Germans to bond. Some highlights of the weekend included a city tour, seeing the remains of the Berlin wall, and touring the Reichstag building, the meeting place of the German parliament. Berlin was the first time we enjoyed the Greek style "Kepabs," which have now become a daily tradition. On our free time in Berlin we battled the fierce rain and many of the twelve American and German girls did some shopping.

After the fun Berlin weekend Regensburg was still extremely wet from the intense rain. As the German delegates started school once again, the Americans ventured into Regensburg alone, but not too close to the Danube, which was flooding many areas of the city. The eight Americans explored Regensburg's many "Kaffee," shops and free time in the city. Our taste buds have become accustomed to German schnitzel, gelato, and other delicious foods. Highlights of the week include visiting the University of Regensburg and the U.S training base.

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One of the most anticipated trips for the Tempe delegates was Alps hiking trip. The day of the hike was sunny and a perfect temperature in the 70's. The hike was nearly five hours uphill, but went by quickly because of the great company and beautiful sights. At the top all the delegates were amazed at the incredible beauty and at how green everything looked! Family weekend was also a blast! Each delegate experienced a different area of Europe. Some of the destinations included Vienna, Hamburg, Venice, Verona, Chioggia, and Salzburg! I speak for all the delegates when I say it was an exciting way to experience more of the European culture outside of Germany and make lasting memories with our exchange partners. So far, Germany has brought the Tempe delegates nothing but smiles, good memories, new adventures, and close friends. We all certainly agree that our summer in Regensburg so far has to be the best! With only two weeks left here in Germany we still have lots more events planned, including Burgerfest, a tour of the BMW factory, a canoe trip, and meeting the mayor of Regensburg. I speak for all of us when I say there is no way to truly thank Tempe Sister Cities for this incredible opportunity!

Beaulieu -sur-Mer Educator Exchange 2013

I had the privilege to be an educator exchange delegate this summer in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France. Daniel, Isabelle and Camille Hoessly were superb hosts and took me to places I would most likely never see as a tourist. My exchange with Isabelle was unique as it was the first for Beaulieu. I was able to visit schools in both France and Monaco since Isabelle is a Monegasque citizen and teaches in Monaco. Lucky for me, she teaches English! The French and Monegasque children were adorable. They all practiced their English skills with me and even proudly helped me with my French. They wanted to know how big my house was, if I had a pool, a dog, children, and how old I am! I was impressed by the compassion shown to one of the students at the school struggling with an illness. A rummage sale was set up in the lobby for families to donate money to help this little girl in need. This sense of community and outreach reminded me of Tempe!

On my first night, we attended a school performance in Monaco and were excited and surprised by the arrival of Princess Caroline. On another day, I attended a faculty meeting with Isabelle. This was one of my favorite days as it allowed me to hear the challenges these teachers face in education. We all struggle with budget issues, textbook shortages, and ways to improve student achievement. Our issues are universal!

Two of the most interesting differences I observed in the schools were the smaller class sizes and tall five story school buildings. Recess was held on the 5th floor indoors with enough space for cartwheels and kickball. During recess, I could look out the window with a perfect view of the Palace and the bay. Additionally, the schools in Monaco have a two- hour lunch period for both teachers and students. The school observations were priceless as I will probably never have an opportunity again to learn from teachers and students in quite the same manner.

Every significant trip includes a little adventure. My biggest thrill was riding to work on the back of Isabelle's scooter from Beaulieu to Monaco in rush hour traffic! There are two lanes and then the imaginary lane scooters create in the middle to pass the cars stuck in gridlock.

You have not lived until you ride a scooter through the south of France!

I'm already looking for my new mode of transportation -don't be surprised if you see me cruising to Corona on my new vespa!

Being a foodie, I was excited to try everything put in front of me: Sea bass, calamari, socca, pissaladiere, gnocci, farcie, escargot and barbajuan to name a few. Fresh eggs came from the hens at the country house and we had crisp greens and radishes from Isabelle's garden. Daniel and I had a standing appointment for Rosé before dinner and when friends were over we celebrated with homemade limoncello. It was a culinary extravaganza! One day in particular, I had breakfast in France, lunch in Monaco, and dinner in Italy!

What I didn't expect was the change of landscape being so close to different countries. Every morning I looked out over the med sea from the terrace in Eze. We spent time in the mountains at Isabelle's country house in Sospel enjoying the creek, tall trees and expansive garden. We spent a day power shopping at the market in Ventimiglia, Italy (and had the most delicious nutella espresso). We drove along the coast past Cannes and St. Tropez on our road trip to the Var region. There, Isabelle's friends hosted us with a magnificent meal looking over the countryside. The miles of vineyards in this area were spectacular. We even went to Brad Pitt's new winery to have a look! I thought he might drive down the hill to say "Bonjour" but no such luck! Our last night was a very special dinner in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat with both French and American friends.

What can I bring back to Tempe (besides the beautiful handbags I bought in Italy!)? I have an increased motivation to improve sustainability practices in my home. Compost bins, solar panels and retractable window shades are the norm in this region of France. I will return to work with renewed energy and a worldly view of best practices in education. I have a dozen new recipes to try and six hundred pictures to remind me of this incredible experience. But most of all, I have made lasting friendships within Tempe Sister Cities. I am very appreciative of this tremendous experience.

~Dawn Milovich, Corona High School Teacher

For information about the TSC Educator Exchange, the upcoming activities and/ or story submission, contact lorrienelson231@gmail.com and lparrishaz@gmail.com



FREE ADMISSION
Friday Polka Fest
Family Sunday
Family Pricing
German Food and Shoppe
15 German Beers
Wine Gardens
Best Music Lineup Ever, AGAIN!
Dachshund Racing
KinderFest Kids Zone
Located on the Light Rail
Plenty of Downtown Parking
Giant Carnival

October 11th-13th

Friday: 5 pm to Midnight
Saturday: 10 am to Midnight
Sunday: 10 am to 6 pm

Tempe Sister Cities has contracted with Christine Ewing Consulting to assist with a capital campaign to raise funds to provide a permanent structure to replace the aging tent at Hackett House. Working with the Ewing group will be Jane Neuheisel, Chairman, and her Co-Chairmen: Michael Burke, Marcus Newton, and Dolores Salhuana. Meetings are now underway and the campaign will begin this fall. All TSC members will have the opportunity to get involved



Sister Cities International Conference: San Antonio

The annual SCI Conference held in San Antonio this year was especially meaningful for the group of seven from Tempe that attended. This year Tempe was honored with the BEST SISTER CITY PROGRAM IN AMERICA. Tempe has been recognized six times for this award. President Dick Neuheisel accepted this award on behalf of the entire organization; volunteers, board members and delegates who have participated in the program for the last 42 years. The strength of the program lies in the enthusiasm and continuity of support throughout the years. A special toast to Elaine Hlawek, former coordinator to Lower Hutt and board member, was made to honor a special friend of our sister cities program.

Two students represented Tempe, Jennifer Jones from Marcos De Niza (also the winner of the Young Artists Award 2013) and Wasia Rahman of Tempe High School. Dick Neuheisel, Dobrin Nedelkov, Juan Carillo, Annie Hsu (not pictured) and Jane Neuheisel represented Tempe at the conference.

Michael Curd, is the Chairman of the Educational Forum that will be held Oktoberfest week. The key question posed to participants will be, "How is technology being implemented to help meet educational standards?" All are invited to join in the international conversation about education.

All of the adult travelers have returned from travel to Germany, France, Sweden and other points in between. The travel experience was enjoyed by all. We were treated to incredible hospitality, food, beer and wine. From dinner and sunset views on the Danube to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, our travelers saw breath-taking scenery and were able to capture many beautiful photos. As usual, the weather was nearly perfect. Our hosts treated all of us like family members. Friendships made one at a time; now and forever. ~Dennis Ederer

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Former delegate, Holly Berns gives us a look at what happened the summer following her exchange in France, Thanks Holly!

This summer I traveled with Hannah Pfothenhauer(former delegate 2012) for 1 month in Europe. We started in Prague and then went to Regensburg, Skopje, and Beaulieu. We were in Germany for Burgerfest and met up with the Tempe delegation there. We stayed with the Feldmeier family and Harry Mitchell and his family. Then in France I coincidentally ran into half of the Tempe delegation again. Our trip was so much fun and we got to visit so many sister cities kids not only from our year but from years before and after. Now that I am home, I prepare for my French sister Leila to come with two of her French friends in August. Then on August 16th I will be off to Mercer University in Georgia to play division 1 lacrosse and study engineering/and pre-med.

Trollhattan, Sweden hosted a delegation this summer and discussed a renewed commitment with Tempe for the next three years. This will include the exchange of students. A teacher exchange is also on the horizon.



TSC New Members for June 2013

We would like to welcome new Tempe Sister Cities members for this month.

Blanca Alzamora, MD	Life
Edward Bufford	Individual
Maria Danielle Ochoa	Individual
Pedro & Jessica Santiago	Family
Robert Wilinon II	Friend

TSC member Bill Goodman is looking for internship opportunities for his daughter's German "sister" from Regensburg. Jessie Gerlach is a student at the University of Munich majoring in business and would like an internship from September -December. There would be no financial obligation for the company and Jessie will stay with the Goodman family. If you have any ideas Bill will follow up with any leads. Please contact him at 480-345-4704 or william.g.goodman@morganstanley.com.

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