



# Tempe Sister Cities Monthly



## Happy Tempe Sister Cities Membership Anniversary!

Members are listed with the year they joined TSC:

### 1980 — 35 years

Mel Kessler and Gail Fisher  
Mary Jean Sears

### 1985 — 30 years

Bill and Rebecca Akins  
Don and Bobbie Cassano  
James and Barbara Colleary  
Lee and Gratia Mah  
Melody Kessler and Ed Pollak  
Richard Louise Sallquist  
Lyle and Betty Stone  
Doris Thompson  
Millie Wuger

### 1990 — 25 years

David Curd  
Michael Curd and Lauren Guthrie  
Steve Bass and Kathy Hays  
Grace Ewin  
John and Melissa Fees  
Marietou and Christopher Kurtzman  
Joseph and Melissa Lewis  
Anita Szymer  
Mike Wehrli

### 1995 — 20 years

Ronald and Kathleen Collett  
Edward and Stacey Goitia  
John and Betsy Gruber  
William and Laurie Haas  
Robert Hlawek  
Nat and Barbara Leonard  
Bill and Linda Pederson  
Thelma Press  
Ed and Ginny Sylvester

*See inside for more anniversaries*

## Tales from Regensburg, Germany

A huge part of the interview process in order to get into the TSC exchange program is to be up to date on current events, partially because you could end up with a big, scary German dad who wants to talk to you about politics or other major events in the world. For me, I got that big German dad, but he was anything but scary.



Sevi and his father Erich, on the streets of Verona, Italy.

*Photo by Dana Thorne*

This summer in Regensburg, I was the odd pairing in the group because I was matched with a German brother named Sevi. Sevi and I had our struggles from early on in my trip up until the end. And while we didn't hit it off right away, I happened to create a relationship with Sevi's father, Erich. Oddly enough, he participated in the TSC exchange in 1981 and came to Tempe 33 years ago! During the days, my brother would be out at school or hanging out with friends and I spent a lot of quality time with my German family. When we went out, my father made me feel included by yelling, "Dana! Come sit by me!" And in the mornings we'd sit together and show each other places we had been on the map or we would make up inside jokes. Some of my favorite nights were the times when my dad and I would watch the World Cup games and stay up late drinking red wine and talking about life, politics, history, etc. He became my favorite person I met in Germany. Where I lacked in a brother, I gained in a dad.

He taught me a lot and helped me through my struggles. In the picture shown, our family had taken a trip to Italy, and in the streets of Verona, Sevi was being a typical rowdy teenage boy, so my father and he began play-fighting in the street as I watched in amusement. I found it hilarious as they hit each other and started to wrestle as people just walked around them. Sevi was hard to work with at times but my dad always managed to make things easy and bring the family closer together. Family weekend in Italy was one of the first times Sevi and I began to hit it off.

The night before I left Regensburg, I cried in my father arms because I didn't want to leave him. We thanked each other for an amazing summer and he said to me, "I know that Sevi can be hard to work with, but deep down he is a good kid." When Sevi came to America, there was a complete 180 degree turn in our relationship: Sevi and I hit it off perfectly. Even today, our relationship is still extremely strong, and we bonded more than I could've imagined. My German dad not only made me feel like part of the family and gave me the best summer of my life, but he also taught me to forgive and forget and to just enjoy the people I am lucky enough to have in my life. This summer I was so fortunate to travel and experience new things, but I can never express how indebted I am to TSC for the amazing relationships I would have never been able to create.

– Dana Thorne, 2014 Student Delegate to Regensburg





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# Youth Group News

## Holiday Celebrations and Philanthropy

With the successful Hackett House Holiday Party already in the rearview mirror, the youth group still has much to look forward to in 2015. The youth group is planning a pancake breakfast fundraiser to be held sometime in the upcoming New Year. Tickets will be



The Youth Group led a sing-a-long of The Twelve Days of Christmas at the Holiday Party.

Photo by Dennis Ederer

The Youth Group is open to all Tempe citizens ages 14-18 years old. It is a philanthropy-based group that also concentrates upon developing leadership and public speaking opportunities.



Youth Group members with Braiden Hall volunteer at two Feed My Starving Children events in December.

Photos by Beth Lang

sold for \$7 beginning in January, and the pancake breakfast will be at Applebee's on a Sunday morning in February. Please look for more information in the next issue of the newsletter. The youth group is also planning a hygienic product and non-perishable food drive to benefit people within the community. In addition, the youth group will be scheduling a road clean-up sometime in February.

Perhaps the most anticipated time for the former youth ambassadors is the selection process for the 2015 delegates. The applications were due on December 19 and the student-parent orientation is on January 7. The first interviews will begin on January 10 and the final selection will be on February 27. Youth ambassadors have already started to plan the selection night activities, including a potential sleepover for the 32 new youth ambassadors, as well as former youth ambassadors. For anyone interested in hosting this sleepover, please contact Beth Lang as soon as possible.

- Submitted by Aashini Choksi

2015 Student Exchange Program (applications were due 12/19/14)	Selection Process	Date	Location
	Student/Parent Orientation	1-7-15	Tempe City Council Chambers
	First Interviews	1-10-15, 1-11-15	Harrison Middleton University, 1105 E. Broadway Road
	Second Interviews	1-24-15, 1-25-15	Harrison Middleton University
	First Cuts	1-25-15	
	Dinner for Candidates	1-31-15	Hackett House
	Student/Parent Social	2-8-15	Hackett House
	Final Interviews	2-21-15, 2-22-15	Harrison Middleton University
Final Selection	2-27-15	Harrison Middleton University/ Hackett House	



## Educator Exchange Program



### A Love for Literature Knows No Borders

This summer, I travelled to Skopje, Macedonia, and visited multiple schools and libraries. Many teachers asked me to converse with their students to help improve their English. My favorite experience occurred in a “Second Year” English class, which we would refer to as Sophomore English. The teacher asked me to recommend popular authors and book titles. Afterwards, I spoke to the students about poetry because they had recently completed a poetry unit. I mentioned poets such as E.E. Cummings, Dorothy Parker, and Maya Angelou and by the end of the period, I had a list of authors and titles written on the chalkboard. I told the students that the right book and/or the right poem at the right time had the power to change their lives. The bell rang and as the students departed, some of them thanked me and expressed interest in a particular book or poem.



Skopje



Lake Ohrid, Macedonia

That weekend, Irina Nakeva, my host and her family took me to Lake Ohrid, a beautiful lake community in the south-eastern part of Macedonia. We explored the town center and were strolling down the lakefront when a teenager suddenly stopped me and said that she was a student in one of the classes where I spoke about literature and poetry. She introduced me to her family who hugged me warmly, and her father spoke to me about how excited she was when she came home talking about her desire to read some

of the works I mentioned and how much I had inspired her. He hugged me again before walking away and told me how thankful he was that I motivated her to read. This special moment with a Macedonian student brightened my day and my spirits.

- *Brandy Walker 2014 Educator Exchange, Skopje, Macedonia*

Brandy teaches English at Corona del Sol High School.



Irina, Mayor Mark Mitchell and Brandy  
Photos by Brandy Walker

## More TSC Membership Anniversaries! Continued from page 1.

Members are listed with the year they joined TSC:

### 2000 — 15 years

Vaughn and Paula Adams  
Kathleen and Ben Bartolomei  
Ed and Nancy Buell  
Sharon Carlson  
Herb and Claire Dishlip

John and Susan Ewing  
Tom and Nancy Henneberry  
Hugh and Susan McGill  
J.R. and Cheryl Moritz  
Frank Schmuck

### 2005 — 10 years

Stephen and Jama Crane  
Andrew Davis  
Dean and Elizabeth Gambino  
Olivia and Braiden Hall  
Lauren and Michael Kuby  
Wil and Dolores Salhuana  
Dick and Carol Seehafer

Mark and Marilyn Schalliol  
Angie and Tom Thornton  
Kent and Ethel Utter  
Pete and Cindy Wagner  
Peggy Yale  
Rose Yale

## Welcome to these new Tempe Sister Cities members:

### Family Membership

Mary Kay Keller  
Julia A. Libling

### Ambassador Membership

Shannon D. Ferrer  
Amber H. Bedard



The annual meeting for Tempe Sister Cities Board of Directors will be held at Harrison Middleton University (Broadway and Terrace) on February 23 at 7 p.m. Elections for board members and officers will be held at that time. Seven Board members will be elected and new appointments made. Board members whose terms are expiring are Michael Burke, Frank Casa, Gordon Cresswell, Marney Glancy, Jill Glickman, Linda Parrish and Doug Royse. Anyone who wishes to serve on the Board (including those whose terms are expiring) should contact Ralph Goitia, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at [480-967-0355](tel:480-967-0355) or Dick Neuheisel at [480-838-0437](tel:480-838-0437) or [480-838-5000](tel:480-838-5000) extension 402.

## Wanted: Volunteers for Beer!

Tempe Sister Cities is looking for volunteers to serve beer to runners after they finish the race:

**Jan 17:** 8:30a-12:30p

**Jan 18:** 8:30a-12:30p & 12:00p-3:30p

**Location:** Tempe Beach Park

**Transpo:** Light rail is recommended, or park on your own

**Perks:** Volunteer tee shirt and 1 libation after your shift

Please dress warmly and casually, and leave valuables at home.

Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older. Contact Dave Ihns at [dihns@yahoo.com](mailto:dihns@yahoo.com) to sign up!



Tempe Sister City Corporation (TSC) is in the business of making friends – globally. TSC provides student and educator exchange programs for City of Tempe residents.

### Tempe Sister Cities Officers

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<b>Treasurer</b>	Jill Glickman	<b>Historian</b>	Debbie Duncan

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## A Very Merry Party!

Tempe Sister Cities celebrated the holiday season with a party on December 13. The Youth Group led the party goes in a rousing table rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas. After a delicious dinner, they danced the night away to music by The Dave Dodt Band.



All photos by Dennis Ederer