



Tempe Sister Cities Monthly



2015 Student Exchange a Huge Success!

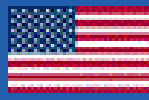
Congratulations to all for a banner year for the Student Exchange Program! Not only did the students exceed all prior years with their fundraising efforts due to an early start and some fresh new ideas, it was the first full year for Summer Program Coordinators David and Dede Carrera. Under their guidance, we enjoyed the first Open Mic Night, and the first Rubio's fundraiser. We sent 33 students to 9 countries, and hosted the first set of twins, from Carlow.



Above: 2015 Student Ambassadors celebrate at the Welcome Dinner at Old Main, ASU.

Left: David and Dede Carrera, with the 2015 Summer Committee Chairs at the Farewell Dinner.

Photos courtesy of Dennis Ederer



Hackett House Happenings

SEPTEMBER, 2015

Tues, Sept 8 — Hackett House Gift Shop Resumes Regular Schedule

Hackett House Gift Shop resumes its regular schedule, Mon through Sat, 11am to 5pm.

Sat, Sept 26, 10:00am-2:00pm — Small Bites Kitchen Club Cooking Class

Join us as we make small bites that can be served for a party, etc. Registration is \$45 and is limited to 8 guests.

OCTOBER, 2015

Tues, Oct 6, 6:30-9pm — Bavarian Dinner Party Cooking Class Celebrating Oktoberfest

Franz Feldmeier, from Regensburg, Germany will fly in and roast a whole pig while also cooking an authentic Bavarian dinner in Tempe. \$50 pp, registration required.

Thurs, Oct 8, 6:00-9:00pm — Making a World of Difference Gala
Our annual event honors individuals who have made a substantial difference in people's lives around the globe through their humanitarian efforts. Everyone is invited! Meet and Greet begins at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner and Awards Ceremony to follow at 7 p.m. \$80 pp, registration required.

Fri, Oct 9 to Sun, Oct 11 — Oktoberfest at Tempe Town Lake
TSC's largest fundraiser. Free Entry. Food and local Beers with 4 stages of non-stop music. Family Fun...Carnival Rides, Kid Zone, Wiener Dog Races. Check out the **Oktoberfest Website** for more information.

Sat, Oct 24, 1:00pm-3:00pm — Fall Tea

Sign up for tea in Hackett House's historic Friendship Rooms, and you'll find yourself enjoying a wonderful ritual from a more tranquil time. \$35 pp, registration required.

Tues, Oct 27, 6:30-9pm — Dinner Party Cooking Class with Chef Duc Liao

Merci, a French Café and Patisserie is coming to serve you in Tempe. Be at home on our historic patio and feel you have been transported to Paris. \$50 pp, registration required.

For more information, go to hacketthouse.org

NOVEMBER, 2015

Tues, Nov 3, 6:30-9:00pm — Dinner Party Cooking Class with Chad Withycombe of The Revival

We welcome our town neighbor "The Revival" to treat us to their Mexican Kitchen creations. \$50 pp, registration req.

Sat, Nov 7, 9:15am-1:00pm — Passport to the World – Session I

A multi-cultural program for Girl Scouts, ages 7-12 years that explores Tempe Sister Cities through arts, crafts, music and food. Register online through the Cactus-Pine Girl Scout Council website.

Thurs, Nov 12, 6:00-8:30pm — Chocolate Happy Hour and Holiday Boutique

Food until 8:30 pm, cocktails served til 10:00 pm Music, Tapas, Sweets, Chocolate Fountains, Cash Bar, Silent Auction and More! Registration is required. \$29 pp; \$25 pp for Tempe Sister Cities members; \$25 pp for two or more and includes one wine or beer.

Sun, Nov 22, 1:00-3:00pm — Nutcracker Children's Tea

Hackett House will once again be partnering with the Southwest Ballet Youth Company to present an unforgettable Nutcracker Tea with costumed dancers interacting with the children. Costumes are encouraged. Tea is served from 1pm to 3pm and includes delicious sweets and savories. \$30 pp, registration required.

Tues, Nov 24, 6:00-9:00pm — Dinner Party Cooking Class with Chef Romeo Taus

Romeo's Euro Café owner Romeo Taus is one of those chefs who has a very creative mind and the talent to match his imagination. \$50 pp, registration required.

Mon, Nov 30, 6:00-9:00pm — Chili Cooking Competition with Tempe Firefighters

Join the Tempe Firefighters from Station #6 (right in our backyard) as they compete to dish up their best chili ever! And what chili doesn't taste better paired with ice-cold beer? \$50 pp, registration required.

Registration is required for most events.

DECEMBER, 2015

Fri, Dec 4 to Dec 5, 11:00am-5:00pm — Holiday Boutique

Visit the Hackett House Gift Shop during the Tempe Arts Festival to see all our beautiful and unique decorations and gifts!

Sat, Dec 12, 1:00pm-3:00pm — Holiday Tea

Just before the rush of the Holiday season, sign up for tea at Hackett House to relax and enjoy the luxury of being served treats handmade just for you. \$35 pp, regis. req.

Wed, Dec 16, 6:30-9pm — Dinner Party Cooking Class with 2015 Phoenix Top Home Chef Alison Tedor

The new 2015 Top Home Chef – a cooking competition sponsored by the Arizona Republic. Join us as we appreciate the culinary skills that earned her the title of Top Home Chef! \$50 pp, registration required.



Educator Exchange Program



Educator Exchange Core Team Semi-Annual Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Core Team was held at the home of Linda Parrish on Thursday evening, Aug. 13. As Linda said, "It's always such a treat to see each other and have a chance to visit." In addition to enjoying one another's company once again, we always manage to accomplish the preliminary planning for the next year's exchange. Following is a brief summary of the more important discussions and actions.

We happily welcomed Linda Barnett to the Core Team. Linda is a TSC Board Member and also the ASU Liaison to the board. Country liaisons had reports to share about the summer exchange. All educators are back safe and sound and had positive experiences. We had a productive discussion and came up with many good ideas on how to advertise effectively in all schools, but specifically the high schools. Time was spent discussing preparations for an exchange program for Dr. Carlos Soria, a musicology professor at the University of Cuenca who will be visiting during Oktoberfest.

We thank Sharon Doyle and Jan O'Malley for their help in reviewing last year's schedule and preparing dates for Sandy Swanson and Linda Parrish to use in their work with updating this year's application and interview schedule. Listed below are the dates which will be put on the TSC webpage for the upcoming exchanges.

- Sept 30**—Applications available online
 - Jan 5, 4:00**—Applications due at specified locations
 - Jan 13**—Applicant Social Mixer
 - Jan 20-21, Wed/Thurs**—Individual Interviews
 - Feb 20**—Mandatory General Orientation Meeting
- Submitted by Lorrie Nelson



Above: Harry Mitchell, Linda Parrish, MaryBeth Spielberg, Jean Martorana

Below: Linda Barnett, Sandy Swanson, Sharon Doyle, Jan O'Malley

Photos courtesy of Lorrie Nelson





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Day One of My New Zealand Adventure

Lower Hutt



When I first arrived in Wellington, New Zealand I was very excited to see my host Roanna Reidy for the first time. She took me immediately to her house to grab a bite to eat and freshen up. Even though I was tired from the flight, I was anxious to visit her school.

We then headed to Boulcott School where Roanna teaches year one (kindergarten) students.

Greg, the principal welcomed me and my travel partner Jeff. We discussed how their education systems works and the similarities and differences of both our countries. Greg was very generous with his time and let us tour the entire school. We would end up visiting twelve schools and every principal would be just as generous with their time.

After our tour, Greg escorted us to the gym where the entire school welcomed us with a traditional Maori powhiri or greeting. Both Jeff and I were touched by this event. The students sang beautifully and were in sync with their hand gestures. The pride in their faces, their sincerity and enthusiasm was overwhelming. Boulcott School was impressive to say the least. They really made us feel honored and special.

Roanna then took us for a quick bite at The Boat Café where we shared some yummy fish and chips. Jeff had delicious seafood gumbo. The weather was rainy, windy, and cold but I didn't mind because I was finally in New Zealand!

My first day in New Zealand was spectacular! My very gracious host Roanna made sure I was comfortable and felt at home. Little did I know there would more exciting adventures to come.

- *Patty Garcia, 2015 Educator Exchange, Lower Hutt*

Patty is a Second Grade Teacher at Fuller Elementary School (TD3)



Above: Roanna Reidy and Patty at a rugby game in Wellington



Right: Roanna, Patty and Jeff Shores at a Thai restaurant in Coromandel

Photos courtesy of Patty Garcia



Embracing Cultural Diversity in Lower Hutt

As Patty and I sit in Maori class with our host Roanna, I can't help but begin to reflect on all the wonderful experiences we have had that directly include the Maori culture. When we arrived in New Zealand, a cold, rainy Mother Nature welcomed us. Soon we were warmly welcomed by our host Roanna and began an immersion of sorts into the Maori culture.

We were welcomed into Boulcott School by the entire student body and staff in the gymnasium. A female student led us into the gym with chanting that was met by a male student's response; we now know his as the Haka, a traditional Maori welcome. We were seated in the front and treated to beautiful music and movements that almost brought me to tears. We were welcomed and thanked with similar events at several other schools. My description will never accurately describe the feelings contained inside during these rituals. As we continued on our tour throughout the schools and the country we were repeatedly exposed to art, music, statues, Marae, and other aspects that are critical to the Maori culture. The pinnacle event was Polyfest; a festival of student performances including Maori, Polynesian, and other Pacific Islanders. Each school presented different songs and movements in celebration of one another's culture. No matter what their ethnicity, color, or background, everyone participated with great pride. The audience was equally excited at the performances and diversity of the students.

As Patty and I spoke about the numerous, emotional, colorful displays we were incredibly envious of the cultural sharing that takes place in New Zealand. As educators we made a vow to include and embrace cultural differences even more so as result of our experience in the educator exchange.

The beauty of the landscape, people, and culture is overwhelming and will forever be etched, not only in my mind, but in my being. I am forever thankful to Roanna and the sister cities for this experience of a lifetime.

- Jeffrey Shores, 2015 Educator Exchange, Lower Hutt

Jeff is the Principal of Hudson Elementary School (TD3)



Lower Hutt



Polyfest - a celebration of the Maori, Samoan, and Polynesian cultures.

Photos courtesy of Jeff Shores



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Tales from Beaulieu sur Mer, France

The English translation of Beaulieu-sur-Mer is "beautiful place on the sea" and it could not be more appropriate. The beauty of the Mediterranean Sea and its coasts speckled with pink, orange, and yellow houses is indescribable. Pictures do not do it justice and you really can't grasp the complete essence of it unless you experience it in person. Lucky for me and the other 3 delegates, we have been able to experience it.



These past few weeks have been nothing short of amazing. We've been acclimating to French culture and getting used to their crazy driving, narrow roads, and different eating habits. Every day has been an adventure, whether it is spending all day at the beach in Beaulieu, playing volleyball, walking around in Old Nice, exploring Monaco, or simply playing cards all together at night. Some highlights of our trip thus far are eating delicious ice cream every day, biking along the coast in the San Remo, Italy, going paddle boarding in the

Mediterranean Sea, and taking a day trip to the Lérnin Islands. Meeting the mayor of Beaulieu and visiting famous spots like Villa Kerylos were also some great experiences that made us feel more at home in Beaulieu. One day, we hiked all the way from the top of the mountain in La Turbie to the beach in Cap D'ail. The view for the whole trek was breathtaking, and absolutely worth the 2 hour hike.



Our weekend in Sospel, France at Isabelle's country home was also an amazing experience. We spent the weekend canoeing, exploring the city of Sospel, camping, and eating great food, of course. We are excited for the rest of our trip here in Beaulieu as well as the fun times we will have in Tempe with all of the other delegates. This is a truly a once in a lifetime opportunity that we are extremely grateful for and will never forget!!

– Morgan Otis, 2015 Student Ambassador to Beaulieu sur Mer



My French sister, Sixtine Eyguesier and me. Sixtine's older brother was also a delegate two years ago.

Photo courtesy of Morgan Otis

Bringing the World Together....One Friendship at a Time



Youth Group News

The first Youth Group meeting of the year took place on August 23, 2015 and 43/52 youth members were in attendance. In addition to getting acquainted with one another and discussing the fall calendar of events, the teenagers elected their officers for the coming year. Congratulations to the following Youth Group members:

President: Dominic Bonelli
VP: Michael Garlid
Secretary: Morgan Otis
Membership: Jamie Cohen, Tess Green, Jada Keyser, and Chloe LeClaire
Finance: Catrina Walters
Social: Ian Winters

All monthly meetings are **required** for all members. Youth Ambassadors from the class of 2015 are automatically now members of the Youth Group. This is part of the contractual commitment agreed upon when they were selected as ambassadors that they would actively contribute to Youth Group during their entire senior year. Every meeting is held at Harrison Middleton University, unless depicted differently on the calendar posted on the TSC website.

Every Youth Ambassador from class of 2015 will be requested and scheduled to speak before the Tempe Sister Cities Board, and three to four students will be scheduled per month. Parents, please support their commitment for this public speaking opportunity. Appearance and dress needs to be skirts, dresses, dress pants and dress shirts; ties for boys are optional. Shorts, flip flops, jeans, etc. are not appropriate.

The first social activity will take place on Friday, September 11 at JesterZ Comedy Club in Mesa. Individuals will purchase their own tickets for a 7 pm show.

The next meeting for Youth Group will take place on Sunday, September 20 from 6-8 pm. Craig Keller will be our guest speaker on the 2016 Youth Ambassador selection process. The focus of the evening will be on recruiting youth group members and applicants for the Student Exchange program.

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.



First meeting of the 2015-2016 Youth Group

Photo courtesy of Beth Lang

Welcome to these new Tempe Sister Cities members:

Lifetime Membership

Minnie Fischer

Friend Membership

Deborah & Terry Harvego
Michelle & John Helm

Individual/Family Membership

Ross Borland
Monica & Mike Griffin
Kathy & Michael Holland
Melissa & Jim Hudson
Elaine Joyal
Greta Kruggel-Olsen
Bernadette Lissner
Usha & Karthik Rajan
Diana & Paul Sheehan
Cheryl & Scott Summers
Margery Squires
Melanie Wetmore & Joseph Liddy

Ambassador Membership

Simona Romas

Oktoberfest 2015 is coming!



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- \$50 Friend of Tempe Sister Cities
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