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TSC MONTHLY



TSC Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec 19th
Board Meeting 7pm

Saturday, Jan 7th
Board Retreat
Shalimar 9 am

Sunday, Jan 8th Golf
Scramble at Shalimar
1pm

Monday, Jan 15th
Board Meeting 7pm

Monday, Feb 27th
Annual Board
Meeting

Hackett House Upcoming Events:

Young Artists Reception
Wed. Jan 11, 2012 7pm

Passport To the World
Sat. Jan 28th 2012
9:15am

Geography Bee
Feb. 8th 2012 9am, City
Hall

Valentine Tea
Sat. Feb 11, 2012 2pm

Sat. Feb 25th Rummage
Sale 9am

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4pm

(480) 350-8181

Volunteers Welcome!

“If we are to achieve real peace in the world, we must begin with the children” Ghandi

Marcus Newton, (489)786-1160, is Chairman of the nominating committee that will make recommendations for positions on the Board of Directors at the February 27, 2011 at 7pm Annual Meeting to be held in The Harrison Middleton University, 1105 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282. Other committee members are Ralph Goitia, Dave Ihns, Beth Lang, and Millie Wuger. Board members whose terms expire include Jill Glickman, Gordon Cresswell, Marney Glancey, Cheryl Hornyan, Linda Parrish, Doug Royse and Richard Sallquist. Members who are interested are encouraged to contact a nominating committee member.



Bobbi Jones, Dick Neuheisel and Jenni Martin enjoy a beautiful day at Shalimar Golf Course for the Golf Scramble

Finance Committee Appointed

Dennis Ederer has been appointed by Dick Neuheisel to chair the finance committee. Also appointed to this committee are Shaun Burns, Jill Glickman, Gordon Cresswell, and Dave Hoffman.

The Tom Burns Golf Scrambles are in Full Swing
Calling all golfers, all levels...come out and join the fun. Every month on the second Sunday at beautiful Shalimar Golf Course we gather laugh and hit some balls. There is a potluck to follow. Santa made a surprise appearance, golfing sub par, but the holiday spirit was a hole in one! The winners were Mark Borota, Dave Hoffman and Dave Ihns. Jane Neuheisel came in second and closest to the hole on #5 and generously donated her winnings to Sister Cities. Next scramble will be Sunday, Jan 9th at 1pm. Call Mary Ann Thompson if you would like to come (480) 966-9240 or mathompson131@cox.net.

2012 marks the 40th Anniversary of the first student exchanges. Tempe Sister Cities has exchanged a total of 745 students since 1972. 2012 will be the year to commemorate those Sister City Exchanges. Missy Goitia Werner will be the chairman of the 40th Anniversary events. John Fees and Michael Curd will co-chair. Trivia: Who were the first 4 students to go to Skopje? Be the first to email lisa@lisamaynarddesigns.com with the correct answer and win a prize.

EDUCATOR EXCHANGE NEWS

The Core Team thanks all of our members who volunteered during Oktoberfest. Linda Parrish, Professional Educator Exchange Coordinator, said, "The continued volunteerism by our past and current participants from the Professional Educator Exchange is to be noted. Many teachers have worked year after year to help raise money for the student and educator exchange programs. I would like to personally express my appreciation to each educator for all the enthusiasm and hours of hard work which aid in the total success of the Tempe Sister City fundraising and program development activities."

Two past participants of the Educator Exchange, Mary Beth Spielberg (Germany) and Nicole Gordon (China) have worked tirelessly for Sister City programs. Mary Beth is the liaison for the Tempe-Regensburg Educator Exchange, and together Mary Beth and Nicole are Co-ordinators of Volunteers for Oktoberfest. They have glowing comments about this year's volunteers. "We had returning volunteers, new volunteers and a large number of students (both middle and high school) who made up our 2000 plus volunteer team. Oktoberfest would not be possible without the endless hours put in by our volunteers. They are what make the Tempe Sister Cities' Oktoberfest such a wonderful experience."

The Educator Exchange had a big "first" event to celebrate with the hosting of a teacher from our newest sister city, Cuenca, Ecuador. Rosa Parra, who is a teacher/assistant principal in Cuenca, spent two busy weeks in Tempe with visits to many of our schools, from Tempe and Kyrene Elementary Districts to Tempe Union High District to charter schools to technology schools. A Cuenca Committee from the Core Team planned her stay to make sure that she gained a well-rounded impression of American education. Rosa was here to enjoy all of the special events during Oktoberfest as well as social gatherings in SC members' homes and sightseeing around Arizona. She was invited to the Ecuadorian Consulate in Phoenix to give feedback on the Educator Exchange and her experiences here.

Rosa was hosted by Sandi Hinojosa of Mt. Point High School. Core Team members and past participants who worked as a committee to plan her stay are : Linda Parrish, Annette Asunsion, Francisco Garcia, Janice Wagner, Sharon Doyle, Jan O'Malley, and Jean Martorana. The Core Team wishes to recognize Richard Boroto, President of Cuenca Sister City, for his work to make this exchange possible. We also send a big "thank you" to Ralph and Alice Goitia for all the work that has gone into establishing our Cuenca partnership and for their continued work as country coordinators for that exchange.

November 15 and 16 were interview days for the opportunity to be an exchange teacher for the coming year. Members of the interview panel are Loretta Araneta, Debbie Duncan, Francisco Garcia, Jean Martorana, Harry Mitchell, Leslie Morris, Mary Beth Spielberg, and Linda Parrish. On December 1, Linda hosted an Applicant Social Mixer for the candidates, the Core Team, and the interview panel. Final selections will be announced this month.

This has been an exciting time for the exchange, with more to come. The program will be welcoming our New Zealand teachers at the end of December for the final step of this year's exchange. Sherri Strauss and Beverly Koopman-Miller will be hosting our "Kiwi" guests.

The Core Team sends a "thank you" to all who have continued to support the Professional Educator Exchange Program. We look forward to the future and all the opportunities we can continue to offer educators from the City of Tempe.

submitted by Lorrie Nelson

Join the Hackett House/ Tempe Sister City email list. Membership Directors, Mary Larsen and Sharon Doyle will be verifying members' information and adding email addresses to current membership listing. Please email chularsen@gmail.com and receive important information via email.

Student Selection Process to Commence for 2012

Applications are being distributed to local high schools. The youth group is encouraging peers to apply for this unique opportunity to travel and represent Tempe in a life changing adventure. Last year over 60 applicants vied for the 32 positions as delegates. If you know a student that meets the criteria below please encourage them to download an application from the website, www.tempesistercities.org.

Each applicant must be a United States citizen, live in Tempe, be a junior in high school, and commit to live in Tempe for his/her senior year of high school. (more details are available online)

Applications can be downloaded at www.tempesistercities.org and are available at public high schools in Tempe and at private schools throughout the Valley, and the Tempe Clerk's Office, City Hall, 2nd Floor. Completed applications must be mailed or delivered in person and received no later than 5:00p.m., January 6, 2012.

Deliver to: City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Second Floor, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona 85281. Mail to: City Clerk's Office, City of Tempe, P.O. Box 5002 Tempe, Arizona 85280

For more information please contact tsstudentselection@gmail.com.

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A travel delegation will be visiting our beautiful sister city, Cuenca, Ecuador in mid April. If you are interested in traveling with this delegation please contact Dick Neuheisel (480) 838-0437. Don't miss this opportunity to explore one of the world's most charming cities and its warm and wonderful people.



Hark the Herald..... Caroling By the Youth Group
The Annual TSC Holiday Party was a festive event enjoyed by over 70 members, old and new...and perspective. It was enlivened by the youth group's caroling. Angie Taylor Thornton did a wonderful job coordinating the event. Doug and Patty Royse have been appointed to coordinate next year's festivities. It's great to get together and enjoy the holiday spirit.

New Leadership for 2012 Oktoberfest
After the most successful Oktoberfest, with the highest attendance and revenue, Tempe Sister Cities is excited to announce there will be a tri-chair for the 2012 Oktoberfest. Bobbi Jones, who has been a co-chair for many years will be responsible for a majority of Oktoberfest's integral parts. Larry West and Dave Ihns will also chair. This group of dynamic individuals is expected to bring this amazing event to new heights.

The Board Retreat has been set for Saturday, January 7th at 9am. Shalimar Country Club will host the group. Please rsvp to Jane Neuheisel (480)838-0437.

Please share your stories or news. Send stories to lisa@lisamaynarddesigns.com. The deadline for submission is 7 days after each board meeting. (480)363-1401

It is time to renew your Tempe Sister City membership. A membership form is provided or you can renew online www.tempesistercities.org. Your membership is tax deductible, and supports so many wonderful programs of both Tempe Sister Cities and The Hackett House.

Share a Story! With over 700 past exchanges, it would be wonderful to highlight some stories of how the exchange has touched their life in some way. Please reach out to anyone you know that has been part of the Sister City program and encourage them to renew their commitment to this wonderful program.

Please welcome Heritage Bank. They have become a new corporate sponsor of Tempe Sister Cities. David Ganzer is the Branch Supervisor and we thank him and welcome Heritage Bank for their donation.

**Good Work Requires Support.
Renew your Membership Today.**

When you are a member of Tempe Sister Cities, you become eligible to participate in our group travel opportunities. Plus, you receive our newsletter with the latest information on both Hackett House and Tempe Sister Cities programs:

- Details on cooking classes
 - Invitations to social events
 - Information on cultural and educational programs
 - Details on exchange and hosting opportunities
 - Access to travel itineraries for planned sister cities trips
 - Receive our monthly newsletter and quarterly magazine
- Hackett House membership is also included FREE when you join Tempe Sister Cities as a member. You'll enjoy member discounts for all Hackett House events and shopping.

Membership costs less than you might think
2011 dues are affordable, tax deductible, and do so much good in our community.

MEMBERSHIP

The Tempe Sister City Corporation welcomes you. We need your help and your ideas. Please join us in this important rewarding work. Fill out the attached membership form and mail it to us.

Make new friends, become a member today.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Cell: _____
 Work: _____
 e-mail: _____
 Program Interest: _____

RUMMAGE



It's time to collect all those wonderful household items for our first annual Hackett House Rummage Sale. The date will be Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at 9am. Until then.....save those gently used items that will bring great joy to some rummage sale treasure hunter!!! Call Cynthia Bryant for more information or to volunteer for this event. (480)829-0207 Cynthiaann@COX.net

- Membership
- \$25.00 Diplomat
- \$35.00 Individual or Family
- \$50.00 Friends of TSC
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- \$400.00 Life Membership
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