

Tempe Sister City Upcoming Events

- Fri. Feb 25th final selection of 2011 student ambassadors
- Mon. Feb 28th Board Meeting/ Annual Meeting
- Wed. March 2nd Legacy Planning
- March 3, 4, 5th Sister City International Conference in Washington DC
- March 11-27 travel time to New Zealand and Australia

Hackett House Events

- Mon. Feb 14th-18th Soup Kitchen
- Mon. Feb 21st Dinner Party Cooking Classes
- Fri. March 4th Mardi Gras Carnival
- April 9th Mad Hatter Children's Tea 12-2

"I have the greatest respect for your future potential and your plan to double your sister city affiliations are certain to be realized. I hope the time will come when every Main Street in our land will be talking with its counterpart at the other end of the world."
- Lyndon B. Johnson "



Mr. David Ihns, Mrs. Lori McClellan, Winners Grayce Whiting, Christopher Kobs and Dolores Salhuana

The 2011 Geography Bee, sponsored by Tempe Sister Cities and Tempe School District No. 3, was full of nail biting suspense as there were two sets of unbreakable ties. Of the nineteen contestants, four contestants qualified for the final rounds of the competition. The questions became more challenging yet the students were so closely matched that the judges called a tie for the two first place winners of the 2011 Geography Bee. Grayce Whiting an eighth grader at Connolly Middle School and Christopher Kobs, a seventh grader representing Gililand School both were rewarded with a trophy and an atlas for their school libraries. Congratulations for an outstanding performance and exciting competition.

Annual Meeting and Election of New Board Members

Monday, February 28th, the fourth Monday of the month, will be the Annual Meeting and election of new board members. Anyone interested in running for the board should contact Harry Mitchell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee (480) 966-0074. Other members of the Nominating Committee are Marcus Newton, Debbie Duncan, Mary Larsen, David Ihns and David Hoffman. Board meetings are held at Harrison Middleton University located on the southeast corner of Broadway Road and Terrace Road at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. Due to holidays, January and February meetings are held on the fourth Mondays. All members are welcome to attend.

Educator Exchange News

submitted by Lorrie Nelson

Teachers from New Zealand are always here to help us ring out the old year and ring in the new, as they leave Lower Hutt on Boxing Day (December 26) to spend three weeks of their summer in Tempe. Nicola Priestly, Bunny Willing, and Barbara Tucker were hosted by Darlene Periconi (TUHSD), Becky Veenstra (Tempe Prep), and Lisa Prillaman (TD3). Our Kiwi friends had a full slate of school visits and tours of Arizona.

The interviews for our 2011 Educator Exchange were held last November when six deserving people were chosen to spend three weeks in Germany, New Zealand, or China. Traveling to Regensburg are Annette Nicdao (TD3) and Donna Kosis (Kyrene), to Lower Hutt are Sherri Strauss (Kyrene) and Beverly Koopman-Miller (TD3), and to Zhenjiang are Sandra Hinojosa (TUHSD) and Laura Knorr (TD3).

Our country liaisons, MaryBeth Spielberg (Germany), Jan O'Malley (New Zealand), and Jean Mortorana and Jean Mills (China), have begun meeting with our 2011 delegates to prepare for summer travel and for hosting their partner teachers here. This is the first year that everyone will have the use of a new handbook of travel and hosting guidelines: the Educator Exchange Handbook, a collaborative effort of Leslie Morris and Linda Parrish. Teachers from Regensburg will visit Tempe April 9 through May 1 to officially begin the 2011 Educator Exchange.

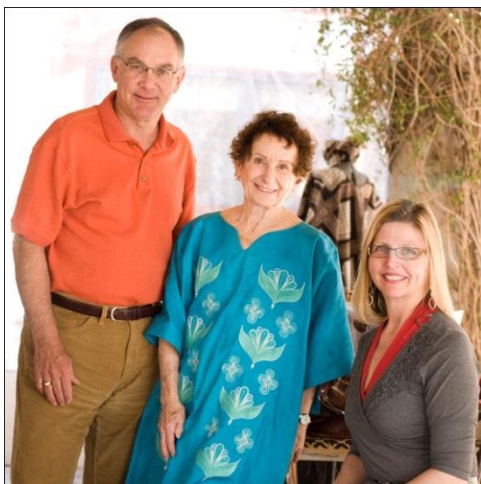
Youth Group Update

The Sister Cities Youth Group spent the January meeting planning for the 2011 Selection Night. Each delegate had different ideas about what they should do to initiate the new delegates, so the Social and Recruiting Committees took on the difficult task of arranging the night. There were lots of ideas in the works, approved by sponsors, and there is much excitement for Selection Night to come meeting the new delegates and welcoming them into the TSC family!

Planning is underway for fundraisers to cover the costs of this year's Selection Night and Prom, and also to donate money to help build the Sister Cities' school in Timbuktu. The first fundraiser of the year will be at Rubios on February 10, 4-9 pm. Another fundraiser will be at Chipotle in April. More details will be announced about both of those fundraisers.

Finally, the youth group continues to pledge to make a world of difference in our community, by continually finding projects that are both interesting and important. We are excited to work with Harvest for Humanity, a local organization that asks volunteers to weed and take care of gardens around town. The produce from the gardens all goes to homeless shelters in the Valley.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary of TSC Youth Group,
Leslie Klein



Lou Silverman, Sue Lofgren and Mary Ann Miller celebrating the first day of the fundraiser

Soup For You, A School For Timbuktu

The Hackett House has joined with Wildflower Bread Company to once again bring you delicious food for a worthy cause. Sue Lofgren, the coordinator for Timbuktu prepared beautiful displays from pictures to garments from Timbuktu. The Hackett House was busy as volunteers prepared bread bowls, filled with delicious soups each day, graciously donated by Wildflower Bread Company. All the proceeds will be used to help build a desperately needed school in our sister city in Mali, Africa. Close to 100 people came out to support this great cause on the first day. As always, these events can only happen with the help of all the dedicated volunteers.

Passport to the World on January 29, 2011 featured delegates to China, Ireland, Ecuador and Sweden and their parent partners. Julie Bennett, delegate to Cuenca, and Chef Carol Bennett helped the children prepare banana-fruit kabobs drizzled with chocolate. Bananas are one of the major exports of Ecuador. Chocolate is a delicious specialty.

Ellen Dunn, delegate to Carlow, prepared Irish buns. The children iced them with green frosting and sprinkles while Ellen shared tales of her adventures in Ireland. The delegates have shown such great enthusiasm from their experiences, it is sure to have a positive impact on everyone they meet. Thank you to all the outstanding delegates for their continued service to Tempe Sister Cities.



Gwen Davis, longtime Passport Team member, assisted with the painting of marine iguanas from the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador.

Economic Summit 2011

The Tempe Sister City program is celebrating its 40th anniversary during the 2011 year. Many special activities are being planned during the year including a planned economic forum scheduled during Oktoberfest week. All of Tempe's sister cities, including the mayors and economic leaders will be asked to participate. Stay tuned for more information.



Monday, March 7, 2011; 6:00 to 9:00pm

Chef de Cuisine Ron Dimas

To join a class please either call 480-350-8181 or register online at www.hacketthouse.org

Chef de Cuisine Ron Dimas of Orange Sky, the breathtaking new restaurant at Talking Stick Resort, makes his first visit to Hackett House. Chef Dimas brings 20 years of experience with him as he prepares a wonderful dinner. He prefers using "locally grown produce, naturally raised meats and environmentally responsible seafood." Don't Miss This One!

The cost is \$50 per person.

Hop on over to the Hackett House and see the new displays for Easter. Shopping to support a good cause!

The Sister Cities International Conference, usually held in July is moving to March. The conference is planned for March 3rd, 4th and 5th. All TSC members are welcome to attend. For prices and details contact Dick Neuheisel (480)838-0437

Youth Group



For the Alice in Wonderland Children's tea in April, we will need many supplies such as ribbons, rubber cement etc for the craft where the children will be crafting their own "mad hatter's hat." Please drop off donations at the Hackett House marked with ALICE TEA SUPPLIES.

We need:

scotch tape, rolls of strong masking tape, rubber cement or craft glue (ribbons and fabric to paper), ribbons, bows, large buttons etc. for adornment.



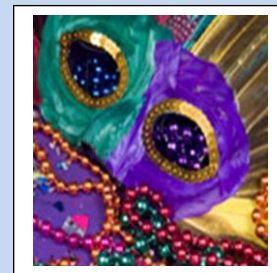
David Hoffman, Bobbi Jones, Gordon Cresswell and Coordinator Mary Ann Thompson

The February Golf Scramble at Shalimar Country Club was a big hit. 24 golfers in 6 groups enjoyed the warm weather and beautiful greens. Millie Wuger hosted the monthly Golf Scramble potluck following. Golf Scrambles are the second Sunday of each month and all levels are welcome. Please contact coordinators David Robertson (480) 820-0293 or Mary Ann Thompson at (480) 966-9240 if you are interested in playing.

Mardi Gras is Calling, Won't you Join the Jamboree?

Join the jamboree. March 4th 5:30-8:30 will be the 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Carnival. This year we will have an international theme. Please come and enjoy the festivities and live music. The glitzier, the flashier, and the snazzier, the better :This is one time not to be shy! Break out the feathers, sequins, and Mardi Gras beads. Don a mask, a jester's outfit or any apparel fit for a night of joyous revelry. After all, you could win a prize for best costume! \$25 registration per person or \$45 per couple, you can register online at www.hacketthouse.org.

- New Orleans style live music
- Down-home Louisiana cuisine and French Quarter cocktails
- Complementary Mardi Gras beads
- Prizes for the best costumes
- Silent Auction, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle



Interested in helping us bring New Orleans to Tempe? We are accepting volunteers to help run the show! Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator (480) 350-8181 to learn more.



