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TSC Upcoming
Events

Monday, March 26th Board Meeting 7pm

Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>Website Committee Meeting 6pm

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Golf Scramble at Shalimar 2pm

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Shoulder to shoulder

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 7pm

Hackett House Upcoming

Events:

Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> Cooking Class 6:30 pm

Wed. March 21<sup>st</sup> Lunch and Learn 11:30 am

Sat. April 14<sup>th</sup> Snow White Children's Tea 1pm

Complete Calendar @ www.hacketthouse.org

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4pm

Volunteers Welcome

### "Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Sister Cities Members were saddened to hear that our dear friend Shirley King, historian and board member, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Services were held on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the University Methodist Church. We will miss her.

# 32 DELEGATES SELECTED TO REPRESENT



March 2nd was a memorable night for 32 high school juniors from around Tempe. It was the night they were selected to be 2012 Tempe Sister City Delegates to 8 international destinations. The excitement was in the air as each student stepped up on the stage to hear which sister city they will be visiting this summer. Visiting Beaulieu sur Mer, France will be Hollly Berns, Kelsey Files, Colin McCormick, and Kimberely Valentine.

Going to Carlow, Ireland will be Kendon Brown, Benjamin Nye, Daniel Restrepo, and Megan McGuire. The Cuenca, Ecuador group will be Claudio Quintero-Avelar and Taylor Sagli. Going to Lower Hutt, New Zealand will be Milena Carrera, Michael Harrison, Nathaniel Kroeger, and Hallie Swenson. The Regensburg, Germany group (pictured above) will consist of Lilly Berkley, Megan Burke, Madeleine Caldwell, Jessica Hatch, Amanda Milovich, Alexandria Pazul, Gabriela Reyes, and Maura Tapia. The Skopje, Macedonia group will be Annika Andersen, Jacob Martin, Hannah Pfotenhauer, and Kaycie Sondrup. Visiting Trollhattan, Sweden will be pair of students, Caitlin O'Grady and Laura Schumann. The final group will visit Zhenjiang, China, Jessica Bass, Stephanie Brabson, Michelle Culbertson, and Megan Kelly. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the selection process. A special thank you to the selection committee who dedicated countless hours in interviews and getting to know each candidate. The selection committee was Carly Keller, Suzanne Bighorn, Dean Gambino, Craig Keller, Dave Robertson, Susan McGill, Chris Rosner, and Marilyn Schalliol. The chairman was Michael Curd. It is an exciting process and all who volunteered made it a memorable several weeks.

The next board meeting will be Monday, March 26, 2012, 7:00 pm Harrison Middleton University, 1105 E Broadway Rd Tempe 85282, all members welcome.

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR EXCHANGE NEWS

Good things keep happening. The Core Team is very happy to report that a teacher exchange partnership has been established with Skopje, Macedonia. The selection committee has asked Darlene Periconi to participate in the FIRST EVER educator exchange to Skopje for this summer. She has accepted the offer and is very thrilled to travel to Macedonia. In interviewing her and offering her the opportunity, it became obvious that she is an excellent choice as our first representative.

The second good thing is that we have another new opportunity for work and service with Sister Cities. We on the Core Team have been invited to work with Dolores Salhuana (Director of the Hackett House) and the Hackett House Team in promoting more involvement with the programs and activities offered by Hackett House. One of the first projects we will be involved with is a special event in which Tempe educators will be given special recognition. The Core Team will be an integral part of the positive promotion for those teachers who have been and are presently involved in the exchange program. This gives us a super opportunity to draw attention to our exchange program and also to network with Delores and our fellow educators in the school districts of Kyrene, TD3, and TUHSD.

Sister City members are welcome to come to a Shoulder to Shoulder to celebrate our Regensburg exchange, on April 10 at the home of Monica Araneta. This is our way of honoring the participants as well as giving our visitors a chance to meet Americans of all interests. Regensburg teachers Susanne Scholz and Anita Fruchtl will arrive here March 21, returning home on April 12. Their hosts are Wendy Jung and Lori McClellan who will travel to Regensburg this summer. Please come to the S to S for our teachers... and bring a friend. For more information, please email Linda Parrish (lindaparrishaz@gmail.com).



Ambassador Reeker of Macedonia with Angie Taylor Thornton and Mayor Hugh Hallman



Vice President Marcus Newton with new board members, Janice Wagner and Michael Burke

### Welcome Two New Board Members

Tempe Sister Cities recently had its annual board meeting. At this meeting Founders President Dick Neuheisel and Vice president Harry Mitchell were retained as President and Vice President for their 41<sup>st</sup> year since inception of the program. Gordon Creswell, Jill Glickman, Linda Parrish, Marney Glancy, and Doug Royse were reelected to the board of directors. Joining them will be two new board members, Janice Wagner and Michael Burke. Both are enthusiastic supporters of Tempe Sister Cities programs and it is wonderful to welcome them to the board of directors.

## Visit from Macedonian Ambassador Philip Reeker

A special luncheon was held in honor of the visiting Ambassador Philip T Reeker.(pictured to the left) He spoke of the importance of the sister city relationship shared by Tempe and Skopje since 1971. This relationship has had a great impact on the people of Skopje. One of Tempe Sister Cities' humanitarian projects has been sending wheelchairs to Skopje. This unique sister city was the first in Eastern Europe and is our oldest relationship. A special trip to Skopje is being planned for mid July. Dobrin Nedelkov, the Skopje coordinator, would like to give the group an inside look at Skopje. This will be a trip of a lifetime. Please call Dick Neuheisel (480)838-0437 to reserve your ticket. The cost of the trip has not yet been determined.



#### FORE!!

The Tom Burns Memorial Golf Scramble this month will be April 1<sup>st</sup> (no foolin'). Start time will be 2pm and all levels welcome. Last month's scramble winners were the 4some of Dave Robertson, Bob Garvey, Millie Wuger and Jane Neuheisel. Email Mary Ann Thompson for reservations, <a href="mailto:mathompson131@cox.net">mathompson131@cox.net</a> or call 480 966 -9240. A potluck will follow at 4pm hosted by the Fleurs.



### Special Alumni Committee Forming

2012 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year of student exchanges. The first exchange was with Skopje, Macedonia. To date there have been more than 700 students from Tempe to visit our sister cities. To celebrate the former student delegates, there will be a special committee to plan events during Oktoberfest week. Missy Werner, Michael Curd and Annessa Burnside(pictured above) will plan some memorable outings. The purpose is to gather groups together reunion style. If you are interested in being part of this committee please call Missy Werner (480) 965-6620.

#### Mark K's

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And our Second Half is about to Begin
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Tempe, AZ 85284

Welcome to our newest member Chris Kern, owner of Scooby Doo Dog Grooming.

If you have not yet paid your 2012 dues please do so. It's easier than ever online at www.tempesistercities.org.

Be Included In The 2012 Directory MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS NOW!!!!!! Greetings,

The annual membership dues for Tempe Sister Cities are due January 1, 2012. New members joining October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 are not required to pay additional annual dues for 2012. Please include the completed membership information form or include the required information, including your email address on your check. The information you provide will be used as your contact information for the Tempe Sister Cities membership directory. Your payment should be mailed to: Tempe Sister Cities, membership 95 West Fourth Street Tempe, Arizona 85281

Sharon Doyle and Mary Larsen, TSC Membership Chairmen

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