



TSC Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting
Monday, March 18,
7:00pm- 9:00pm
Harrison-Middleton
University

Board Meeting
Monday, April 15th,
7-9pm Harrison
Middleton University

HACKETT HOUSE HAPPENINGS

**Dinner Party Cooking
Class with Chef Lee
Hillson of the
Phoenician.**
Tuesday, March 5,
2013; 6 to 9:00pm

**Dinner Party Cooking
Class with Chef
Mario Vincitorio of
VinciTorio's
Restaurant Monday,
March 25, 2013; 6 to
9:00pm**

"Bringing the world together one friendship at a time through international exchange and community involvement."



New French Delegate dons her beret as Coordinators, Olivia Valdez and Dennis Ederer congratulate her.

1972-2013 Total Student Exchanges: 777

March 1st was a day for thirty-two young adults to remember as they were selected to travel this coming summer to one of Tempe's sister cities. The selection process was a rigorous set of group and individual interviews that students were able to demonstrate their aptitude for being successful delegates and exceptional representatives of Tempe. These students are part of a group of 777 students that have been exchanged through Tempe Sister Cities since the first exchange in 1972. The first exchange was to our sister city, Skopje, Yugoslavia, now Macedonia. The four students, David Wynn, Cathy Givins, Carolyn Shumway, and Jan Alexander were invited as special guests to all of this past year's Oktoberfest celebrations. This reunion has prompted interest in another exchange to Macedonia for the original four delegates.

Young Artist Award Winner



Young Artist Winner, Jennifer Jones is joined by her parents, Rose Marie and Alan Jones, and Coordinator Robin Sprague for a picture at the January board meeting

Since 1988, the Sister Cities International Young Artists Showcase has encouraged youth from around the globe to consider the honorable mission of Sister Cities International and express their interpretation of that mission promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, cooperation through one individual, one community at a time. Hundreds of artists have shared their talent with the sister cities community over the past 20 years. The theme this

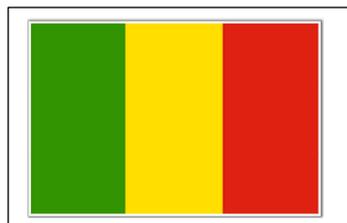
year was POWER OF EXCHANGE. The winning piece designed by Jennifer Jones was a detailed sketch of her family's Native American culture and conversely the perceptions others have of them. Through the exchange of ideas and really getting to know people as individuals, there will be better understanding of Native American life today.

Jennifer will move on to the international competition.

Youth Group Update

The Youth Group is staying busy this winter season with recruitment, fundraising, and philanthropy. In recruitment they are continuing to help out with the new candidates. These past two weekends a few of the past delegates volunteered at the candidate social and the parent social. At the end of February more delegates will be there for the final individual interviews to help assuage the nerves of the candidates. In fundraising we elected a new officer this past meeting. Maura Tapia is our new officer and is getting started on finding restaurants to do some "restaurant takeovers." They are also confirming a theme for the Mother's Day Tea baskets. The theme will be along the lines of spa, movie, cooking, or gardening- things mothers love. If any members own a business or know a business

the youth group would appreciate any donations they are able to contribute. In philanthropy the youth group has set a date in February to volunteer at Westchester Retirement Center. They are planning to help host bingo for the retirees. Eventually they would like to try a generation swap to teach the retirees something about technology or anything else they want to know. The youth group also volunteered at the Mardi Gras party at Hackett House. They helped serve food and any other tasks that needed to be done. The youth group meets soon and will be splitting into their small groups to discuss their responsibilities. They remain busy and will keep working hard to promote Tempe Sister Cities Youth.



News from Mali as reported by the BBC

Islamist rebels took control of northern Mali a year ago after a military coup in the capital Bamako, in the south.

Soup Kitchen To Help Rebuild Timbuktu's Schools

France intervened militarily in January amid fears they were preparing to advance on Bamako.

Mali's army and troops from several African countries, including 2,000 from Chad, have also been involved in the fighting that has resulted in the liberation of Timbuktu. Without doubt a joyous occasion, but still much has to be rebuilt after the vast destruction of the invasion.

Please join TSC in a fund raising Soup Kitchen to help rebuild the schools of Timbuktu. Louis Basile of The Wildflower Bread Company will graciously sponsor the event happening April 1st through the 5th at the Hackett House. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Spring Dinner Party Cooking Classes

To Register for Classes, Call (480)350-8181

or visit www.hacketthouse.org

Gift shopping and Complimentary Wine Bar begin at 6 p.m. Classes at 6:30 p.m.

Class prices: \$50 per person OR \$175 for your choice of four out of the five events; \$220 for all five events.

Prepaid reservations, Cancellations must be received 48 hours in advance. (Refunds will be in the form of gift shop credit. Non-transferable).

MARCH 5th, Tuesday

Chef, Lee Hillson, Of The Phoenician

Enjoy food prepared at its best as Chef Hillson serves:

Kale and Shaved Pear Salad

Braised Short Ribs and a Mushroom Risotto.

Peanut Butter Banana French Toast

MARCH 25th, Monday

Chef, Mario Vincitorio,

OWNER, CHEF OF Vincitorio's

Mario will share his "real" Italian World with:

Fresh, tossed Green Salad,

Home-Made Butternut Squash Ravioli

Bananas Foster.

APRIL 9th, Tuesday

Chef Kim Lahn,

Kim is featuring Peruvian-inspired dishes.

Papa a la Huancaína (Potatoes served with a spicy, creamy cheesy sauce)

Ensalada con Ceviche (Peruvian Style Ceviche Salad)

Seco de Portobello (Peruvian Portobello Stew over Roasted Garlic Yucca Root Mash)

Picarones with Chancaca Syrup (Traditional Peruvian Squash Beignets)

April 23rd, Tuesday

Kathy Andrews, Culinary hobbyist,

Join her as she cooks and her husband Gale complements each course with wines,

Quinoa Arugula Salad

Artichoke Bisque with Crab Timbale

Slow-roasted Beef Short Ribs over Polenta,

Butterflied Shrimp on Pesto-drizzled Crostini,

Potato Pave drizzled with herb butter

Chocolate Mousse Towers

April 30th, Tuesday

Chef Jose Soto & Chris Cospes,

of the Tempe Garcia's (Warner) Restaurant

Discover the flavors of food coming to life.

Table platters of Flautas,

Poco Chimis, Espinaca (Spinach) con Queso,

Cheese Quesadilla, and Guacamole

Carnitas Soft Taco (slow cooked pork)

Tampico Chicken

(Grilled, marinated chicken breast stuffed with jalapeno cream cheese)

Traditional rice and refried beans

Deep Fried Ice Cream

Great Food...Great Friends...Great Cause

All Proceeds Benefit Tempe Sister Cities Community Programs

Mali conflict: Timbuktu celebrates end of Islamist rule By Thomas Fessy BBC News, Timbuktu

Yacouba Toure and a couple of his friends have gathered around his crackling radio in Mali's historic city of Timbuktu, soon after French-led troops captured it from militant Islamists.

They are sitting on the dusty steps of a hair salon, feet tapping to the rhythm of music.

"Music is a pleasure for us," Mr Toure says.

"We can now dance and do whatever we want: We can walk together with women, we can shout, we're the young people of Timbuktu, this is what we like doing."

Music was banned under the strict Islamic law that militant Islamists imposed when they took over the ancient desert city last year.

All traditional folklore and ceremonies that make Malian culture vibrant were declared blasphemous.

Other people soon join Mr Toure's little gathering, and a man offers to make some tea.

The militants banned men and women from mixing in public.

Now, Karia Cisse, who is passing by with a basket full of smoked fish on her head, grabs a cup.

"We can chit-chat with our brothers, our friends, and even our boyfriends," she says.

"It's a real pleasure, we're so happy. I want to thank God."

Residents of Timbuktu can again enjoy the simple things they were used to, before the city fell under Islamist control 10 months ago.

The History Corner needs 1 or 2 volunteers to help Debbie begin organizing. We have a wonderful large open cheery space at Michael Curd's Phx. school location that he has donated for our needs. Call Debbie Duncan to set up a time that would be convenient for you to help. And, as always, we are still welcoming any labeled photos from previous TSC events, minutes from passed meetings (of more than 6 years ago), or anything else you think might be part of the Tempe Sister Cities past history.

The Tom Burns Golf Scramble will be on the 2nd Sunday of the cooler months. March 10th, on the lovely greens of Shalimar Country Club, golfing will begin at 2:00pm with a potluck to follow. Mark the date on your calendar and email **Mary Ann Thompson at mathompson131@cox.net** as to whether you will be playing and how many will attend the potluck.

Newsletter submissions are due March 10th for the March issue. Please submit news and upcoming events to lisa@lisamaynarddesigns.com

TSC New Members for Feb. 2013

We would like to welcome new Tempe Sister Cities' members for this month.

Friend

Kathleen & Gale Andrews

Individual/Family

Martha Ashburn

Gino Andreozzi

Carol Loven

Mary Bosen

Jenny Klein

Katy McGill

Jill & Kent Osborne

Cassandra Schey

Last month's publication of the new members included the candidates for student exchange and their parents *only* if they were **new** members of TSC.

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