



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

TSC Upcoming Events:

Annual Board Meeting
Feb 25th Harrison
Middleton University
7pm

Board Meeting Monday,
March 18, 2013;
7:00pm- 9:00pm
Harrison-Middleton
University

HACKETT HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Mardi Gras Friday,
February 8, 2013

Geography Bee
February 13, 2013;
9:00am; Tempe City
Hall

Valentine Tea Saturday,
February 16, 2013

**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

Selection Committee Busy with Interviews

This year's selection committee returning members are Dean Gambino, Chris Rosner, Craig Keller, Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn, and Susan McGill. The new members of the selection committee this year are John McGuire, Nicki Jacobsen, Erin Nelson and Dawn Milovich. Primary interviews and difficult first cuts have been made. Now this committee has another round of interviews and the evening of Final Selections will be March 1st.



2013 Selection Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Tempe Sister Cities Secretary, Michael Curd, has been named chairman of the TSC Board of Directors nominating committee for 2013. The election will be held February 25, 2013, at the annual membership meeting. The meeting will be held at the Harrison-Middleton University located at Terrace and Broadway in Tempe at 7 p.m. Others on the nominating committee are Louis Araneta, Mary Burns, Gordon Cresswell, Ralph Goitia, Dobrin Nedelkov, Linda Parrish, and Chris Rosner. Board members whose terms are expiring are Frank Casa, Sharon Doyle, Dick Flurer, Dave Hoffman, Dave Ihns, Marcus Newton, and Millie Wuger. Members are asked to contact Mike Curd or one of the other committee members if interested in serving on the Board.

New University for Zhenjiang

Zhenjiang, China is building a new University. Zhenjiang has been a long-time admirer of the growth and success of Arizona State University and has asked to set up meetings to discuss the possibility of some collaboration with their grand endeavor. This city is home to 2.9 million people.

Congratulations to Trollhättan, Sweden on 'Trollywood' for being the production home of two of the five "foreign films" nominated for the 2013 Academy Awards. This is a wonderful achievement for the city of Trollhättan. All of Tempe is proud of Trollhättan, Sweden for this achievement.

Debbie Duncan, Tempe Sister Cities historian, is looking for someone who might be interested in helping with the Tempe Sister City History organization. This would entail a day or so at the site where the material is being housed--in Phoenix. (About 30 min. drive.) No experience necessary for the organization, but any will be welcomed. Contact Debbie-- 601-510-9664.

CONFLICT IN TIMBUKTU

Timbuktu has been under Islamist control since last April. However, now many of the invaders have left due to the fighting in the south. Yet the citizens are still afraid of those that may remain. Unfortunatley, communication lines are cut so we do no longer get regular accounts. The fighting is moving northward but there is no way of knowing when it will reach Timbuktu. In any event, rebuilding what has been destroyed will take much effort. Please help by contributing to the Timbuktu relief fund. Please send your generous donations to: Michael Curd

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Tempe 85282-1595
phone 602-793-5106
mcurd@hmu.edurous

HACKETT HOUSE HAPPENINGS

What's Cookin'...

Enjoy the best culinary experts in the Valley at our Dinner Party Cooking Classes on the patio! \$50 per person, complimentary wine bar. Doors open at 6 and classes begin at 6:30pm.

March 5 - Lee Hillson, Iron Chef participant

April 9 - Kim Lahn, Vegan Cooking for All

April 23 - Kathy Andrews, Expert Extraordinaire

Who's Sippin'...

April 13, 1 to 3pm - Fairytale Children's Tea, to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Brothers Grimm, \$24 per person

May 11, 2 to 4pm - Mother's Day Tea, \$24 per person

What's Rollin'...

February 8, 6 to 10pm - Mardi Gras, a welcome to Cuzco, Peru, our newest Sister City, \$25 prepaid, \$30 at the door

Prepaid reservations at hacketthouse.org or 480.350-

HACKETT HOUSE SCHOOL TOURS

SCHOOL TOURS

The Hackett House comes alive when 6th graders grace its rooms. Hackett House volunteers offer free field trips to 6th graders. While at the site, students explore a bit of Tempe history, learn the concept of the Sister City program, and take a "mini-tour" of all our Sister Cities.

Last year a group of dedicated volunteers took on a task to revise the curriculum presented to 6th graders. The Arizona Social Studies standards have changed since the curriculum presentations were first written. In addition, Arizona is

implementing the Common Core Standards. In order to align the talks at the Hackett House with the State Curriculum and Standards, the year was spent rewriting presentations givens to students and making an already good program even better. The last step was to put all the material created on the website - <http://www.hacketthouse.org/for-children/school-tours/> - so teachers and students can access it once they return to school.

Committee members included Polly Adams, Teresa Borota, Lynn Etter, Dolores Salhuana, Louise Sallquist, JoAnn Hopper (6th grade teacher), and

Lori McClellan (Tempe District Administrator). Amy Jones was responsible for making us "live" on our website.

During the 2012-2013 school year two presentations have been made so far. The hope is to present several more times before the end of the school year. If you are interested in getting involved with the Hackett House education programs, contact Lynn Etter at rolynett6@msn.com or 480-220-4719

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics, but try to keep your

EDUCATOR EXCHANGE NEWS

While visiting New Zealand was in and of itself amazing, traveling as a Tempe Sister Cities Educator Exchange delegate opened doors to opportunities unique to this experience. Staying with a New Zealand educator and her family immediately immersed me in the culture of her country, and being introduced as a Sister Cities delegate from the United States invited people to ask me about Arizona and American culture and issues. As conversations and experiences of mutual interest and sensitivity were shared, I could feel our worlds coming closer together, and it was inspiring.

The time I spent in New Zealand schools was special. My first experience continues to be one of my warmest memories. My New Zealand "sister", Kathy, is a principal at Boulcott School. On the first day of our visit, we were greeted by a student Kapa Haka (Maori performing group) with a traditional Powhiri (welcoming ceremony). The Maori are the indigenous people of New Zealand; they are Polynesian and comprise about 14 percent of the country's population. The Maori language and traditions are woven into everyday life, offering visitors a fascinating journey of cultural discovery. The Powhiri began with a Karanga (call) for us to enter the building. We were then seated at the front of the room as the student Kapa Haka sang and danced for us. It was a beautiful and moving experience that I will never forget, establishing a strong sense of connection to the culture and people of New Zealand.



Janice & Crissi with the Boulcott School Maori student Kapa Haka performing group, after the Powhiri (welcoming ceremony)

As I continued to spend time with teachers and students, I was asked many questions about life in my country. While many topics were discussed, I will tell you what consistently caused the jaws to drop open of young and old alike, best expressed through the following words of a New Zealand 3rd grader when I told her American schools do not take a break for "Morning Tea"...

(Read using your best New Zealand accent and put your hands on your hips in disdain)

"No morning tea in America?!? That is so sad... and just wrong."

Morning tea in New Zealand schools is national and includes a daily time period where the entire school takes a 30-minute break. Children go onto the playground and have snacks, and all staff members meet in the lounge for tea and biscuits (cookies). I experienced morning tea in a variety of schools and they were all phenomenal. It is a beautiful time of relationship building and simply taking time to breathe. What do you think... morning tea in American schools?

My New Zealand exchange experience impacted my life in so many ways, and at so many levels. New Zealand is a country of beautiful landscape, culture, and, people, none of which I will ever forget. I returned from my travels with a notebook full of insights and inspiration, and with my perspective on life and the world around me forever changed. I wish that every student and teacher could have an experience such as mine. Thank you, Sister Cities and all of my New Zealand friends, for a truly life changing experience.

Submitted by Janice Ewbank



Janice and teachers, morning tea

Thanks to the Approx. 30 Sister City Members & Friends who worked the P F Chang Tempe Sister City Tent. Sun, Jan 20 Annual Race..

Approx. 25,000 Runners & many were served cool refreshments from Our Members...

Thanks to Bobbi Jones for overseeing the event...Pres. Dick Neuheisel worked hard for hours too...

Next Major Event The Spring Four Peaks Event....be sure to watch for signup times.

Sumbitted By Doug Royse

Ralph and Alice Goitia have been Cuenca, Ecuador Country Coordinators since our partnership with Cuenca as a Tempe Sister City became official in 2009. They recently passed the baton to Monica and Louis Araneta. Louis and Monica are excited to work with the upcoming student delegates for 2013 who will be selected to travel to this wonderful UNESCO World HeritageTrust Site.

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57th Annual Conference:
San Antonio 2013

Sister Cities International
2013 Annual Conference
July 11-13, 2013
San Antonio, TX

Visit
www.sistercitiesconference.org to register.

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.tempestercities.org

Youth Group Update

In the month of December the youth group was busy providing entertainment at the Hackett House for the TSC Christmas Party. They showed off their rockin' moves with a little dance number. Then they graced everyone with their beautiful voices, singing a few of Michael Bubl 's Christmas carols. After helping at the Hackett House, they proceeded to host their own Christmas

party at the Pfothenauer's house. There they had a white elephant gift exchange and hot chocolate and sweets. The Youth Group is about to enter busy season with the new applicants for this summer's student exchange. This past month on Jan. 9th a delegate from each country gave a talk at City Hall for the orientation of new candidates. They did

a wonderful job and were asked to present them again at the board retreat. The group interviews were also conducted in January and many of the past delegates were there to answer questions and calm the nerves of the eager candidates. With individual interviews approaching, the past delegation is on top of volunteering to help out in any way. Also they are



Megan Kelly speaks to the board about her exchange experience last summer. Megan was chosen to go to China. She and her Chinese sister converse daily.

**International
Mardi Gras
at
Hackett House**

Join us for our celebration
welcoming our newest Tempe Sister City
Cusco, Peru!
**Friday February 8
6 - 10 pm**

\$25 prepaid reservations (by Feb 5)
\$30 at the door
(includes 1 free beer, wine or soda)

†Live Music †Raffle
 †International Cuisine †Door Prizes
 †No-host full bar †PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME!!

To Register call 480-350-8181
or go to HackettHouse.org

Cusco is the home of MachuPicchu

Featuring Music by

TSC New Members for January 2013

We would like to welcome new Tempe Sister Cities members for this past month:

First name(s)	Last name	Category
Erin	Nelson	Ambassador
Paul	Sheard	Ambassador
Gonzalo & Janet	Montoya	Friend
Kaye & Brent	Hall	IF
Kay & Kaitlin	Jones	IF
	Kellogg	
Lauren	Kaiserman	IF
Patrick & Christine	Panetta	IF
Bob & Becky	Polley	IF
Phil & Linda	Smith	IF
Ed & Ginny	Sylvester	IF
John & May	Thurnbeck	IF
Helen & Jack	Traynor	IF

RENEWAL TIME IS HERE

Your Membership Makes a Difference. The money that is generated through the Oktoberfest, Hackett House and your membership help to support the programs offered by Tempe Sister Cities. Every year 32 students from Tempe High schools have paid travel to eight sister cities around the world. Teacher exchanges are also funded through these efforts. Tempe Sister Cities is able to make a difference in the world with the help and support of the volunteers and members like you. Pass along the membership form and share in the hope of the next generation forming lifelong ,worldwide friendships. Send forms to 95 W. 4th Street

Tempe, AZ 85281

TEMPE SISTER CITIES MEMBERSHIP FORM
become a member today!

You can join online at <http://www.tempesistercities.org/become-a-member/>

Or use this convenient form with your check payable to

Tempe Sister Cities Corporation and send to
 Tempe Sister Cities, 95 W 4th St., Tempe, AZ 85281

Please choose a category:

- _____ \$25 Ambassador/Student
- _____ \$35 Individual/Family
- _____ \$50 Friend of Tempe Sister Cities
- _____ \$200 Corporate Membership
- _____ \$400 Lifetime Membership

Names _____ Year First Joined _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Home/Work Phone _____ Cell Phone (name) _____ Email _____

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The Tom Burns Golf Scramble will be on the 2nd Sunday of the cooler months. On Feb. 10th golfing will begin at 2:00pm with the potluck at the Neuheisel's 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.

Also welcome to the new delegate applicants and their families:

<u>First name(s)</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>Different Last name</u>	<u>Delegate Name</u>
Seth & Regina	Abraham		Rebecca Abraham Lindsey
John & Kathleen	Allemang		Allemang
Richard	Bonelli	& Elizabeth Berlage	Chayla Bonelli Alex
Kent	Brockelman	& Rosemarie Christofolo	Brockelman
Randy & Dawn	Bulriss		Michael Bulriss Elizabeth
John & Peggy	Cheney		Cheney Tanner
James & Gwen	Cordiak		Cordiak
Daniel & Karen	Cortes		Nate Cortes Jacob
Shawn & Cara	Czarnecki		Czarnecki Katherine Del Rosario
Odysseus	Del Rosario	& Maria Lourdes	Rosario
Peter	Ewen	& Gail Paredes-Ewen	Sean Ewen Dirk (DJ)
Dirk	Fenstermacher	& Tamika Walton	Fenstermacher
Scott & Doreen	Garlid		Kathryn Garlid Kenneth
Ruben & Leticia	Gomez		Castaneda
Cecilia	Gregg	& Manuel Zarate	Jacob Zarate
Millicent	Harkins		Jesela Harkins
Jason & Allyson	Harms		Shea Harms
Raymond & Lisa	Heisler		Alex Heisler Everett
Brian & Susan	Johnson		Johnson
Don & Karen	Johnston		Troy Johnston Jameson
William	Langlois	& Suanne White	Langlois Megan
Mark & Kim	Lubbers		Lubbers
Paul & Rebecca	Lull		Caroline Lull
Mitch & Micki	Martin		Mikaela Martin Savannah
Lawrence	Massa	& Christina Bates	Bates Samantha
David & Marnie	Maza		Maza Samantha
Matthew & Monica	McNeil		McNeil
Timothy & Patricia	Mudry		Rachel Mudry Dian
Kenny & Diane	Nordstrom		Nordstrom
John & Janet	Osgood		John Osgood
Benjamin & Aviva	Paz		Otzma-Bie Paz Gabrielle
Jeff & Shari	Petersen		Petersen Wasiba
Shahifur & Mahabuba	Rahman		Rahman Alisa
Greg & Erlinda	Rodriquez		Rodriquez
David & Lori	Schmidt		Sarah Schmidt
Angela & Francis	Snelling		Tim Snelling
Steve & Marie	Thorne		Nicole Thorne Olivia Van Vleet
John & Cynthia	Van Vleet		Vleet Brittany
Allan & Susan	Wachter		Wachter
David & Rochelle	Wells		Kimberly Wells
Kevin & Julieanne	Wheeler		Brynn Wheeler
Jeffrey & Lesa	Wick		Lilv Wick

