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TSC MONTHLY



TSC Upcoming Events:

*Monday, June 17, 7pm
Board Meeting Harrison
Middleton University*

*Monday, July 15,
5:30pm
Education Forum Meeting
Harrison Middleton
University*

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TEMPE AWARDED BEST SISTER CITIES PROGRAM IN AMERICA



President Dick Neuheisel ,Vice President Harry Mitchell and Jane Neuheisel

Sister Cities International has recognized Tempe Sister Cities as the Best Overall Program in America. This is the sixth time that Tempe has been recognized as the Best Overall Program in America. Tempe has distinguished itself with a long history of successes. Past delegates have served as National Student Chairmen. Dick Neuheisel, co-founder and President of Tempe Sister Cities served as President of Sister Cities International for 16 years. Tempe Sister Cities was founded over forty years ago in 1970. In 1971 the first twinning relationship was established with Skopje, Yugoslavia, now Macedonia. Tempe was the first Sister City program with an Eastern Europe relationship. Tempe Sister Cities now has nine Sister Cities around the globe. The newest sister city relationship established is Cusco, Peru. Tempe has also exchanged students with Trollhattan, Sweden for the last five years and hopes to form an official relationship. "My family and I get along perfectly and they are all very close with each other. I've only spent a few days here and I've already done many nature hikes and seen beautiful things and cities. The thing that surprised me the most was really how similar the people of Sweden are to America. Loving it here." Writes Jameson Langlois (2013 delegate to Sweden)

"The efforts of the board of directors, student delegates, educator delegates, professional delegates and volunteers continue to make Tempe Sister Cities the number one program in America. We can all be proud of this recognition and know that Tempe Sister Cities is making a difference in the world through the many international and local community programs which we support."

~President Dick Neuheisel

BLOGGING!!!!!!! Stories from Macedonia

Kyrene educators Janice Wagner and Niecy Westmoreland left for Macedonia the day after their school was out. Both have very interesting travel blogs going. Check them out at <https://mswestmoreland.wordpress.com> <https://macedoniajanice.blogspot.com>

Niecy's blog:

There's a saying in Macedonia that Mrs. Wagner's host teacher Tanja uses a lot. She says, "In Macedonia, EVERYTHING is possible." In my short time here, I've come to realize the meaning to those words.

Spend 4 days on the sunny beach in Greece because the weather is bad in Macedonia ? Possible.

Meet with the Mayor and have an article about you on the city website? Possible.

Have coffee with the President of Macedonia in his big white house? Possible!

What is possible for the rest of our trip here in Macedonia? Everything, I guess!

Today's story: I met President Gjorge Ivanov when he was in Tempe in April. Tempe Sister Cities held a reception for him, which is why I was invited. It was a crowded, loud, and busy event and I wasn't able to say much to him other than to tell him who I was and why I would be traveling to Macedonia. We took a quick picture with him and he told us we should visit him when we got to Skopje.



You should know that a lot of times grown ups invite other grown ups to things when they don't really mean it. Everyone smiles and says, "That's a great idea! Let's do it!" but the imaginary event never happens and everyone gets on with their lives. I thought this would be one of those things- he only invited us to be nice and he doesn't really have time to meet with a dorky little teacher from Tempe. Wrong.

So yesterday, when I got an email saying that a meeting with President Ivanov had been set up for Sarah, Mrs. Wagner, and me, I have to admit, I was very surprised and excited!

We arrived at the gate to the President's big white house (do all presidents live in white houses?) and went through a security station. They were expecting us and the officer checked our passports. As I walked through the metal detector and up the stone path to the house, I wondered what this meeting would be like. I imagined it would be brief and formal. He would probably talk at us for a few minutes through a translator and send us on our way.....Wrong again.

President Gjorge Ivanov met us at the door to his huge office to greet us and shake our hands. He smiled at me and said, "So nice to see you again." We were also introduced to his English translator and one of his advisors, and the 6 of us sat down in oversized red leather chairs around a low table. Tiny cups of coffee were delivered to us, and we started talking about the usual polite things. "How has your trip to Macedonia been so far?" and "Did you enjoy your visit to Tempe?"

Then we started talking about more interesting things. We told him about some of the great things we've seen in the schools, and he told us some of the struggles Macedonia has had becoming a democracy. (Remember, the Macedonian people have existed and lived in this area of the world for centuries, but they have only been independent and had their own country and government for about 20 years.) He used English when he talked and just asked his translator for help a few times. He spoke to us as equals; Not at all like he runs a whole country and we just run a classroom of 8 year olds.

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2013 Summer Delegate Schedule

The summer delegates are in for an adventure like no other this year when they travel abroad. Many are there already. When the delegates return with their respective sisters and brothers, the Tempe delegates will give them a taste of Arizona and the southwest, full of traditions such as an American prom and a Thanksgiving dinner. Other adventures will include a trip to Disneyland, Karchner Caverns, and a campout on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Keep this calendar handy, they will be busy!

Monday July 22nd -24th California Disneyland

Saturday July 27th Welcome Back Dinner @Old Main ASU Campus

Sunday July 28th Diamondbacks vs San Diego @Chase Field

Monday July 29th-July 31st Grand Canyon

Thursday August 1st Canyon Boat Day @Canyon Lake

Friday August 2nd Cinderella Affair

Friday August 2nd Prom @Shalimar CC

Sunday August 4th 5:30-8PM Mayors Dinner @Kiwanis Wave Pool

Monday August 5th 9 AM Musical Instrument Museum @MIM

Monday August 6th 7AM Kartchner Caverns Adventure

Wednesday August 7th 6:00 PM Farewell Dinner

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35th Anniversary of the sister city partnership between Tempe & Regensburg.

There are 41 TSC guests arriving on June 19th, 2013 in Regensburg. They will be greeted in the Hotel Gewerbepark by all of the host families. On June 19th they will board a Dinner Cruise on the "Kristallprinzessin" (new Swarovski Cruise Liner) with the mayor of Regensburg, Mr. Hans Schaidinger. June 21st is the opening ceremony of the Burgerfest. Saturday, June 22nd is the official reception for all Sister Cities at City Hall with TSC President Dick Neuheisel & Honorable Harry Mitchell representing Tempe. On Sunday, June 23rd the delegation will meet at Hotel Gewerbepark for a bus ride to Falenstein Castle followed by a medieval dinner party in the castle. Tempe's own Mogollon Band will be playing on board the Kristallprinzessin. They will be also be playing on June 21st and 22nd at different events in Regensburg.

Twenty guests will continue to Beaulieu Sur Mer for the "Sweet16th" Anniversary of the signing of TSC & Beaulieu on June, 28th, 2013. Mayor Neil Guilano, Mayor of Tempe Arizona was present for the festivities celebrating the new sister city relationship between Tempe & Beaulieu sur Mer, France on the original date of June 27th, 1997. The official signing of the Sister City documents took place at the La Rotonde. They will be hosting these same events on June 28th, 2013. On June 30th they will celebrate with Beaulieu Sur Mer Mayor during the St. Pierre celebration. On July 1st and 2nd they will be sightseeing the famous Verdon Canyon (the Grand Canyon of Europe) and special villages. On July 3rd and 4th most TSC guests will be returning to Phoenix.

~Travel update submitted by Olivia Valdez

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President Ivanov used an interesting metaphor to describe his hopes for his country's future. He said, "Macedonia is like a car and we, the Macedonian people, need to be good drivers. A rear view mirror is important because you need to see what's behind you. But if your mirror is too big, it will block your view of the road and cause accidents. It is also important to have a clear view of what's ahead for our country."

Do you understand what he means? The rear view mirror represents the past, and it's important to see and honor your past, but the most important thing is to look ahead to the future.

We continued chatting for close to an hour and he told us more interesting stories. Eventually we heard a knock at the door and his secretary came in. He shoed her away because we were still talking, but when she knocked again a few minutes later, he apologized that he had some other work to do. He insisted we take a picture and then bid us farewell.

It was a warm and special meeting that I'm sure I will remember forever!

TSC New Members for May 2013

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

Ming Chen	Life
Euro Coloege – Kumanovo, Macedonia	Corporate
Thaddeus Crawford	Individual
Daniel & Chandra Roberts	Family
Dave & Colleen Walters	Family

Tempe Sister Cities will host its first International Educational Forum.

It will be held during the Oktoberfest week so that our international guests will be able to bring educational representatives with them to participate in this conference. Michael Curd will be hosting the next meeting on Monday, July 15th at 5:30 pm before the board meeting at the Harrison Middleton University. All are welcome to attend. Educators, please mark your calendar for this important planning meeting.

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