

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

TSC UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, November 18th
7pm Board Meeting
Harrison Middleton
University

Mon, February 24th 7pm
Annual Board Meeting
Harrison Middleton
University

HACKETT HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Thurs, November 14th 6-9pm
Chocolate Happy Hour

Sun, November 17th 1-3pm
Nutcracker Tea

Mon, November 18th 6-9pm
Dinner Cooking Party: Tamales with Alice Goitia

Mon, December 2nd 6-9pm
Dinner Cooking Party with chefs of Beaver's Choice

Friday, Dec 6th -8th
11am to 5 pm
Holiday Boutique

Tues, December 10th 6-9pm
Dinner Cooking Party with Kathy Andrews

Sat, December 14th
1-3pm Holiday Tea

ANOTHER OKTOBERFEST SUCCESS



Thanks to the hard work of over 2200 volunteers and the Oktoberfest committee, Bobbi Jones, Larry West and David Ihns, there was a record number of people in attendance of the 41st annual Oktoberfest. The weather was outstanding inviting many Tempeans to join in the music and activities of the weekend. This would not have been possible without the amazing community of volunteers that are the heart of this organization.

7th Annual Making A World Of Difference

For the past seven years Jane Neuheisel and Tempe Sister Cities has honored three outstanding groups of people who have made a difference in the world. At this awe-inspiring event the honorees from 2013 were all from Arizona. Janine Skinner, Dr. Brian and Mrs. Kari deGuzman and pictured with Jane Neuheisel to the right, Dr. John Gillan, shared their amazing stories with a full house of friends of Tempe sister Cities including international guests.



Marcus Newton, (489)786-1160, is Chairman of the nominating committee that will make recommendations for positions on the Board of Directors at the February 24, 2014 at 7pm Annual Meeting to be held in The Harrison Middleton University, 1105 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282.

Other committee members are Angie Thornton, Janice Wagner, Gordon Cresswell, David Ihns, Ron Etter and Millie Wuger. Board members whose terms expire include Dean Gambino, Jennifer Giff, Ralph Goitia, Dolores Salhuana, and Chris Rosner. Members who are interested are encouraged to contact a nominating committee member.



Chelsea Schell's Germany Educator Exchange Experience

I have always jumped on any opportunity to observe my colleagues. To be given a chance to watch and learn from master teachers across seas would be crazy to pass by in my opinion. The Tempe Sister Cities program was something I have been interested in since the beginning of my career, and it was thrilling to get an experience that went beyond my expectations.

After a fourteen hour flight with my eyes unable to stay shut for even a minute, we arrived in Regensburg, Germany. Our hosts stood at the arrival gate with an American flag spread hanging between them and huge smiles. What a welcome! Alfred, my host's father, picked me up since Lukas's schedule at school was packed. It felt like a piece of the puzzle had finally been connected as I got to know the man Lukas had told me so much about during our time together in Arizona. As we drove through the Napa of hops, I quickly realized they had the same phrases and were even opinionated about the same things.

Less than twenty four hours later, I was getting ready for my first visit at my first school. It was rainy and muggy. The weather was suffocating and made me wish I had brought cooler clothes. Upon arrival, Lukas was informed that the principal would be introducing me to the staff. Being a teacher with most of my day spent in front of a crowd, I wasn't nervous. It became my first moment feeling like an outsider where the language made me think I was in a Charlie Brown classroom. The principal apologized for her lack of ability to speak fluent English. Understandably, she and Lukas spoke to the entire staff in German with me in front. They smiled, nodded, and laughed, while I just smiled back having no idea what they were discussing for fifteen minutes. Now, I have a better understanding of what my ELL students feel as they enter into an American classroom for the first time.

Christian was the first teacher that let me enter into his world and, wow, what a world it was. He was the art teacher. He wore a black pin striped suit and walked faster down the hall than I jog in the park. He always had somewhere to be. It was obvious his students respected his expertise. We sat in the back at his antique wood table sipping coffee and munching on scones as the students enthusiastically showed off the art pieces they had been working on. He is an inspiring teacher and person.

The next day, I was in awe again. It was an ELL classroom, except in German and the number of native languages spoken in the classroom was more than the number of fingers I have on my hands. The students were in their teens and they ran the classroom. The routines were clearly in place. The teacher was the facilitator while the students learned the language through experiencing it. Anyone could see that every culture and language of the students was respected by their actions and the displays on the walls. Seeing the students come together from so many different backgrounds and learning from each other in their new surrounding was teaching as its best.

From one day to the next, we saw more and more amazing teachers and instructional strategies. The schools were different too. From the art on the walls and classroom window's wide open to the ways the students behaved in the school. I quickly found out why our German exchange teachers were so shocked at our students walking in straight quiet lines down the hall. I was truly just as shocked when I saw the students skipping and jumping and giggling to and from one area of the school to the next. "As long as they are focused during class, and we can't forget that they are kids," the principal said.

The kids were definitely releasing their energy in the school, but they also had high expectations of themselves. They wanted to learn. It was even obvious after school. Ursula, one of our German hosts, had two daughters. I could not believe the amount of time they spent after school studying. I wondered if this was only because they were the daughters of a teacher. Lukas explained to me that it was all up to the student. The teacher needs to teach each child to his or her best ability, but in the end it is up to the student to learn the material and pass. It got me thinking about who had more pressure to pass in Arizona: the students or the teacher.

With the great number of master teachers I was able to observe, I did a lot of reflecting on the school system in Arizona. There are some things we have down pat, but there is always room for improvement. After a big hug from Lukas and his wife Ines, Alfred drove me back to the airport. It came to a full circle. I left happy. I was happy to have developed good relationships with fellow teachers and others, and ready to use this experience to better myself in areas beyond school.

~ Chelsea Schell, Thew Elementary, German Educator Exchange

(Pictured on left with Jennifer Klein on a boat ride down the Danube)



CHOCOLATE HAPPY HOUR *Thursday, November 14th*



Join us Thursday, November 14, 2013, 6pm to 9pm for the 11th annual Chocolate Happy Hour at Hackett House. Music by the incomparable Walter Richardson, a valley icon! Plus, savory appetizers, chocolate fountains, cash bar, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, door prizes and more!! \$30 per person (ticket price includes one wine, beer or soft drink) or \$25 per person with a Tempe Sister Cities membership. Register online or call the Hackett House 480.350.8181

This popular event features:

Chocolate fountains with dippable desserts

Savory appetizer buffet (6:30 – 8)

Cash bar including chocolate martinis and mudslides (ticket price includes one wine, beer or soft drink)

Incredible Silent Auction!

50/50 raffle

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Dinner Party Cooking Class with Alice Goitia:

Monday, November 18, 2013; 6 to 9:00pm

Tamales – a Southwest Holiday Tradition! Join Alice Goitia in the hands-on preparation of tamales to taste and take home. This class is \$50 per person. For more information, visit our [Cooking Classes page](#).

Registration required. To register for this cooking class you can either call us at 480-350-8181 or register online.

TAMALES, A HOLIDAY TRADITION



Holiday Boutique

Friday, December 6, 2013 – Sunday, December 8, 2013; 11:00am – 5:00pm

Visit the Hackett House Gift Boutique during the Tempe Arts Festival to see all our beautiful and unique Holiday decorations and gifts! Prizes awarded throughout the day.

It is time to renew your membership for 2014. Please consider becoming *Lifetime Member* to support the valuable programs of Tempe Sister Cities.



The Youth Group was busy for Oktoberfest weekend. Starting with volunteering at Making A World of Difference, the Youth Group totaled 337 hours of volunteer work. The parents of these fine students were also busy volunteering at Oktoberfest. The Youth Group is planning a Bingo night at Westchester Senior Center this month and gearing up for "Feeding My Starving Children", a philanthropic volunteer effort, next month. Youth Group members and Beth Lang pictured to left

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new Tempe Sister Cities members.

Vicki Holly	Individual
Michele & Ric Braco	Family
Charles & Mary Kaye Long	Family
Kelly & Catherine (Given) Smith	Family
Alicia Woodbury	Ambassador
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