



HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2005

Committee Updates

Reggio Emilia, Italy

This month the Reggio Emilia group is finalizing the proposal for next year's calendar. Bring your ideas with you to the July meeting.

Trier, Germany

This month we will attend the ILA potluck on our regularly scheduled meeting date. See calendar for more details.

Nagaoka, Japan

The Nagaoka group will meet July 21 and finalize all proposed programs for 2005/2006. Join the group for a farewell party for the Harashin Scholars at the Yamagata's home July 23. Please see calendar for more details.

Bandung, Indonesia

The Bandung group will meet July 13. If you are interested in traveling to Houston to visit the Consul General and attending the Indonesian celebration in August, you won't want to miss this meeting. Please see calendar for more details.

Budapest, Hungary

The Hungarian Rhapsody cultural exchange pre-travel orientation is July 11. Meet your fellow travelers and learn about Hungarian culture.

Toluca, Mexico

The DIF exchange was a success and plans are underway for a reciprocal exchange to Toluca in the near future. Don't miss the July meeting where we will finalize our proposal for the 2005/2006 calendar. Welcome to our interim chair, Estela Martinez-Stuart

Mbabane, Swaziland

The coordinators for the Swaziland National Youth Council are visiting and the Mbabane group will hold a welcome reception July 18. Meet 5 students and a teacher from Mbabane who are participating in ILA, at a potluck dinner July 19. Please see calendar for more details.

Fort Worth Youth International

ILA participants Casey Drillette and LaTandra Smith were selected as Youth Ambassador delegates to Toluca, Mexico's Model UN program in October. The high school internship program kicks off in our office with PR Chair Monica Germinario who will help outline the program for next year and put her writing skills to immediate use.

GAP (Global Alumni Program)

Join us for our summer reunion July 18 with the Mbabane committee to welcome the Swaziland National Youth Council president and chairman. Please see calendar for details.

Swaziland National Youth Council

President Maxwell Jele and Chairman Patrick Gamedze of SNYC are visiting Fort Worth to meet with organizations and collect information that they can use as models for their programs. The SNYC is a coordinating body for youth organizations in Mbabane, Swaziland for 12-30 year olds affiliated with the Ministry of Home affairs, Department of Sports, Youth and Culture.

Their priority objectives are empowering young people with knowledge and education on HIV/AIDS, life and leadership skills. The Sister Cities Mbabane committee and members of the Global Alumni Program will host a welcome reception at the Fort Worth Public Library Monday, July 19 followed by a SNYC program presentation. Seating will be limited so RSVP by July 11 to 817-392-2650. Please see calendar for details.

Harashin Scholarship Program's 15th Anniversary

Since 1990, Mr. Shinichi Hara, CEO and President of The Harashin Company, Ltd. in Nagaoka has demonstrated his generous commitment to international cultural enrichment by establishing the Harashin Scholarship Program. Mr. Hara generously provides scholarships for eight students and two teachers each year with a current total of 300 youth benefitting from this unique and distinguished reciprocal program.

The Nagaoka Scholars' visit July 16 - 24th entails a full cultural program that includes a community service activity at the Como Community Center where they will share their Japanese culture with the youth. The Fort Worth Harashin Scholars depart July 27th - August 5th to live with Nagaoka host families for 10 days and experience the rich traditions of Japanese lifestyles. They will also attend the spectacular "Hanabi," three-day fireworks festival.

The exchange concludes with a sayonara garden party hosted in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hara. Their leadership will continue as they serve on the Fort Worth Youth International Executive Youth Board for the next school year. Congratulations to the Fort Worth Scholars: Diana Alexander, Mary Boshchini, Kathleen Cantu-Crouch, Jamie Drillette, Jazmin Guerrero, Andrew Judge, An La, Cleve Powell and teacher scholars - Cathrine Collins and Lynn Fuller.

International Leadership Academy

More than 125 high school youth & educators representing six of our seven sister cities will convene at TCU for 2 weeks to develop essential leadership skills and cultural experiences by examining the impact technology has on global development. Through interactive work in the classroom, site visits to observe advances and meetings with community leaders of modern technology in the fields of healthcare, science, transportation and communications, participants will have the opportunity to develop ideas that will encourage responsible use of technology in the global community.

In addition to the classroom activities, they will share dorm life with students from other countries, experience the culture of Fort Worth through visits to art museums and the historic Stock Yards. Thank you to the 65 plus Fort Worth area families who will home host the international youth and teachers.

Please attend the recognition & closing ceremony for the ILA Class of 2005 Saturday, July 30 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at TCU's Ed Landreth Auditorium.

2005 Sister Cities International Annual Conference

Spokane, Washington is the host of the 2005 Sister Cities International Annual Conference July 27-31, 2005. The theme of this year's conference is, "Connecting Global Villages" and will blend educational speakers and interactive workshops with a festival atmosphere that includes a parade of nations and various other cultural events. Spokane will welcome more than 1,200 delegates and visitors, many from overseas. The Second International Sino-U.S. Sister Cities Conference gathering -- held only once every 10 years -- will be a key feature of the conference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL JULY 2005 CALENDAR

3	Thursday	Mbabane meeting, ITC, 1000 Jones Street, 6:00 p.m.
4	Monday	FWSCI office closed for Independence Day
10	Sunday	Final orientation for Harashin Scholars, UNTHSC, 3500 Camp Bowie, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
11	Monday	Hungarian Rhapsody cultural exchange pre-travel orientation, ITC, 1000 Jones Street, 5:30 p.m.
11	Monday	ILA program & host family orientation, TCU Moudy Auditorium, South University and Cantey, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
13	Wednesday	Bandung meeting, Yum Yum's, 4954 Overton Ridge Blvd., 6:00 p.m.
14	Thursday	Toluca meeting, Tunero Restaurant, 1549 North Main #101, 6:30 p.m. RSVP to 817-392-2650 by July 11
14	Thursday	Final payment due for the Hungarian Rhapsody exchange
16-31	Sat-Sun.	International Leadership Academy
17-20	Sun-Wed.	Swaziland National Youth Council visit
18	Monday	GAP Summer Sizzle reunion, Randall's upper gallery, 907 Houston Street, 8:00 p.m., RSVP by July 13. \$5.00 fee
18	Monday	Swaziland reception, Fort Worth Public Library, 500 West 3rd Street, 6:00 p.m. \$5.00 donation, RSVP by July 11
19	Tuesday	ILA potluck, University Christian Church fellowship hall, South University and West Cantey, 6:30 p.m.
20	Wednesday	FWSCI Board meeting, Intermodal Transportation Center, 1000 Jones Street, 2nd Floor. 11:45 a.m.
21	Thursday	Nagaoka meeting, home of Gina and Cliff Cook, 6134 Haley Lane, 7:00 p.m.
23	Saturday	Sayonara potluck for Harashin Scholars, home of Tad & Elaine Yamagata, 1116 Shady Oaks, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
27-31	Wed-Sun.	Sister Cities International Annual Conference in Spokane, Washington
27-Aug. 5	Wed-Fri.	Fort Worth Harashin Scholars depart for Nagaoka, Japan
28	Thursday	Reggio Emilia meeting, Palermo's, 1000 West Magnolia Avenue, 5:30 p.m. RSVP by July 27 to 817-392-2650
30	Saturday	ILA recognition & closing ceremony, TCU Ed Landreth Auditorium, West Cantey and South University, 10:00 a.m.

You are invited to attend any and all city committee meetings that interest you, and friends are always welcome!

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