

Committee Updates

Reggio Emilia, Italy

This month the Reggio Emilia group is brainstorming for next year's calendar. Be sure to bring your ideas with you to the meeting!

Trier, Germany

After a very active and successful spring, we are ready to start planning for next year. Don't forget to bring your ideas for exchanges and activities to the meeting this month. Also think about how you can get involved in these activities.

Nagaoka, Japan

The Nagaoka group will meet June 23. Join them as they plan for next year's programs and bring your ideas.

Bandung, Indonesia

Join us for some Asian food at Yum Yum's June 8th. We will begin our brainstorming for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Thanks again to everyone who assisted with the Showcase. We could not have done it without you!

Budapest, Hungary

Many thanks to Marcela Berg for hosting a lovely piano recital in her home. Join the Budapest group for a brainstorming and program planning meeting June 14. Don't forget, the last day to withdraw from the Hungarian Rhapsody trip is June 24.

Toluca, Mexico

The DIF staff is coming! We are very excited to host this professional exchange between the Toluca DIF and Harris Hospital. Three medical professionals will be home hosted for two weeks while they work with the Harris staff. The Toluca committee is hosting welcome and farewell activities, so please plan to come meet our friends from Toluca.

Mbabane, Swaziland

The Mbabane group will be planning and brainstorming at the June meeting. They will also discuss special plans for five students and a teacher from Mbabane who will visit Fort Worth in July for the International Leadership Academy.

Fort Worth Youth International

The newly elected FYI executive committee members are remaining active throughout the summer by traveling to Japan and Trier as Youth Ambassadors and/or getting ready to host an international student during ILA. Join the fun and sign up to host for a weekend July 22-24th or sign up as drivers to welcome the arriving groups at DFW and escort to TCU dorms on Sat. July 16th. Come and cheer on the Budapest boys soccer team June 13th and 16th at 6 p.m. as they play against the Fort Worth United Soccer Team. See calendar for location and details.

GAP (Global Alumni Program)

Congratulations to Lindsay Wilson, one of our founding members of GAP who will graduate in May and is already on staff at our National Sister Cities Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She interned in D.C. and helped coordinate the annual conference. Kudos to Kristen Cline for completing her freshman year at Fordham University and is on her way to Nagaoka, Japan as the assistant delegation leader. Join GAP now and continue the international experience! Brainstorm for future GAP programs at our next meeting, June 4, 10:00 a.m. at the FWSCI office.

Team from Budapest to play Fort Worth United Soccer

A soccer team from Budapest, Hungary will be in Fort Worth June 11-16. During their stay, the team will play two games against the Fort Worth United soccer team at the Fort Worth Independent School District soccer complex, which is located just north of Wilkerson Greines gym behind the Tarrant County College south campus. You are invited to bring your favorite dish or dessert and attend a welcome party for the soccer players at the YMCA Sunday, June 12. Don't forget to attend both of the soccer games too. The first will be held Monday, June 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and the second match will be held Thursday, June 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. See calendar for more details.

Summer Exchanges for Fort Worth Youth Ambassadors

This summer marks the 17th year Trier and Fort Worth have shared reciprocal exchanges. June 1-16, Fort Worth youth ambassadors will be home-hosted by the Trier students they hosted here in March. Fort Worth Sister Cities would like to say "danke" to Western Hills High School for concluding their 2nd year as the ambassador host school for this exchange. The Fort Worth delegation will be led by Christina Hansen & Bethany Martinez who are both teachers at Western Hills.

While in Trier, the Fort Worth youth ambassadors will have a special treat as they will be invited to a dedication naming of two airplanes - one named Trier, the other Fort Worth in honor of our sister cities relationship.

June also brings an exchange to Nagaoka, Japan for 15 middle and high school students led by delegation leaders Irene Cline from Daggett Montessori, Suzanne Wells from Tanglewood Elementary and Kristen Cline from our Global Alumni Program (GAP). Over the course of their visit, the delegation will be welcomed by the mayor, home-hosted in Nagaoka and then will conclude their exchange with an overnight stay in Tokyo before returning home.

Toluca DIF Exchange

Medical staff from the Sistema para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia del estado de Mexico (DIF program) in Toluca, Mexico are coming to Fort Worth to participate in a professional exchange with Harris Hospital June 5-16. This exchange is part of a reciprocal exchange program between Harris Hospital and DIF Toluca. During their stay, DIF professionals will be training with therapists, midwives and physicians. Come meet the delegation at the welcome dinner at Blue Mesa June 5. While the group is here, they will be recognized at city council the evening of June 14. You are also invited to say adios to the DIF group during the farewell potluck at Martha Cooper's house June 16. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Erika at 817-392-2650 by Tuesday, June 14.

20th Anniversary of Fort Worth Sister Cities

June 26 marks the 20th anniversary of Fort Worth Sister Cities International. The organization is currently planning a spectacular celebration for this momentous occasion. Please mark the afternoon of Sunday, June 26 on your calendars and a formal invitation will be issued to you soon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2005

FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL JUNE 2005 CALENDAR

1-14	Wed-Tues.	Youth ambassadors depart for Nagaoka and Tokyo, Japan
1-16	Wed-Thurs.	Youth ambassadors depart for Trier, Rotenburg and Frankfurt, Germany
2	Thursday	Mbabane meeting, Intermodal Transportation Center, 1000 Jones Street, 6:00 p.m.
5	Sunday	DIF welcome dinner, Blue Mesa, 1600 South University Blvd., 6:00 p.m., RSVP by June 3.
7	Tuesday	ILA orientation, University Christian Church, 2720 So. University Dr. Rm.211, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
8	Wednesday	Bandung meeting, Yum Yum's restaurant, 4954 Overton Ridge Blvd., 6:00 p.m.
12	Sunday	Hungarian soccer players welcome party, YMCA 4750 Barwick Drive, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
13	Monday	Budapest Soccer vs. Fort Worth United Soccer, FWISD Soccer Complex, Campus Rd. and I-20, 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Event is free to the public.
14	Tuesday	DIF city council recognition, City Hall, 1000 Throckmorton, 7:00 p.m.
14	Tuesday	Budapest meeting, Carolyn Lischio's home, 3704 West 6th Street, 6:00 p.m.
16	Thursday	DIF farewell potluck and Toluca meeting, home of Martha Cooper, 10 Crosslands Road, 6:30 p.m. RSVP by June 14 to 817-392-2650.
16	Thursday	Budapest Soccer vs. Fort Worth United Soccer, FWISD Soccer Complex, Campus Rd. and I-20, 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Event is free to the public.
20	Monday	Long Range Planning committee meeting, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.
21	Tuesday	Trier meeting, Sardine's, 509 University Drive, 6:00 p.m.
22	Wednesday	FWSCI executive committee meeting, FWSCI office, 808 Throckmorton, 11:45 p.m.
23	Thursday	Reggio Emilia meeting, Home of Fran McCarthy, 703-B West Magnolia Ave., 5:30 p.m., RSVP by June 20.
23	Thursday	Nagaoka meeting, home of Gina and Cliff Cook, 6134 Haley Lane, 7:00 p.m.
24	Friday	Last day to withdraw from Budapest trip.
26	Sunday	20th anniversary of Fort Worth Sister Cities International

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

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