

City Updates

Reggio Emilia, Italy

This month we will discuss the culinary exchange, Mayor Delrio's visit and proposed programs for 2007. Our culinary students will do a cooking demonstration during Mayor Delrio's visit. Don't miss your opportunity to host one of our guests. Sign up with Alyson or Julie Johncox. The membership drive is in full force so bring a friend!

Trier, Germany

The Trier group has wonderful programs proposed for 2007, but we want to hear from you so please attend the meeting this month where we will say farewell to our intern from Trier, Annika Axt. She will be volunteering in our office through August 18 so there is plenty of time to invite her to lunch or to join you for a weekend activity. The membership drive is in full force so bring a friend!

Nagaoka, Japan

Join the Nagaoka group for their meeting as they confirm the programs and exchanges for next year, plan for the inbound middle school exchange and discuss the outbound 20th anniversary trip to Nagaoka in 2007.

Bandung, Indonesia

The Bandung city anniversary exchange pre-travel orientation will take place this month. Please plan to attend or send someone to the meeting on your behalf. See calendar for details.

Budapest, Hungary

Join the Budapest group as they confirm plans for next year's programs and exchanges. They are also planning a membership event with Trier involving the Tarantula wine train. If you are interested in volunteering for this event then this meeting is for you!

Toluca, Mexico

We have many wonderful programs on the proposed list for 2007. This month we will make a final proposal to the board so be sure to come and help us decide. The membership drive is in full force so bring a friend!

Mbabane, Swaziland

Many thanks to our wonderful host families, volunteers and the Black Ecumenical Leaders Association for their generosity in hosting our friends from Mbabane. We had an amazing experience thanks to all of you. The Mbabane group will meet to debrief and to plan 2007 programs this month. Please see calendar for details.

Fort Worth Youth International

Our FYI board meeting this month includes an orientation and brainstorming session. President Casey Drillette and other officers returned from the conference in D.C. with many new ideas. Welcome to our new youth advisor, Jennifer Miller and returning advisor, Elysa Drillette. If you have new ideas for youth programs, please email Irene Chase.

GAP (Global Alumni Program)

GAP's summer reunion was a great success. This allowed our alumni membership to explore future initiatives with our sister cities and a proposed service exchange to Mbabane. Our guest speaker, the Public Information Officer from Mbabane, shared his insight regarding the future of youth leaders of Mbabane. Kudos to Siobhan Flowers & JaMarcus Perdue for organizing this event! Thanks to all the alums who were interns or facilitators for ILA.



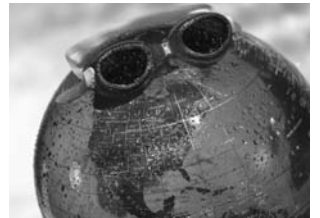
Down to the Wire on the 2006 Membership Drive

How many folks have you recruited? Think you still have a lot of time left? You don't! Report time is here for the 2006 membership drive. August 23rd everyone will know who is closest to taking that trip on American Airlines, staying in a luxurious suite at the Renaissance Worthington, dining at Del Friscos, the Reatta and enjoying free passes to entertainment venues all over Fort Worth. Will it be you? It won't be if you don't get out there and get some new members today!

"The early bird always gets the worm" isn't just a clever saying; it's your motto for success. Recruit now and you have a much better chance of winning when the drive concludes. Log on to the Fort Worth Sister Cities website August 23rd after 12:00 p.m. and click on the picture featured above to see who is winning the 2006 Fort Worth Sister Cities membership drive. Also check your weekly minder to see what new prizes are added to the drive weekly. Visit the website membership page now to see progress of the drive, download a membership form, view the rules of the drive, and to view a complete list of prizes. The choice is yours: stack the organization with your friends and enjoy the perks of being a winner or sit back sadly and watch someone else have all of the fun. That's hardly a choice at all so get out there and recruit!

International Swim Exchange

Twenty swimmers are coming to Fort Worth August 5-13 from our Italian sister city, Reggio Emilia. They will be hosted by FAST (Fort Worth Area Swim Team). Since 1899, FAST has been a non-profit, high-quality, competitive swimming program that emphasizes fundamental aquatic skills, physical fitness, teamwork, and personal growth.



Many of the FAST members participated in the 2005 Olimpiade in Reggio Emilia. This is an extended cultural opportunity to reciprocate. As a testimonial to our sister cities mission of promoting cultural understanding, one of the hosting families is TCU swim coach Richard Sybesma, who is hosting the swim coaches. More than 15 years ago, these coaches came as high school swimmers in the first swim exchange between Fort Worth and Reggio Emilia. There will be swim team finals and a farewell luncheon August 12. Mark your calendar for both of these events and show your support for the team! Please check the calendar for details regarding times and locations.

Toluca DIF

A group of volunteers from the Toluca DIF program will be here August 2-6 for the Hispanic Wellness Fair at UNT Health Science Center. The group will also visit local hospitals and clinics including Harris Methodist Hospital. This exchange is part of a series of reciprocal exchanges between Toluca DIF, UNTHSC and Harris Methodist Hospitals. The group will receive a donation of medical equipment and supplies. Several of our members visited DIF clinics during our visit to Toluca in May and were able to see the wonderful work that is being done by the staff and volunteers there. Join the Toluca group for a welcome party at Billy Bob's. Please see calendar for more details.

Want a Chef in Your Home?

Six culinary students from Reggio Emilia, Italy are visiting September 20-October 3 and they are looking for home hosts. Three girls and boys ages 17-18 years old will visit with a teacher and her husband. They will intern with local chefs and tour restaurants, country clubs and other places of interest during the day and they would like to experience American family life in the evening. This exciting exchange will culminate in a cooking demonstration celebrating the arrival of Mayor Delrio from Reggio Emilia to which all home hosts will be invited. Sign up today. For more information contact Alyson at 817-392-2653.

Save The Date for the 2006 Mayor's International Dinner



Get out your calendar, day runner, palm pilot or Blackberry now and reserve the evening of Thursday, November 2nd, 2006. That's the date of the Mayor's International Dinner and you won't want to miss out on the political hilarity of *The Capitol Steps*! Come enjoy international cuisine from Fort Worth's sister cities and laugh away the stresses of the season while the Capitol Steps lampoon a year of crazy politics. Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win American Airlines roundtrip airfare for two, a fishing adventure to Michigan or VIP entertainment package for the American Airlines Center. The Capitol Steps won't be here next year so this is your last chance to catch 'em in the Worth!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2006

FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL AUGUST 2006 CALENDAR

1	Tuesday	Bandung city anniversary exchange pre-travel orientation, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, 1515 Commerce St. 76102, 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Beth July 31
2	Wednesday	Long Range Planning committee meeting, home of Mary Palko, 2409 Winton Terrace West, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
3	Thursday	Mbabane meeting, Fort Worth Sister Cities, 808 Throckmorton 76102, 6:00 p.m.
3	Thursday	Toluca DIF exchange welcome party, Billy Bob's Texas, 2520 Rodeo Plaza, Stockyards Station 76106, 6:00 p.m., RSVP to Alyson by August 1.
5-13	Sat.-Sun.	Reggio Emilia swim team hosted by the FAST Team association
6	Sunday	Toluca DIF farewell event, Rose Marine Theatre, 1440 N. Main Street, 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Alyson by August 4
8	Tuesday	Budapest meeting, Four Star Coffee Bar, 3324 West 7th Street 76107, 6:00 p.m., RSVP to Beth by August 7
12	Saturday	Reggio Emilia swim exchange farewell luncheon, UNT HSC Atrium, 3500 Camp Bowie, 1:30 p.m., RSVP to Alyson by August 7
12	Saturday	Swim team finals at Wilkerson Greines Pool/Gym 5201 C.A. Roberson by FWISD Clark Stadium, 8:00-11:30 a.m.
15	Tuesday	Program and exchange committee meeting, Location TBA, 6:00 p.m.
15	Tuesday	Trier farewell party for Annika, Palermo's, 1000 W. Magnolia, 76104, 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Alyson by August 14
16	Wednesday	FWSCI executive board meeting, FWSCI office, 808 Throckmorton, 11:45 a.m.
17	Thursday	Nagaoka meeting, Fort Worth Japanese Society, 3608 Park Lake Drive, 76133, 6:30 p.m.
19	Saturday	FYI Executive board orientation, Fort Worth Sister Cities office, 808 Throckmorton 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m
23	Wednesday	Membership Drive Report, Fort Worth Sister Cities Web-site, www.fwsistercities.org, 12:00 p.m.

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