

City Updates

Reggio Emilia, Italy

As we say goodbye to our culinary exchange students, we say hello to Mayor Delrio and his delegation! Help us bid him a warm farewell at the Fort Worth Club and enjoy a musical performance by Misha Galaganov. Bring a friend because the membership drive is in full swing.

Trier, Germany

Lord Mayor Helmut and Gisela Schröer will visit us from October 11-15. Get out your best cowboy gear and join us at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame to see Doug Harman's collection and enjoy some lively western entertainment, great food and conversation. The membership drive is in full swing so bring a friend!

Nagaoka, Japan

We will begin planning our annual Oshogatsu (New Year) celebration this month and discuss plans for our April exchange to Nagaoka. This is a great time to get involved so don't miss out. Domo to the Nagaoka group volunteers, Daggett Montessori and William James Middle School for being such great hosts to our Japanese Middle School students last month.

Bandung, Indonesia

We will meet this month to discuss membership team strategies and possibilities for an early summer outbound trip to Indonesia. Your help is needed so please join us!

Budapest, Hungary

There is no meeting for the Budapest group this month, so join your friends at a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian revolution, hosted by the Fort Worth-Dallas Magyar Circle. Also, the Rose Marine Theater is showing Dracula in Spanish (with English subtitles). See the calendar for details and call Beth for more information.

Toluca, Mexico

Join us for arts and music this month! See the Latina Arts Exhibit at Rose Marine Theater, then experience the music of Mexico at Bass Hall when the OSIM Mexican Youth Orchestra performs. Councilman Sal Espino is the Chair of the event. Toluca wants to win the membership mini-drive so start recruiting!

Mbabane, Swaziland

The Mbabane group will not meet this month, but are attending the "Field of Souls" gospel choir concert at Bass Hall. The proceeds from this concert benefit Orphans in Africa. Call Beth for tickets.

Fort Worth Youth International

It is time for our Fall Kick-off "International Food Frenzy"! Enjoy the foods and learn about upcoming exchanges, community service projects and cool programs just for our youth members, like our spring salsa dance night. Bring friends to watch a special video on past exchanges. Exchange applications are on our website. The deadline is October 27. Join us for an incredible travel adventure!

GAP (Global Alumni Program)

Congrats to Angela Campbell and Joshua Cauthen who will serve as Associate Delegation Leaders for the 12 Youth Ambassadors departing for Toluca as delegates in the TOLMUN United Nations program. Sign up as an ADL for our 2007 spring and summer youth exchanges or as an office intern. Applications are available on the website. Chair, Lindsay Wilson will be planning a fall gathering as we transition to the new chair-elect Carlo Capua.



October Membership Mini-Drive

It's not a trick, but it does offer you some pretty amazing treats! Join a team from one of the seven city groups and recruit your friends and family for a chance to win individual as well as team prizes such as: American Airlines airfare, dinner at Del Frisco's, a Cowtown entertainment package, suite at the Renaissance Worthington, Art Lover's extravaganza, JP Morgan Chase luxurious suite at Ameriquet Field, tickets for 20 and a hot dog dinner at the Fort Worth Cats game and much, much more. You won't want to miss out so get out there and do that voodoo that you do!

The mini-drive began September 18 and will run until October 31. Prizes will be awarded at the 2006 annual meeting and holiday party, December 13. Individuals must recruit at least five new members to be eligible for prizes. Teams must recruit at least 50 new members (five new members per person) to qualify for team prizes. For more information about how to join a team, visit www.fwsistercities.org or contact Lisa Gail Barnes (contact information listed on back).

Fort Worth Youth International Exchange Opportunities

We are offering six trips to students currently in grades 8-12 through Fort Worth Sister Cities 2007 Youth Ambassador Exchange Program. This annual program gives youth the opportunity to experience the history, language, foods, culture and arts of our sister cities in Italy, Mexico, Germany, Hungary and Japan. Students live with a host family during the exchange, visit local schools, and experience global volunteerism as they participate in a local community service project. While abroad, they will travel to sites of historical and cultural interest including side excursions to Venice, Cologne, Mexico City, and Tokyo! All youth are recognized by the hosting city's Mayor and local officials.



Two of the exchanges are "reciprocal," which means that as part of the program, the Youth Ambassador and his/her family will host an international student in return. A host family orientation will be held to ensure a successful experience for all involved, likewise, Youth Ambassadors are required to attend cultural orientations prior to travel as well. Students learn basic language, cultural protocol, history, sample the foods of the country and learn how to enjoy time with their international host family. Application deadline is October 27th and can be downloaded from our website at www.fwsistercities.org. Share this exciting opportunity with friends and relatives. Interviews will be held November 9-12th. Limited partial scholarships are available.

The spring break exchange to Reggio Emilia, Italy is open to grades 9-11. The spring break exchange to Toluca, Mexico is open to grades 8-12. The summer exchange to Trier, Germany and Budapest, Hungary is open to current grade levels 9-12 and the summer exchange to Nagaoka, Japan is open to current grade levels 8-12. The Harashin Scholars program is open to current grade levels 9-11.

October is the Month For Mayors

Mayor Graziano Delrio of Reggio Emilia, Italy, three city council representatives and an Italian sister cities staff liaison will visit October 2-5. The farewell event is planned for Wednesday, October 4 at the Fort Worth Club at 6:00 p.m. The Italian Consul General is visiting from Houston to join us. The cost is \$55 per person and reservations with payment can be made with Stefanie at 817-392-2650. A musical performance by Misha Galaganov will highlight the evening's program.

Then, Lord Mayor Helmut Schroer of Trier, Germany and his wife Gisela will visit us from October 11-15. His welcome event is planned for Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Save the date and more details will follow shortly.



The 2006 Mayor's International Dinner

Get out your day runner, palm pilot or Blackberry and reserve the evening of November 2nd. 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 round trip airfare for two, a VIP entertainment package for the American Airlines Center or a Neiman Marcus \$1,000 gift certificate for Max Mara products. **You'll also want to hear a special announcement to be made that evening and you just might see some "stars" in the crowd.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2006

FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL OCTOBER 2006 CALENDAR

1	Sunday	Mbabane group event "Field of Souls" gospel choir concert, Bass Hall, 555 Commerce St., 76102, 3:00 p.m.
1	Sunday	FYI Executive Board meeting, UNTHSC Atrium, 3500 Camp Bowie, 1:30 -3:00 p.m.
1	Sunday	FYI general meeting and International Food Frenzy, UNTHSC Atrium, 3500 Camp Bowie, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
4	Wednesday	Reggio Emilia Farewell Event for Mayor Delrio, Fort Worth Club, 306 West Seventh St., 76102. 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$55 per person. RSVP with payment to Stefanie at 817-392-2650.
6	Friday	Toluca group Latina Art exhibit, Rose Marine Theater, 1440 N. Main St., 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Alyson by Oct. 4
8	Sunday	TOLMUN youth ambassador/parent travel orientation, UNTHSC Atrium, 3500 Camp Bowie, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
11	Wednesday	Bandung meeting, Central Market, upstairs patio, 4561 West Freeway, 76107, RSVP to Beth by Oct 10.
11-15	Wed-Sunday	Lord Mayor Helmut and Gisela Schröer visit Fort Worth
12	Thursday	Trier welcome event for Lord Mayor Helmut Schröer, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, 128 East Exchange St., 76106, 6:30 p.m., Tickets are \$25 per person, RSVP with payment to Stefanie by Sept 28.
12	Thursday	GAP meeting, Papisitos Cantina, 2704 West Freeway, 76102, 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Irene by Oct.9th
16-22	Mon-Sunday	Youth Ambassadors depart for the TOLMUN United Nations program in Toluca, Mexico
19	Thursday	Nagaoka meeting, Fort Worth Japanese Society, 3608 Park Lake Dr., 76133, 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Beth by Oct. 18
22	Sunday	Hungarian 50th Anniversary commemoration, Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Rd., Irving, 75039 4:00 p.m.
23	Monday	Programs & Exchanges committee meeting, Broadway Baptist Church, 305 W. Broadway, 6:00 p.m.
26	Thursday	OSIM Mexican Youth Orchestra performance, Bass Hall, 555 Commerce St, 7:00 p.m. To volunteer or request tickets (\$5-12 each) contact Estela Martinez-Stuart 817-698-7834
27	Friday	Application deadline for spring & summer youth ambassadors exchanges
28	Saturday	Reggio Emilia vineyard tour, Lone Oak Winery, 2116 FM 731, Burleson, 76028, RSVP to Alyson by Sept. 19
28-29	Sat-Sun.	Fort Worth Japanese Society Fall Festival, Fort Worth Japanese Gardens, 3300 Japanese Garden Lane, 76107

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