

Committee Updates

Reggio Emilia, Italy

The photo party was a smashing success last month. Join us this month to hear Leila Gleason share her knowledge of Italy at the home of George and Jean Wagner. We will be discussing our proposals for the 06-07 programs. We have many exciting events on the calendar so be sure to volunteer!

Trier, Germany

Our friends from Trier returned for the Main Street Arts Festival this year with 6 artists, several partners and 4 state officials from the department of economic development. Thank you to all who helped make this event such a success, namely Rachel Bounds, Terri West and Jane Bass. Be sure to stop by the Modern Art Museum gift shop to see Ludwin Sartoris' work. This month we will begin discussing the proposed programs for next fiscal year.

Nagaoka, Japan

The Nagaoka group will meet May 18, so please join them as they work on brainstorming for next year's programs and plan for the summer youth exchanges. See calendar for more details.

Bandung, Indonesia

Many thanks to the Bandung group for spending time with our friends from the Indonesian Consulate last month. Join us for our May meeting where we will be doing some brainstorming for next year's programs and discussing our September trip.

Budapest, Hungary

The Budapest group sends a big köszönöm to Kendall Hodgkins for sharing his Budapest travel experiences. Join the Budapest group for their May meeting as they brainstorm for next year's programs, exchanges and plan for the ILA youth who will be traveling to Fort Worth this July.

Toluca, Mexico

We have 35 students coming from Toluca for ILA. Don't miss your chance to host a student in your home for a few days. Join us to celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Rose Marine Theater. This is a family event and it is free. Come enjoy the mariachis and Ballet Folklorico dancers. May 24 we head to Toluca!

Mbabane, Swaziland

Thanks to the TCU African Heritage Association for their presentation on *Tribalism in Swaziland and Africa* last month. Join the Mbabane group for their meeting this month to do some brainstorming for next year's programs and discuss plans for summer youth exchanges.

Fort Worth Youth International

Congratulations to our 2006 graduates: Carley Cline, Monica Germinario, Cody Crouch, Katie Smith, Andrew Judge, An La and Cleve Powell. Join us for our next meeting where GAP member JaMarcus Perdue will talk about life with sister cities after graduation.

GAP (Global Alumni Program)

Siobhan Flowers will chair the summer reunion in July. We will host international alums working as ILA facilitators from our sister cities, ten of which are from Toluca. A special celebration to honor Mr. Shinichi Hara in July is being planned in collaboration with the Nagaoka Committee. Mr. & Mrs. Hara will be in Fort Worth July 17. Are you a former Harashin Scholar? Contact Irene Chase for details and join us to celebrate our 15th year.



Membership Drive 101 & Kick Off

Attention! Calling all long-time, new and potential members of Fort Worth Sister Cities! The 2006 membership drive kicks off May 11 and we are celebrating with an informational, yet fun social event at Dos Gringos restaurant. Learn how this year we are taking Fort Worth Sister Cities to the next level! Invite potential members to come along and learn how you can win some great prizes including round-trip airfare from American Airlines. You have until December 13, 2006 to recruit new members but prizes will be awarded throughout the rest of the year to the top recruiters, so don't delay. Come to this informational "happy hour" and then get busy recruiting. See calendar for more details.

Piano Texas Calls For Host Families

Students from all over the world will be in Fort Worth June 2-25, 2006 for the Jr. Cliburn Piano Workshop, Piano, Texas. This workshop, taught by Tamas Ungar, grooms young adults for the prestigious Cliburn Competition. Only selected students from around the world are invited to attend.

Fort Worth Sister Cities has been asked to host Hungarian pianists as they participate in the workshop. It is preferred that the host families live near TCU so that the students will not have to rely on their host families for transportation. If you would like to host Hungarian students contact Beth Weibel via email: beth@fwsistercities.org or call 817-392-2657.

Cinco De Mayo Celebration

Fort Worth Sister Cities Toluca city group will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo at the Rose Marine Theater located near the famous Fort Worth Stockyards. This is a family event and it is free. Come enjoy mariachis in the plaza and beautiful performances by Ballet Folklorico dancers. See calendar for more details.

Showcase of Young Artists 2006

Fort Worth Sister Cities, in conjunction with Sister Cities International recently celebrated the 5th annual Showcase of Young Artists. We will proudly send the local winning art pieces and new category entry of "short film" to Washington D.C. to be judged on the national level.

This year's theme for submitted works of art was *What Does a Global Citizen Look Like?* Best in Show went to Baltazar Cordero Jr. from North Side High School and two collaborative team producers of the Best in Show DVD category, Jonathan Alvarez and Patrick Riney from Southwest High School. Each student along with his art teacher won \$100.00 cash awards. Entries will also be represented in Washington D.C. from our participating sister cities: Budapest, Hungary; Nagaoka, Japan; Toluca, Mexico and Mbabane Swaziland.

All international entries and top 1st-3rd place awards can be viewed on our website later this summer. Special thanks to art director, Beverly Fletcher and to judges Mary Dulle, Marilyn Sturns, Rachel Bounds and Judy Sager for their support and participation in coordinating this event.

Delegation To Toluca

With Spanish classes concluding this month, members of the Toluca delegation are fully primed for their trip to sunny Mexico to test their newly acquired language skills. Delegates from Fort Worth will be in Toluca from May 24-29, during which time they will visit historical sites, architectural marvels, see Mexican botany at its finest, tour Toluca, experience Mexico City, enjoy decadent authentic Mexican cuisine, participate in professional exchanges and even bring home some nice souvenirs for their friends and family.

Farewell To Our Interns

Fort Worth Sister Cities would like to thank the following interns for all of their hard work and dedication: Nate Arnold, Rocio Barreto-Nunez, Mason Calhoun, Redi Dibrani, Marie Hart, Julia Jones, Leah Schembri, Kim Tesarek and Ilse Trevino. Thank you also to our youth coordinator, Ashley Gray, who is leaving to pursue her graduate education.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2006

FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL MAY 2006 CALENDAR

4	Thursday	Mbabane meeting, FWSCI office, downstairs conference room, 808 Throckmorton, 6:00 p.m.
5	Friday	Toluca's Cinco de Mayo celebration, Rose Marine Theater, 1440 N. Main, 76106, 7:30 p.m. Free event
9	Tuesday	Budapest meeting, home of Karen & Glenn Kroh, 2618 Cockrell, 76109, 6:30 p.m., RSVP to Beth by May 8
9	Tuesday	Board and staff communications training, FWSCI office conference room, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
11	Thursday	Membership drive kick-off, Dos Gringos, 1015 N. University, 6:00-7:30 p.m. RSVP to Lisa Gail by May 5
15	Monday	Toluca final travel orientation, Cachonga's, 4255 Camp Bowie Blvd., 76107 6:00-8:00 p.m., RSVP to Alyson by May 12
16	Tuesday	Trier meeting & welcome party for Helena Junker, Palermo's, 1000 W. Magnolia, 76104, 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Alyson by May 15
17	Wednesday	Bandung meeting, Four Star Coffee Bar, 3324 West 7th Street, 76107, 6:00 p.m.
17	Wednesday	FWSCI board meeting, Intermodal Transportation Center, 1000 Jones Street, 11:45 a.m.
18	Thursday	Nagaoka meeting, Fort Worth Japanese Society, 3608 Park Lake, 76133, 6:30 p.m., RSVP to Beth by May 16
19	Friday	Deposit due for the Bandung anniversary trip in September
20	Saturday	Jr. ILA orientation, FWISD Applied Learning Academy, 7060 Camp Bowie, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
21	Sunday	Final youth travel orientation, UNTHSC Atrium, 3500 Camp Bowie, 1:30-3:30 for Japan and 2:30-4:30 p.m. for Trier. Mandatory attendance with parent
24-29	Wed-Mon	Official trip to Toluca and Mexico City
25	Tuesday	Reggio Emilia meeting, home of George & Jean Wagner, 6408 Canterbury Court, 76132, 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Alyson by May 22
29	Monday	FWSCI office closed for Memorial Day

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

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