

City Updates

Reggio Emilia, Italy

Grazie to our students who shared a wonderful photo show with us last month. Join the Reggio Emilia group for their May meeting as they begin their brainstorming for the 2007-2008 programs and exchanges. We hope you can join us.

Trier, Germany

Celebrate the Trier team's performance in the 2007 Membership Drive! Karen Hunn led a great team this year and we had lots of fun at the Taste of Fort Worth event! Thanks also to the countless volunteers who helped out with the Main Street Artists. This is becoming one of the best exchanges of the year!

Nagaoka, Japan

Arigato to our delegates who made our journey to Nagaoka such a special one. Join the Nagaoka group this month for their photo sharing party and see all of the beautiful photos from our 20th Anniversary exchange and celebration.

Bandung, Indonesia

Join the Bandung group for dinner at their meeting this month. Many thanks to all of you who assisted with the taste of Fort Worth Sister Cities event. You brought Indonesian culture to Fort Worth!

Budapest, Hungary

Join us for a presentation by Hungarian violinist Anna Meréy. See calendar for details. Anna will visit Fort Worth from May 4-12. We are also planning a farewell dinner to precede the Fort Worth Symphony performance on Friday, May 11 at Ferré restaurant downtown. Reservations are required, so RSVP now!

Toluca, Mexico

Mayor Sanchez Gomez is making his second official visit to Fort Worth in May for the NASCO conference and we will be able to host his delegation for several events. Join us at 8.o's for a welcome reception on the patio. The Mayor first visited briefly in April to meet Mayor Moncrief and to show his support for university and business initiatives.

Mbabane, Swaziland

The Mbabane group is meeting to discuss the plans for the youth traveling to Fort Worth for the International Leadership Academy this summer. We are also beginning our brainstorming for next year's programs and exchanges. See calendar for details.

Fort Worth Youth International

A salute and thank you for outstanding leadership to our 2007 grads and FYI Executive Officers – Casey Drillette, Alexandra Sinatra, Kathleen Cantu-Crouch, Baltazar Cordero, Hannah Harrison, Dianna Alexander-Oates, and Jazmin Guerrero. Stay tuned for election announcements.

GAP (Global Alumni Program)

Shiboban Flowers is busy contacting GAP members as chair of the 2007 summer reunion in July! Special thanks to Renee Snoke who is celebrating the amazing job that she and Dustin Henry did in recruiting for the GAP/Young Professional Membership Drive team. Join us in welcoming & meeting the international alums from Toluca and Trier as International Leadership Academy facilitators from our sister cities. Contact Irene Chase for details. Summer Associate Delegation Leaders have done a great job. Two are busy packing up for June trips—Jenni Felts to Japan & Adaqui Aquilera to Trier.

May is the Month for Hungarian Music



May is the month for Hungarian music. First, you won't want to miss Ferenc Illenyi and his Gypsy Band in their first ever performance in the DFW Metroplex, May 4 at the Blue Danube Restaurant in Pantego. Illenyi and his Gypsy Band will perform all-time favorite gypsy tunes as well as classical pieces from Hungary, Russia and other Eastern European countries.

Illenyi, a native Hungarian, is currently a first violinist with the Houston Symphony. He debuted in Budapest performing both the Beethoven and Tchaikovsky violin concertos and was a finalist in the Carl Flesch and Tibor Varga competitions. As a teen, he performed with the Tibor Varga Chamber Orchestra in Europe and has recorded for Hungarian radio and television. For only \$40.00 at the door, you can enjoy this musical delight as well as a buffet menu that includes delicious Hungarian specialties. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Bela Marton at (972) 727-5467 or email bimarton@yahoo.com.

Secondly, May 6, acclaimed Hungarian Anna Meréy will give a musical presentation at Broadway Baptist Church, with a reception to follow. Admission is free to the event, but donations will be accepted at the door. May 10, Meréy will be presenting a workshop for string teachers entitled "New Ideas from the Old World- presenting the creative methods of Laszlo Scary and other innovative approaches to strings education." Meréy is a graduate of the Hans Eisler Academy of Music in Berlin, where she received her Violinist Master diploma. She has also attended the Music Academy of Detmold, Germany and the Franz Liszt Music Academy in Budapest, Hungary.

Spotlight On Youth



Showcase of Young Artists 2007

We are celebrating our 6th year of participating in this annual event and will proudly send our local winning art pieces to Washington D.C. to be judged on the national level. This year our theme was "Do We Live in an Open & Accessible World?" Best in Show went to Nixdaly Riojas, who is currently a 12th grader from South Hills High School. Nixdaly received a \$100 cash award as did her art teacher, Meg Rosenbach. Entries will also be represented in D.C. from our participating sister cities of Budapest, Hungary and Nagaoka, Japan. All international entries and top 1st-3rd place awards can be viewed on our website later this summer. Thank you to FWISD art director, Beverly Fletcher, and to our judges: Claudine Marion, Irene Cline and Denise Whitfield for their support and coordination of this event.

Calling all families for International Leadership Academy home hosting!

You are invited to have a unique culturally enriched four-day weekend July 19-22rd as you host an international student or teacher participating in the ILA program in July. More than 100 international youth have confirmed participation from Reggio Emilia, Trier, Nagaoka, Budapest, Toluca and Mbabane. Contact Irene Chase to sign up.

Farewell to our Spring Interns !

Fort Worth Sister Cities International salutes our outstanding TCU interns for a stellar job this spring. This is an incredible learning experience for them and we especially benefit from their creativity and fresh ideas. Thank you to: Purnima Khandhadai, Alison Lewis, Laura Woods and Catie Davenport.



What Are You Into?

What are you into? Chances are, Fort Worth Sister Cities has a special interest group that is full of folks who love what you love. Do you adore sushi, risotto and chicken paprikash? What about Pinot Grigio? If the answer is yes, you belong with our Culinary and Wine special interest group. Did you just love Wah-Wah, Run Lola Run or Pan's Labyrinth? If so, you belong with our Filmies special interest group. But what if all you really want to do is make those valuable connections that will help you climb that corporate ladder? You belong with our young professional group. For more information, please visit www.fwsistercities.org or contact Lisa Gail Barnes to get plugged in where you belong. Please see back for contact information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2007

FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL MAY 2007 CALENDAR

1	Tuesday	ILA orientation, Hulen Library, 4001 Library Lane, 76109 (Hulen & Briarhaven) 6:30-8:30 p.m.
1	Tuesday	Young Professional's Happy Hour, Blue Mesa Grill, 1600 S. University, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
4	Friday	Ferenc Illenyi and his Gypsy Band, Blue Danube Restaurant, 2230 W. Park Row, Pantego, 7:00 p.m.
6	Sunday	Budapest group hosts violinist Anna Mer�y, Broadway Baptist Church, 305 W. Broadway (76104), 2:00 p.m. Reply to Sidra by May 4.
6	Sunday	Japan youth ambassadors and parent(s) final travel orientation, UNTHSC, 3500 Camp Bowie, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
7	Monday	Jr. ILA Orientation for grades 6-8 and parent(s) UNTHSC Atrium, 3500 Camp Bowie, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
11	Friday	Budapest Farewell dinner for Anna Mer�y, Ferr� restaurant, 215 E. Fourth St., 76102. Cost is \$45 per person. RSVP to Sidra by May 8.
14	Monday	Programs & Exchanges committee meeting, home of Claudine Marion, 4640 Cinnamon Hill, 76133, 6:00 pm
15	Tuesday	Trier event, Bubba Bahamas restaurant, 215 N. University (76107), 6:00 pm. Reply to Sidra by May 14.
16	Wednesday	Board of Directors meeting, Intermodal Transportation Center, 1000 Jones Street, 11:45 a.m.
16	Wednesday	Bandung meeting, Junsuree House Thai Restaurant, 1109 W. Magnolia Ave. 76104, 6:00 p.m. RSVP by May 14
24	Thursday	Reggio Emilia meeting, Winestyles, 2600 West 7th Street, Montgomery Plaza, 6:00 p.m.
28	Monday	FWSCI office closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
29	Tuesday	Toluca welcome event for Mayor Sanchez Gomez, 8.0's patio, 111 East Third St., 76102, 5:30pm. Reply to Sidra by May 25.
29	Tuesday	Mbabane meeting, Fort Worth Sister Cities International, 808 Throckmorton 6:00 p.m. RSVP by May 28

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