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Albuquerque Sister Cities Hosts International Tea and Cookies

On Saturday, January 14, 2012 Albuquerque Sister Cities hosted an International tea and cookies for the public. Held at the Mazano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 1—3 PM, it was a wonderful opportunity to meet the representatives of Albuquerque's nine sister cities and learn about their cultures and planned trips or visits. Each city had an informational table where the host featured tea and cookies representative of the sister city.

Right: Jose Luis Cruz-Campa and his wife greet at their Guadalajara, Mexico table.

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Mary Hope and Richard Buckler welcome attendees.



Dave Bagley distributes tickets for prize drawings.



Oguljan Young (Right) welcomes members to her table on Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.



Davis Begay (center), Honorary Consul for Japan, and his wife Ikuko, represent Sasebo, Japan.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Elena Lu on December 23, 2011. Born in Chungking, China on October 2, 1940, she was a life-time member and supporter of Albuquerque Sister Cities. She was also a member of the national board of Sister Cities International.

From the President's Desk...

Spring time, a time for renewal and growth. And, your Sister Cities organization is focused on both. First, welcome aboard to our new Rehovot Committee Chair, Dr. Janice Moranz. A dermatologist by trade with a successful medical practice here in Albuquerque, Dr. Moranz is not a stranger to volunteerism, having served in the past as President of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico, among other activities. Janice is looking forward to leading a members' trip to Israel and our sister city of Rehovot sometime next year. If interested in helping on the committee, you may contact Janice at the email/phone number posted elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, be sure to support the Rehovot Committee by attending a special evening event on April 26, presented by Keshet Dance and the Federation in honoring Israel Independence Day. A dancer from Rehovot will participate with Keshet in the performance to be held at Sandia Prep.

ASCF continues to focus on our youth, and to nurture and promote the sister cities vision of "people to people diplomacy" through youth exchanges. This summer, two youth exchanges will take place. The first will send a group of middle/high school students from Albuquerque to our sister city of Sasebo, Japan. Mayor Tomonaga and his staff look

forward to our visit, in which the students will spend eight days in Sasebo with host families and engage in various cultural activities before visiting the Nagasaki Memorial and stopping for a day in Tokyo. It is expected that Mayor Tomonaga will visit Albuquerque in early November this year. And, with the recent visit of Ambassador Fujisaki and his wife and the special invitation the City gave our youth delegates above, we can all say "Arigato" to not only our Sasebo Committee but also the Japanese Denver Consulate, the New Mexico JACL, Mesa del Sol, the City of Albuquerque and New Mexico's Honorary Consul General Davis Begay for all their efforts to promote culture and business between New Mexico and Japan.

The second youth exchange will be a visit in July by several youth from our sister city of Helmstedt, Germany. You may remember that several Albuquerque youth visited Germany last summer. Now, their hosts will get the opportunity to visit here. Please participate in the fundraiser coming up on April 28 that will help pay for some of the summer activities of these youth.

Youth will continue to be the theme this May 5 at the Convention Center as ASCF will help sponsor ten

youth from our sister city of Chihuahua, Mexico, who will showcase their engineering prowess by building a robot to compete in Inquiry Facilitators "RoboRave" competition. Hundreds of youth from New Mexico, the U.S. & the world will participate. Chihuahua Mayor Quezada is expected to attend and pay his first visit to Albuquerque to see our scientists of tomorrow, as well as meet with our Mayor's Office. For more information on tickets, etc. to RoboRave, visit www.gotoif.org.

Adult exchanges are happening too! A visit to Germany, including Helmstedt our sister city, the last 2 weeks of September. A trip to Spain and our sister city of Albuquerque the first two weeks of October. See announcements on page 7.

Don't forget to RSVP to attend our welcome reception April 14, where you can meet five Turkmen business women from our sister city of Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, here on an Open World project.

AND put June 10 on your calendar for our annual meeting, featuring Helmstedt, which will be held at the Edelweiss German Club.

So, grow with us. There's something for everyone. See you soon.

Richard

Richard Buckler

Welcome to ASCF Board

ASCF welcomes to its board Janice Moranz, M.D., chair of the Rehovot, Israel committee. Janice is an active member of the Jewish community, having served in the past as president of the New Mexico Jewish Federation. Dr. Moranz is interested in health, prevention and weight management. She has her own

Dermatology and Dermatologic surgery practice. Moving to Albuquerque for its good weather, Janice likes to read, play tennis and swim. Married and with five dogs, she is also a member of Friendship Force and ACIV. She can be reached at 505-417-3787 or

janicemoranz@comcast.net. We also welcome Dr. Jose Luis Cruz-Campa, chair of the Guadalajara, Mexico committee. Jose works at Sandia Labs. Contact him at 915-760-3291 or joecampa@gmail.com

Japanese Ambassador Visits Albuquerque

The Japanese Ambassador, Ichiro Fujisaki, visited Albuquerque to talk about renewable energy on February 23, 2012. ASCF President, Richard Buckler and Sasebo committee chair, Kazumi Kawakubo-Todman attended a private tour of the BioPark with the Ambassador, Mayor Berry and other city officials. The City invited dignitaries, as well as the ASCF board, Sasebo Committee and Sasebo youth delegates, to a reception for His Excellency at the BioPark. The Ambassador and his wife shared that it was one of the nicest and warmest receptions they have ever attended.



L. to R: front row: Kazumi Kawakubo-Todman, Denise Mullen, Joshua Toon and Ryan Suazo back row: Pam Feather, Katie Dotson, Avril Nolke, Allison Merrell, Ambassador Fujisaki, Chellie Chacon, Renata Bonney and Mrs. Fujisaki

Opportunities to Host Foreign Visitors

Turkmen women: A Turkmen delegation of 5 women business leaders will come from Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (our sister city) from April 13-April 21. If interested in hosting, please email Ashgabat Chair Oguljan Young at atamuradovna@yahoo.com or call her at 803-0247.

German students: 10 students and 3 adults are coming from our sister city Helmstedt, Germany from July 21—August 11, 2012. If interested in hosting, please call Nathan Young at 977-6033 or email him at: nathaneyoung@gmail.com.

Ecuador students: ACIV (Albuquerque Council for International Visitors) is seeking home stay hosts for 10 top-notch students from Ecuador. They will be here from June 3 to July 13. If interested, please contact Susan Severt, Program Coordinator at 888-1867 or email her at: aciv@juno.com

Foreign students: The American Field Service (AFS), a national organization for student exchange is looking for host families for high school students from foreign countries for the coming school year. If interested please call Mark Benz, local coordinator at 449-7090.

In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Betty Davis in December 2012. Betty was an active member and ardent supporter of Albuquerque Sister Cities.

Plaque Honoring Betty Davis

Friendship Force is preparing a plaque to honor Betty Davis and her commitment to international friendship. Construction on a new pavilion at the Bosque will include a wall for the plaque. Donations can be made at ASCF's annual meeting, June 10. For more information or to donate now, call or email Richard Buckler at 291-8175, rbuckler3@comcast.net.

Nominations Open for 2012-2013 ASCF Officers

Bob Rodriguez is the nominating chair and he can be reached at 265-9013 or rmrodriguez@comcast.net

All positions are to be elected: President and 1st Vice President for 2 year terms and the others (2nd VP, 3rd VP, Secretary and Treasurer) for 1 year.



(Left): Representing Hualien, Taiwan is Yu-Lin Shen (back), co-Chair, Rubing Hsu (middle). Also pictured: David Hsi, chair of Lanzhou, China and visitor.

Alma Solis (Right) hosts table for Chihuahua, Mexico



Nathan Young (Right) talks with guests about Helmstedt, Germany

Eva Gonzales serves tea at the Albuquerque, Spain table.



ACIV Culture Boxes

Albuquerque Council for International Visitors (ACIV) has a Culture Box Program which supports the creation and development of individual, country-based boxes whose varied materials will complement classroom instruction. Each country-based box will enhance teaching about the geography, languages and cultures of the world. The cultures will contain an array of hands-on materials as well as curriculum resources. Students

will be exposed to country specific textiles and clothing; literature; music and musical instruments; spices and recipes; art; photography of the country; films; maps; information and artifacts of unique cultural celebrations. Albuquerque Sister Cities has been asked to assist in this project. Anyone who has items they wish to donate to a Culture Box, please bring them to our Annual Meeting on June 10. Any questions about this project should be directed to Rikki Quintana at rikkilq@comcast.net.

ACIV Hosts Free Author Reading & Book Signing

Benedicte Valentiner—served for 14 years as the general manager of the U.S. presidential guest house, Blair House—her book tells of her behind the scenes experiences at Blair House

Thursday, April 19, 2012
Noon—1 PM

UNM Latin American & Iberian Institute—for parking & directions visit <http://lail.unm.edu/contact>

RoboRave—Robotic Competition

On May 5, 2012 1200 students from around the world will participate in a robotic competition at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Besides local area students there will be entrants from the Czech Republic and Mexico. Students from Juarez and our sister city Chihuahua will be present and Mayor Quezada

of Chihuahua is also expected to attend. A pizza party is being planned as a reception for these students. Anyone interested in participating in this exciting event as an observer, helper, etc. please contact Pam Feather for more information. Her phone number is 980-5886 or email her at pjfeather@earthlink.net.

For ticket information to RoboRave, visit www.gotoif.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 12: UNM International Festival, 10 AM-2 PM, Cornell Mall.

Friday, April 13—21: Open World Turkmen Business Women in ABQ.

Saturday, April 14: Open World reception at the home of Mary Hope and Richard Buckler—10100 Isla Place NE. Space limited. RSVP : 291-8175.

Sunday, April 15—Early Deadline for submitting ASCF Board nominations to Nominating Chair Bob Rodriguez (265-9013). Nominations can be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting, June 10.

Thursday, April 19: Benedicte Valentiner book signing—at UNM, 12 –1 PM. Contact ACIV for more info: aciv@juno.com or 888-1867.

Thursday, April 26: Celebrate Israel's Independence Day—7 PM—Sandia Prep School—Keshet dancers from Albuquerque and Rehovot. RSVP to Jewish Federation: 291-1818.

Saturday, April 28: German dinner & silent auction — youth fund raising — make reservations with Nathan Young, Helmstedt Chair.

Saturday, May 5: RoboRave Robotic Competition at Convention Center.

Thursday, May 17: ASCF Board Meeting—Call Richard Buckler for location and directions —5:45 PM—open to all.

Sunday, June 10: ASCF Annual Meeting—12:30—4 pm—Edelweiss Club, 4821 Menaul—submit reservation and money to Dave Bagley, 3rd VP.

Thursday, July 12—14: SCI International Convention—Jacksonville, FL

Wednesday, July 18: ASCF Board Meeting—Call Richard Buckler for location and directions. —5:45 PM—open to all.

Thursday, July 19-31: ASCF youth trip to Japan.

Saturday, July 21—August 10, 2012: Helmstedt youth to visit Albuquerque—interested in hosting, please contact Nathan Young, Helmstedt Chair.

Friday Sept. 21—Oct. 1, 2012: ASCF trip to Helmstedt, Germany—contact Nathan Young, Helmstedt Chair, if interested.

Thursday Sept. 27— Oct 13, 2012: Sister Libraries visit by Turkmen librarians. Further details in next newsletter.

Sunday Sept. 30—Oct. 14, 2012: ASCF trip to Albuquerque, Spain—contact Eva Gonzales, Albuquerque Chair, if interested.

Looking for “Friendship” in Zambia

A New Mexico delegation is going to Zambia June 22—30, 2012. Representatives from Santa Fe, Clovis, Portales and Albuquerque will be included. Albuquerque is investigating a possible friendship linkage with Lusaka, Zambia. Airfare cur-

rently is running around \$2700, but in-country costs are expected to be heavily discounted. If interested, please contact Patrick Mapalo by April 20 at patrickmapalo@gmail.com.

ASCF Participates in Twinkle Light Parade

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, Albuquerque held its annual Twinkle Light Parade, with ASCF having a float in it. After spending several weekends constructing and decorating (with over 4,000 lights), it looked terrific! The parade's theme involved toys and so the float was decorated with large stuffed toys. ASCF youth (Tatiana Solis, Elena Ortiz and Devyn Moore) came dressed as toys, i.e. a teddy bear, a Russian doll and a Madam Alexander doll. The float also had flags on the ends representing our sister cities, as well as their city logos along the sides of the float. Several adult members on the float were dressed in traditional outfits. There was Richard Buckler and Nathan Young in Turkmenistan robes

and head pieces; Kimberly and Thomas Wong in Chinese outfits; Carl and Donna Londene in German costumes and Carol Dawley wearing kente cloth from Ghana. The driver of the truck pulling the float, David Baker, wore a Santa hat and gaily waved at the onlookers while wishing all a Merry Christmas. Nathan Young periodically walked alongside the float and distributed candy to children on the sidelines. And there was music—"It's A Small World." As we passed by the thousands of spectators, many of them began singing along with our song! Also on the float were Gina Solis, Eva Gonzales, Kristen Baker, Lindsey Baker, Jennifer Baker, Kaitlyn Archibeque

and Micayla Kavanaugh. In spite of the snow and cold all enjoyed sharing good wishes and holiday cheer.



German Dinner/Fundraiser

Saturday, April 28, 2012

1—4 PM

Little Turtle Clubhouse—7500
Prairie Rd. NE

\$10 per person

This ASCF German dinner and silent auction is to help raise funds for entertaining the youth of

Helmstedt, Germany during their visit July 21– August 10, 2012.

Reservations are limited to 35—so make your reservations EARLY!

Contact Helmstedt Chair, Nathan Young at 977-6033 or email him at nathaneyoung@gmail.com

Please contact him also to donate

items for the silent auction or wishing to host the visiting students.

UNM International Festival—April 12th

UNM International Festival featuring information, culture, food, study abroad and cultural crafts, will be held April 12, 2012

10 AM—2 PM.

In the Student Union Building (SUB) on the same day there will be a film showing "Jiro Dreams of

Sushi" at 6 pm.

Brought to you by Office of International Programs and Studies World Student Alliance.

ACIV will have an information table at this event.

ASCF ANNUAL MEETING

Support our
corporate members

This year, ASCF's Annual Meeting will feature our German sister city—Helmstedt.

Edelweiss am Rio Grande German American Club—4821 Menaul Blvd.

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Doors open at 12:30 pm with food served at 1 pm

\$5.00 for members and \$10 for non-members

Reservations due by June 5, 2012 to Dave Bagley
3114 Demavend Rd. NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87144-5599

German food—live German band

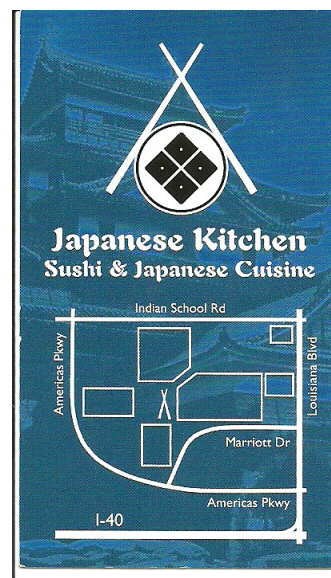
Collection of donated items for ACIV Culture Boxes (see page 4)

Collection of donations for Betty Davis memorial plaque (see page 3)

Election of ASCF Officers

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Learn about ASCF trips to our sister cities



ASCF to Participate in Celebration of Israel's Independence Day

April 26, 2012

7 PM

Celebration of Israel's Independence Day

Special performance by nationally acclaimed and Albuquerque-based Keshet Dance from Albuquerque

and featuring a professional dancer from Rehovot, Israel, our sister city.

The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of New Mexico and Albuquerque Sister Cities. A dancer is coming from Rehovot, Israel to participate with the local dancers.

Sandia Preparatory School—532 Osuna Road NE, Albuquerque

For further information, please contact the Jewish Federation at (505) 821-3214

ASCF TRIPS

HELMSTEDT, GERMANY

Sept. 21, 2012—Oct. 1, 2012

Itinerary: Berlin (Sept 22 & 23)
Helmstedt (Sept. 24 –28)
Mainz/Rhine Cruise (Sept 29 & 30)

Cost: about \$650 plus air fare

If interested contact Nathan Young at 977-6033 or email him at: nathaneyoung@gmail.com

ALBUQUERQUE, SPAIN

Sept. 30—Oct. 14, 2012

Itinerary: Visit with the Mayor and friends in Alburquerque, possibly a cork factory and some olive oil tasting. Take in the sights

in Madrid, Alhambra in Granada, the beautiful Mezquita in Cordoba and the ancient walled city of Toledo.

If interested contact Eva Gonzales at 296-2572 or email her at: evagonzalesc@gmail.com

COMBINATION TRIP - it is possible to do both trips—contact Nathan Young and Eva Gonzales for information.

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