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ASCF Annual Meeting

2008-2009

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Thank you Tuty
Quinton for serving
as 2nd Vice Presi-
dent of ASCF for
many years.

The Annual Meeting of Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation was held Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the New Beginnings Church of God. The program started about noon with a tasty potluck - ASCF provided the enchilladas and rice; the members brought salads; and the board was responsible for the desserts.

After all were fully satiated, ASCF President Dave Bagley called the meeting to order. He introduced the ASCF board and committee chairs and recognized ASCF past presidents Betty-Mae Hartman, Margaret Dike, and David Hsi. Dave showed everyone the SCI 2007 Innovative Award given to ASCF for its involvement in Albuquerque's Tricentennial Celebration. He also showed the lovely gift ASCF received from the Lanzhou, China delegation during their recent visit.

Upcoming events include July 2010 when Albuquerque will host SCI International convention; Mayor Chavez and the Mayor of Rehovot, Israel are working on formalizing a sister city relationship; a cultural trip to Hualien, Taiwan this October open to all ASCF members; and a cultural trip to Alburquerque, Spain next August 2009.

Wolfram Krank, Nominating Chair for ASCF, presented the new slate of officers for 2008-2009: President - Richard Buckler; 1st Vice President - open; 2nd Vice President - Carol Dawley; 3rd Vice President - Nathan Young; Secretary - Mary Hope Buckler; and Treasurer - Maja Whittington. The ayes carried and the slate was elected.

Richard Buckler thanked Dave Bagley for being President & along with Betty-Mae Hartman presented him with a certificate of appreciation signed by all present and a lovely plaque.

The New Mexican Mariachi Band (Roberto Martinez family) provided the musicaal entertainment and were well received.

A silent auction was held during the afternoon, netting \$200 for ASCF youth program.

Thank you to all who donated items and to all who purchased items.



Dave Bagley (center) holds his
thank you plaque.



While Mr & Mrs Davis place a bid in the
silent auction; Richard Buckler and Betty-
Mae Hartman check out other items for bid.

From the President's Desk

Over the past 12 years many of you have known me as your Membership Chair, or even Co-Chair/Chair of the Ashgabat-Albuquerque sister cities committee. And, for the past year, I served as your 1st Vice President, working closely with Dave Bagley, ASCF's President for the past four years. I have had the privilege of getting to know many of you. Now, as your newly elected president, I look forward to the unique challenges ahead, as we all strive to fulfill the sister cities' mission. That mission can be summarized in two words: Citizen Diplomacy. But, it is still fulfilled one person at a time. Indeed, President Eisenhower's vision for sister

cities as far back as 1956 was always "People to People." And, that's what I love about our mission. The only qualification one needs to perform "citizen diplomacy" is summed up best in the adage "love your neighbor as yourself." And, before we know it, the world has come to our doorstep and we to its porch, as it should be when people have become friends. I look forward to seeing each of you in the near future as ASCF reaches out to our community and the world.

Richard

From the (Past) President's Desk

It's been a wonderful four years - challenging, fun and certainly rewarding! I enjoyed it all, and hopefully, so did you. Our Sister Cities organization was presented with a national award for the Tricentennial celebration in 2006. Albuquerque was picked to host the Sister Cities International Conference in 2010, which will be a great opportunity for everyone in Albuquerque to participate in an international conference.

Richard Buckler is ready to guide us along as our new president, and with our talented group of officers and chairs, will work with our various sister cities. He's already hard at work to give our web site a much-needed face-lift.

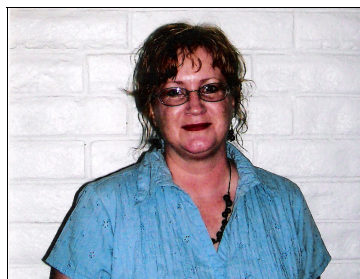
I want to thank our membership for your support while I was president. Without it, we wouldn't have been able to accomplish the wonderful trips that we enjoyed, host the guests who visited our city, and learn more about the cultures of the world, to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation - one individual, one community at a time.

Dave Bagley

Meet Your Board: Mary Hope Buckler

Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation's newly elected Secretary is Mary Hope Buckler. Born in Worland, Wyoming, she met and married her husband Richard in San Diego, California. The family moved to Albuquerque in August 1990. Richard and Mary Hope hosted a student from Ashgabat, Turkmenistan for the 1997-1998 school year. While Richard has held several ASCF board positions, this is Mary Hope's first. Mary Hope is the Publication Director for the Believers Center Church. She and Richard have three children. - Kim, a nurse, has traveled with Richard twice to Turkmenistan. Their son David is currently in college, completing his education degree; and daughter Tracy just graduated

from High School. Tracy visited Sasebo, Japan with ASCF last year. Mary Hope is looking forward to her first ASCF trip.



Email Addresses Wanted

We've been sending direct email messages to our members for the past several months, giving you updates on many local events. If you have not received these emails, our sincere apologies.

So that we can keep you better informed, please update our Membership Chair, Nathan Young, with your current information, including your snail mail address, email address, and phone number (s). Phone Nathan at 977-6033, or email nathaneyoung@gmail.com Thanks.

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Lanzhou, China Delegation Visits Albuquerque

Yang Zhiwu, Vice Mayor of Lanzhou Municipal People's Government led a delegation from our sister city Lanzhou to Albuquerque. On Friday, May 2 the Albuquerque Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance hosted a sit-down dinner in their honor at the Ho Lo Ma Restaurant. Since Mayor Chavez was out of town, he was represented by Albuquerque's CAO Dr. Perleman. Chris Chavez, the mayor's liaison from the city's Economic Department; Renie Ramona, the mayor's Executive Assistant and her husband; Albuquerque security officials as well as some ASCF board members were also in attendance.

On Saturday, May 3 there was a tree planting ceremony at the Albuquerque Botanical Garden. Catherine Hubbard, Manager of the Botanic Garden, officially greeted the delegation upon their 4 pm arrival. She lead a brief tour of the gardens - the Ceremonial Garden where weddings take place; the two conservatories (Mediterranean plantings with the special orchid display and the desert plantings); Sasebo Japanese Garden; the Heritage Farm. Returning to the entrance, the delegation met Mayor Chavez. With special shovels, the "Tree Lilac" was planted. Mayor Chavez said that the tree was being

planted to honor the special relationship between Lanzhou and Albuquerque. A plaque at the base of the tree reads: "Planted by Mr. Chen Baosheng, President Lanzhou People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries; Mr. Yang Zhiwu, Vice Mayor of Lanzhou and Mr. Martin Chavez, Mayor of Albuquerque commemorating the Lanzhou Albuquerque Sister City Partnership." Mayor Chavez received a lovely gift of engraved gourds. Note: Although the tree lilac was purchased here, it also grows in China and has lovely white blossoms.

We had a few brief moments to speak with Mr. Yang Zhiwu, Vice Mayor of Lanzhou. He was sporting an Isotope cap stitched with his name (Mayor Chavez gave each delegation member one.) Mr. Yang Zhiwu has been Vice Mayor for 2 years. He speaks most glowingly of the 2,000 year old Lanzhou. He said that the climate in Lanzhou is similar to that of Albuquerque, having four seasons. Upon seeing the farm, he said that Lanzhou also had lots of apple trees. Carol Dawley enjoyed meeting Mr. Chen Baosheng again. There is a great photo of him on page 13 of the ASCF July 2006 newsletter.

The delegation's itinerary also included a tour of Cutter Aviation, a City of Albuquerque lunch and reception, an Isotope ball game and hot air balloon rides.

The Lanzhou visitors presented ASCF with a lovely gift - a wooden holder containing 2 handpainted discs, showing Dunhuang art - flying Apsaras. Apsaras were painted in the Mogao Grottoes during the Song Dynasty. This gift will be on display at the Convention Center.



Lanzhou Chinese Delegation



New Mexico Sister Cities Statewide Meeting

Carol Robertson Lopez, New Mexico SCI State Coordinator organized a statewide meeting for NM sister cities on April 25-26, 2008. On Friday, April 25, the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation hosted a reception at the home of Richard and Mary Hope Buckler. The guests enjoyed the tasty food and lively conversation. Two men even tried out the backyard trampoline!

The Saturday morning meeting was held at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. As folks arrived, they were given tote bags filled with Railrunner paraphernalia and New Mexico information. Coffee, juice and muffins were available. Carol Robertson Lopez greeted everyone and then the group split for 2 workshops: "How to Raise Money for Your Sister Cities Program" moderated by Carol Dawley and "Strengthening Our Sister City Relationships" moderated by

Dave Bagley and Roberta Brashears. During the break, all had the opportunity to view the exhibit tables of Albuquerque, Spain; Chihuahua, Mexico; Ashgabat, Turkmenistan; and Sorento, Italy. More workshops followed: "New Mexico Sister Cities with Mexico" roundtable with Rudy Fernandez, Alma Solis and Alberto Solis as panelists and "Program ideas for Sister Cities" with Roberta Brashears moderating this brainstorming session. During the buffet lunch, Bill Woldman, Constituent Service Representative for Congressman Tom Udall greeted the attendees. The keynote speaker was Don Winkleman, Past President Santa Fe Council on International Relations. He spoke on "My Experiences with Citizen Diplomacy." The meeting concluded with door prizes and awards for those organizations who had display tables.



Mary Hope Buckler, Dave Bagley and Betty-Mae Hartman



Carol Robertson Lopez and Alberto Solis



Ruth Brashears and Daniel Anthony - Sorento, Italy

Nathan Young - Ashgabat, Turkmenistan



Ramon Gonzales - Alburquerque, Spain

Alma Solis - Chihuahua, Mexico



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23 - ASCF Board Meeting - Compass Bank - 505 Marquette - 14th floor - 5:15 pm

Sept. 17 - ASCF Board Meeting - Compass Bank - 505 Marquette - 14th floor - 5:15 pm

Sept. 20 - Noon - German lunch - Manzana Mesa Multigenerational Center - 501 Elizabeth

October 12 - 20 -trip to Hualien, Taiwan

July 2010 - Albuquerque hosts SCI International Conference

"Our ideal should not be limited. Our approach should not be timid. We should hope for the day when every single American community has joined as a working neighbor with a foreign community."

Senator Charles Percy

CHIHUAHUA HAPPENINGS

Alma Solis attended the ceremony given by Chihuahua's Mayor Carolos Barruel and his wife. At this event, 1,300 financial scholarships were presented to citizens with special needs and physical disabilities.

Alma toured the first convalescence house for children with cancer - a house that will host a child patient and parents for a period of 4 days after their chemo treatment. This is a non-profit organization. Friday May 30 Chihuahua's Special Olympics athletic team arrived to participate in NM Summer Special Olympics held the UNM Lobos football field.

Mayor Barruel was in Albuquerque very briefly; and he and Mayor Chavez planted a tree at the Botanical Garden.

ASHGABAT EVENTS

Saturday, May 31 a reception was held at the home of Oguljan and Nathan Young for a delegation from Turkmenistan. The delegation consisted of Congressman Annaberdiev, a representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a representative from the National Institute of Democracy. They enjoyed Albuquerque Sister Cities' hospitality; commenting on their day of sightseeing and the delicious food at the reception.

Dave Saunders (a.k.a. "Red Ryder") will travel to Turkmenistan with Oguljan to participate in the USA Embassy's 4th of July celebration. The USA Embassy is organizing different shows both for the city and parliament officials and the citizens of Ashgabat.

Bill Myers is to be the new co-chair for the Ashgabat committee.



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