



Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation Newsletter

President's Corner

I am looking forward to seeing most of you at our Annual Membership meeting this Sunday. It has been great 3 years of serving this wonderful organization. I will be stepping down from the presidency at the end of this fiscal year. Pam Feather, who has been a dedicated member and 1st Vice-President, will be stepping in as the replacement until the elections in 2020.

I have learned something new about each of our ten Sister Cities from around the world in the last 3 years. I want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers of our organization: the Board of Directors and members, for working tirelessly to build bridges with our friends from around the globe! All together we have volunteered for 1,100 hours in 2018-2019. We have partnered with other non-profits in our city and worked on building up our youth program. I am very proud of our organization! I will still be involved and serve in the Ashgabat committee. It has been such a privilege to serve as the President of the Albuquerque Sister Cities!

Sincerely,

Oguljan Young
ASCF President





Pulling the winning tickets at our Annual International Tea in January 2019. L to R: Marie Trigg, Oguljan Young, Pam Feather and Nathan Young.





Highlights from our International Tea in January. We had wonderful Chinese dancers as entertainers, wonderful desserts and drinks representing our different Sister Cities.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

The Albuquerque Sister City Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be on Sunday, June 9 at the La Fonda Del Bosque Restaurant located at 1701 4th St SW, Albuquerque. The restaurant is located in the National Hispanic Cultural Center complex. The Meeting time is 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Following the meal, General Meeting will be held, and officers will be elected for the next year.

Election of officers are as follows:

2nd Vice President - Marie Trigg
3rd Vice President - Dave Bagley
Secretary - Sybil Keyser
Treasurer - Richard Buckler

Partnership with HopeWorks of Albuquerque

January, 2019

***Submitted by Marie Trigg
January 2019***

I would like to thank all of the volunteers for helping prepare the baskets for the homeless that are moving into new housing and for offering items and extra help. With all of your hard work, it was a huge success.

Each year HopeWorks of Albuquerque assists with placing homeless people into housing. When the homeless people move into housing, they have absolutely no household goods. John Ames, Housing Program Manager at Hope Works told a story about visiting a former homeless person that had just moved into housing and finding the space dirty. After thinking about it, John realized that the person had no trashcan, no broom, and no cleaning supplies. With the assistance of food stamps the people can buy groceries, but cannot buy things such as soap, mops, towels, pots, pans, etc.

I have visited many of our sister cities, and I realize that all of our sister cities all over the world have similar problems with their homeless population. When I learned of this project, I thought it might be a very good learning experience, one that we could share with our sister cities and one that would help our community.

Thank you again for all your help!



Sister Cities Mexico and Zambia

Humanitarian Outreach

Submitted by Richard Buckler

From April 28 – May 4, 2019 our Sister Cities Chihuahua Committee partnered with Women 2 Be (WTB), a local non-profit organization, to start a humanitarian outreach to under-served areas in Chihuahua, Mexico, with a special focus on the Tarahumara Indians. WTB founder and president Christine Glidden recently commented on the just completed trip: “Our visit to Chihuahua was not without its challenges; however, in the end, it was hugely successful, parlaying an investment of over \$18,000 into a promising future. The relationships we established will go a long way to grow this project. Chihuahua is very interested to do so.”

Ms. Glidden believes that WTB’s mission fits well into the humanitarian focus of the Sister Cities International mission started over 60 years ago by U.S. President Eisenhower. WTB’s three principals as listed on their website (women2be.org) are:

1. All girls deserve dignity and an opportunity to succeed in life.
2. Girls are the greatest untapped resource known to humankind and have the potential to elevate the quality of life for everyone on the planet.
3. Menstrual health is not a women’s problem. It is a human rights issue.

For the recent outreach in Chihuahua these principals, according to Glidden, guided the focus on “distributing 500 kits of underwear, washable sanitary pads, and teaching reproductive health classes to girls.”

The Chihuahua outreach is not the first such project pursued in partnership with our Sister Cities. In fact, three New Mexico cities --Albuquerque, Clovis, and Santa Fe-- are official sister cities respectively with Zambia’s cities of Lusaka, Kesama, and Livingston. Last August, Ms. Glidden took 1000 kits to Zambia, especially reaching out to girls near the Kesama area whose six million people are represented by King Chitimukulu Kanyanta Manga II.

The King, himself, visited New Mexico in May of 2018, when he first met Ms. Glidden. That visit, facilitated in part by Zambia’s Honorary Consul to New Mexico and former Chair of our Lusaka Committee—Patrick Mapalo, helped finalize plans for Ms. Glidden’s kit distribution in August, and led to the development of an MBA-level class at the University of New Mexico’s Anderson School of Management.

The purpose of the class is to research, guide, measure, and provide hands-on assistance for WTB. Students from the inaugural year have also created metrics for understanding the social and economic impact of the project. One goal is to help Sewing Centers be established in our sister cities of Kesama and Chihuahua that can provide jobs for local women as well as kits that can be distributed for on-going needs. Concluding their class, students will spend time in Zambia beginning the third week of May, in order to gain hands-on experience and to test their metrics.

To congratulate the first-year class and to extend a warm welcome to visit Zambia, the King came to New Mexico once again from May 7 – 15, 2019. During his visit he received an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters and Leadership at the graduation ceremonies of Western University in Silver City. He also participated in a panel discussion on “Education Initiatives: Transcending Boundaries” held on May 13 at the Anderson School of Business’ Jackson Student Center. His day was not over until he met with the All Pueblo Council of Governors, who are interested in how New Mexico can also benefit from WTB Sewing Centers that help serve our young women.

The King’s visit was not complete without meeting with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, visiting with New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Barbara Vigil, and having dinner with the board at Mr. Powdrell’s BBQ House on 4th street in Albuquerque. The dinner was sponsored by the Lusaka Committee and Chair Dr. Harold Bailey. In addition to several board members attending that dinner, Alan Armijo (City of Albuquerque’ Director of Constituent Services) and Scott Carreathers (Executive Director of the Office of African American Affairs) also attended and welcomed the King to New Mexico.

Your sister cities organization extends its thanks to the King, Women 2 Be, and all who participated in making the latest humanitarian outreaches in Mexico and Zambia successful, once again showing that building bridges of friendship across the world is not always easy but is so rewarding!

Photo Captions:

Photo 1: King and Governor Grisham. From L to R: Gabriel Kaunda-water specialist/Zambia; Henry Narvaez-representing Western University; Governor Grisham, King Chitimukulu, Christine Glidden-Women 2 Be, and Richard Buckler-Sister Cities International State Representative.

Photo 2: Dinner with the King: From L to R: Dr. Harold Bailey, 1st V.P. Pam Feather, Nancy Kilpatrick, King Chitimukulu, and Honorary Consul Patrick Mapalo.

Photo 3: April 28, 2019—Hola desde Santa Teresa, New Mexico—Richard Buckler, Christine Glidden with husband Jim and daughter Jena—standing with representatives from the City of Chihuahua. The group just transferred WTB’s 500 kits designated for Chihuahua into the truck.

Photo 4: Christine presents kits to women.

Photo 5: May 2019 Mexico Outreach—a Tarahumara runner with his wife and baby await a postpartum kit.



Activities with our Sister City of Chihuahua

Submitted by Richard Buckler

Chihuahua project from 3rd week of February through March 8.

Chihuahua sends police officers to train at Albuquerque Police Academy for 2 weeks: Alma Solis (4th on right), and Richard Buckler (1st on right) host graduation dinner at Buffet King for Chihuahua Police Officers, celebrating completion of a special 2-week course where officers from both Chihuahua and Albuquerque participated in sharing best practices, as well as going on actual police calls together. The class was coordinated by field commanders, such as Commander Arturo Sanchez, 3rd on the right.



FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2019

- In July, ten Albuquerque youth/musicians are going to Helmstedt, Germany to perform with their youth. An article about their activities will be in the next newsletter.
- Sasebo youth are coming to Albuquerque in July. An article about their activities will be in the next newsletter.
- A student from Albuquerque is sponsored by our organization to participate in the People to People Global Youth Forum being held at the Menaul school in July 21-25. Board members will have a presentation on ASCF.
- Trip to Chihuahua in September is being planned. Contact Alma Solis, Chihuahua Chair.
- Trip to Guadalajara in October is being planned. Contact Ernie Garcia, Guadalajara Chair.
- An adult group coming from Germany the last week of October. Please contact Helmstedt Chair Nathan Young (nathaneyoung@gmail.com) if you would like to be a host.

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