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# Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation Annual Meeting

**Sunday, June 11, 2017 - Buffet King - 5410  
Academy Rd., NE.**

Check-in at the side-room to the right, beginning  
at 12:30 pm.

Food service starts at 12:45 pm.

**PAY AT THE DOOR - CASH or CHECK.**

Cost is \$10 for ASCF members and \$15 for non-  
members.  
(Member price will be granted to new members)

Includes buffet, soft drink or tea.

Event will also feature:

- Door prizes
- Updates on trip to Lusaka, Zambia
- Updates on trip to Lanzhou, China
- Election of ASCF officers

**Reservations required by June 8.**

To help the restaurant with room setup, **PLEASE**  
email Dave Bagley at [dave3114@gmail.com](mailto:dave3114@gmail.com) to  
make reservations.

ASCF Proposed Slate of Officers 2017 - 2018  
(June 11, 2017)

President:	Oguljan Young
1st Vice-President:	Pam Feather
2nd Vice-President:	Carol Dawley
3rd Vice-President:	Dave Bagley
Secretary:	Sybil Keiser
Treasurer:	Richard Buckler

# Open World Delegates from Turkmenistan

Submitted by: Mellie Myer, Ashgabat Chair

A delegation of young women entrepreneurs from Turkmenistan visited Albuquerque March 4-11, 2017. They were hosted by Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation. Funded by the U.S. Congress through Open World Leadership Center, the group of five businesswomen, their facilitator from the U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat, and a translator were housed with host families and accompanied by ASCF members on an event-filled schedule.

The delegates were Liana Babasheva, director of a small business support enterprise; Mayym Japarova, owner and manager of a coffee shop and restaurant; Marina Delova, owner and designer of the only stained glass workshop in Turkmenistan; Sabina Ballyyeva, owner of a greenhouse-based herb and vegetable business; and Yazgul Yazberdiyeva, owner and designer of a interior design and drapery business.

Their visit began with a tram ride and trip to the Sandia Mountains with Nathan Young, followed by a reception at the home of Mellie Myer, Ashgabat Committee Chair. At the reception the delegates introduced themselves and described their businesses. Oguljan and Mellie made some welcoming remarks as did Gary Oppedahl, Economic Development Director for Albuquerque.



On Monday the delegates met with representatives of Senators Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall and Congresswoman Michelle Lujan-Grisham, and were guests of Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST), a small business development organization that serves as a hub for entrepreneurship and small business development. Richard Buckler hosted the group at Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union and meetings with several savings and loan officials.

Tuesday began with a visit to two Corrales greenhouses, then lunch at a Corrales home of Rebecca Black and Greg Polk with guest speaker Grace Mestas, a stained glass artist, followed by a visit to the Culinary Arts Department at CNM with hosts Diane Burke, CNM Global Education Director, and Victoria Martinez, Culinary Department Academic Affairs Director. Thanks to Anne Callahan for dinner at her home and Alma and Tatiana Solis for tickets to Step Afrika! at Popejoy Hall that night. The delegates loved the evening of step dancing and cross-cultural storytelling.





## Open World Delegates from Turkmenistan (cont'd)

Oguljan accompanied the women to the Biopark on Wednesday morning, then to meetings in the afternoon with Mayor Richard Berry, Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins and representatives of Bernalillo County Economic Development Department and New Mexico trade Alliance, and finally to dinner at Japanese Kitchen. On Thursday, the group was taken to the Albuquerque Museum for a brief history lesson, to ACCION New Mexico for a discussion about microloans, and to Explora! for some hands-on science fun. The delegation was then divided into smaller groups to visit businesses of special interest to each delegate.



Thanks to Alana McGrattan for hosting the women on a day-trip to Santa Fe to visit the International Folk Art Museum, Meow Wolf, and the Roundhouse during the legislative session on Friday. As a thanks to the host families and Sister Cities volunteers, the visitors, led by restaurant owner Mayhem Japarova, made a traditional Turkmen dinner of plov with chicken and salad at the home of Jenny and Dave Brody.



A special thanks to the following host families who generously offered hospitality to the visitors, the facilitator, Maysa Nepesova, and the interpreter Elmurad Kasym: Charlie and Susi Knoblauch, Carl and Terry Christensen, Amy Christensen and Mark Smith, Jenny and Dave Brodie, Oguljan and Nathan Young, and Chuck Larrabee.

# Member Trip to Lanzhou, China

**Trip Date: September 9 - 21, 2017**

Thirteen days during the best tourist season of China, visiting Shanghai, Lanzhou, Dunhuang, Xi'an, and Beijing



Planned activities per city include:

## Shanghai

- Welcome dinner
- City tour, including the Pudong financial district, Yu Garden and Old Town Bazaar

## Lanzhou

- City tour
- Sister City Program arranged by the Lanzhou City Government

## Dunhuang

- Major stop of ancient silk road
- Famous Crescent Lake
- Camel ride
- Mogao Grottoes

## Xi'an

- Terra Cotta Warriors, Museum Quarter, Ancient City Wall
- Tang Dynasty dinner show (optional)
- high speed train ride from Xi'an to Beijing

## Beijing

- Great Wall of China
- Temple of Heaven, Tianamen Square, Forbidden City
- Beijing duck farewell dinner

## Member Trip to Lanzhou, China (cont'd)

Cost, if 15 members sign-up, is \$3,312 per person based on sharing a twin room. The cost is an additional \$592 for a single room.

The following is included in the price:

- Local and international round trip airfare
- Hotel tax and service
- Train fare
- Daily American breakfast
- 7 lunches and 3 dinners
- Entrance fees, per itinerary

**Visa Fee (~ \$180) and travel / medical Insurance are NOT included.**  
**Travel insurance is required, you use your own or [www.sevencorners.com](http://www.sevencorners.com)**

\$500 per person deposit is required by 4/10/2017.  
Full payment is due by 6/9/2017.

English speaking service throughout the trip.

Organized by Lanzhou Committee, Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation

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## International Business Class in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

Randy Trask, President of the New Mexico Trade Alliance and Mayor Berry's Liaison/Appointee to the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation Board, will be traveling to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan May 19 through May 28, 2017. Randy will be teaching an international business class at the International University for Humanities and Development for 1st and 2nd year students of the school's International Business Department. His class will focus on globalization and how companies of all sizes can become successful by leveraging their resources along with the world's many formal and informal institutions. Randy will also be meeting with Turkmen high school students to talk about opportunities to go to college in the United States at the University of New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College.





# Member Trip to Lusaka, Zambia



## Albuquerque Sister Cities Member Trip to Lusaka, Zambia July 13 to July 24, 2017

Enjoy Zambia's bustling capital of **Lusaka**, our newest Sister City, and experience the "Smoke and Thunder" of **Victoria Falls** in **Livingstone**.

Estimated cost \$4,500, includes all lodging and transportation.

Extras: Visa fee and travel/medical insurance,  
**Botswana** safari, some meals.

Deposit of \$2,250/person by 5/31/17, full payment by 6/15/2017.



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# Guadalajara Sister City Delegates Visit Albuquerque

Submitted by: Marie Trigg, Guadalajara Chair.

A group from Albuquerque Sister Cities and the 2017 Trade Alliance Mission visited Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico March 3-10-2017. Our group traveled by the beautiful updated Tequila Express Train to Tequila, Jalisco for a tour of the Jose Cuervo Tequila factory, including a beautiful performance of ballet folklórico. We visited historic downtown Guadalajara and the artisan community of Tlaquepaque and were treated to a visit to the studio of ceramic artist Jesus Guerrero Santos and the workshop of artist Rodo Padilla. The last evening we attended a dinner with representatives from the city of Guadalajara and several Mexican Consulates.

