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Calendar of events:

Board meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 5:30 pm Building 110, Room 232, Daytona State College
Next meeting dates:
Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11

Photo Exhibit and an Evening of French Culture at the Gateway Center of the Arts in DeBary

Wine Tasting at Peter's Wine Shop in Port Orange....

Details inside!

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Summer brings opportunities for vacations and travel as well as the time to delve into projects put off until tomorrow! Enjoy safe travels and share with us your summer sauntering when we meet again in August. Sister Cities has been very busy this summer sharing with the community the many wonderful photographs which represent our three sister cities, Campeche, Bayonne and Diamantina.

The photo exhibit at the Casements in Ormond Beach, "Three Cities...one Connection", was attended by many Sister Cities members and we were pleased to have visitors from the community who also enjoyed our exhibit. Each of our three sister cities contributed to our exhibit by sending posters or photos to be used in the exhibit which was on display until June 12. Currently we are having another exhibit of French photography presented to the public at the Gateway Center for the Arts in DeBary by Diane Miller, a professional curator. This exhibit officially opened on June 30 and will continue until the end of August. Be sure to note the details in this newsletter of the travelogue to be presented during the exhibit and the evening of French poetry and music. Our association is fortunate to have members whose talent enables us to present many cultural events and activities within our community.

Our Association will again support the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME) scholarship program through the Consulate of Mexico in Orlando, Florida for the 2013-2014 school year. Support of this program and collaboration with Daytona State College gives us the opportunity to assist the college in identifying eligible students for the IME funds, including students attending T. Dewitt Taylor Middle-High School. This is an important educational opportunity for local students and we look forward to working with the Mexican Consulate and Daytona State College in this program.

We are proud to have been nominated by T. Dewitt Taylor Middle-High School as Business Partner of the Year for Volusia County Schools' 2013 school year. Our members have volunteered at events over the school year, and it is a partnership that benefits us as well as the school and students. Remember to save some time to volunteer in our community!!

Our website and Facebook page continually add "friends" and we encourage everyone to visit our sites with regularity. Lots of planning for the fall includes a wine tasting at Peter's Wine Shop in Port Orange. Bring your ideas to our meetings and help us fill the community calendars! Special thanks to each of you for your continued support of Sister Cities.

FROM FRANCE...WITH LOVE

By Diane Miller

Sister Cities current photography exhibit, FROM FRANCE...WITH LOVE, is on display at the

Gateway Center for the Arts in DeBary, FL, until August 27th.

It is composed of photographs taken by Sister City members and features many "photopaintings" by member and travel photographer, Diane Miller.



Pictured, in several photographic forms, is the architecture, history, food and people of France. Many famous, and not so famous, locations are presented...from Calais in the North to Paris (of course), to the beautiful Southeast coast on the Mediterranean. Daytona Beach's Sister City, Bayonne, France, is represented with images of the city, along with the colorful red and white glimpses of the Fetes de Bayonne, one of Europe's largest festivals.

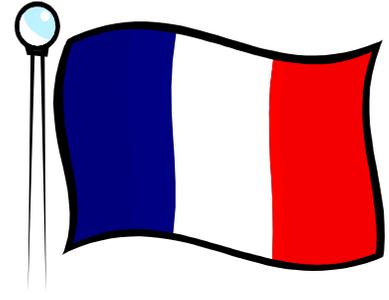
Two events are planned in conjunction with the exhibit. A travelogue/slideshow featuring Bayonne and its festival will be presented on August 8th from 2-4 pm at Gateway. Also, a festive French evening of wine, food, poetry and music will be held prior to the exhibit's closing. Additional detail on both events will be forthcoming.



Photos by Diane Miller

"AN EVENING IN FRANCE"

By Joe Cavanaugh



**ENJOY THE LANGUAGE, CULTURE, FOOD AND WINE OF FRANCE
THIS SUMMER WITHOUT LEAVING HOME
AT THE GATEWAY CENTER ON AUGUST 22, 2013.**

The Gateway Center for the Arts at 880 N HWY 17 92, DeBary, FL will host an evening of French culture including music, poetry, food, wine and photography, sponsored by the Sister Cities of Volusia County on August 22, 2013 from 6pm - 8pm. Free admission will be underwritten by personal contributions, The Gateway Center, and Sister Cities of Volusia County.

The current display in the Gateway Center Main Gallery consists of 50 photographs by Sister Cities photographers depicting contemporary life in rural and urban France with a special emphasis on our Sister City, Bayonne, and Paris, the City of Light. The show will end on August 24th, so this "Evening in France" will provide a great chance to see the show.

Local French poet, Dan Pels (Sister Cities Board member, Port Orange) will perform his latest poems in French, with English translation by Joe Cavanaugh, (Sister Cities Board member, Ormond Beach) local poet and currently President of the Florida State Poets Association. Cavanaugh will also read poems written in English about selected photographs of France from the show and Pels will translate them into French. Musical interludes will be provided by Lorele, a local chanteuse singing French and classic blues melodies.



French wine and cheese will be available throughout the evening. Sister Cities President Dixie Blake will welcome guests and introduce the program at 6:30pm. The evening will close with a rousing group singing of the French National Anthem.

For additional information contact The Gateway Center at (386) 668-5553.

Sister Cities Association of Volusia County, Inc.

We are a non-profit organization which promotes exchanges between cities and people. We are twinned with Campeche, Mexico, Bayonne, France, and Diamantina, Brazil for mutually beneficial projects. We work to establish a broad, thriving and developed avenue connecting our communities for cultural, educational, and business purposes.

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COMMUNITY CULTURAL GRANT REVIEW

The Cultural Council of Volusia County will conduct a special meeting to review applications for the fiscal year 2013-2014 Community Cultural Grant program. The meeting will be held on July 10, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the third-floor meeting room of the Volusia County Lifeguard Headquarters and Administration Center, 515 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.



Sister Cities is among 30 nonprofit organizations presenting their applications for funding. Each organization will be given a brief opportunity to update Cultural Council members on programs and events and respond to questions. Dixie Blake will represent Sister Cities at this review. Any member is welcome to attend and support Sister Cities. Cultural Grant funding will be announced after the county's budgeting process is completed.

Dixie Blake

THE CLOTHES ON HER BACK

by Theresa Pavell

Traffic moved swiftly. As she stopped for a traffic light, Marcia studied the crowd at the bus stop. She noticed a woman wearing a beautiful lace dress, obviously dressed for a formal occasion. The lace appeared to be vintage and the blue color was exquisite. Where was she going? Could this have been bought at a consignment shop? Was it fair to evaluate people by the clothes they wore?

Money was a problem these days and everyone in her circle of friends was trying to be practical as well as creative. Current fashion magazines had articles about building a wardrobe with special 'finds' from sales as well as thrift stores. She didn't like the clerks in thrift stores. Why?

Did one's choice of clothing make a statement about them? Many considered it challenging and fun to be thrifty and considered dressing for less quite creative. Marcia wore her trusty blue jeans which became her 'trademark'. She wore blue denim exclusively.

Mother would always ask whether she could try wearing something more original, adding, "After all, you aren't a teenager anymore."

Who cares? She would reply, I'm happy dressing as I do. What I wear won't make me immortal.

Mother would always answer, "Marcia, grow up, please. Clothes do make a definitive statement about self. I'd love to see you marry. Perhaps everyone sees you as an overgrown kid. Have you ever thought about that?"

Marcia would turn beet red and thought that Mother was just getting older. Or, was there any truth in what she said?

The traffic light turned green and she drove on.

T. DEWITT TAYLOR MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On May 15, 2013, the Sister Cities Association of Volusia presented 2 scholarships in the amount of \$100.00 each, to Mary Mondragon and Jasmine Vasquez. Both young ladies were graduating seniors with a successful academic record as well as being active in their community and leaders at their school. Dixie Blake presented the awards to Mary and Jasmine. Both girls were very appreciative of the recognition and financial assistance. The scholarship would be used for tuition, books, fees and other school related needs in their pursuit of higher education.

Sister Cities received a letter from the Counseling Director, Sue Hofstrand, thanking us for the continued support and recognition of students at Taylor as well as our partnership with the school.

Dixie Blake



Dixie Blake, Mary Mondragon,
Jasmine Vasquez

NEW SMYRNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Carolyn West, Barbara and I presented \$100 scholarships from our Sister Cities Association at New Smyrna Beach High on Thursday, May 30 to seniors Beverly De Marco and Hayley Garris. Both young ladies were students in Ms. Tina Curry's photography class, from which in the past two years have come the winners of our "Young Artist Showcase" awards, and our Sister Cities International competition entrants.

Beverly and Hayley's winning essays spoke of the benefits of their high school education introducing them to a variety of arts and languages, as they look forward to college and their future careers. We can only hope that they and all the other high school students we have come in contact with this year continue to find enjoyment and inspiration in their artistic and international education and work. The enthusiasm and excitement communicated to the many scholarship presenters that evening in the auditorium from all the students gathered for Seniors Honors Night certainly encourages such hope.

Michael O'Neill

WINE TASTING EVENT

Sister Cities will host a wine tasting at Peter's Wine Shop and Wine Bar

on September 20, 2013, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.



This locally owned wine store and tasting room features wines from around the world. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served during the wine tasting. Peter's Wine shop is located at 1655 Dunlawton Avenue #5, Port Orange, FL, 32127.

Join us for an evening of wine tasting and bring a friend!

The public is cordially invited.

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Occupation/Special Interests: _____

Dues: Student \$10.00 Individual \$ 25.00 Family \$ 35.00
 Organization \$ 100.00 Corporate \$ 250.00 Benefactor \$ 500.00

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