Busy Little Hackett House
Chef Eddie Matney

IT'S A NEW LOOK... the Hackett House Gift Shop has undergone a complete makeover during the summer months. Floors were ripped up and replaced, walls and fixtures got a fresh coat of paint, and new flooring was added. "It was a major effort," said Chef Eddie Matney. "But it was definitely worth it. The new look has brought in more customers and we're very pleased with the results." The shop is now open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Class is priced at $60...the others are $50...per person. Advance registration is required. The Lobster Barbecue is $95...a terrific bargain! The International Flag Parade begins earlier at 6 p.m. with a "Meet and Greet" event. Opening Ceremonies for the 2011 Oktoberfest begin at 6 p.m. with a “Meet and Greet” event. The Hackett House tent is back up and awaiting a good crowd! The Oktoberfest continues 10 a.m. until midnight. Raffle Winners will be announced. A Grand Canyon day trip is planned for international visitors. Space is limited and reservations are required. Contact Chris Quigley at chrisquig@gmail.com.

Keynote Speakers:
Barbara Barrett, Dr. James Jackson and, Hermann Goss

Events begin with a Welcome continental breakfast at Tempe City Hall on Wednesday. Several activities are planned both days including presentations by Barbara Barnett, former U.S. Ambassador to Finland and advisor to five U.S. Presidents, Dr. James Jackson, founder of Project C.U.R.E., and Hermann Goss, director of the Bischofshof Brewery in Regensburg, Germany. Space is limited and reservations are requi. Contact Chris Quigley at chrisquig@gmail.com. Melissa Werner at melissa.werner@asu.edu. It is grateful to forum sponsors Bischofshof Brewery and Hans and Enka Vielberth.

Wednesday, October 5
At 6 p.m. the Ring of Honor festivities are planned at Dick and Jane Neufeld Sister City Garden, Kiwanis Park. A picnic reception with entertainment by Zhenjiang visitors will be followed by the presentation of 12 longtime volunteers who will be inducted into the Ring of Honor. All Sister City members and guests are welcome.

Thursday, October 6
The fifth annual Making a World of Difference event begins at 6 p.m. with a “Meet and Greet” event. Opening Ceremonies for the 2011 Oktoberfest begin at 6 p.m. with a “Meet and Greet” event. The presentation of 12 longtime volunteers will be followed by the presentation of 12 longtime volunteers who will be inducted into the Ring of Honor. All Sister City members and guests are welcome.

Friday, October 7
Opening Ceremonies for the 2011 Oktoberfest, chaired by Larry West and Bobbi Jones. 7:30 p.m. at Tempe Town Lake. Admission is free. A Royal Reception area is planned for special visitors, hosts, and sponsors. Daniel and Isabelle Houwely will be crowned King and Queen. The International Flag Parade begins earlier at Hackett House. The Oktoberfest continues 10 a.m. until midnight. Raffle Winners will be announced. A Grand Canyon day trip is planned for international visitors. Space is limited and reservations are required. Contact Chris Quigley at chrisquig@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 8
The Frank Kush Family Fun Foot Race begins as the Oktoberfest continues 10 a.m. until midnight. Raffle Winners will be announced. A Grand Canyon day trip is planned for international visitors.
Making a World Of Difference
Tempe Sister Cities salutes these humanitarians....

On Thursday, October 6, TSC will present the 6th annual Making a World of Difference. This event was created to honor people whose humanitar-ian work grew and became an international outreach. The event is held at Tempe Center for the Arts with a “meet and greet” reception with dinner to follow. Tickets are $75.

The Boot Girls. Five professional women from Texas created “Get Your Boots On” as a way to honor and assist injured veterans as they return from combat assignments. Because there are more than 1.4 million Americans serving in the U.S. military these women want to see an equal number of Americans in a pair of Boot Camp-aign “give back” boots. This campaign provides a tangible way for people to show support for troops (both past and present). Proceeds benefit partner charities that assist returning veterans dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and varying degrees of physical injuries. Many celebrities are now wearing the boots and helping with the campaign. The “Boot Girls” will be at the Making a World of Difference event...wearing (and selling) their signature boots.

Terry and Anne Guerrant...created the Guerrant Founda-tion in 2005 with the mission to create “lasting change by uplifting the poorest of the world’s poor through small loans for micro enterprise.” Anne Guerrant was a profes-sional tennis player who played at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and all the major tourna-ments. Her record includes wins over Martina Navratilova and Billie Jean King. As she traveled the world she was moved by the extreme poverty she saw in third world nations. After visiting a micro credit lending program in India Anne and her husband, Terry Guerrant, created the Guerrant Foundation to help women and families improve their lives through tiny loans that help businesses. Their goal is to personally give a million dollars and raise another million to help this important cause. So far more than 13,000 small businesses have been created in countries around the world.

Lisa Hopper and World Care...The story began when Lisa managed the radiology department at George Washington Hospital and conducted medical assessments around the world. She saw the need for medical aid...for the basics for life...food, shelter and education...and realized that without proper access to education people would never be able to rise out of poverty. As she traveled she brought with her school sup-ples for the children, supplies she gathered in her home. After moving to Tucson taking a posi-tion with the University of Arizona’s University Medical Center she began collecting materials in her garage. In 1996 she put all of her retirement savings into World Care and devoted herself to its development. Since then World Care has collected over 15 million pounds of resources valued at over $40 million dollars and redirected them away from landfills and into World Care programs. World Care was one of the first on the scene at Ground Zero providing supplies and personnel. Today World Care has come a long way from that garage...it provides supplies to more than 150 local nonprofits and reaches more than 60 countries around the globe. World Care is dedicated to providing humanitarian aid in areas of education, health, emergency relief and environment.

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Ralph and Alice Goitia named 2011 Don Carlos winners

Longtime Tempe Sister City members Ralph and Alice Goitia will receive the 2011 Don Carlos award on October 10 at a special event planned at the Arizona Historical Society.

This award is presented annually by the Tempe Community Council to recognize outstanding humanitarian service to the community over an extended period of time. It is considered one of Tempe’s most prestigious distinctions and brings together the entire community to celebrate those who have dedicated their lives to “giving back.” The award is named for Tempe’s founder Charles Schadinger and his wife, “Oma” Schadinger, who was known as “Don Carlos” as he befriended and helped many Tempe pioneers in those early struggle-filled years. The Goitias who currently serve as Coordinators for the Tempe-Cuenca sister city program have served the Tempe community for decades as volunteers for Assistance League of East Valley, Rotary International, Dollars for Scholars, CARE, as well as Tempe Sister City. Ralph served as Superintendent for Tempe Elementary Schools from 1975 to 1989 and Alice taught bi-lingual education. 

Note: Other Tempe Sister City members who have received the Don Carlos award include Leonard Monti Sr., Peggy Byrant, Mac and Mimi Rohlman, John and Betty Waters, Pat Hatton, Lawer Griffiths, Bob and Sue Loggren, Carol E. Smith, Sue Scancy, Zita Johnson, Don and Robbie Cassano, Joe Spradle, Dick Evans, and Jane Neuheisel, Mel Kreeler and Gale Fisher, and Pen John son.

A journey to Beaulieu sur Mer and Regensburg...

Could there be anything more pleasant than spending a day on the French Riviera or strolling the quaint cobblestone plazas and narrow alleyways of Regensburg? A Tempe Sister City delegation made an anniversary visit to these Tempe sister cities in July renewing old friendships and making new ones. Tempe and Regensburg became partners in 1976 and a courtship of official visits back and forth followed. Wendy Cresswell and Vickie Wilkner were the first students to travel to Regensburg and opened the door to one of the world’s outstanding student exchange programs. Some 250 Tempe teenagers have served as summer ambassadors to Regensburg along with some 360 students who have participated in the school-to-school exchange with Albertus Magister Gymnasium. In addition there have been dozens of educators, city officials, and professional exchanges between the two cities. Tempe joined with Beaulieu sur Mer in 1997 and already some 68 Tempe students have enjoyed the summer exchange with their French “brothers and sisters”. Plans include an educator exchange in the near future. Members of TSC who have co and nestled on the Mediterranean Sea with sweeping mountains (with spectacular views of the countryside) just behind. Special thanks to Boston Munk who “discovered” Beaulieu and served as the first Coordinator between the two cities.

Alice and Ralph Goitia will receive Tempe’s Don Carlos Award on October 10. This award is presented annually for long-time humanitarian service. Congratulations and Thank You!
Angie Thornton was no newcomer to the many facets of a “Sister City Summer” when she agreed to become the 2011 Summer Coordinator. Her daughter Maycie was a young ambassador to Regensburg in 2005 and son Colby to Lower Hutt in 2007. Angie quickly took charge and worked with the parents to organize all the needed committees so that some 64 teenagers could have a summer to remember! (Just the grocery list alone for the Grand Canyon camping trip is amazing!) As the summer went along everything went as planned...except for a few “wrinkles” here and there...but Angie was always on the scene...making adjustments...making everyone happy...and making it look easy! Volunteering for TSC is NOT her only activity. Angie is a founding board member and president of East Valley Boys Service Club, past board member of National Charity League, past member of Tempe Parks and Recreation board, past PTO president and Grad Night chairman (twice) for Corona del Sol high school. SPECIAL THANKS, ANGIE...from all of us...for all your creativity, kind attention, hard work, late nights, and wearing a smile each and every day. You made it a VERY special summer! And now for the GOOD NEWS....Angie has agreed to serve as Summer Coordinator again next year!

The California Experience... A day at the beach is a highlight as the entire group of teenagers “hits the waves”! These young ambassadors from Zhenjiang, China, had a great time. They are (left to right) Wei Jiayi, He Yasong, Zeng Xiaoxuan and Hao Wenya.

Disneyland...the experience everyone should enjoy at least once! The 2011 summer ambassadors stepped off their double-decker bus into the magical place called Disneyland and enjoyed another adventure.
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The Grand Canyon, one of the seven wonders of the world, is always a “must” for the TSC summer ambassadors! Enjoying the view are (left to right) Megan McCauley, Samantha Lue, Brandt Ziemba, Brendan Moore, and Lisa Birchard.

Summer Exchange Committee Chairmen

Special thanks to ALL the hardworking parents who really make everything happen for the TSC student exchange program! They raise the money, plan all the events, large and small...serve as chaperones and substitute moms and dads when needed...and swell with pride when they realize their teenagers are now “citizens of the world.”

Special thanks to Michael Curd, who was chairman of the TSC Selection Committee.

All Dressed Up...and Going to the Prom: The Tempe Sister City Prom became a tradition in 1999 as the summer “ambassadors” get dressed up for a night of dancing and fun. The event is sponsored by the TSC Youth organization and held at Shalimar Country Club. Special thanks to the Cinderella Affair which allowed the girls to borrow the “perfect dress” to wear.

Photo credit: Lisa Maynard
Congratulations are definitely in order as we salute Lauren Gambino and Frank Cernik...

Two 2006 Tempe Sister City “student ambassadors” were recently awarded coveted Fulbright Program scholarships! Lauren Gambino (Regensburg) and Frank Cernik (Zhenjiang) are off on another international adventure!

Lauren, a graduate of Corona del Sol high school, is a 2011 graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Robert Honors College at Arizona State University. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and is one of the first eight students to graduate with both a Master of Mass Communication and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication. She is the recipient of this year’s Walter Cook Award in Journalism which is part of the Fullbright International Educational Exchange Program. The program offers grants to study, teach and conduct research and is named after the trans-Atlantic broadcast journalist Walter Cook. Each year the award is granted to one U.S. scholar (Lauren is the first from ASU to receive this honor) seeking a master’s degree in journalism or a related subject leading to a career in journalism. Lauren is also a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, professional journalism fraternity, and the Society for Professional Journalists.

Cronkite Dean Christopher Callahan said “We are tremendously proud of all that Lauren has already accomplished and we are confident she will make a real difference in the world through her journalism. This is an extraordinary and richly deserved recognition for a truly remarkable student.”

Frank, a graduate of the Pinnacle Academy at McClintock high school, is a 2011 graduate of the University of Arizona where he received a Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, in Creative Writing as well as a BA with Honors in English. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He has been awarded a Fulbright Program Grant to South Korea and is already living in Inju, located in the southern part of South Korea, where he will teach English and Korean film studies in a secondary school.

Frank became interested in foreign languages while still in his high school and has since become conversant in Spanish, German, Russian, Latin and of course Korean. He became intrigued with the Korean culture while studying Korean films in preparation for his Honors college thesis. It was at that time he decided to immerse himself in the people and ways of Korea. He took two semesters of Korean language and completed the TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certification prior to his Fullbright application.

Both of these outstanding young scholars report their career choices have been greatly influenced by their Tempe Sister Cities experiences. CONGRATULATIONS to Lauren and Frank for these wonderful achievements. We are confident of their success in all their future endeavors.

Editor’s Note: The Fullbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas and signed into law by President Harry Truman. The Fullbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and offers a variety of programs in the United States and abroad. Approximately 294,000 “Fullbrighters” have participated in the Program since its inception. 111,000 from the United States and 183,000 from other countries. It is interesting to note that Frank Völkhuth, who preceded over the Legendary Tempe Sister Cities program for many years, was a Fulbright Scholar. He attended TUCS and it was there that he first learned to love America and realized the great importance of international exchange programs.

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Tempe Sister City Youth Group gets ready for another season...

Youth Coordinators Beth Lang and Amy Evans are excited that the fall season for the Tempe Sister City Youth Group is about to begin. New officers will be elected in September and members will decide their scope of work for the coming months. The Youth Group is open to any teenagers in Tempe ages 13-18 and meetings are held monthly on Sunday evenings.

Youth group members will contribute many hours working at the upcoming Oktoberfest. Each will contribute at least eight hours of service in booths and stage areas. Each member will also select two or more service projects to serve FoodBank/Fundraising, Community Service, Social Activities or Recruitment/Membership. In addition, all members contribute to extra community service projects for the city of Tempe. In the past they have adopted a needy family, helped pack supplies for Project C.U.R.E. and adopted a Tempe street to clean.

Beth first learned about Tempe Sister Cities when she volunteered at Hackett House and Oktoberfest through National Charity League. Then in 2010, her daughter Brittany served as a summer ambassador to Skopje and it is then that she “recognized the depth of the Tempe Sister Cities program and the way it changes as well as enhances lives for the entire community.” Beth’s career has been all about education. She has taught, worked as a staff development specialist for Mesa Public Schools and Kyrene School District. She has served in the roles of assistant principal and principal of elementary schools in Kyrene. Beth is now semi-retired, teaching for NAU at Chandler Gilbert Community College and has her own educational consulting company, EdHelpers, LLC.

Amy was a TSC summer ambassador to Skopje in 2005. After graduating from Corona del Sol high school she attended the University of Arizona majoring in Veterinary Science. She is a longtime employee of the Phoenix Zoo where she takes care of “mostly primates.” Amy is part of a true “sister city family.” Her sister Lisa serves as a Coordinator for the Skopje program, and sister Molly was a summer ambassador to Regensburg in 2009. Their father, Steve Evans, was the Coordination of the Zhenjiang program for many years and contributes many, many hours to Oktoberfest.

SPECIAL THANKS to these two dedicated volunteers!
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HALLOWEEN...Every "Witch" Way... at Hackett House
An exciting array of Halloween decor and gifts has made its way to Hackett House... and is waiting for adventure-seeking customers! Hackett House will also be featured at the Hackett House "haunted tent" at Oktoberfest. Don't Miss It! If you want to volunteer call Lynn Elser (480.839-2671).

DINNER PARTY - COOKING CLASS Fall Series kick off on OCTOBER 25...
with EDDIE MATNEY, a Valley of the Sun culinary star for decades, as he brings his New England "clambake" featuring fresh LOBSTER, flown in just for this event!

GOING... GOING... gone!
The Hackett House tent is back up and awaiting a myriad of activities planned for the busy, busy fall and holiday season! HOWEVER... plans are underway to replace the tent with a permanent structure...the "crystal cottage"...committees are forming, plans are being hatched, fundraising will begin...STAY TUNED! It won't happen overnight...but it WILL HAPPEN!