

Around Our World

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“Greetings and Welcome...from and to!”

Embassy of the United States of America

Aleje Ujazdowskie 29/31
540-540 Warsaw, Poland

Dear **Mayor Harris**:

March 10, 2005

I have been the American Ambassador to Poland for the past eight months. During my frequent travels around Poland, meeting with mayor and regional governors, I have seen the importance of Sister City contacts between Polish and American cities. As **Mayor of Knoxville**, Tennessee, I had initiated such a Sister City relationship with the Polish city of **Chelm** in Eastern Poland.

It would be a pleasure to hear from you about the Sister city partnerships your city has with cities in Poland. Does your city have an active partnership here in Poland? Will a delegation from your city be visiting Poland in the near future? I would be most happy to meet you, or representatives from your city, the next time you are traveling in Poland. Please let us hear from you, via Fax at 48-22-504-2364, or via email at culture@state.gov. In the interim, please check our website at www.warsaw.usembassy.gov to stay in touch with the Embassy’s programs and activities in Poland.

I look forward to meeting you when the U.S. Conference of Mayors convenes in Chicago in June. Sincerely yours,

[signed] **Victor Ashe**

[Mayor Harris made a cordial reply on March 16th. Since Opole is sponsored by Roanoke County, he referred Ambassador Ashe to Mr. Elmer Hodge, County Administrator, for detailed response.]

Dear Ambassador Ashe,

April 11, 2005

I read with great interest your letter to Roanoke City **Mayor C. Nelson Harris**, who has forwarded a copy to me. Roanoke County has had a Sister City relationship with Opole, Poland, for several years, and we have enjoyed a series of cultural exchanges in the past. We have entertained groups of students and dignitaries from Opole, and have had several members of our community, myself included, visit Opole. Most recently, **Dr. Kris Bulas-Slowikowski** had the opportunity to visit and meet with several municipal officials.

Our Opole Sister City effort has focused most recently on fundraising to benefit the **Frederick Chopin Regional Music School** in Opole. We raised money through selling Polish food at the **Local Colors** Festival held each May in Roanoke. L.C. is a wonderful multicultural festival sponsored by Roanoke City, and highlights the cultural diversity of our region. **Dr. Bulas-Slowikowski**, who is the volunteer in charge of the Polish L.C. contingent, hopes to send you information and photos on the Polish exhibit and food concession after this year’s festival, May 15th.

Concerning any new delegations visiting Opole, we will be discussing this possibility in the very near future. Should a delegation from Roanoke visit, we will surely accept your hospitable offer and stop for a visit if you are available.

I thank you for your interest in our Sister City relationship and correspondence. Poland is a beautiful and vibrant country. I wish you well in service as the Ambassador of the United States to Poland.

[signed] **Elmer C. Hodge**

[Excerpts from a response by Dr. R. F Roth, Pres. of RVSC, dated April 22, 2005]

As Mr. Hodge mentioned, **Dr. Slowikowski** is a leader in the affairs of the Opole Sister City Committee. She and members of her family have visited Opole on at least two occasions. She spearheaded several financial donations for the reconstruction /restoration of the **Chopin Music School** post the 1997, July 7-14th Odra River 500 year-flood..

The recent death of **Pope John Paul II** has been a great loss for the Polish people and for the world. Though a staunch traditionalist, his unshakeable faith, world vision, his role as a peacemaker who loved God’s entire family ---bridging over alienation with Jews, Muslims and also all spectra of Christianity --- warranted the massive sorrow at his passing. Paradoxically, the weaker he became physically, the more he grew in strength and reverence by the people of the world. I am sure that you personally shared sorrow and such expressions on behalf of the people of United States. His papacy was crucial in the bloodless demise of the Soviet Union. His opposition to the invasion of Iraq was another heroic effort.

If your travels can bring you to Roanoke, please alert us so that we can meet you. Your broad invitation to members of the Opole Committee is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully, [signed] **Robert F. Roth, M.D.**

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THE SALEM HOME: "AN OASIS IN OBUNGA," Dr. Diane D'Orazio

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"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe. She had so many children, she didn't know what to do...." This nursery rhyme came to mind the first time I visited **The Salem Home** in Kisumu, Kenya and met the founder/director **Phoebe Onyango**. Now Phoebe is neither old nor does she not know what to do with the 128 kids for whom she cares. She and several volunteers provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of these orphaned or abandoned children from Kisumu's **Obunga** slum. It is the largest slum in Kisumu with about 150,000 people living in the worst conditions I've ever seen when in Kenya.

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I first met Phoebe in 2002 through our trusted friend **Dr. Ruby Sokwala**. Since that time, I've seen Phoebe accomplish things no human being can do without the Holy Spirit and God's guidance. She never intended to start an orphanage. But almost ten years ago she was faced with six orphans who needed help. Phoebe acted even though her own family was struggling. As she describes it: "they were in a very dark place." Her Christian faith drew her to **Isaiah 58:10** (NIV) which says, *"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday."* Her light did shine, and it continues to shine brightly in the darkness that *is* Obunga.

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Today, the Salem Home is a happy, energetic place with children from 4 months to 19 years. The little ones follow Phoebe around wanting to hold her hand or be held. Thus, I think of the above nursery rhyme whenever I'm there. She helps the kids understand that they are members of God's family *and* Salem's family. Therefore, everyone has a responsibility to help another. The older girls help with the babies; both boys and girls share chores such as cooking and cleaning. Salem has a primary school with 400 students from the home and surrounding slum community. The school was paid for by a student from Holland who volunteered at the home one summer. She was so inspired to help the kids succeed, she went home and raised money to open the school. The older kids attend community high schools which costs the Salem Home around \$250-300 per student per year. This is a huge budgetary burden, but Phoebe believes education is the kids' ticket out of poverty.

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There were many new accomplishments at the Salem Home when I re-visited in January, 2005. They have a beautiful **new church** which regularly has 300+ worshippers. Phoebe is its minister. For her bringing the Word of God to everyone around is as natural as breathing. She has also helped "plant" 18 churches in the surrounding communities. She takes no credit for the progress at Salem Home, but gives all the glory to God. She never forgets how God brought her out of their darkness.

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The Salem Home not only cares for its children, but reaches out to the community by providing basic health care. They now have a **Community Health Clinic** and have trained 32 Community Health Workers who make daily home visits to patients in the slums. For two days I had the opportunity to visit AIDS patients with them. At times, I was moved to tears by the loving care they provided to people rejected and isolated by and from their community. Many of the patients asked me the same sharp question, "Where is the money your president promised to help people with AIDS?" I had no answer for them. I visited seven families devastated by AIDS; within two weeks of returning home, sadly, all seven patients had died.

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The Salem Home is an exciting example of a community faith-based organization addressing critical humanitarian issues while giving surrounding communities hope through the Word of God. They rely on financial support and are always very appreciative for it. But if you ask Phoebe Onyango what they need *most*, she'll tell you, **"Prayer."**

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Salem Community Health workers receiving their kits.



New friends of the Salem Home.



Evelyn is an AIDS patient cared for by the Salem Homes Community Health workers.

“NEW MEMBER” Dr. Norma Jean Peters, Co-Chair.

The Florianópolis Committee is pleased to have a new member who is a native of Brazil. She is **Christina van der Linden**. Christina was born in Rio de Janeiro and lived the first ten years of her life there. The family then moved to Brasilia and lived there for five years before moving to the United States. She now has dual citizenship--Brazilian and American.

Christina moved to Roanoke from Minnesota because she had met her future husband, **Brian van der Linden**, who lived in Roanoke. They decided that it was too much of a long-distance courtship with Christina living in Minnesota and Brian in Virginia. They were married approximately one year after she moved here. **Christina, Brian** and her step-daughter, **Jessica**, live in Roanoke County. Jessica is in the first grade.

Christina and two partners own **Rho Research, LLC** which is a clinical research company which conducts pharmaceutical and device clinical trials. Their company conducts research in a wide range of therapeutic areas, but their focus is on women's health.

Christina has been back to Brazil a couple of times in recent years. When asked what she missed most about Brazil, she said that she misses members of her family who live there and she also misses the relaxed social life which is typical of Brazilian families. When asked what she likes about Roanoke, she mentioned the quality of life. She likes living in a city the size of Roanoke which is large enough to foster her professional life and small enough to be a safe place to raise children. She also likes living in the mountains!

Christina enjoys international experiences. She has become involved in **Local Colors** and looks forward to involvement in Sister Cities. She has traveled extensively including trips to Taiwan, Vietnam and Thailand.

Christina's parents, **Wilson & Helena Izabel Chiareli**, have moved to Roanoke to be near their daughter and her family. Mr. Chiareli is a retired Brazilian Naval Officer and Mrs. Chiareli teaches Spanish at **William Fleming High School**.

“Welcome!” to Sister Cities, Christina.



At home in Roanoke: **Christina, Brian and Jessica**

“Exchanges to Continue!” Jack Tompkins, Chair.

That can be our celebratory cry in Roanoke this Fall. Ms. **E.J. Park**, our Wonju City liaison, has sent a tentative itinerary for Roanoke Valley students who want to visit our South Korean sister city for two weeks in October 2005. Sufficient student interest and funding will be the final determinants.

Doris Prillaman, who retires this year from full-time teaching at **Ruffner Middle School**, has agreed to coordinate the October student trip from Roanoke to Wonju. To assure success, Mrs. **Moon Kim** is planning to accompany the students as a bi-lingual chaperone and cultural expert. She and her husband, **Dr. Kye Y. Kim**, Vice-Chair of the Wonju Committee, are also planning to hold two weeks of orientation in Korean language & culture during this summer for the *lucky* students chosen to make this historic visit. **Dr. Roth** and **Dot Roth** have also offered to share enthusiasm and personal experiences with our prospective middle-school ambassadors.

When Wonju City’s delegation, led by **Dr. Kim, Heon-Kook**, made it’s official visit to our Star City last May ’04 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Sister Cities, their other long-term primary goal was to begin an English Language & American Culture Study program here for eager middle school students. They were fully aware that to live in the modern world proficiency in English is an essential skill. With able guidance by previous Chair, **Dr. Jennifer Mulligan**, 12 youngsters came from Wonju to Roanoke for three weeks (January/February ’05) to study with **Meg English** and **Doris Prillaman**. Under the auspices of the **International Baccalaureate** [IB] program at William Ruffner Middle School, host students and their families shared their homes and experiences with them and their teacher/chaperone, Ms. **Jeong, Hye-Jeong**.

That initial visit was so successful, we all want to continue this mutually rewarding relationship. Before the end of this school year, Roanoke Valley middle-school IB and AP students will be contacted to judge the amount of enthusiasm they and their parents have for a Fall trip. ***We will go from there!***

Other news: RVSC Executive Director **David Lisk** and Wonju Committee Chairman **Jack Tompkins** set up the Wonju and RVSC display tables at **Local Colors** on May 15. Secretary **Jean Broyles**, Vice-Chair Kye Kim and wife Moon also helped staff the information area. Almost 35,000 celebrants came despite leaden skies and occasional fine drizzle.

The next Wonju Committee meeting will be at the home of Kye and Moon Kim [772-4281] on Thursday, June 16 at 7pm. Suggestions about future committee activities will be discussed followed by a time for socializing and light refreshments.

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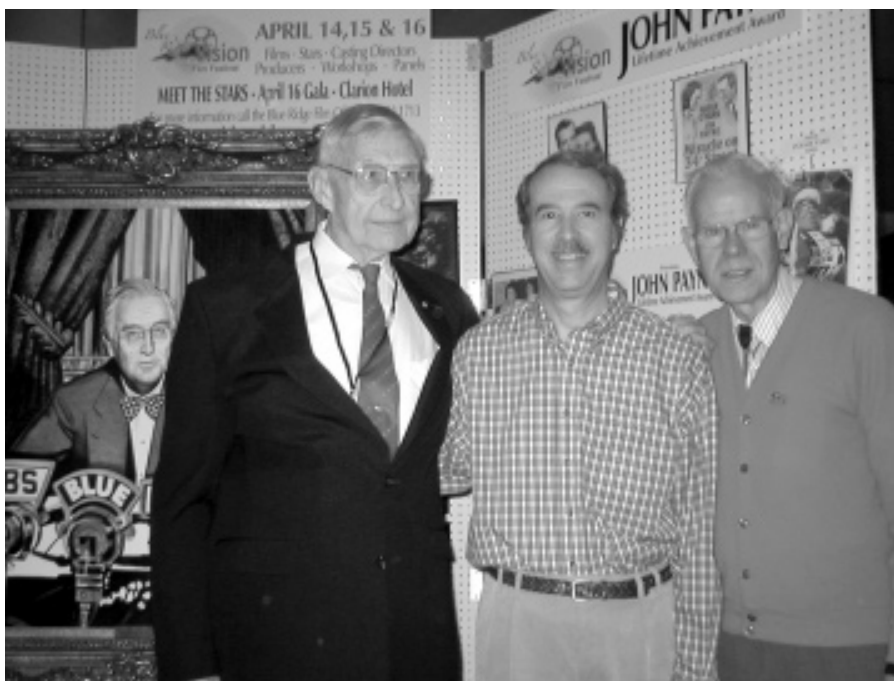
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“Bon Voyage et Bon Retour” Ann Hackworth

Chairperson **Mary Jo Fassie** and her delegation are leaving June 16th for St.-Lo and Paris. The group consists of 25 adults and high school students from **William Fleming** and **Glenvar High schools**. They will be joined for the Saint-Lo portion of the trip by longtime members **Peggy & Hugh Wells**. We wish them bon voyage et bon retour (“bon voyage and safe journey home”).

Roanoke photographer and longtime francophile **Sarah Hazlegrove** was the guest speaker at our April 7th general membership meeting. Sarah began her talk by explaining that she has had a close relationship with France for 25 of her 47 years. She speaks beautiful French, having done graduate work in theater in France and gone recently through the process of buying a house in Normandy. She enthused about the warmth and genuineness of the Norman people, and told a couple of funny stories about recent experiences. Her boyfriend, **Eugene**, joined her in relating some stories about buying their new home and visiting Saint-Lo. The couple, and **Bernard Marie**, took some questions from the group about living in Normandy. We are grateful to Sarah and Eugene for their time and inspiring stories, and to **Liz Stone** for arranging their visit. **Mary Jo** announced that the September general membership meeting (possibly Sept. 15) will include showing a video of the events of June 6, 2004, in Normandy by American photojournalist **Tom Colones**. Mr. Colones, a television photographer in Spartanburg, S.C., contacted Mary Jo with information about his video of the events of the 60th anniversary of D-Day. Please join us at our annual **Bastille Day picnic**, July 17th at 1 p.m., in Longwood Park in Salem.



Amateur photo-journalist Pearl Fu took this photo and entitled it: “Three Giants!”

[L to R] portrait of FDR, Bob Slaughter, Dr. Hugh Wells and Dr. R. F. Roth.

Pearl Fu took it for us at the VA-FILM Festival on April 15th following the dedication of the FDR portrait by artist Anne Bell. Anne presented it, in absentia, to the Bedford D-Day Memorial. Pearl labeled the photo “Three Giants,” ---her flattery --- but that is clearly an error because President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is peeking around Bob’s right shoulder. So even the count is off!

“Pskov’s Quarterly News” Natasha Petersen, Chair.

At our meeting on March 9th at St. Elizabeth Church, **Tracey Thompson** and **Emily Daniels** were the speakers. They reported in stirring detail the joys, trials and pitfalls of international adoption in Siberia and Russia. But all proved to be well worth the perseverance: the Daniels adopted their children (2) in 2003 from Irkutsk, and the Thompsons adopted their child from Abakan, Russia. The plan in both families is to assure their children know their Russian heritage as they grow into adulthood. Delightful photos and action videos were shown during the adoption process and after.

Nastya (Anastasia) Kanishcheva [17th exchange student at Ferrum College] spent the Easter break with two Korean international students in New York. They went by Greyhound bus and stayed in a hostel. Their adventures included the Metropolitan Museum of Art and two musicals on Broadway – “Chicago” and “Mama Mia.” They got fabulous student tickets at \$30 and \$26! Nastya loves her classes and says that her experience here in the States is a dream come true. Her professors report that she has done very well in her studies. She returned to Russia in May.

Anna Korshakova, a former student from Pskov, has been asked to be a translator during this year in both Sweden and Latvia on the basis of her work here last year. She will be arriving back in the U.S. in June to work for the summer (kitchen help) at a camp in Maine. She calls and writes very often and says she “loves Ferrum College, Roanoke and our Sister City Organization for all they have done.”

“**An Evening in the Old Country**”, the fourth annual dinner will be held at Roanoke College on September 23rd, 2005. *[Write in red in your appointment book and come to another red-letter event].*

BLINI (PANCAKES)*

4 cups all purpose flour
 2 cups buttermilk
 1 egg
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 tbsp sugar
 1 cup warm water

Put flour in a large mixing bowl and slowly mix in the buttermilk. Beat well. Mix in the salt, sugar and egg - stirring until blended. Warm water may be added if the mixture is too thick. Set the batter aside for 10 minutes.

Pour ¼ cup mixture onto a heated oil greased pan and move the pan around to coat the bottom as evenly as possible. When the edge begins to brown, flip onto the other side using a spatula. When the other side is browned, remove and place on a plate. Repeat until all batter is used.

Serve warm with sour cream, jam, cottage cheese, mushrooms or herring on top.

Serves 6.

*[Selected from the RVSC “Around Our World Cookbook,” Pskov Chapter, page 42]

"15th LOCAL COLORS Shines Brightly!" Pearl Fu, Chair

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The 15th celebration of "Local Colors," Roanoke's premiere multicultural program, covered May 14-15th on multiple high notes. It drew a record crowd of spectators, over 30,000, many from as far as New York, Chicago, and Pennsylvania. And RVSC's seven sister were in the middle of it all.

Saturday May 14, marked the return of the dynamic **Celtic Rock** from Canada, "**Enter the Haggis**." Naturally I was fascinated, as their many fans were, by their interesting attire and hair-color Kilts and bright RED hair; and by the German "**Sauerkraut**," the hot "**Latin Jazz Project**" and by "**Shayer & Krooshall Force**" reggae. They had the enthusiastic audience of all ages on their feet all night. Nine ethnic restaurants served sushi, curry, kimchi, eggrolls, pizza, Mexican delicacies, baklava which satisfied everyone's palate. International wines and beers quenched any thirst. Despite the occasional shower, the audience had a rousing good time dancing and swinging to the diversified beats!

Sunday, May 15th LOCAL COLORS found its *new* location, **Elmwood Park**, most inviting! More than 70 nations, including Roanoke Valley's seven sister cities marched around the park in colorful attire, holding flags from their root countries, showing pride in their heritage. The American flag carried by police color guard and our national anthem, sung by talented **Tywon**, brought everyone together, paying tribute to their new country, "America." A delegate from **Norway** joined other Virginia delegates to address the audience. A native American Indian Village sat magnificently high above the park stage overlooking nine internationally adopted children take part in the **USCIS Citizenship ceremony**. Several "**Vikings**" in fantastic native attire were spotted pulling their boat across a grassy patch, while some Italians had a ball teaching people to play **Bocci**. One could purchase authentic clothing, jewelry, arts and crafts from **real** people of the various countries. School children earned "credits" and learned geography/ culture when they had their play passports stamped at each booth --- traveling around the world without leaving Downtown Roanoke! For their centennial celebration, Girl Scouts taught crafts from Norway, the featured country this year. Terrific raffle prizes were given out each hour, winding up with the grand prize generously donated by **BOTETOURL TRAVEL**: a trip for two to the fabulous Caribbean. I wonder who won "lunch with Pearl" this year? Still a mystery.

On the other side of the park, the crowd was so great, many of the more than 27 countries sold out their foods by 3 PM --- mouth watering offerings: Colombian and Polish sausages, Swiss waffles, Lebanese hummus, Vietnamese eggrolls, Mexican totillas, Korean mandos, Greek kebabs, Brazilian ice cream, Irish soda bread, German and British cookies, Honduras coffee, Indian samosa, etc., etc., etc.! You name it: it was there! Each country keeps the proceeds to support its own cause. Local Colors embraces these blending/ binding diversity efforts.

The giant stage invited non-stop entertainment from all the continents. It was a toss up: were there more Indian or more Latino acts? On stage a Norwegian Violinist, Irish Warpipes, Diversity Drumming, Bahai and Pakistan children's choir, Chinese, Lebanese, Korean, Philippine, American Indian Dancers held people in awe. An International fashion show entertained and educated all as well! We learned from each other why we came to America and taught each other how to say "thank you" in different languages. We all have desire for peace, harmony and unity. No bathing suit segment was required. Admission, as usual: *free* --- accessible to everyone!

Throughout the year, LC works with schools, colleges, neighborhoods, government, businesses and civic organizations to promote multicultural understanding. To make connections with each ethnic community, find interpreters, produce entertaining events, and programs: call Pearl at 342 2640, ext.233 or write **PearlFu@aol.com**.

Deep thanks go out to the **LOCAL COLORS board and committee members; to Eventzone, the Roanoke Police, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Fire Dept. (who patiently hung our banner 3 times in a week), the many volunteers and sponsors: Lewis Gale, SunTrust Bank, Cox Cable, Pepsi Cola, City of Roanoke, Botetourt Travel, WDBJ 7, WFIR, Q99, K92, Star Country, Vibes and the Roanoker Magazine.**

Last year rain poured on Roanoke Valley flooding several streets. But LOCAL COLORS miraculously stayed FREE of rain! This year, again, sunshine greeted LOCAL COLORS while the rest of the Roanoke Valley was drenched in rain. Don't underestimate strong prayers and wishes of the more than 78 cultures gathered right here in Roanoke.

See you next year! We will be our very own non-profit agency! Till then: **tzai jiang, Aurevoir, Sayonara, Auf Weidersehn, Adios! Hasta la Vista, Anyoung Hi Kaseyo.** Pearl

Sister Cities International e-Newsletter — May 3, 2005 Celebrating 50 Years of Citizen Diplomacy: 1956 - 2006

*Promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding & cooperation -
one individual, one community at a time.*

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Hosting Opportunity: Open Your Home to a YES Scholar

Would you like to make a difference in international relations? Your home can open the door to understanding America for a student from a predominantly Islamic or Arab country. The Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program was established after September 11 to build bridges of understanding between the U.S. and the Arab world. YES students come from countries in the Middle East and North Africa and are selected for their commitment to community service, public diplomacy and academic achievement. The YES program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. AYUSA International, a nonprofit youth exchange organization partnered with Sister Cities International, is seeking families and individuals interested in hosting one of these outstanding scholars for an academic year. *YES students will arrive in the United States in mid-August with medical insurance, spending money, a firm command of English and a strong commitment to becoming a member of your community.* Sister Cities International is looking for host families to provide a warm, loving home, meals and sleeping quarters, either shared or private. Hosts will broaden their horizons, provide a unique contribution to their community and make a positive impact on global youth. For more information contact an AYUSA Program Advisor at 800.727.4540 x646, or visit the YES program online.

Philadelphia IVC Joins Sister Cities Partners for Peace Project with Iraq

Sister Cities International announced this week that the International Visitors Council of Philadelphia is partnering with Mosul, Iraq, through the Partners for Peace project. “The IVC of Philadelphia and citizens in the Philadelphia region are eager to partner with Mosul’s leaders and citizens to support their transition to a democratic society,” said Nancy Gilboy President, IVC of Philadelphia. “We’ve had 51 years of successfully administering democracy-building programs and now that the agreement is signed we can hit the ground running. We have a committee of Iraqi-Americans and Philadelphia “citizen diplomats” standing by to help, and humanitarian aid just waiting to be shipped.” See the press release online. Contact Rick Ferrer at 202-347-8630 or rferrer@sister-cities.org.

The 50th Anniversary Book: Will Your Community Be In It? Send Your Stories & Photos!

Make sure your community is represented in the commemorative book being produced for the 50th anniversary in 2006. Photo and story submissions are needed. Action photos are preferred. Send in stories and features about your sister city organization’s activities. Each submission should be no more than 500 words and may be edited. Not all photo submissions may be used. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want items returned. For information contact Carol Butler at 502.897.9494, ckbutler@aol.com, or Sharon Receveur at 502.893.2632, sreceveur@insightbb.com. Send all photos and materials to: Butler Books c/o Sister Cities of Louisville, 224 South Second Street, Louisville, KY 40202, Fax: 502.574.2668. **Even though the deadline for submissions is extended to October 1st, 2005, plans for layout are already in motion, so get your stories & photos in today before we run out of space! *LET’S DO IT!**

Book Review: 1,000 Places to See Before You Die

Tourist hot-spots are fabulous, but there are tons of other great places across the globe to explore. “1,000 Places to See Before You Die” highlights destinations off the beaten path that are inspiring, beautiful and just plain fun to visit. This New York Times bestseller by Patricia Schultz devotes a page to each location and includes websites, phone numbers and resources to help you plan an incredible trip. Buy this book today and support Sister Cities International.

[* Editor’s comment!]

ROANOKE VALLEY SISTER CITIES CALENDAR

May: (2005)

10th- **Florianópolis** —General Meeting. Carlos Restaurant 6 p.m.

15th- **LOCAL COLORS -- Roanoke City Market, Noon to 5 p.m.**

[May 14th L.C. entertainment evening: **Music and Internat. Foods; Admission charge**]

June: (2005)

3rd – **Lijiang** – Lecture: “**Traditional Chinese Medicine**” by Greg B. Johnston. Venue: Dancing Crane Center of Chinese Medicine, 11 Library Square, Salem, VA 6 p.m. Tel. 540-444-1053

7th - **Kisumu** – General Meeting Roanoke City Main Library 6:30 p.m.

8th - **Pskov & Pskov Oblast** General Meeting. St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church. 7 p.m.

16th- **Wonju**- Planning: Roanoke Student Exch.- Dr./Mrs. Kim, 3615 Larson Oaks Dr., 7 p.m.

16th- **St.Lo** – Delegation departs for St. Lo. Mary Jo Fassie (366-5183)

21st – **Florianópolis** – General Meeting at Rte.419 County Library 7 p.m.

30th- **St.Lo** – Delegation returns from St. Lo.

July: (2005)

9th- **RVSC Annual Picnic Quarterly Meeting -- SML 4 p.m, covered dish 6 p.m.**

17th- **St.Lo –Bastille Day Picnic**, covered dish. Longwood Park, Salem, 1 p.m.

August: (2005)

9th - **Kisumu** – General Meeting Roanoke City Main Library 6:30 p.m.

September: (2005)

13th – **Florianópolis** - Dinner Meeting, Italiano Restr., 125 Campbell Ave. 6:30 p.m.

23rd- **Pskov & Oblast** -“An Evening in the Old Country,” 4thAnnual dinner, Roanoke College, 6 pm

October: 2005

4th – **Florianópolis** - General Meeting at Rte.419 County Library 7 p.m.

November: (2005)

5th **Wonju** – Annual Harvest Moon Dinner. Host: Dr. Nancy Oliver Gray, Hollins University, 6 pm.

December: (2005)

6th – **Florianópolis** -Dinner Meeting, Carlos Restr., 4167 Electric Rd., 6:30 p.m.

14th- **Pskov & Pskov Oblast** General Meeting. St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church. 7 p.m.

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Membership Totals for 2000 – 2005 (as of May 19th, 2005)

City	RVSC Memberships:		Yr. 2004 active memberships new & renewals.:			
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Wonju	88	82	94	72	82	56
Kisumu	55	52	64	83	57	36
Pskov	68	64	66	68	78	43
Florianópolis	47	44	45	46	41	38
Opole	30	24	16	16	28	24
Lijiang	64	64	68	95	44	36
St.-Lo	69	60	76	63	87	55
	421	390	429	443	417	288

A “membership year” starts April 1st each year. However, dues paid after Jan. 1st 2005 continue your active membership to March 31, 2006. Please renew your membership for 2005 using the form on page 11.

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