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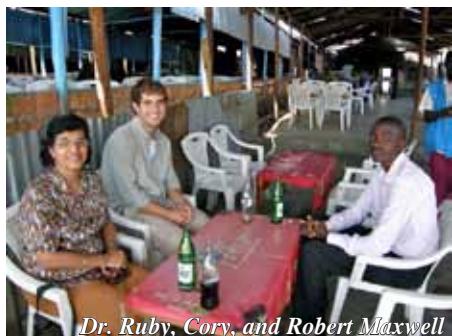
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## "SMALL MIRACLES"

Dr. Diane D'Orazio

I had no idea I would cry that day. My son Cory and I had been in our sister city Kisumu, Kenya for about 3 weeks staying with our friends Salim and Ruby Sokwala, "Dr. Ruby." We were checking on charities and students our RKSCC supports. I had been spending most mornings feeding the babies at the New Life Babies Home, an oasis of love and hope for abandoned and orphaned children. Cory was using his skills as photographer to create images that would help promote this amazing ministry. Until that day, I had only experienced the joy of watching babies thrive in the care of very special people. There had been no reason for tears.

They named him "Darius." He was rescued from one of the slum communities in Kisumu city and brought to the home that day. Right after birth, someone dropped him in a plastic bag, still attached to his placenta, down a community pit-latrine. The next person, who came to use the latrine, heard his feeble cry.



Dr. Ruby, Cory, and Robert Maxwell

With help of several others, they pulled him to safety. The bag saved him from the agony of scalding acidic waste in the pit. When I saw him for the first time and heard his story, something broke in me. Instant recall: I was back in the hospital room where I gave birth to my first child, a son... I was thanking God for showing me what love really means in this gift. I tried to imagine the emotions the baby's mother must have gone through before she decided to throw him away ... or before that decision was taken out of her hands by someone else. The tears came from the depths of my soul. I cried for all of the mothers around the world who can't care for a newborn child the way God intended.

The next thing I knew, arms were around me. Staff members understood my tears. The head nurse, Anzella said, "I used to cry each time a new baby was rescued. Then I saw how well, with care, they would be in a few weeks time. Now, she sees past the agony decision that brought them there; instead, she looks forward to seeing what love can do."

The New Life Babies Trust is based in Nairobi, Kenya and has several satellite homes including the one in Kisumu. RKSCC has been supporting it for the past ten years. Dr. Ruby Sokwala, treasurer and founder of our sister city committee in Kisumu, visits the New Life Home every morning, 7 days a week, to check the babies and assist the nurses with medical decisions.

Most recently, this home has developed a rehabilitation program for children with special needs. While the home has an impressive adoption rate (mostly by Kenyans), fewer are willing to adopt kids with special needs. Physical and occupational therapists work with them to help them reach full potential.

Unfortunately, the situation that brought little Darius to the New Life Home is frightfully common in developing countries. Desperate people do desperate things. We're so grateful that Kisumu has an oasis called the New Life Home for innocent abandoned babies.

Diane



Darius, 1st day old Miracle



Cory comforts Noah

### **“Roanoke College Freeman Research Trip to China” Asst. Prof. Stella Xu**

Under the auspices of the Freeman Foundation Fellowship, I took four Roanoke College students to the Silk Road sites in China for a research trip from May 22 to June 12, 2012. This joint research project aims to use the Silk Road as a metaphor to understand trans-continental cultural interaction during the pre-modern period, and to explore the legacy of the Silk Road in contemporary Chinese society.

We visited Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Urumuqi, Dunhuang, and Lanzhou. The highlight of the trip was at Dunhuang, an ancient oasis town, the headquarters of the Silk Road trade for over 1,500 years. Despite numerous difficulties during the three-week research trip, including culture shock, language barrier, and strains on everyone's physical energy, our students did a fabulous job in conducting their research and collecting firsthand materials for their paper. These student researchers described this as “once in a lifetime experience,” and they are eager to share their experiences with wider audiences throughout the Roanoke Valley and beyond. Stella



*Camel ride on the Mingsha Mountain (“Echoing Sand Mountain”)*

[l-r: Thomas Emerson, Kathleen Ouyang, Matilda Nassar, Zackary Hottel, Stella]

Photo taken by a local camel keeper

May 29, 2012

#### **Editor’s note:**

*[Following Stella Xu, Lijiang Committee Director, Assist. Professor of History at Roanoke College, four students symbolically walked 7,850 miles --- the great circle mileage from Roanoke Valley to the Silk Road --- and found some respite in a ride on camels!]*

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*On the Gate of Mogao Grotto, the world-best Buddhist art gallery.*  
Photo taken by an unknown tourist, May 30, 2012

### “Roanoke College – May ’12 International Trip” Stella Xu

During May 7-21st, I escorted 20 Roanoke College students on their May Overseas exploration of China.  
The photo below has he background of the “Bird” Olympic Stadium, a 2008 landmark in Beijing.  
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**"My Journal Thought," (Feb. 2012) Beom-Jin Kim, Dae-Sung Middle School [male]**

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I was really worried if I could spend three weeks in a foreign country, the US, in which I was unfamiliar with the language and customs before I took on the flight bounding for the country. However, soon after I arrived there, the worry passed away! My home-stay house was located in Salem. Mr. Todd, Ms. Whitney, Morgan and Jake were my host family members. They had showed a heart-felt affection to me since I arrived at the airport. At first, I assumed that they pretended to be kind to a foreign student. But, while staying there, I came to know the warm kindness shown by them came from their heart.

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They had always asked me if there was anything inconvenient and how I spent my day. They didn't request or ask me for anything, just showing a warm affection. At first, I didn't know well that they had taken care of me 100% free of charge, not for any return. I heard that besides my host family members, Sandy (*Lyle*), Bill (*Saari*), Will (*Andrews*) and other personnel did voluntary work. It seemed that I had behaved in the misunderstanding that they were only doing their duty, not appreciating for their help. Looking back on it now, I am so regretful that I didn't express my gratitude to them. Through their heart-felt affection shown to me, I came to have a mind of serving society and showing favor to others and expressing my thanks at every chance.

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While staying in the country, I was very impressed with several things. First is their communication method. The country's people have always kept eye contact with others through discussions as against Korean people who don't like to be engaged in such discussions. For example, American people look each other straight in the eye while eating. It means that they are always ready to communicate with others and listen to their opinions. They are open-minded.

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Second is their passion shown at a basketball game. Korean fans, except for big fans or singing a cheering song, do tend to be a little quiet. However, American fans always stay active and passionate throughout the game. If a referee makes an incorrect decision, they stand up and shout that he is wrong. In addition, even if their team loses a game and a player of the team gets a point, they stand up and cheer him. On the other hand, Korean fans stay at their seats in most cases and look at the game in a quiet way. The American are real fans for sure. Koreans should take after the attitude of always doing their best at every opportunity.

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I never regret the time I spent in Roanoke. I learned and felt about a lot of things while staying in the city. I wouldn't forget the valuable experiences in my whole life. I would like to express my utmost gratitude to all of sister city committee members and host family for showing a warm affection to us, along with our parents who allowed us to stay in the city, and relevant personnel of Wonju City who gave us an invaluable opportunity of experiencing the Student Exchange program.

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Beom-Jin

**"My Journal Thought," (Feb. 2012) Ji-Ye Park, Sangji Girl's Middle School [female]**

Where is 'America' located in my head? Roanoke looked like a blocked village. Breaking away from the simple difference between the Oriental and Western, Roanoke is really different in terms of surroundings, a way of thinking and others. Roanoke had no bigger buildings and little vehicles on roads compared with Wonju. However, there was natural scent, not artificial one. Such different aspects looked better.

As a student, I took a keen interest in American students' living. Unlike Korea where there are so many restrictions imposed on students, it looked that there were a little there. Even though there must be certain regulations in the US, they couldn't be comparable to those of Korea. I felt that in Korea there are a much more regulations and unnecessary ones which forced our students to do something. Recently, the regulations are somewhat relieved, but even two weeks ago, our students should comply with a school dress code in black or white color, female students had their hair cut short, and all of students should wear only shoes while American students could choose their cloths, not school uniform, even in different colors, which was unfamiliar to me.

It was a precious time of looking at living of students in a different country and comparing with the situation of Korea through the visiting to local schools and home-stay.

I was given a better chance of living at two houses during the three weeks and had a meaningful time of experiencing the structure of houses, different tastes and mood of the families. There was a little difficult in getting well with the two family members, but all of family members took care of me so that I enjoyed a pleasant time. Through the special experience of home-stay, I could get to understand culture of the US much more quickly. I was always curious about how they live in house and what they eat. In addition, I had a doubt as to whether they go around wearing shoes. I came to know they wear slippers instead of shoes in house, they eat bread or salad instead of rice, and they live in a different way, all of which were nothing special.

My Host family who took care of me held a special love. Elizabeth is said to have been an Korean girl whose Korean name was Park Sun-ha. Now she is a regular American high school student who works very hard. It was true that such a situation was really a burden. People said now is much better than before, but she was very obsessed with worry about my thoughtless remarks. Frankly speaking, in face-to-face talking with her, I used Korean language many times before I knew it. I felt difficult as much as we got friendly.

I couldn't imagine anything like thinking of people of other countries as my friends, and communicating and getting in touch with people across the earth. I would preserve the valuable experience gotten in the unfamiliar foreign country along with a beautiful memory with all of people who took care of me. I would express thanks to Mark, Kathy and Elizabeth who showed a warm affection to me for three weeks as well as to Mr. Wood's family members for five days and especially Max who gave his room to me . I would like to meet them again, if given a chance.

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## "PSKOV NEWS" Dr. Sasha Saari, Chair.

As of Aug. 28th, our "PSKOV NEWS" includes: We look forward to the arrival of Ferrum's fall semester Pskov Pedagogical University student, Miss Olga Glazkova. She arrives tomorrow evening.

Here's a brief note from Ms. Heather "Vera" Bozarth, a Ferrum College student, President of our Russian Club, who worked this past summer as an intern in the Norfolk Sister Cities Office. In the photo, she is the young lady on the far right.

"For the past four months over the summer, I have had the pleasure to work as an intern with the Norfolk Sister City Association. I took on daily responsibilities: such as getting the mail and keeping the member database current. Outside of daily office work, I was able to take part in a few of their several special events.

"During the 36th annual celebration of "Harborfest" week, June 6- 12th --- also called "Opsail 2012 Virginia" --- NSCA hosted sailors from its German and British sister cities. It was wonderful to be able to interact with the Germans, considering my prior knowledge of German language. Later on, I had the privilege to work by myself on an event for the Kitakyushu youth delegation. It turned into a great night that the children thoroughly enjoyed. Regrettably, I had no opportunity to use my Russian.

"Being the intern at Norfolk Sister Cities has shown me just how much work it takes to sustain a sister city organization, especially with multiple sisters\*!

I believe this is one of the most rewarding lessons I earned this summer."

Incidentally, the nine Norfolk's sister cities are:

- Kitakyushu, Japan
- Wilhelmshaven, Germany
- Norfolk County, UK
- Toulon, France
- Kaliningrad, Russia
- Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Cagayan de Oro, Philippines
- Kochi, India
- Tema, Ghana, Africa

See you next week! "Vera"



\* Seven "Amens" by Dr. Downs, Jack, Will, AOW editor and RVSC Board!

**“Florianópolis News & Networking” -Patrick Hughes, Director**

Members of the Florianópolis committee had a great time participating in this year's Local Colors event. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we staffed a visual and informative table and had the opportunity to speak with dozens of passersby about Florianópolis and Sister Cities in general.

Joslaine Austin, our committee chair and native born Brazilian, worked with a group of church members visiting Brazil this month. Her preparatory four week class gave them an overview of Brazilian culture, history, people and language. The group will return to Roanoke with a visiting Brazilian from their partner organization. There are also ongoing efforts to identify potential students interesting in studying at National College through the school's scholarship program.

Two of our dedicated members, Judith Cline and Rose Ann Burgess, were elected in June to the Board of Directors for the Virginia Partners of the Americas. Virginia Partners is a group that links the State of Virginia with the State of Santa Catarina in Brazil. The organization has a similar people-to-people mission as Sister Cities. With Florianopolis as the capital of Santa Catarina, there will be many opportunities to collaborate on projects at the city and state level through both organizations. Congratulations Rose Ann and Judith!

Finally, the Brazilian Consulate's Mobile Service will be visiting Roanoke on September 22. They will be at the Cave Spring Rescue Squad from 10am to 4pm. Please come by if you have any visa-related issues to take care of, or just come to enjoy some of the traditional Brazilian food on offer!

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Dear Wonju Committee and all RVSC Friends,

Meg English died Sunday, August 26, 2012 – at age 73. She had been a resident at Pheasant Ridge since suffering a severe stroke in 2005, from which Meg made a considerable recovery. Her return of sense of humor and recall was remarkable.

For those of you who knew Meg, we all have lost a good friend, a vibrant citizen diplomat and dedicated teacher. She was committed to international exchange of students as a member of RVSC for almost three decades. Her inventive methods got her students to think inquisitively about students and events overseas, especially in Korea.

She hosted the first Wonju Student exchange of students in 1990 and from 2004-05 at Ruffner Middle School in Roanoke (now closed). She visited Wonju 20 years ago with another great supporter of RVSC, fmr. Patrick Henry High School Principal Betty Lee. She visited again as a member of the 2004 delegation to Wonju led by Mayor Nelson Harris and City Manager Darlene Burcham.

She was a devoted member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Meg was predeceased by her loving husband, Glenn C. English, Jr. During their life together, in joy, they sang solo or more frequently in duets. May they RIP.

Sandy Lyle & Dr. Roth

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### **“Winds of Promise” Dr. Charles L. Downs, RVSC President**

Our RVSC Corporate Board met on June 13th. In our work agenda, among other several important topics, we focused on setting the Budget for the coming new fiscal year: July 1, 2012 to June 30th, 2013. Grants from Roanoke City and Roanoke County, while reduced, are still helping us. Nonetheless, active RVSC fund raising is necessary to cover expected administrative expenses and programs.

At the outset of the meeting, we heard a review of important and successful activities, as well as plans for the coming year, from each attending committee chairperson. Much of these reports are included in this issue of AOW.

Corporate Treasurer, Mary Ann Conrad, reported for the Resources Committee about the beautifully planned, very worthwhile May 7th fund raiser at the Virginia Western Community College Arboretum. It was suggested and approved by the Board to plan another fund raising event for Saturday, October 21st. Look for more news about this event from Mary Ann and Jack Tompkins.

The Board also approved the appointment of a permanent Public Relation Committee to meet initially in September. The purpose of the committee should include a review of ideas to promote our Sister Cities mission and programs. The committee will cover: increase in membership, compilation of comprehensive up-to-date RVSC members & friends P.O. mailing and email lists, improve our media contacts and web site, and other means which lead to effective ways bringing our mission and programs to the Roanoke Valley community. Be sure to regularly view [www.rvsci.us](http://www.rvsci.us) and enjoy updates in our newsletter “Around Our World” [AOW]. If anyone would like to join this committee, recommend a member who may wish to serve or if you have any suggestions for the direction of the committee, please contact Jack Tompkins or me.

Late in August, I visited the Sister Cities International office in Washington, DC. to inquire about any information they have about grant opportunities for our Sister Cities programs. The SCI staff was very helpful. I have already shared what I learned with committee chairpersons whose city committee may be eligible to apply. Grants can be tedious to work-up, then, at times, difficult to implement. If any member has a “lead” on a grant, we may be able to provide help in grant writing and applying. Just let me know. Since April 2010, when I assumed the office of RVSC President, I appreciate everyone’s continuing interest and commitment to Roanoke Valley Sister Cities.

We are already three months into a fine year with ‘winds of promise’ behind us. Thanks to all RVSC members & friends,

CLD

## **“New People, New Enthusiasm” Jack Tompkins**

New leadership and technology updates were emphasized in July 2012 at the annual Sister Cities International Conference in Jacksonville, FL. I have brought back Program Guides for each RVSC Board of Directors member.

New President, CEO Mary Kane ([mkane@sister-cities.org](mailto:mkane@sister-cities.org)), has a background on Capitol Hill, in Maryland government and with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. She came to SCI in April to direct a young staff with few who have been with SCI more than five years. Her first technology initiative will be to re-invent our website for better communication with all sister cities members as we “Connect Globally, Thrive Locally”.

Personally, it was great to see native Roanoker Tom Lisk ([tisk@sister-cities.org](mailto:tisk@sister-cities.org)) be inaugurated as Chairman of SCI’s Board of Directors. I know his dad, Dave, would be all smiles. Tom’s charming wife and daughter were everywhere able supporters.

Fmr. Assist. Sec. of State Goli Ameri’s Keynote Address, “Strengthening America’s Global Engagement (SAGE)”, emphasized President Eisenhower’s original vision: we should use “Smart Power,” outside government, for informing, engaging and influencing world-wide sister cities friends. This idea still resonates!

Ms. Ameri believes U. S. image abroad is poor, especially in the Middle East after the “Arab Spring,” and China is winning hearts, minds and resources of African countries. International educational and personal exchanges can further cross-cultural understanding. SAGE encourages public, private partnerships for economic development.

You can learn more at [WWW.WilsonCenter.Org/SAGE](http://WWW.WilsonCenter.Org/SAGE).

Another Keynoter, Amy Liu, Brookings Institution, echoed this as she explained how she is employing trend analysis tracking innovative practices that advance worldwide health prosperity of urban centers. As cities house an ever greater number of people, it makes these areas’ sustainable growth more important.

Most break-out sessions had covered best practices of local organizations, economic development and connecting through technology. “Sister Cities University – Grant Writing 101” explained how technology is changing funding processes. [Brian.Smith@Thinc.biz](mailto:Brian.Smith@Thinc.biz) has templates to share which emphasize the right fit between grantors/and requests.

Dr. Downs recently visited SCI Headqts. in DC regarding appropriate grant opportunities.

“New Direction, New Opportunities in Africa” drew such a huge crowd, it was moved to a larger room. SCI has “Gates Foundation” funds to administer for a continent that is experiencing so much internal turmoil. Good friend Boubker Mazoz from Morocco conducted the discussion panel that confronted upheaval, corruption and international competition. Our own Dr. Diane D’Orazio is an expert on dealing with Kenya. She is helping vet a new local connection, “Kissito Healthcare Internat.,” that RVSC may share.

“Social Media” may be key in attracting youth to RVSC, and communicating in the future. These internet streams require intense and continuous updates to keep the attention of followers and prevent boredom. It was noted that “Linked-In” may be a better platform than “Facebook” for organizations like ours. I especially like St. Lo’ “LePont” news.

As Executive Director, I must use eyes, ears and ‘handshakes’ at annual SCI conferences. Locally, whenever/wherever I can help any RVSC sister city or board member in any way:

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**Jack Tompkins  
Executive Director, RVSC**

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### "A Summer of International Connections" Cammie Williams

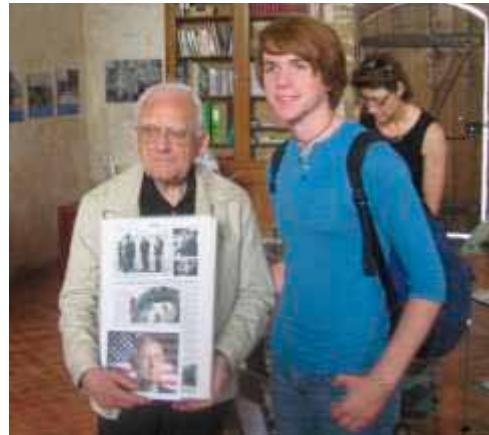
Seven students from William Byrd and Cave Spring and two families from our Sister City had another amazing experience in Saint-Lô. They expressed in awe appreciation for our common history. Our delegation was honored to deliver newspaper articles and photos of our dear veteran and founder, Bob Slaughter. We were also fortunate to be greeted by Jean Mignon who again expressed his personal appreciation to Americans for the Liberation. As Bethany Porter commented, "You learn about wars and history, but I was overwhelmed as I visited these people and sites. Now I feel like I get it!"

In addition to this time at the Mémorial, we visited the D-Day beaches, saw original film clips at Arromanches and climbed Mont Saint Michel. The new shuttle system has just gotten underway to allow the Mont to return to its original island state. It seemed to work well but some French speculated that there were now fewer visitors. Louis Blondeau from the Institut Saint Lô was kind enough to provide a guided tour in addition to showing us the skull of Saint Aubert who was instructed by Saint Michel to build the abbey. According to legend, Saint Michel had to visit the Bishop three times in his dreams and each time tapped on his head which led to the hole in the skull we saw!

Friendships were renewed. Many of us stayed with friends who had recently been to Roanoke. Students requested more time with friends and families after their November visit, so we tried to balance our tours with a long family weekend. Families and students were most gracious as they balanced their challenging exams and host activities. Much appreciation, many thanks to their Director, Jeanine Vérove, who coordinated our activities. The visit concluded with a visit to Paris that delighted all and caused many to start their list for "the return trip."



*The Roanoke Delegation with Mayor Digard and Thierry Lugbull from the hospital.*



*Matthew Spano from William Byrd H.S.  
Jean Mignon at La Chapelle de la Madeleine*

On this side of the Atlantic, Saint-Lô activities continued with the 11th annual "Bastille Day" picnic at Longwood Park the evening of July 22. Benefitting from warm and breezy picnic weather, over 50 people were in attendance, including many friends from other Sister City committees.

Bethany Porter and Keenan Holt explained to the group their many wonderful experiences in St.-Lô in June. They spoke of the hospitality of their host families and the moving visit to the D-Day beaches and the American Cemetery. They enjoyed their time at Mont St. Michel, and their trip to Paris, including seeing the Mona Lisa in the Louvre.

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## **“Marie Vérove” by Cammie Williams, Peggy Wells, and Mary Jo Fassié**

Marie Vérove, niece of Saint-Lô Chair Jeanine Vérove, was our French intern this summer. She worked at the Taubman Museum of Art. On July 22nd, she addressed the St-Lo group at the annual Bastille picnic in Longwood Park. She commented how much she liked getting to know her host families and her time at the Taubman MOA, where she worked in several areas, augmenting her experience.

From July 10 to August 25, Marie was an integral part of summer camps for children aged 5-7 and 10-14. She also helped out in “Art Venture,” Taubman’s interactive, exploratory gallery which brings art and young people together through exceptional learning-focused programming.

Marie was also present for a career day at the museum where she co-led a small group of 6th grade students from Roanoke City Public Schools.

Throughout the summer, Marie conducted research on Winslow Homer and Elihu Vedder to help the museum prepare for an upcoming exhibit.



Marie Vérove working at the Taubman Museum.



Mary Jo & Marie in front of the White House

## **“Art is the Word... It Calls for Action” Dr. Kris Slowikowski**

This year, “The Arts Council of the Blue Ridge” under the direction of Rhonda Morgan, executive director, sponsored a *second* local Roanoke artist to travel to Poland to participate in Opole’s “Annual Art Symposium.” Susan Jamison was the lucky Roanoke artist chosen. She spent 2 weeks hosted by our Opole ‘sister’ partners at this unique artist exchange. What a fantastic, forward thinking event was created by our Opole partners...!

Just imagine how wonderful to be able to beautify one's city with paintings and sculptures created by participating artists from one's Sister Cities. That is exactly what Opole is doing. They annually invite all of their *multiple* (15) partner cities --- mostly in western Europe--- to send an artist and host those that participate at Opole's expense with their only expectation being donation of two works of art produced by each participating artist. These works remain on permanent display throughout the city in public buildings, city streets and museums. The city grows richer artistically every year thanks to the phenomenal international talent that participates. It also grows in its ability to create dialogue in ways from which we Roanokers can learn.

Both Chico Harkrader, Roanoke prior invited artist, and Susan Jamison were struck by Opole's beauty and its people's friendliness. But they are puzzled by the seeming lack of awareness of RVSC among Roanoke locals, despite it's celebration of 48 years. After his 2011 installation art work performance in Opole, Chico gave a wonderful lecture in August at Roanoke County's South County Library. We had remarkable, great attendance and many questions about our programs. It was an opportunity to give information on Poland, Opole and Sister Cities.

Without excitement from partnering organizations in Roanoke and a knowledgeable and interested public, we won't survive. *I want to encourage all Sister City chair persons to participate in ongoing lecture series open to the public. It is only through more visibility can we remain an active, recognized and growing group.*

I thoroughly enjoyed hearing Chico's lecture about his Opole experience. I came away with a new perspective on a city that I have visited several times. We hope to have Susan give a lecture in a few months. Keep it in mind. You're all invited! KBS

## **Editor's Note: [9-7-12]**

On scanning September 6th The Roanoke Times, I read with much sadness and surprise the front page headline “*Legal Community Loses ‘a Giant’.*” Since May 1964, William “Bill” Poff, with his wife “Mag,” firmly held the U.S. end of the ‘bond’ that joined them with Dr. Young U. Kim in Wonju , Korea. Since then, that bond has been woven into many strong strands of exchanges and myriad friendships which, after 48 years, we can proudly call “Roanoke Valley Sister Cities.”

In AOW issue # 3, [Sept.–Dec. 2012], the editor promises to outline events and initiatives which these three people used to bring this about. RFR

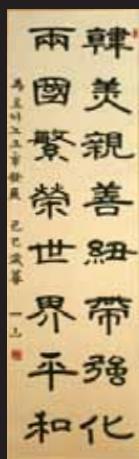
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**May: 2012** 7th - "An International Evening in the Garden" VWCC Downs Center/Arboretum 5- 7 pm  
this was a great event

**September: 2012**

11th – Florianopolis – Meeting. New Roanoke County Library, 7 p.m.

**October: 2012**

21st RVSC "Auction Fund Raiser" 2-5 p.m. W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center  
775 Hermitage Rd. • Wirtz, VA • Keep your calendar open! \*see pages 14 & 15

**November: 2012****December: 2012**

6th - St-Lo- Christmas "Diner de Noel" - Luigi's Restr. 7 p.m. Diana Christopoulos guest speaker.

Contact persons: [www.rvsci.us] Regularly check it out ---it's beautiful.

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City	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Wonju	88	82	94	72	82	85	74	65	74	62	60	98	
Kisumu	55	52	64	83	57	65	68	51	50	46	44	50	
Pskov	68	64	66	68	78	70	57	58	63	36	41	35	
Florianópolis	47	44	45	46	41	46	42	32	39	38	43	54	
Opole	30	24	16	16	28	27	30	18	22	20	30	32	
Lijiang	64	64	68	95	44	55	42	34	43	37	36	46	
St.-Lo	69	60	76	63	87	76	71	67	67	62	60	52	
<b>totals</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>367</b>	

"Membership year" starts July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Dues paid after April 1st 2012 continue active membership to June 30, 2013.

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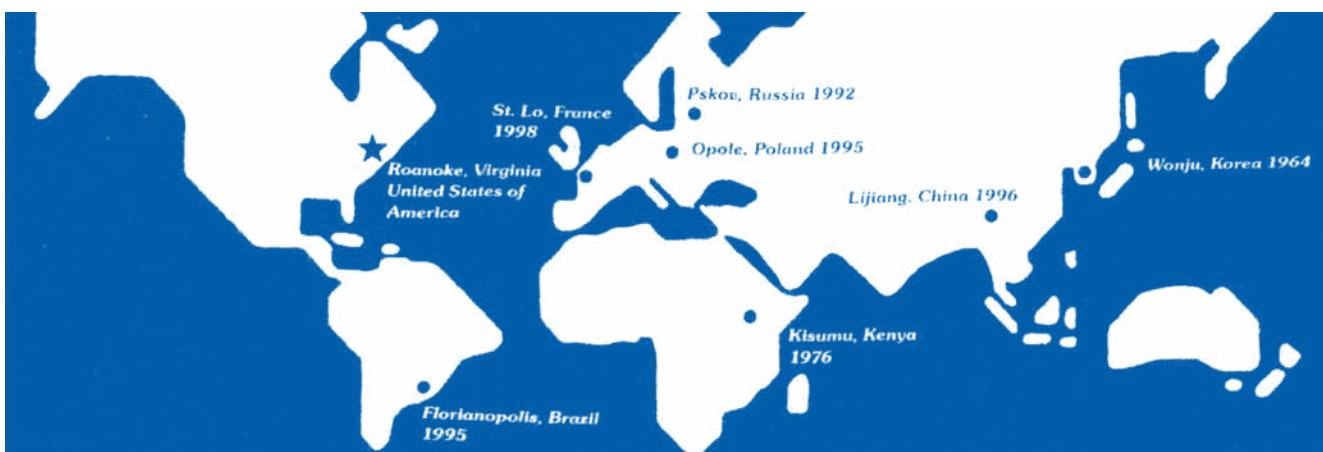
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