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LA FETE INTERNATIONALE DU BEAUJOLAIS NOVEAU

Sister Cities Association extends its gratitude to the Steering Committee for organizing the first official **Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration** in Wilmington last month. The Committee was chaired by **Leila Melson** and **Larolyn Zylicz** and included SCAW members: **Brigitte Gallien, Nancy Spirikas and Pam Walton**. Larolyn's daughter **Anna Zylicz** produced all the graphics for the event remotely from her home in Sardinia, Italy. In addition to tasting the young wine produced in the Beaujolais region, there was a selection of other French wines paired with delicious hors d'oeuvres from some of Wilmington's finest restaurants. Add to this some French music, lively conversations about the nouveau and other wine selections, an art demonstration, and an exciting raffle -- what more can I say, it was a great time. Thank you to all the sponsoring organizations and individuals that made this inaugural event such a success:

Caprice Bistro, Caffe Phoenix, Elijah's, Riverboat Landing and the Dessert Divas, Choice Specialty Wines, Divine Wines, the House of Wine and Cheese (Leland), Wilmington Wine Shoppe, Billy Cone, Custom Home Furniture Galleries, Dessert Divas, Christine Harris, Victoria Paige and Salon a La Carte.

If you purchased Beaujolais Nouveau after the event remember to consume it while the wine is still young. Local folk lore from the region suggests that the wine should be drunk before Christmas. *Photos pg. 4*

SCAW HOSTS RECEPTION AT CITY HALL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

UNCW international students enjoyed a welcome reception at City Hall on September 2. After meeting and greeting elected officials. Many participated on a walking tour of the historic downtown while others observed the first hour of the Council meeting in the upstairs chambers. Mayor Saffo, Commissioner Ted

Davis, Assemblywoman Sandra Spaulding Hughes, and Chancellor De Paolo gave everyone a warm reception. Well deserved thanks go to the many volunteers representing SCAW and the downtown Rotary who helped as well as the following business donors: Front St. Brewery, Indochine and Culligan Water. *Photos pg. 4*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS VIRTUAL TOUR

We are planning an exciting Christmas Virtual Tour that will go on SCAW's website in honor of Christmas 2010. To that end, we are asking for volunteers in Wilmington and all our Sister Cities, Doncaster, San Pedro, Bridgetown and Dandong, to document each country's Christmas traditions this season with photographs. We would love to have photographs of holiday parades, religious pageants, street scenes, decorations and Christmas dinners. We are also hoping to include a recipe representative of each country, so we could use some good Southern Christmas recipes that are native to Wilmington, along with recipes that are representative of each of our Sister Cities. So get those cameras out and start shooting!

Deadline for submitting photographs and recipes is February 1, 2010. Photos must be jpeg files and recipe attachments can be either a Word or PDF file and sent to: marilyn@scawilmington.org.

CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY 2010

Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year of the Spring Festival, is unquestionably the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. In 2010 the holiday will be celebrated on February 14 on the same day Americans will be buying chocolates, flowers, or wishing they called for dinner reservations earlier. The Year of the Tiger 2010 will end on February 2, 2011. SCAW is planning two Chinese New Year events next year, one in advance of the holiday on January 28 and the other on the official day (see calendar for details). If you are

expecting a baby next year, you may want to know what to expect in the year of the Tiger.

Trivia question - What are the other years in last fifty that were the year of the Tiger? (Answer at bottom of pg. 3)

“CHANGE YOUR CLIMATE, CHANGE OUR WORLD”

Sister Cities International is playing an intermediary role in the Second Annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest to amplify U.S. public diplomacy. The contest is a call to action for global citizens around the world to engage in cross-cultural community building and mutual understanding.

The general public is invited to submit videos of two minutes or less and will be judged in two age groups: 14 -17 years or 18 years and over. The contest is open for submissions from November 17, 2009 to January 12, 2010. For more information on contest details and how to apply visit: www.sister-cities.org.

Sister Cities News

SAN PEDRO STUDENTS FIND NEW FRIENDS IN WILMINGTON

In November, Isla Bonita and San Pedro Roman Catholic Primary School agreed to participate in a Pen Pal Exchange with Forest Hills Global Elementary School and Cape Fear Academy. Third and fourth grade classes along with the After School Spanish Club at Forest Hills will be exchanging letters through the remainder of the school year. The After School Spanish Club will be a bi-lingual exchange, the first of this type between Wilmington and a sister city school.

“PAINT DONCASTER”

There was an art opening on September 29 in a Georgian Town House in Bass Terrace on Thorne Rd. in central Doncaster. What was unusual about this particular show – a connection to Wilmington, N.C. Andrea Bretherton, owner of BrevonArt Gallery, hosted a judged exhibit of paintings in collaboration with Walls Gallery in Wilmington. Andrea worked with Nancy Marshall and David Leadman, owners of Walls Gallery in planning her exhibition of landscape paintings. The artist that placed best in the show would be considered for an opportunity to participate in “Paint Wilmington” – an

annual event that gathers accomplished painters from across the country for a week-long residency.

A panel of three judges selected Janet Samson’s painting, “Stocking Stall.” Janet studied painting at Manchester College of Art and received her Masters degree at Leeds Metropolitan University. Afterwards she spent 3 years doing landscape painting in Scotland. More recently her work has taken a more political direction involving large canvases focusing on environmental issues. The paintings selected for “Paint Doncaster” can still be viewed on the website: go to: www.brevonart.com and click past events.

Janet and Andrea were invited to be part of “Paint Wilmington” this November but were unable to participate at this time. The dialogue that was started between galleries will serve as a link between local and foreign artists. Visit www.wallsgallery.com to view this year’s paintings of landscapes, water and streets of your home town.

RE-ESTABLISHING TIES WITH BARBADOS

SCC member and SCAW President, Marilyn Cantarella’s arrival in Barbados coincided with the island-wide celebration of Independence Day. While government offices were closed on November 30 for the official holiday Cantarella attended the opening of the Conference of the Museums Association of the Caribbean. The conference provided an excellent opportunity to mingle with members of the international and Barbadian arts/cultural community. No Boundaries International artist-in-residence (2006 alumni), Neville Crawford, welcomed Cantarella to Barbados and as member of the Barbados Art Council was instrumental in aiding her in the participation of conference special events and introducing her to many people in the local arts and humanities network.

Later in the week meetings were held with government officials to discuss the relationship between Wilmington and Bridgetown. Given the size of the country and the absence of local governments, Parliament recently passed legislation to develop constituency councils. The model will provide a vehicle for sister cities to establish education, arts, and professional exchanges. In addition to Wilmington, Bridgetown is also twinned with Bridgetown in Nova Scotia. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for Constituency Empowerment, Sonja Welch, defined the councils during the meeting - “A Constituency Council is a legally established body of local representatives,

who have been appointed and given the authority to voice the concerns of the residents of the Constituency; to maintain links with the Government and other agencies; and to effectively and efficiently manage resources for the development of the given Constituency". The Bridgetown Constituency Council members have been selected and following passage during the 2010 session of Parliament, the Bridgetown Council will be able to begin a dialogue with Wilmington's Sister City Commission and work together to plan future exchange activities.

PRESIDENT OBAMA HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF SISTER CITIES MOVEMENTS

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Washington, DC*

During today's town hall meeting with college students in Shanghai, China President Obama highlighted the impact the sister cities movement has on improving issues that affect Chinese and American cities alike. When asked about the sister city relationship between Chicago, IL and Shanghai, China the President had this to say, "We have seen what is possible when we build upon our mutual interests and engage on the basis of mutual respect.

"For more than 53 years Sister Cities have worked to bridge cultural divides and advance mutual understanding between communities," said Patrick Madden, President and CEO, Sister Cities International. "President Obama comments at his town hall meeting in Shanghai, China reinforce the importance and impact of SCI's network."

Sister City Commission Updates

The Commission reviewed a request from Subjang Jaya, Malaysia to form a sister city relationship with Wilmington. The twinning sub-committee used the new tool and criteria approved by Council at its August meeting. Subjang Jaya has a population of 400,000 + and is 70 sq. km. State Assemblyman, Hannah Yeoh visited Wilmington while traveling to the US last year. The review committee gave it a favorable rating with a score of 150 out of 200. The Commission will vote on whether to recommend a twinning between the two cities at its January meeting.

Mayor Bill Saffo extended an official invitation to the city government of Dandong to attend the 2010 Azalea Festival, which has been accepted. The SCC will begin work in the coming weeks to plan an

itinerary for the Dandong delegation during their visit to Wilmington.

Answer to trivia question: 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998. The cycles repeats itself every twelve years.

Terry donates painting to say thank you



Gift aid: Terry Chipp hands over one of his paintings to senior sister Alison Allsopp

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DONCASTER artist Terry Chipp has donated one of his best paintings to Doncaster Royal Infirmary as a thank-you for helping him in his battle with cancer. Terry was all set to fly out to America to spend time at the No Boundaries International artists' colony in Wilmington, North Carolina, USA, last October until he was diagnosed with cancer six months earlier.

He thought he wouldn't be able to take up the opportunity – but the DRI's doctors completed his treatment in time for him to go.

A year to the day that he flew out to America, Terry donated a painting of Captain Charlie's cottage on Bald Head Island where the artists' colony was based.

The No Boundaries colony is arranged every two years by three artists in Wilmington – Doncaster's twin town. It gives established artists the opportunity for two weeks, uninterrupted painting.

Terry went for three weeks, made up of two weeks

painting the scenery and half a week before and after, staying with other artists. Terry was joined by 11 artists from 10 countries. At the end of the trip, all the paintings were put in an exhibition in Acme Studios and Gallery in Wilmington.

Since his trip to America, Terry has opened a new studio near Doncaster town centre above the Brevon Art Gallery, in Bass Terrace, Thorne Road with regular open studio days and has launched a website, www.terrychipp.co.uk

Upcoming Events

January 28 – “New Year in Ping Wei” an intergenerational special program cosponsored with Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning (OLLI). Location will be the Madeline Suite on the UNCW campus from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. A Chinese lunch will be served and the cost for SCAW members will be the same as Pathways members for this program.

February 14 – Celebrate Chinese New Year with SCAW. Details coming in January.

February 20 – Intercultural Fair UNCW Burney Center. 11:00 – 3:00 PM. Come and join the fun as you learn about world cultures and new destinations to explore.

March 22 – SCAW Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the New Hanover County Library main branch, Chestnut and Third Streets beginning at 6:00 PM.

April 9 & 10 – 2010 Festival of Cultures Enjoy dance and musical performances to delight all ages representing cultures from around the world. Water St. 12:00- 6:00 PM.

Photographs: UNCW International Student Reception



Photographs: Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration

