



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 15, 2019**

AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

A public meeting of the Sister Cities Advisory Commission was convened and called to order by Chair Carol Carroll at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 16705 East Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – ROLL CALL

Present at roll call were Chair Carol Carroll, Commissioners Vicky Derksen, Enrique Melendez, Jackie Miles, and Bev Tall. Staff members present were Town Manager Grady Miller and Executive Assistant Angela Padgett-Espiritu.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Town resident Dale Nelson representative of the Fountain Hills Saxophone Quartet proposed a trip to Kasterlee and would like to coordinate with the Town (see attached document). Resident Dale Nelson mentioned that Kasterlee is less than 100 km from where the Saxophone was invented. Chair Carroll invited Dale Nelson to present this proposed request to the Sister Cities Advisory Board.

AGENDA ITEM #4– CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE JANUARY 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Tall MOVED to approve the January 16, 2019 meeting minutes; Commissioner Miles SECONDED the motion, which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by those present.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – UPDATE FROM FH SISTER CITIES ADVISORY BOARD

- Mayor Gomez, of Ataco, El Salvador Visit

Chair Carroll updated the Commission on the Mayor Gomez visit:

Mayor Gomez was here from May 7th through May 9th, 2019. During his visit, Mayor Gomez attended a reception that was held in the lobby of Town Hall where he received a photo of Fountain Hills and a Flag. Present at the reception were Mayor Dicky, Town Manager, Grady Miller, members of the Council, friends and members of the Fountain Hills Sister Cities. At the reception, Mayor Gomez shared a story that they would like to receive income from the Board for food packages for their starving children. The need for food assistance was due to their coffee products were not being produced. The board approved money to send to Ataco, El Salvador for food bags to aid in the child hunger. In addition, several trips were planned to visit Ataco. Mayor Gomez was introduced to Yavapai Tribal to build relationships tribe-to-tribe and talk to them about being a sister city. Sister Cities International is bringing in all of the tribal communities and building relationships with them through Sister Cities and exchange students. Very interesting program and will learn more at the International meeting in July 2019. We had a great meeting with Mayor Gomez, took him to see many places and East Valley Institute of Technology. We had additional meetings regarding the needs of Ataco and prompted an adult trip planned for December 2019, where we will talk about the new school. Honorary Consuls from six different countries came to recognize and give support to Mayor Gomez. Town Manager Grady Miller and Chair Carroll recognized and thanked Commissioner Melendez for his role in coordinating the Honorary Consuls from the six different countries.

- Upcoming Arizona Sister Cities Association Conference – Hosted by Scottsdale Sister Cities –TBD
Town Manager Grady Miller offered to pay for a day trip any members of the Advisory Board that would like to attend the conference and requested that Chair Carroll coordinate with Executive Assistant Angela Padgett-Espiritu. Chair Carroll reported that Sister Cities International Conference will be July 2019 in Houston, Texas. The International Conference will be focusing on diplomacy, trade and building relationships.

AGENDA ITEM #6– UPDATE FROM FH SISTER CITIES CORPORATION

- Financial Assistance and grants to Ataco to help alleviate economic hardship and hunger
As President of the Corporation, Chair Carroll reported that they did give financial assistance to Ataco. We are going to look at a teacher exchange, adult exchange and send some of our students to Ataco.
- New Ataco school project
Commissioner Melendez reported: The land owner next to Fountain Hills Village in the City of Ataco deeded 25 acres to the Town, where Mayor Gomez proposed to us that the new school will be built and will be a cooperative agreement with the Town here and with the City of Ataco. The school will have primary learning in the morning and workshops in the afternoon. This will elevate the education level for not only the children, coffee growers and the city. The school will be named “Fountain Hills”. Future monies raised will be sent to American Embassy to administer to the City of Ataco.
- Student Exchange Program
President of the Corporation, Chair Carroll reported, we are looking at a future student exchange with the City of Ataco when the new school is built.
- View PowerPoint presented to Fountain Hills clubs and civic organizations (see attached)
Chair Carroll presented and commented that the presentation has been presented to many organizations such as Kiwanis and Men’s Group.
- 2019 Oktoberfest and other fundraising events
We would like to do a big carnival and coordinate with something we are already doing. This does not have to be an event that is in season with winter residents. We will be doing some socials, where we get together to talk about where you have travelled.

AGENDA ITEM #7– UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT FOR UPCOMING COMMISSION VACANCIES

Item not discussed

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Miles MOVED to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.; Commissioner Tall SECONDED the motion, which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by those present.

SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

BY: Carol J. Carroll
Carol Carroll, Chair

Prepared by: Angela Padgett-Espinoza
Angela Padgett-Espinoza, Executive Assistant

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Session held by the Sister Cities Advisory Commission of Fountain Hills on the 15th day of May 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 30th day of June 2019

Angela Padgett-Espinoza
Angela Padgett-Espinoza, Executive Assistant

Sister Cities Advisory Commission

Carol Carroll-chair

Vicky Derksen-commissioner

Enrique Melendez-commissioner

Jackie Miles-commissioner

Dr. Patrick Sweeney-vice chair

Bev Tall-commissioner

My name is Dale Nelson, representing the **Fountain Hills Saxophone Quartet**.

As your hometown chamber ensemble, we have represented the town of FH in many of its flagship celebrations, including Stroll in the Glow, the Veteran's Day ceremony, Munch n' Music and much more. After nearly six years representing FH in and around the valley, we now believe it is time to help our leadership represent FH more globally.

Since the saxophone was created by Belgian Adolphe Sax, we'd like to propose accompanying town leadership on its next visit to our sister city, Kasterlee, less than 100 km from where the saxophone was invented.

We'd like to work with you to reach out and coordinate with the town of Kasterlee for a potential trip in either late June 2020 to mark the anniversary of the saxophone's patent, or in early November 2020 to mark Sax's birthday. If these dates don't coincide with a currently planned visit, we would nonetheless be honored to go on our own to represent the Town of Fountain Hills and share our local music with the residents of Kasterlee.

Thank you.



Pictured: David Felten, Heather Baldwin, Donna Wilde, Dale Nelson

The **Fountain Hills Saxophone Quartet (FHSQ)** formed when Dale dusted off his sales skills and sold his wife Sue into letting him buy a bari sax (no small feat). That was in 2013. What came next was the unleashing of the vibrant and varied sounds of sax quartet literature on the unsuspecting town of Fountain Hills, AZ. From there, they've conquered metro Phoenix and the universe (having been beamed into the far reaches of the galaxy courtesy their multiple TV performances). From classical to jazz and from ragtime to toe-tapping patriotic favorites, the FHSQ continues to bring a unique blend of style and sound to any event.

The quartet includes:

David Felten (soprano): A United Methodist pastor by day, playing saxophone is David's makeshift effort to avoid spending money on a therapist. David is often called upon to stall between arrangements by sharing obscure trivia about the next arrangement. Although it required him to at least learn how to hold a viola correctly, he still managed to earn a music ed. degree from Arizona State University.

Heather Baldwin (alto): "The Cap'n" (US Army vet) likes to keep things organized. Jazz is not organized. But she's patient with the rest of us. She studied saxophone at Michigan State University and supports her Starbucks habit by teaching piano and writing professionally.

Donna Wilde (tenor): Donna has been a vocal performer since she was 3 and took up the saxophone when she was 12. No matter how hard the University of Wisconsin-River Falls tried, they still couldn't help her both sing and play sax at the same time. They gave her a music degree anyway. She then taught as a public school music educator before venturing out as a professional independent songwriter and composer. You can find her performing in many of the top music venues around metro Phoenix (except Bob's Country Bunker. There was an incident.)

Dale Nelson (baritone). The only member of the group over 70, we take advantage of Dale's Senior Discount status by sending him to the store for snacks. Dale is noted for his badgering (the degree awarded him from the University of Wisconsin -- along with some lessons from Fred Hemke). Dale has done a number of original arrangements for FHSQ. You can usually tell if it's a Dale arrangement because it features an extended bari sax solo.

Caserío de Concepción de Ataco tendrá escuela

● El centro escolar se edificará con la ayuda de las autoridades de Fountain Hills, estado de Arizona.

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AHUACHAPÁN. La alcaldía de Concepción de Ataco, en Ahuachapán, prevé la construcción y equipamiento de una escuela en el caserío El Oasis, cantón El Naranjito, para que los niños reciban sus clases. Para estudiar deben de caminar cerca de una hora para asistir a la institución más próxima.

El edil, Oscar Oliverio Gómez, expresó que el proyecto será ejecutado con el apoyo de las autoridades de la ciudad de Fountain Hills, en Arizona, Estados Unidos, con quien mantienen un hermanamiento desde hace más de

una década.

El proyecto se encuentra en diseño y podría tener una inversión de \$150,000. Se hará en un terreno de 2 manzanas de extensión que fue donado a la municipalidad.

“Esperamos con la ayuda de Dios y de esta ciudad hermana que esta escuela sea la primera escuela rural bilingüe a nivel nacional, con un maestro por aula, que llegue por lo menos hasta sexto grado”, expresó el edil.

Señaló que recientemente visitó las escuelas rurales del municipio y evidenció que algunas tienen solo un maestro para varios grados.

“Es una escuela rural que va a traer grandes beneficios a todo el municipio. La visión

es que con el equipamiento digital que va a tener, habrá una relación directa desde Concepción de Ataco con la escuela de Fountain Hills”, señaló.

El ofrecimiento también incluye el otorgamiento de becas para 5 estudiantes y un maestro para que viajen al país norteamericano por 6 meses para que aprendan inglés. El edil busca que el beneficio se extienda para 3 docentes.

La municipalidad está a la espera que inicie funciones el nuevo gobierno para saber quién será el titular del Ministerio de Educación, Ciencia y Tecnología, y así coordinar con ellos el proyecto para que cuente con su respaldo; aunque señaló que como alcaldía se harán responsables del funcionamiento de la escuela rural.

El caserío El Oasis cuenta con 63 familias; sin embargo, a su alrededor hay otras comunidades que se prevén sean beneficiadas con la escuela, entre ellas La Montaña, Entre Río, Caballito, Matala, y La Cumbre.

El viceministro de Educación, Francisco Castaneda



Fountain Hills Sister Cities

An Overview for Civic Groups



WHO WE ARE

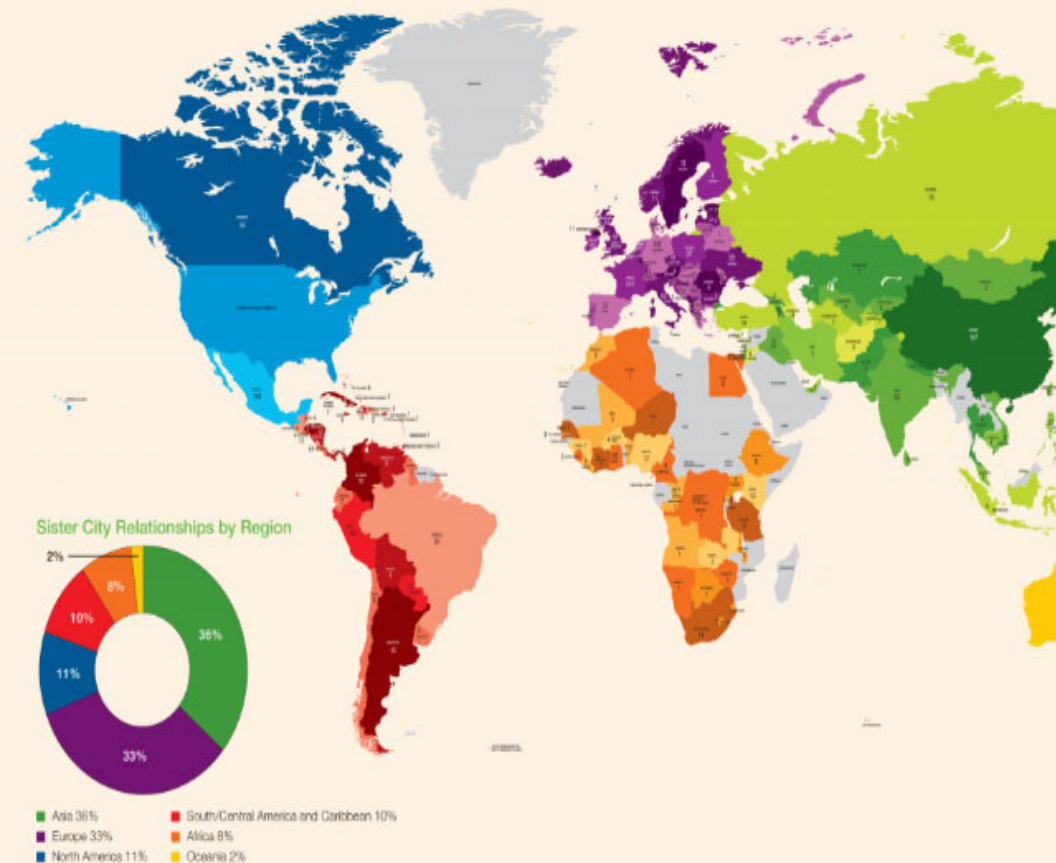
Sister Cities International and Fountain Hills Sister Cities

TO PROMOTE PEACE THROUGH MUTUAL RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING, AND COOPERATION
— ONE INDIVIDUAL, ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME



SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

U.S. Partnerships Worldwide



Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit which serves as the national membership organization for individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States.

CONNECT GLOBALLY. THRIVE LOCALLY.

This network unites TENS OF THOUSANDS of citizen diplomats and volunteers

•500 member communities with over

•2,000 partnerships in

•140 Plus countries

WHAT WE DO



What is a Sister City and What is Fountain Hills Sister Cities?

What is a Sister City?

A **Sister City** is a broad-based, officially approved long-term partnership between **two communities in two countries**.

A **Sister City relationship** becomes official with a signing ceremony of the top-elected officials of the two local jurisdictions, following approval by the local city councils.

Sister City partnerships have the potential to carry out the **widest possible diversity of activities** such as:

- **EDUCATION** – Student Exchange Programs (High School & College)
- **LEADERSHIP** – International Youth Leadership Programs
- **HUMANITARIAN OPPORTUNITIES**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES & TOURISM**



Fountain Hills Sister Cities

The Fountain Hills Sister Cities Corp is a community-based 501(c)3 organization providing international opportunities for the students, business owners, governmental officials and volunteers (citizen diplomats) in our area. Who seek to achieve international understanding, cultural sensitivities, humanitarian efforts and encourage trade and tourism globally.

This is accomplished through our cultural and student exchanges, tourism & international travel, educational programs and community events.

Now meet our Sister Cities





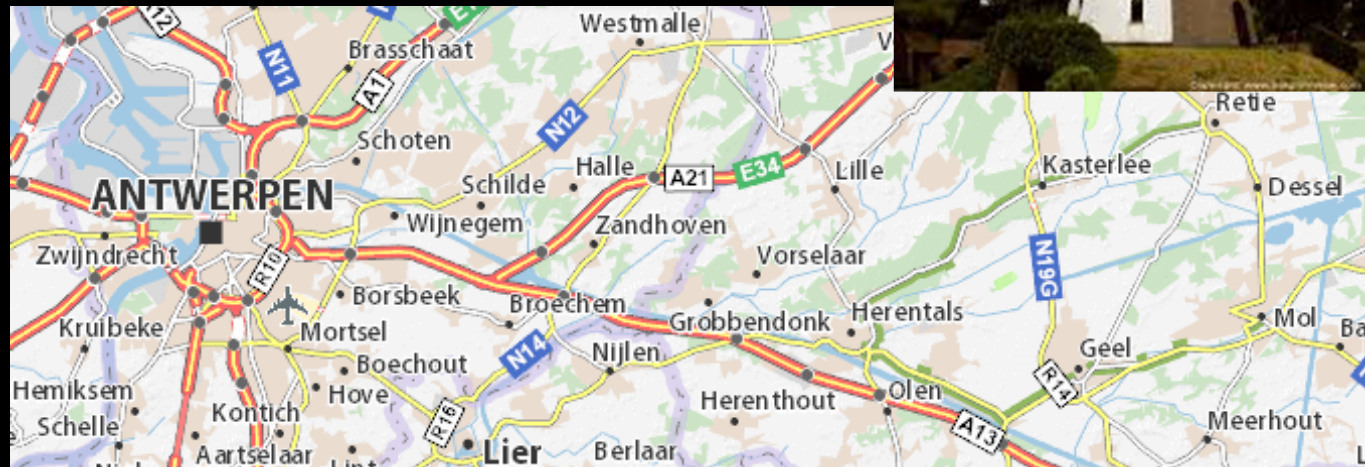
HISTORY OF OUR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS



1st Sister City of Fountain Hills – Kasterlee Belgium

Kasterlee – Year 2000 FH Mayor Sharon Morgan & Kasterlee Mayor, Walter Otten signed the SC agreement. 19 years ago.

An art delegation visited Fountain Hills in 2001, with 4 student for the Exchange Program. The adult tour participated in the FH Art Fair.



2nd Sister City of Fountain Hills – Dierdorf, Germany

Dierdorf Student Exchanges began in 1998 and continue today. 21 years ago.

Dierdorf Mayor Rosemarie Schneider signed with Mayor Wally Nichols in 2005. The Dierdorf delegation have visited FH on 4 different occasions since then.



3rd Sister City of Fountain Hills – Ataco, El Salvador

Ataco became a Fountain Hills Sister City in 2007 with Mayor Wally Nichols welcomed Mayor Oscar Gomez of Ataco, El Salvador as our new Sister City. (12 years ago)

In 2008, Three students came to Fountain Hills for six weeks with host families. Then, Forty students from Fountain Hills visited Ataco to build a school room and homes that had been lost in mudslides.

Mayor Gomez and a teacher from Ataco will be our guests in late February or early March for teacher training and education on technology and new teaching techniques.



4th Sister City of Fountain Hills – Zamość , Poland

Zamość relationship began in 2014 with the signing of the partnership by Mayor and Senator Kavanagh and President Marcin Zamoyski. (5 yrs)

In 2017 FH Students visited Zamość and 2018 Polish Students visited FH.

2018 FHSC did our an Adult diplomatic tour and had formal receptions by Town Officials in Dierdorf and Zamość.





GLOBAL EXCHANGES







ART EXCHANGE GIFT TO FHHS

Teachers and Students Designed & Painted Wall Mural



SCI & FHSCC Youth Leadership Development

Engaging the next generation of leaders & introduce them to the world of International affairs

Do you know a young person capable of changing the world? Join us in fostering the next generation of diplomatic leaders locally and globally.

Now more than ever, our mission of promoting peace through people-to-people relationships is essential to communities worldwide. To ensure that peaceful and mutually beneficial global relationships continue to grow and thrive, it's up to us to engage the next generation of citizen diplomats.

Through a specialized diplomatic simulation, site visits speakers, and peer collaboration, participants will learn how different national interest drive international cooperation on critical issues.





TRIPS & FUNDING

Student exchange flights are funded by the students of each country, they do their own private fundraising/saving.

Students are housed by host families

Excursions are covered by the hosting country school.

Fountain Hills Sister Cities Corp supplements the cost of the excursions with FHHS.

Adult trip expenses are always covered by the traveler

Fountain Hills High School Sister Cities Club gladly accepts tax credits to help offset the excursions



2019 FH Sister Cities Calendar

March 9 - International Dinner -
Fundraiser 5:30pm Fireside Grill

May 11 or 18 - Farewell Brunch for FH
students departing to Zamosc

September 27 & 28 Oktoberfest
fundraiser - Strudel Sale

October - Welcome Lunch for Dierdorf
students arrival

October - Social/Dinner Fundraiser

Save the Date & Join Us!



AWARDS

2012 & 2014 Best Overall Award by Sister Cities International for communities with a population of under 25,000 for outstanding achievements



Fountain Hills Sister Cities Advisory Commission

Carol J Carroll, Chairperson

Bev Tall, Commissioner

Dr. Patrick Sweeney, Commissioner

Jackie Miles, Past Chairperson

Vicki Derksen, Commissioner

Lisa Rist, Commissioner

Enrique Melendez, Commissioner

Grady Miller, Town Manager

Fountain Hills Sister Cities Board of Directors

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Estelle Mackey - Director

Mike Scharnow - Director

Michal Suchanek - Youth Director

Scott Schlossberg - Director & Marketing & Membership chair

Suzanne Nann - Director

Photo Gallery

Baseball - Did you ever try to explain baseball to a foreigner? How many swings do they get???



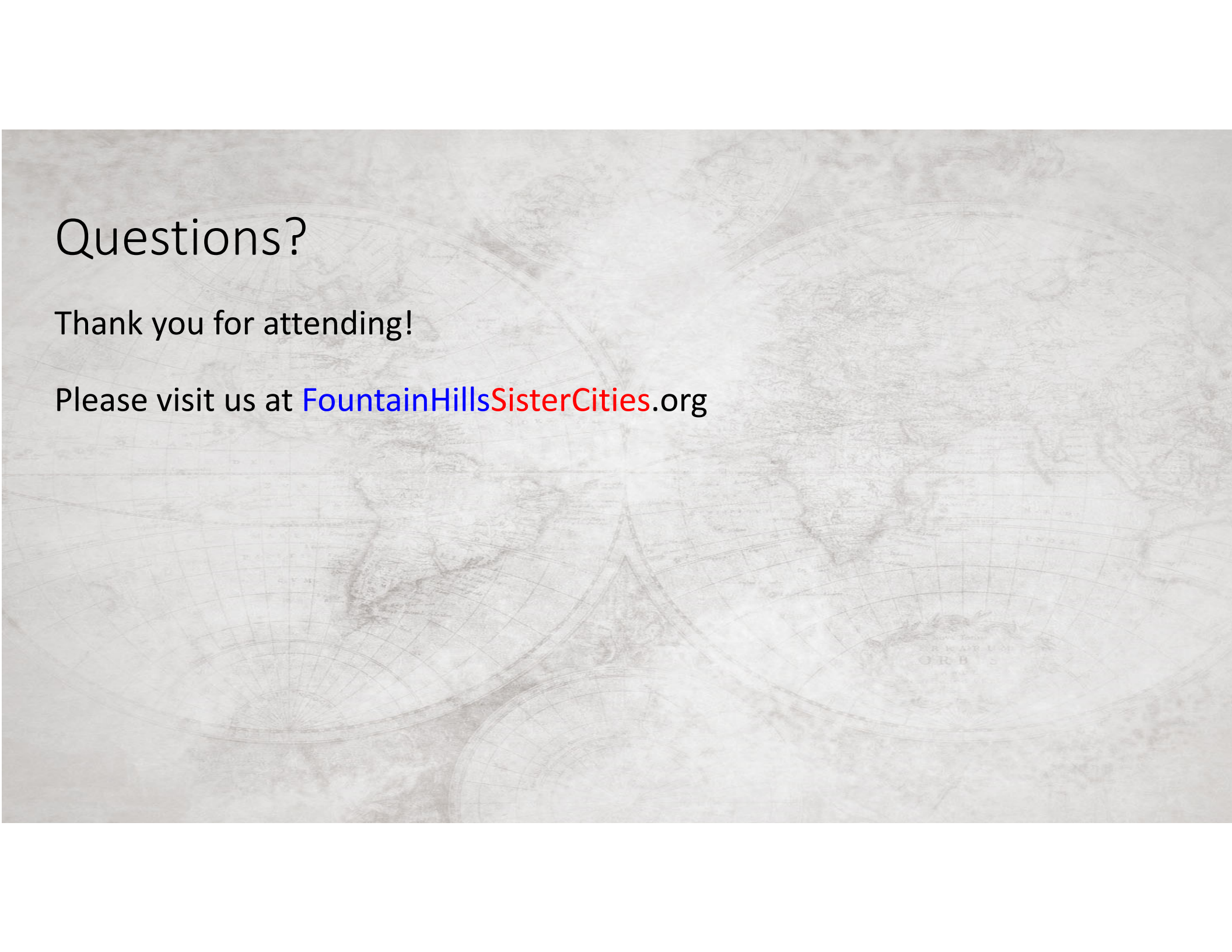
Arizona Sister Cities – 11 Cities w/ 53 Sister Cities

- CHANDLER – (2) IRELAND & TAIWAN
- GILBERT – (2)
- PHOENIX – (10) CANADA, JAPAN, ISRAEL, ITALY, IRELAND, MEXICO, CZECH REPUBLIC, TAIWAN, CHINA, FRANCE
- PRESCOTT – (3) MEXICO, EL SALVADOR, GERMANY
- SCOTTSDALE – (7) MEXICO, CHINA, IRELAND, MOROCCO, AUSTRALIA, SWITZERLAND, CANADA
- SIERRA VISTA – (2) MEXICO, GERMANY
- TEMPE – (11) INDIA, IRELAND, PERU, GERMANY, MALI, CHINA FRANCE, ECUADOR, NEW ZEALAND, MACEDONIA, SWEDEN
- TUCSON – (6) IRELAND, HUNGARY, 3 CITY'S IN MEXICO
- GLENDALE – (1) NORWAY

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER?

- INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AS A CITIZEN DIPLOMAT
- TRAVEL & TOURING SISTER CITIES AND THE COUNTRIES WE SUPPORT
- TO HELP US BUILD THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS, SO MORE STUDENTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME TO STUDY AND LEARN ABOUT THE STATE DEPT AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
- OUR MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT ALLOWS US TO HOLD GATHERINGS TO SHARE IDEAS, GET TO KNOW PEOPLE OF SIMILAR INTERESTS, TALK TRAVEL, AND ENJOY NEW FRIENDS.
- DISCOUNTS AND INCENTIVES

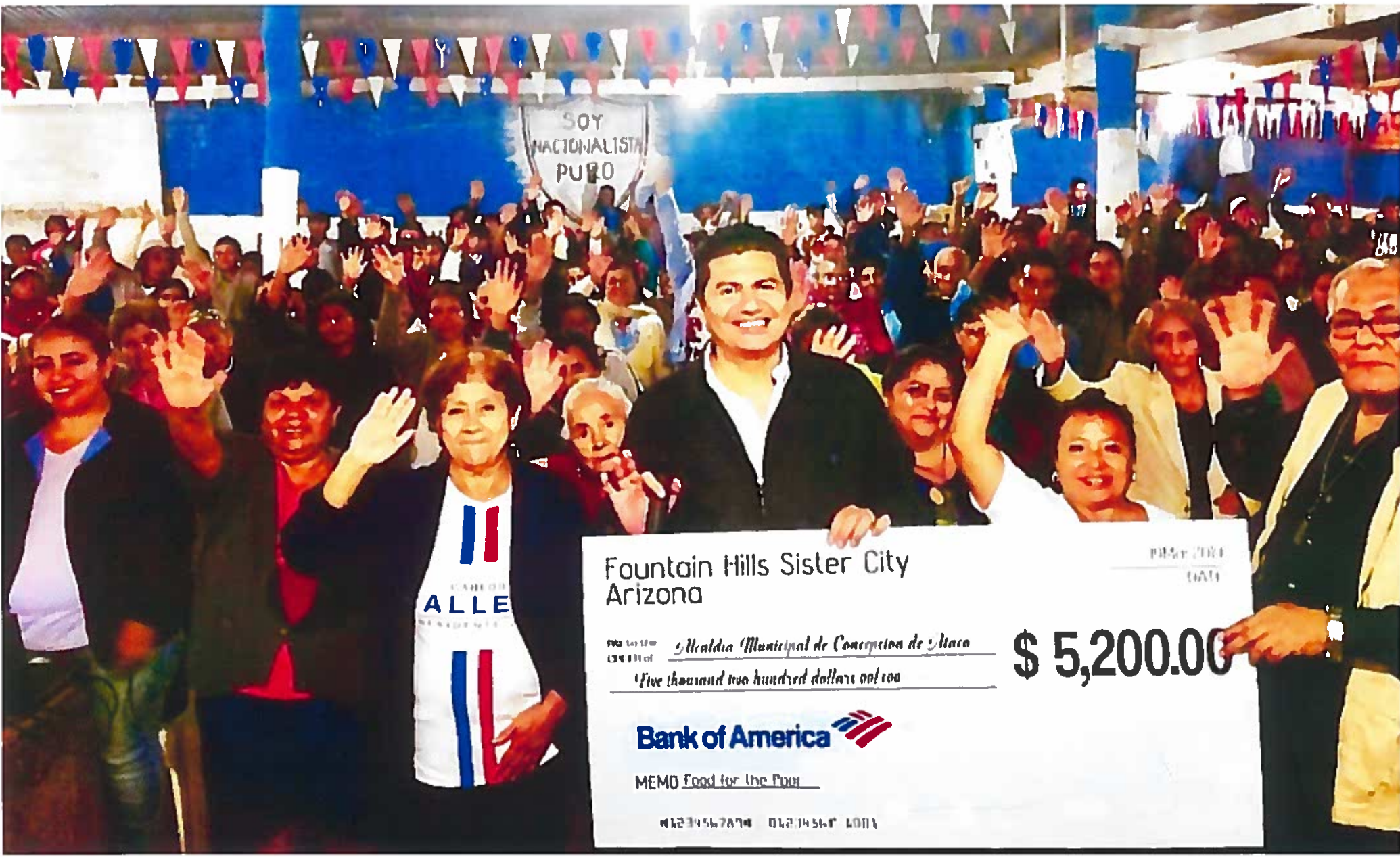


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Questions?

Thank you for attending!

Please visit us at FountainHillsSisterCities.org



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