



### ***President's Address for Newsletter, March 2018***

2017 ended with a bang! We had a wonderful Winter Social held at the newly renovated Sheraton, Waterside. We had a great meet and greet making new friends and catching up with old ones.

I would like to welcome our new Executive Committee member Randy Stoker. With Randy's legal background, he is a fantastic addition to NSCA!

Being part of Tema Committee's *Experiencing Ghana* event, my first, I was floored at the number of attendees that took part. Board Members, let's try and get all of us there next year.

Our main goal now is to make PassPORT a great success as it has been every year. We are celebrating our fifth annual PassPORT this year. I ask you all to do your part in getting every table and ticket sold.

Don't forget, there is a wonderful gift for the person, that sold the most tickets!!!

This is my first Newsletter, there are many items I will add in the next letter.

Remember PASSPORT tables and ticket sell!! Looking forward to seeing you all

John Hurst



### ***2018 Engage Norfolk***

Norfolk Sister City Association was represented at the second annual Engage Norfolk – a community organized civics fair for Norfolk residents. This year's event took place on a Sunday afternoon in February. It was held at Norview High School. More than one hundred organizations participated. We had more than sixty visitors at our booth. Our new intern, Rebecca Robinson manned our station. A Norfolk native, Rebecca is a recent graduate of Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL. Her degree is in communications.





## *Young Global Citizens*

On February 23, 118 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Academy of International Studies at Rosemont experienced a YGC program presented by our Tema, Ghana Committee. Breakout sessions included culture; traditional dress; food and geography.



## *Experiencing Ghana*

The Tema, Ghana Committee hosted their annual *Experiencing Ghana* event at the Murray Center on March 3. It was a record breaking event with attendance exceeding 210 guests. Dignities included Norfolk Mayor Kenneth Alexander; Congressman Bobby Scott; Norfolk Public School Board Chair Rodney Jordan Acclaimed Events and Assistant City Manager James Rogers.



## *2018 Young Artists Showcase*



March was a busy month for Norfolk Sister City Association. We celebrated the opening of our 2018 Young Artists showcase on March 8 at the Kroc Center. Thanks to Board Member Georgeanna Fellio, who happens to be the Senior Coordinator of Art for Norfolk Public Schools, we have entries from all five Norfolk Public high schools and from four of our middle schools. This year's theme is *The Art of Diplomacy*.

### **2018 Participants**

### **Academy of International Studies at Rosemont**

Kara Bahl; Natalie Beane; Jenna Brodie; Quinn Carroll; Caryn Figueroa; Lamarah Gonzalez; Rina Gonzalez; Nydia Gray; Kamori Holley; Deonna Johnson; Baylen Lenhard; Demi Seligman; Taryn Williams; Nevaeh Wolfe; Izaiah Zueye

### **Norview Middle School**

Tavion Copeland; Figueroa Melody; Kimberly Miraflores

### **Ruffner Middle School**

Angelina Patrick; Kambre Wigfall

### **Booker T. Washington High School**

Joseph Sorgi; Cornelius Scott; Jaheria Wilson

### **Granby High School**

Legend Carter; Allison Fletcher; Paul Franklin-Giddens; Caitlin Giddens; Rian Gonzalez; Jordan hart; Erin Kalack; Keirsten Murray; Alexis Nixon; Cheyenne Ross; Jordan Shields

### **Lake Taylor High School**

Shianne Hayes; Honor Mitchell; Michael Stewart; Christina Tillman; Aaron Wright

### **Maury High School**

Sierra Brown; Zharina Bustamante; Jacob Farr; Preston Haines; Savannah Long; Camden Thomas

### **Norview High School**

Alysia Angeles; Dre'ona Blake; Angel Cason; Jacqueline Clark; Tre'Quan Foster; Dy'Shawn Griffin; Bria Lancaster; Deon Mack; Richarla Mariano; Anyiah McEachin ; Nicolle Montes; Tatianna Portillo

### **Teachers**

#### **Academy of International Studies at Rosemont**

Lisa Beckman

#### **Norview Middle School**

Erin Fundora

#### **Ruffner Middle School**

Rebekah Sternbach

#### **Booker T. Washington High School**

Elliott Fisher; Carlie Bagley

#### **Granby High School**

Nicole Harp; April Taylor-Martin

#### **Lake Taylor High School**

Clayton Singleton; Sabrina Smith

#### **Maury High School**

Nicole Dillingham; Dani Salyers

#### **Norview High School**

Darsey Whitlow ; Mary Bozzelli ; La'Shawn Robinson

Special thanks are extended to our judges, Dr. Christy Frederick, Norfolk State University; Dr. Elliott Jones, Old Dominion University; and Corrine Lilyard-Mitchell, Tidewater Community

College. We judged two categories – photography and 2 Dimensional Art. Cash prizes were awarded as follows: \$100 to 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$50 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and \$25 to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Our 1<sup>st</sup> place entries will be sent to Sister Cities International in Washington, DC for further competition. The grand prize piece wins \$1,000.

### 2018 Young Artists Showcase Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photography – Cornelius Scott, Booker T. Washington High School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Photography - Demi Seligman, Academy of International Studies at Rosemont  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Photography – Jacqueline Clark, Norview High School  
Honorable Mention Photography – Alysia Angeles, Norview High School

2D 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tre’Quon Foster, Norview High School  
2D 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Allison Fletcher, Granby High School  
2D 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alexis Nixon, Granby High School  
2D Honorable – Jaheria Wilson, Booker T. Washington High School

The exhibition; reception and prizes were made possible through a grant from Hampton Roads

Ventures.  HRV



**Concours** *Vive la francophonie!*

Our Toulon, France Committee was offered a great opportunity to partner with the local Alliance François Chapter to promote the 2018 Concours – a celebration of the French language. Local high school students interviewed native French speakers and produced short video presentation. The celebration and public showing of these video shorts took place on March 20 at the Slover Library. We are proud to share that one of the competition winners is Lake Taylor High School student Mya Hartley.



## ***Tema Port Official Visits Norfolk***

We received an unexpected visit from Edward Osei, Director of Tema Port in Ghana. Director Osei stopped by for an overnight on his way from Atlanta to Pennsylvania. We were able to have Director Osei meet with officials from the Port of Virginia, ReInvent Hampton Roads and the Department of Development, City of Norfolk.



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***Volunteers Needed!*** PUBLIC MEDIA

Sunday, April 15, 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm we need six more volunteers to help work WHRV Radio Pledge Drive. Our time is during *Sinnett in Session* – very popular. Norfolk Sister City Association gets lots of on air plugs. Our volunteers get NSCA t-shirts and lots of food. Please check your calendar and call the office if you can help! 757-627-0530.



***5<sup>th</sup> Annual PassPORT to Norfolk's Sister Cities***

Buy your tickets TODAY! April 17, 6-8:30 pm. We are returning to the newly renovated Sheraton Norfolk Waterside. <https://www.norfolksistercities.org/events/5th-annual-passport-norfolks-sister-cities/>

## ***Upcoming Events – Save the Date***

***May 9<sup>th</sup> Celebration – planned for City Park on Saturday, May 12 – watch for details!***

***Soiree en Blanc – Thursday, August 9. Tickets go on sale June***

## **Welcome to our new and returning members!**

Alexis Alarcon

Justin Anderson

Trudy Baerentz

Gary Bonnewell

Gloria Brown

Meriel Burgess Wright

CV International

Guia Caliwagan

Jennifer Carson

Tracy Cheasley

Nora Doresy

Liana Fleming

Marilyn & Ray Gindroz

Ava Gonzalez

Eric Guran

Greta Gustavson

Gloria Hagans

Jack Hilgers

Anupama Keats

Jean Lamkin

The Hon. David Lannetti

Marin Lidman

Marshall McGarrigle

Dory Morrison

Ambassador Bismarck & Marie Pierre Myrick

Norfolk Public Schools

LaWada Poarch

Cynthia Potter

Mandy Reinig

Wayne Rogers

Christopher Sacra

Luba Seliavski

Randy Stoker

Virginia Children's Chorus

Virginia Maritime Association

Ed & Janis Weisberg

Joyce Wood