June 2018 Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE!
Thursday, August 9 is our 6th Annual Soiree en Blanc
We have lots of new surprises this year, including a table décor competition. To help guests focus more on their table design, we are offering four boxed dinner options provided by Cuisine & Company. You can get all the details – and your tickets at https://www.norfolksistercities.org/events/2018-soiree-en-blanc/

Young Global Citizens – Kochi Committee

Our Kochi, India Committee delivered a program for the 6th and 7th grade students at the Academy of International Studies at Rosemont on April 12. Funding for this program was made possible by a grant from Hampton Roads Ventures.
2018 Virginia Sister Cities State Meeting

Norfolk Sister City Association and Newport News Sister Cities rode together to the state-wide meeting hosted by Alexandria Sister City Association on April 14. Thirty members attended representing Virginia Beach; Newport News; Yorktown; Hampton; Norfolk, Richmond; Arlington; Lynchburg and Roanoke Valley. Speakers included Ambassador John O’Keefe, Open World Leadership Program; Kate Bentley, US State Department and SCI President Roger-Mark De Souza. Richmond Sister City Association will host the 2019 meeting!

WHRO Spring Radio Pledge Drive

Continuing our tradition of helping our steadfast media partner, Norfolk Sister City Association members assisted Jae Sinnett in meeting his fundraising goal. Many thanks to Sarah Peoples Perry. Sarah’s granddaughter; John Hurst; Rebecca Robinson’ LaWada Poarch and Joyce Pierce donating their Sunday afternoon. A grand time was had by all!

Open World Delegates from Ukraine April 13-21

Thank you to our program partners at Old Dominion University; VA at Hampton; the City of Norfolk and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs; Norfolk Public Libraries; VA-ACME; Opportunity, Inc; NATO; Veterans Wellness Center of Hampton Roads for assisting us in
presenting a week long professional development program focusing on many aspects of veterans’ affairs. Our five-member delegation and their facilitator learn much during their time in Norfolk.

We could not have managed this program without the generosity of our host families: Scott Carter & Alona Voronova; Barry & Juli Davenport; Yves Gauthier & Karen Eck; David & Sharon McDonald; Azarik Pugh.

5th Annual PassPORT to Norfolk’s Sister Cities

More than 400 guests enjoyed our return to the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside on April 17. Entertainment was provided Mizuki Hamada; Helen Wang and Suying Lam; Norfolk Public Schools Silver Strolling Strings; Sayaw! Diversity; ACT Dance Theatre; Hurrah Players; The Butterfly Lovers; Autumnpan; and Tunes of Russia.

Please remember restaurant participants the next time you dine out! Baker’s Crust; Yukai Buffet; Omar’s Carriage House; East Beach Catering; Sheraton Norfolk Waterside; Nawab Indian Cuisine; CP Shuckers Café and Raw Bar; Town Point Club; Cuisine at Slover; Still Worldly Eclectic Tapas and Whole Foods.

Thank you to our judges: Patrick Reed; Tammy Jaxheimer; David Nicholson; Dedra Blount and Eric Doarnberger. Special thanks are extended to George Culver for taking wonderful photos and to Patrick Evans Hylton for securing the judges!

Congratulations to this year’s winners: Critics’ Choice and Chef’s Choice - CP Shuckers representing Cagayan de Oro; Best Interpretation - Town Point Club representing Kaliningrad and Peoples’ Choice - Baker’s Crust representing Halifax.

Thank you 2018 PassPORT Sponsors!
2018 PassPORT Team: John Hurst; Marion Lidman; Lona Tonelson; Cassandra Newby-Alexander; Alexis Alarcon; Bob Batcher; Kelly Bridgeman; Allan Bull; Mizuki Hamada; The Honorable David Lannetti; Cheryl McGarrigle; Anna Nagorniuk; Patty Ritzi; Ann Schwarz-Miller; Luba Seliavski; Joseph Solinap; Janis Weisberg; Harry Zhang

Young Global Citizens – Kitakyushu Committee
Elizabeth Hughes and Saqqara Carroll, two of our high school students who participated in the Governors School for the Arts trip to Kitakyushu, Japan last fall presented a program on their experience to students at the Academy of International Studies at Rosemont on April 24. Funding for this program was made possible by a grant from Hampton Roads Ventures.

Wilhelmshaven Committee Joins Germany in 2018 Norfolk NATO Festival
Our 2018 Outbound Wilhelmshaven Exchange students helped the German NATO contingent man their booth at the annual Norfolk NATO Festival held at Town Point Park on April 28.
May 9th Celebration Co-Hosted by Kaliningrad Committee

May 9 is the traditional day observed by Russia as World War II Victory. This year our Kaliningrad Committee joined the Russian Speaking Committee of Hampton Roads to celebrate this historic event. To make things easier for all, this family fun afternoon was held at Great Neck Park on Sunday, May 13.

Sister Cities of Newport News Annual Breakfast

Robert Wojtowicz; Sarah Peoples Perry; Meredith Hobson and Jennifer Priest crossed Hampton Roads on a Friday to make an 8:00 am breakfast in support of our colleagues at Sister Cities of Newport News. This annual event was held on the campus of Christopher Newport University on June 15. More than 200 sister city supporters attended. Merrill Eisenhower Atwater, CEO People to People International and Great-grandson of President Eisenhower served as the keynote speaker.
Kochi Sister City Committee Hosts the Summer Social

Our Kochi, India Committee hosted the summer membership social at the Slover on June 25. This was a celebration of our latest Norfolk mermaid that will travel to India in July. The Committee is working on an outbound delegation for late September to participate in the mermaid’s dedication to the people of Kochi.
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Upcoming Events – Save the Date

Annual International Luncheon – Norfolk Yacht & Country Club on Sunday, October 7

Annual Membership Meeting – hosted by the Norfolk County, England Committee, Church of the Good Shepherd, Tuesday, December 11

Welcome to our new and returning members!

Harry Acuna  
Tatyana Babakaeva  
Linwood Beckner  
Raylene Baumgart  
Denise Bell  
Barbara Boslego  
Lynn Clements  
David Crouch  
Philip Crouch  
Nicole De Jesus  
Nisaraj Dharmarajan  
Tabitha Eddy  
Sandra Fewell  
Sarah Ford  
Mizuki Hamada  
John Hurst  
Betty Meyer  
Juan Montero  
The Honorable Henry Morgan  
Ralph Nahra  
Cassandra Newby-Alexander  
Sujata Nohria  
Sarah Peoples Perry  
Tim Persons  
Dianne Powell  
Ruth Schepper  
Markus Wegener  
Armstead & Widget Williams