President’s Letter

It is hard to believe how small the world has become. We are indeed in a global economy. We are aware of our interconnectedness. President Eisenhower envisioned this day when created Sister Cities International. Now more than ever we need global cooperation. The need for trust and multi-national friendship is vital. To that end Norfolk Sister City Association continues take advantage of the friendship and partnership we have had for decades. These relationships have allowed us to receive tens of thousand dollars of much needed medical equipment (PPE) from our Sister City Ningbo China. While our student exchange programs for this summer have been postponed to next year, we are fortunate to have continued financial support from generous benefactors. We continue to plan for that day when this virus passes, and we get back to our core mission. It is our hope and desire that we will build the bridges of trust to carry us to peace and prosperity.

Please join me and demonstrate you are a Peace Makers, by attending our Annual International Luncheon. Sunday, October 4, 2020, Noon at Norfolk Yacht & Country Club.

Full participation shows the world that we are truly leaders. As we mend relationships in our own country, we take these same feelings to our Sister Cities around the globe. I promise you this year’s event will be moving and inspiring. The only cure for FOMO is to buy your tickets early as this year will be a sellout.

[Link to event]

Gary Bonnewell, President, Norfolk Sister City Association
Partnerships at work - our Ningbo, Belium District, China Committee and Ningbo City officials facilitated a large gift of PPE for Sentara Norfolk General in May.

THANK YOU ROTARY DISTRICT 7600 FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG GLOBAL CITIZENS PROGRAMS FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR!
We celebrate our new and renewing Members!

April - June 2020

Harry Acuna  Connie Johnson
Kim Baylor    Joy Kannarkat
Linwood Beckner  Charles Kessler
Barbara Boslego  Betty Meyer
Guia Caliwagan  Colleen Murphy
Lynn Clements  Igor Musatov
Michael Coleman  Ralph Nahara
David Crouch  Cassandra Newby-Alexander
Nicole De Jesus  Tim Persons
Becky DiRosa  LaWada Poarch
John & Sarah Ford  Madeline Sly
James & Jean Gulick  Mikki Smith Vanterpool
Mike Harkins  Markus Wegener
Randy Wright
GLOBAL SOLUTIONS FOR ONLINE EDUCATION

Join a conversation with experts in the Norfolk Sister City Association and Old Dominion University (ODU) as they share their experiences and best practices, and how these can be used to fight against COVID-19’s impacts on education.

JUNE 16, 2020 | 7:30PM
VIA ZOOM | MEETING ID: 304 618 7753

PANEL MEMBERS & TOPICS:

“Strengthening connections and circulating helpful information in a global health and education crisis.” JENNIFER PRIEST has been the Executive Director of Norfolk Sister City Association since 2015. A development professional with 20 years of experience, Jennifer has worked in higher education in VA and NC, in the arts and in health & human services organizations. She is a member and past President of Norfolk Sunrise Rotary, Board member of Friends of Old Dominion University Libraries and a volunteer with Norfolk Public Schools.

“Instructional design for remote learning, and maintaining empathic design when physically disconnected.” DR. JOHN BAAKI is an Assistant Professor in the Instructional Design & Technology program at ODU. He has research interests in both instructional design and human performance improvement, focusing on empathic design and how we have empathy for others, context, and oneself.

“Making tech integration and mobile learning effective for entire school communities.” DR. HELEN CROMPTON is an Associate Professor of Instructional Technology, Director of the Virtual Reality Lab and Director of the Technology Enhanced Learning Lab (TELL), at ODU. She draws from over 25 years in education, was officially recognized as one of nine mobile learning experts in the world, and has received numerous awards in the USA and her home country England for her work in tech integration. She also consults and writes publications for the United Nations and the International Society for Technology in Education.

“Transitioning from face-to-face classes to remote learning for young students.” DR. CHRYSOULA MALOGIANNI is the Assistant Director of the Center for Learning and Teaching at ODU. Previously, she worked as a lead instructional designer and instructor in higher ed, and as an instructional design and training & development consultant in corporate and non-profit settings. She has also worked as a curriculum coordinator and teacher in K-6 education.

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ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020  12:00 – 2:30
Norfolk Yacht and Country Club
7001 Hampton Blvd. Norfolk, VA  23505

The Norfolk Sister Cities Young Global Citizens program is inspired by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Young Global Citizens program was developed in keeping with our organization’s mission to advance understanding, friendship, and the cooperation between the people of Norfolk, Virginia and its international sister cities through the Student Exchange Programs.

SINGLE  $60.00  NSCA MEMBERS  $50.00

TABLE SPONSOR  750.00
Packages include ten tickets, a listing on our program book, acknowledgement letter for your tax records. Sponsor recognition at the event.

https://www.norfolksistercities.org/events/2020-annual-international-luncheon-and-silent-auction/