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Message From The President

WASC Wins Best Non-Profit of the Year!

On May 15, I was honored to accept the award on behalf of the Wichita Area Sister Cities organization. The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recognized the WASC as the Best Non-Profit of the Year. Though this is the Best Non-profit of the year award, it actually recognizes work of the Sister Sites organization since 1973. Wichita, Tlalnepanatla and Cancun successfully maintained economic, educational and cultural relationships for over 40 years.

Wichita citizens were supporting educational institutions, civil services, as well as helping our Mexican friends in hard times of earthquakes and hurricanes.

From May 27 to June 1, the Mayor and the Sister Cities organization will host two official delegations from Mexico.

On May 29th, our guests from Mexico will participate in the Kansas/Wichita Export opportunities panel at the City Hall.

Come to visit with our honorable guests, and enjoy famous BBQ prepared by our Mayor Brewer on Thursday, May 29, 6-9 p.m. at Botanica Gardens. Reservations are required.

Best,

Dr. Valentina Chappell

WASC President, 2014



Pictured above from left to right: Governor Brownback, Adrienne and Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Dr. Valentina Chappell, WASC President, Joe Johnson, WASC Vice-President, Eunice Ellis, Dr. Jerry Smartt, Scott Fromme, Patricia Koehler, Margo Parks at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Award Banquet

The Wichita/Kansas Exporting Opportunities Panel For Delegations from Mexico

The discussion will take place on Thursday, May 29th, 2-4 p.m. in the City Hall conference room.

Moderator: Dr. Valentina Chappell

1. **Dr. Gerardo de La O**, Professor, Friends University. Presentation will be delivered in Spanish and will be translated to English. *Supply Chain Strategies for the International Interoceanic Mazatlan-Houston Logistic Corridor*
2. **A. J. Anderson**, International Trade Specialist at U.S. Department of Commerce: Export opportunities offered by Wichita's businesses.

3. **Karyn Page**, CEO and President of Kansas Global Services, Inc. Export opportunities offered by Wichita's businesses

4. **Paul Daemen**, Senior Business Advisor, International business, Daemen LLC. Note: Mr. Daemen was born in Tlalnepantla and speaks Spanish. Export opportunities offered by Wichita's businesses

The Mayor, the City Manager, Council Members will be participating in the event.

Special Invitations

Mayor "Chef" Brewer to Host BBQ

On Thursday, May 29, Mayor "Chef" Brewer and Wichita Sister Cities will be hosting a fundraising BBQ at the Botanica Event Center, and you are invited! This special event is by reservation only, \$20 per ticket. Please email Eunice Ellis at ellisaero@cox.net to reserver your seat today. Reservations must be sent by May 19, so don't delay!

Le Fete de la Musique- France Committee

June 25 from 5-9 PM at Botanica Gardens, Banquet Room. Come enjoy live music, entertainment, visiting with WASC board and membership, silent auction, great food, and the beautiful Botanica Gardens.

\$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and children 12 and under are \$5. RSVP by June 20 to Eunice Ellis at ellisaero@cox.net.

Wichita Area Sister Cities to Honor Sister Cities Official Delegates from Tlalnepantla and Cancun, Mexico.



BBQ Fundraiser featuring our Mayor as "Chef"

**Thursday May 29, 2014 at 7 pm
Botanica Event Center- Lotus Hall**

Please R.S.V.P to Eunice Ellis by
Monday, May 19th
Phone: (316) 250-2092
Email: ellisaero@cox.net

Event is by reservation only. Please make checks payable to "WASC"

You can mail to Eunice Ellis
14505 E. Willowbend Circle
Wichita, KS 67230



**WICHITA SISTER CITIES AND
FRANCE COMMITEE INVITE YOU TO
LA FÊTE DE LA MUSIQUE
WELCOME, SUMMER!**

JUNE 25, 2014
5:00 – 9:00 P.M. AT BOTANICA GARDENS, BANQUET ROOM
701 Amidon St, Wichita, KS 67203

Come and enjoy live music, entertainment, visiting with Wichita Sister Cities Board and membership, meeting old and new friends, silent auction, great food and beautiful Botanica Gardens!

*RSVP by June 20th: Via e-mail at ellisaero@cox.net
or via telephone to the WASC Treasurer Eunice at 316-250-2092*

*You may pay at the door – make check payable to "WASC"
You can mail it to Eunice Ellis
14505 E. Willowbend Circle
Wichita, KS 67230*

Adults \$20 * Students \$10 * Children under 12 \$5

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN FRANCE

Eunice Ellis: WASC Person of the Month

At the monthly board meeting in April, Eunice Ellis, treasurer for the WASC board for nine years, was announced as the person of the month for March, 2014. Thanks to the service of Eunice, the WASC board has made a significant impact on the community of Wichita. Eunice was born and raised in Denver, Colorado, and moved to Wichita in 1977, and became active in Wichita Sister Cities soon thereafter. To learn more about

Eunice, please click [HERE](#).



The Wichita Sister Cities Board was pleased to host KAKE 10 reporter and Miss Kansas International Lily Wu at the board meeting on April 24, 2014.

Our Mission

The mission of the Wichita Area Sister Cities organization is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation - one individual, one community at a time. Sister Cities programs involve the three main sectors of the community: local government, businesses, and a wide variety of citizen volunteers. Wichita has four sister cities: Orleans, France; Tlalnepantla, Cancun, Mexico; and Kaifeng, China. WASC affiliation with Tlalnepantla originated when its Presedente Municipal (Mayor) visited Wichita in 1973. In 1975, the Wichita City Council approved a sister cities relationships between Wichita and Cancun. Sister Cities supported an elementary school in Cancun named *Wichita-Cancun elementary school*. Many student exchanges took place over the years. WASC has been providing scholarships to the university students traveling to La Salle University. Students from Cancun come to study at Friends University.

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