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Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association Wins Award at Annual Sister City Reception

By Tom Bennett— At its annual reception honoring Seattle’s 21 sister cities, your association was awarded “Honorable Mention” for its entry in the “Best Project of 2007” category.

The project was the establishment of our Seattle-Nantes Dollars for Scholars Endowment Fund, for which we also received a \$2,000 matching grant from the State of Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board. We will grant our first scholarship from the fund this year.

You can establish your own scholarship in this fund to honor a person or organiza-

tion. The fund can be built up over time, and can begin providing scholarships after donations and accumulated interest equal only \$10,000. What better way to create a living remembrance that will continue forever!

For information about endowments, please contact Tom Bennett at 425-712-0105 or tom.bennett@seattle-nantes.org.



Jean Leblon, Tom Bennett, and Marie-Pierre Koban display the “Honorable Mention” plaque awarded to Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association

From the Editors ~ Notes de la Rédaction

This issue of Nantesense is rather short. We wanted to have it available so that we could promote two main summer events:

- The screening of the film that we are sponsoring at the Seattle International Film Festival '08, on June 10
- Bastille Day on July 13 (in Seattle, Bastille Day is always on a Sunday and not always on July 14; the historian purists among us will need to forgive the vagaries of the calendar)

Pamela Hughes, our Events head honcho, elaborates on the details of these upcoming festivities.

Since the April issue, we have received some wonderful news. Your Association was awarded an "Honorable Mention" by the city for the creation of an Endowment Fund for the Seattle-Nantes Dollars for Scholars. Tom Bennett, who

has created and spearheaded this wonderful activity, writes about it and updates us on the current selection process for next years' scholars.

Anaïs Vanderperre, our energetic Young Ambassador from Nantes, has organized a photo-marathon and she tells us about the "mechanics" of this 24-hour happening. She also includes some of the best "results".

Finally, if you look at the Roster of Officers, you'll see it changing from issue to issue. We are in a period of transition and several of us (Pamela Hughes, Tom Bennett, Judy Deignan, Jean-Loup Baer) share the Presidency and Vice-Presidency on a monthly basis. We hope that this situation is temporary, but rest assured that the Association is not suffering from it.

SNSCA Highlighted at U. S. Embassy July 4 Celebration in Paris

By Tom Bennett— This year the U. S. Embassy in Paris will feature Seattle-Nantes as one of its selected US-France sister city relationships at their July 4 reception. The theme is celebrating Franco-American relations through sister city relations as highlighted by the U.S. connection and their heritage, culture, food, etc. The official title will be "Liberté, Amité et Jumelage: Liberty, Friendship and Sister Cities."

The embassy will have 4-5 tented city experiences combining both food and drink while providing separate tables for displays, brochures etc.

The Seattle Convention and Visitors Bureau contributed French language brochures of the Seattle area illustrated with pictures of Native American culture. Entertainment will be provided by the Army Band, Yorktown Fife and Drum, and the Greenwich Choral Society 70 voice choir singing the national anthem for the more than 2000 invited guests.

Your association will be represented by six of our members, François Kissel, Marie-Pierre Koban, Jean Leblon, Pascal Py, and Anaïs Vanderperre.

First Photo Marathon Nantes-Seattle

By Anaïs Vanderperre—

On April 26th and 27th, Seattle was the stage, and the topic, of a new and original concept launched by the Nantes-Seattle Association: a photo marathon!

Everything started when a photography association in Nantes (LEV), that had been doing a photo marathon once a year for the last couple of years, submitted the idea to the Nantes-Seattle Association and your Association. LEV thought that organizing the same event both in Nantes and Seattle could give an interesting perspective on the two sister cities.

But what is a photo marathon by the way? A photo marathon consists of taking a certain number of photos in a limited time. At the end, one photo is selected for each theme. For the Nantes-Seattle marathon, the participants had 24 hours to take 24 photos according to a given theme for every hour. The themes were similar in Nantes and Seattle. The themes would range from “flower power” to “fish self-portrait” to “poetry is in the street”...

Thus, in Seattle on April 26th, a Saturday morning, the local participants, both French and American, met in front of the Suzzallo library on the campus of the University of Washington, ready to take up the challenge! As the organizer; I then gave them the 4 themes for the first 4 hours and indicated to them the next meeting point. Every 4 hours, we would meet at a new spot where I

would give them the next themes and collect their photos on my laptop. Those little meetings were also a good occasion to share our impressions or difficulties to shoot the perfect picture! We tried to choose places that were symbolically related to France, like the restaurant Le Pichet or the bakery Boulangerie Nantaise.

We then formed a panel to select the 24 best photos. These have been sent to Nantes where they are currently shown at the occasion of the “Quinzaine Américaine” (see related article in this Newsletter). The photos will also be shown soon in Seattle!! On June 11th we will be happy to present the photos from both Nantes and Seattle during a casual and friendly meeting at the Revolution Café in Greenlake. For information, contact me at anavdp@hotmail.com

The marathon was a cultural as much as a social event during which the different participants got to share their creativity and to interact with people who share the same interest! This first version of the photo marathon was a big success, not only because it strengthened the bonds between Seattle and its French sister city, but also because it became an intense socializing event for those participants, showing that art and creativity has no boundaries.

(Photos on p. 4)

First Photo Marathon Nantes-Seattle (continued)



Photo Marathon exhibit in Nantes at the Quinzaine Américaine



“Poetry is in the Street” theme photo (L) shot in Seattle, and “Fish Self-portrait” theme (R) shot in Nantes



La Quinzaine Américaine

By Jean-Loup Baer—For the second year, the Association Nantes-Seattle-Jacksonville and its partners have organized a two-week event (May 20-31) with concerts, expositions, plays, lectures and panels. Among the highlights of the Quinzaine Américaine: a concert by the Shango Blues Band, that many of you will remember for their performances at our 25th Anniversary in Seattle 2005; a projection of the photos taken during the

recent photo marathons in Seattle and in Nantes; a lecture on “How to set up business in Seattle and Washington State” by Jack Cowan, the French Honorary Consul in Seattle and Executive Director of the French-American Chamber of Commerce – Pacific Northwest Chapter. Jack brought with him gifts from our Association to our counterpart in Nantes and will report on his trip in our next Newsletter.



Seattle Sister City Documentary Series

By Feliks Banel— Seattle has long been a leader in developing Sister City relationships with cities around the world. With veteran broadcaster Mike James as your guide, the Seattle Channel invites you to learn what four of these diverse Sister Cities have to offer to the modern traveler, and to see what Seattle has in common with her “sisters” around the world. A four-part series of Sister City documentaries kicks off Monday, June 2 at 7:00 pm on Cable 21 in the city with a look at Nantes, France. Subsequent programs will highlight Christchurch, New Zealand; Perugia, Italy; and Reykjavik, Iceland. The complete Seattle Channel Sister City documentary series includes:

Nantes, France, June 2 at 7 pm

Christchurch, New Zealand, June 9 at 7 pm

Perugia, Italy, June 16 at 7 pm

Reykjavik, Iceland, June 23 at 7 pm

Encores of Sister City documentaries will also be presented throughout the week on Cable 21, and will be available via the web and via Comcast Digital On-Demand. The series was produced by Mike and Donna James and Susan Han for the Seattle Channel, with support from Associate Travel and Marco Polo Tours.

Seattle is a vibrant and dynamic city, and the Seattle Channel is the award-winning local TV station that reflects, informs and inspires the community it serves. The Seattle Channel presents programs on cable television (channel 21 on Comcast and Broadstripe) and via the Internet to help citizens connect with their city.



SIFF Movie Night with SNSCA

By Pamela-Ann Hughes— From the SIFF guide: *The Secret of the Grain*, France, 2007, 151 min ~ Winner of Best Picture and Best Director Césars, this remarkable depiction of a family of North African immigrants in a decaying port town in southern France introduces a large group of characters you'll soon warm to as members of your own family ... except they make better couscous.

This is the film our Association selected to co-sponsor this year. This will be our third year for this event. As sponsors we have preferred seating, hence the complicated arrangements. Last year we saw "La vie en rose" and look what a hit that turned out to be.

Date: Tuesday, June 10th
Time: 5:25 pm for 6 pm showing
Place: Egyptian Theatre, Capital Hill,
 801 E Pine
 Quinn's, 1001 E. Pike
Price: \$10 to save a seat in our reserved section
Deadlines: **June 2nd** - Email notification to:
 pamela.hughes@seattle-nantes.org
June 4th - Checks due to:
 SNSCA
 7007 35th Ave NW
 Seattle WA 98117

DETAILS:

We need to walk into the theatre as a group in order to be seated in the reserved area. To do this, *we'll meet across the street (mid-block) on the sidewalk underneath the grassy knoll that is the south side of Central Seattle Community College*. I'll hand out the tickets then.

To add to the enjoyment of the movie, please join us at Quinn's (Seattle's new and only gastro-pub) after the showing. Even a brief discussion of the film cements it in the memory and makes for a better experience.

If you are unable to commit before the due date, please do purchase your own ticket and see if there is room near us in the theatre, and join us at Quinn's after.

Hope to see you there.



Donations to China via Sister City

The Seattle-Chongqing Sister City Association is raising funds to donate to the Red Cross of China. If you wish to donate, write a check to "Sichuan Earthquake Relief" and mail it to:

Sichuan Earthquake Relief
 SCSCA
 PO Box 85032
 Seattle WA 98145

~ NOTICE BOARD ~

Deuxieme Dimanche Extraordinaire

Sunday, June 8th, 2008

9:30 to 10:30 am

Boulangerie Nantaise

2507 4th Ave, Seattle

A Nantes delegation comprised of information technology and biotech representatives and headed by the Deputy Mayor of Nantes, arrives in town this weekend. They have a full schedule and this will be the only chance for our membership to meet them. So come and join us at the Boulangerie and chat while they have breakfast there, before they tour Seattle.

True Franco-American Union



Our own board member, Chantal Sullivan, and Laurent Baldacci exchanged vows on Saturday, May 24th, in Des Moines. The groom is from Corsica and the bride a local lady. He did his military service in Nantes, and the bride reports he makes a mean crêpe. Several SN-SCA members were present, with Jean Leblon giving an appreciated toast in French.

Notice Board for All

Any member may use this space, which will reach not only the general membership but also many of our Nantes friends who read our newsletters online.

Bastille Day Celebrations

Vive la France
In Washington!

Live music, Wine tasting, Local French-American companies
Cultural exhibits, French association booths, Cooking demos
And, of course, delicious French food and wine

Don't miss this chance to honor the other red, white and blue
July 12th and 13th, 2008, Seattle Center

Festivities begin with Le Bal des Pompiers (Firemen's Ball)
On the 12th in the evening
And continue with a celebration on Sunday 13th
Between 11 am and 6 pm

SNSCA will have two booths and the bookstall, plus
The coffee concession at the ball
We're hoping to get lots of help so everyone can work
Short shifts and have ample time to enjoy the rest of the festival

Please email pamela.hughes@seattle-nantes.org to volunteer

Dollars for Scholars Begins Selection of 2008

Winners

By Tom Bennett— This year we received 28 applications for our three 2008-2009 scholarships for students studying French at Washington colleges. As in the past, every applicant was an outstanding student and well qualified for the award. Six of the applicants had previously applied for an award. Fifteen sent in SNSCA membership applications with their scholarship applications, and two others were already members.

Five of us went over the applications and selected twelve applicants for interviews. The three winners will be selected from this group.

Expanding our scholarship program has brought us several new members, many of whom have participated in our activities such as the Film Festival and the Bastille Day functions. We thank all of you who have supported our scholarships and made this possible.

Calendar of Events

June 2	SNSCA documentary, Seattle Channel 21, 7pm
June 4	Board meeting, 6:30-8:30pm
June 8	Deuxième Dimanche, Boulangerie Nantaise, 9:30-11:30am
June 10	SNSCA film at SIFF, meet near the Egyptian Theater, 5:25pm
June 11	Soiree Photo Marathon exhibit, Revolution Cafe, 7-9:30pm
July 2	Board meeting, 6:30-8:30pm
July 12 - 13	Festal's Bal de Pompiers and Bastille Day, Seattle Center

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