



Fredericksburg Sister City Association, Inc. Annual Report for 2010



January

- Review of program and budget for the 2010 year and for the 30th anniversary
- FSCA Newsletter with president's letter sent to all members using new email Constant Contact format; membership forms enclosed
- Mailing to area French teachers to recruit host students for July visit
- Communication with Frejus about dates and numbers of student and adult visitors for July
- Dates set for spring adult French classes

February

- Distribution of applications for 30th anniversary summer host families for students and adults
- Mardi Gras party / fund-raiser held at home of Roy and Lori Kissinger; Drawing for winner of April in Paris raffle; Barbara Kincaid winner
- Newsletter updates sent to membership via Constant Contacts
- Communication with Frejus Jumelage President Maryse Rigoulot about adult exchange for 30th anniversary and for the Bastille Day event planned as a gift to Fredericksburg
- Coordination of a "Mayor to Mayor" communication for 30th anniversary

March

- Continued monthly gatherings of Le Cercle Fred, monthly French-speaking conversation group hosted by Bob Bugno
- Received and reviewed applications for student and adult hosting in July
- Plans developed for publicity, official gifts, event sites, insurance for July events
- Communicated with DRMI about merchant involvement for upcoming 30th anniversary

April

- Official invitations mailed to Frejus Giant Omelet group and to Mayor Brun
- Facebook links developed by Samantha Thomason
- Arrangements made by CRRL librarian Ann Haley for French student Violet Cauwell to do volunteer internship at CRRL during July

May

- Participated in City's First Friday as FSCA fund-raiser
- Newsletter Updates published via Constant Contact

June

- Taped interview with Steve Beauch and Cathy Herndon by Debbie Klein (CRRL) about Frejus connections and upcoming anniversary celebrations
- Articles in *Front Porch* magazine about Sister City history and anniversary

July

- Opening of French art show at P. Rose Gallery
- Arrival of French students and adults for two week visit (total of 66 persons)
- Major Anniversary events including: Welcome Reception hosted by Bill and Susan Beck; Bastille Day Dance in Market Square; American Music Festival and Giant Omelet Festival held at Riverfront Park; Re-acclamation of Sister City Charter with Frejus in Market Square; Mayor's luncheon; bus trips to Richmond, Washington, D.C., and other sites; dinner hosted at Fawn Lake for adults; Farewell Reception at Hayfield Manor
- Commemorative plaque presented to Annette Herbiet in honor of Michel Herbiet
- Televised / recorded interviews with Fox 5 news channel and with Matt Kelly on morning radio program at B 101.5

August

- Group evaluation of anniversary celebration; thank you letters sent; bills paid

September

- FSCA Newsletter sent to members via Constant Contact
- Accepted resignation of Phyllis Whitley, City Liaison; position to be continued by President or by appointment
- FSCA sponsored Cathy Herndon in Via Colori street chalk-drawing event

October

- Contacted area French teachers with information about FSCA
- Bon Vivant dinner held at Vita Felice
- Approved plans to partner with CRRL for a film night in February 2011
- Recognition of Board members and other event chairpersons for outstanding team work and individual efforts during July anniversary celebration
- Assisted Jumelage of Frejus with plans for Thanksgiving dinner by sending appropriate seasonal decorations

November

- Annual meeting at the Inn at the Olde Silk Mill; slide show presentations on history of Sister City and of the 30th anniversary celebration; live auction fund-raiser; recognition of host families; recognition of Phyllis Whitley
- Applications for chaperones of student trip 2011 distributed
- Beginning of preparations for 2011 budget and programs

December

- Beginning of grant request to City of Fredericksburg
- Selection of chaperones for July 2011 visit

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Herndon, FSCA President
November 11, 2010