



Fredericksburg, Virginia  
Fréjus, France  
Sister Cities Since 1980



## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Bonjour les amis,*

*October....and we're still in "coronavirus limbo," waiting/ hoping for return to a more normal lifestyle. Of course, we're not alone. A recent letter from Maryse Rigoulot in Fréjus notes "We live in the same crazy world, though in different countries!!" They, too, are dealing with many of the same restrictions as we in the U.S. and eager to resume the activities so central to our Sister City relationship. At a recent FSCA board meeting (via Zoom), we acknowledged that it may be early 2021 or later before we are able to safely reschedule the 40th Anniversary celebration. The usual November annual meeting will, of course, necessarily be different this year. We'll send more information as details are finalized. Stay tuned.....*

*A la prochaine fois,*

*Judy Hansen*

### SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL **DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL**



#### ***Dear SCI Members and Friends,***

*We are excited to announce the dedication of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, honoring the 34th President of the United States **and Founder of Sister Cities International!***

*The Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial was designed by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry in a four-acre urban park at the base of Capitol Hill. This memorial has several statues and sculptures commemorating President Eisenhower and showing the trajectory of his life.*

*There are several online events open to the public to celebrate the opening of the memorial which can be found on the [Eisenhower Memorial](#) website.*

## **NEWS FROM FRÉJUS**



**Maryse Rigoulot**  
Director of Fredericksburg Section

*Dear friends,*

*To the right is a poem Carla's daughter, Lauriane read at her memorial service. I am pleased to share it with her friends in Virginia.*

*If life had been as it should have been our group of 40 strong would be returning to Fréjus about now – filled with many happy memories of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in your beautiful country. Now we are all following the guidelines and pray this terrible virus will come under control soon and that activities for the continuation of our exchanges can be planned in the near future.*

*Thank you for sharing your newsletters with us. Your History Highlights remind us of so many wonderful events we have shared in the past.*

*Amicalement, Maryse*

### ***Une maille à l'envers***

*Rose des sables et cour d'école  
Ta jupe qui virevolte*

*Une maille à l'envers  
Une maille à l'endroit  
Tu étais là*

*Par monts et par vaux  
Au jumelage et en voyage*

*Une maille à l'envers  
Une maille à l'endroit  
Aussi par là-bas*

*Tes doigts de fée  
Ta curiosité, ton sourire et tes éclats*

*Une maille à l'envers  
Une maille à l'endroit  
Mamie Carla, tu étais là*

*J'aurais voulu encore te parler  
T'embrasser  
Et que tu sois fière de moi*

*Une maille à l'envers  
Une maille à l'endroit  
Tu seras toujours là, en moi  
Lauriane*



**Mme Carla Toselli** was always interested in young people and helped make the Sister partnership. between Frejus and Fredericksburg a stronger bond of friendship. Mme Toselli hosted Blake Willis, and other students, for several years. Although it's been decades since that time, the memory of her warmth and her gracious hospitality still shines. She was a loving and giving woman, talented with her sewing and her cooking, and always eager to help and share. Her contributions to the sister city organization and to the development of young people will long remain a tribute to her selfless and willing spirit. We will miss Mme Toselli and shall never forget all her contributions.

*Composed by Kathryn Willis, longtime member of FSCA*

*The news about Carla is so sad. I stayed with her one time in Frejus. What a delightful person she was. I extend my condolences to her family and to her friends. Charlie Sieracki*

*Saddened this month with the news of Carla's passing. A particular thought came to mind when years ago I was invited to her place for dinner with Philippe Jouan. We had a wonderful evening with a superb French meal. She was a great cook. During cocktails I asked about a small object she used for measuring the liquor. She called it a "doozier". We discussed it and compared what we use here in the states. It looked like a small toy and I enjoyed it so much. As we were leaving she gave it to me! I still use it and think of her to this day. I am sorry for our loss and I will miss her smiling face. Cathy Herndon*



## **HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS**



### **Remembering the good times. With hope that What is Past is Prologue**

*[Editor's note: each month, as I prepare a newsletter I am amazed at what I find in the archives. Each year I see so many events and it is so difficult to allocate just a few photos to each. The Directors in these past years have certainly given us a challenge for continuation for another 40 years.]*

### **2001**

In August we experienced the First Sports Exchange (known as the F2 Games) were held. It was believed to be the first exchange of young basketball players in the history of Sister Cities International. FSCA received an international award from SCI for these exchanges.



Girls Team with coaches



Boys Team with coaches



### **Sister Cities International Awards Ceremony**

Left-right:  
Paula Suggs FSCA President,

Jane Shelhorse with Fredericksburg  
Park & Recreation,

Michel Herbiet with the Fréjus  
Jumelage and

SCI President

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Applause to our Directors for the **YEARS: 2000-2001** - for their dedication to our programs and the continued success of FSCA

*PRESIDENT*

*1ST VICE-PRESIDENT*

*2ND VICE-PRESIDENT*

*SECRETARY*

*TREASURER*

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*PARLIMENTARIAN*

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*EX-OFFICIO*

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*SARA FARTRO*

*MARVIN BOLINGER-CITY MANAGER*

*JAMES BRANSCOME-FREEMAN BEVERAGE*

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## **2002**

**September 2002** First visit for Mayor and Mrs. Bill Beck to Fréjus. They were accompanied by Sara Fartro, A. C. and Phyllis Whitley. They participated in the 9-11 Memorial Ceremony and the Giente Omelette Events along with many other planned activities.



*Happy Birthday Mayor*



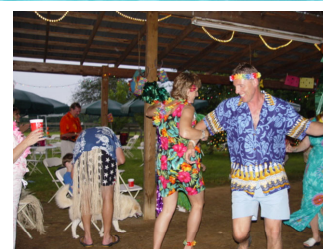
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## In 2002 the Fréjus sports teams came to America



*And it ended  
with a fun  
Hawaiian  
themed party*



## 2003

March 13-20, 2003 -**Russian Librarian Exchange**. At a request from the Library of Congress and Sister Cities International FSCA co-chaired this event with the Regional Library and Mary Washington College. It was great & a successful event. The four librarians and their guide were also treated to visits to Virginia and D. C. historical sites and attended dinners featuring special American Holidays .



Welcome committee



Library visits



Touring downtown



Visiting Gambaro studio



Matt Suggs was an exchange student to Fréjus several years ago.

In 2003 he was a Russian linguist in the US Navy currently stationed nearby. He took the opportunity to act as translator for the group. He was a welcomed guide for our visitors.

His assistance and guidance was helpful to FSCA for the entire visit

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In the **fall of 2003** the Directors decided to participate in the Hope House Christmas Tree Fund Raiser. Items were donated by local members and friends from Fréjus for our tree. Over 20 miniature paintings were included along with a special handmade book featuring holiday traditions, recipes from friends in Fréjus and much more. The tree was awarded to a FSCA member for her high bid and she had it to enjoy for years to come.



Phyllis & Paula work on the tree for many days & nights



The Result! Bravo

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YEAR: 2003 – Celebrated by our Directors

PRESIDENT  
1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT  
2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
HISTORIAN  
DIRECTOR-LIAISON  
PARLIMENTARIAN  
DIRECTOR -PAST PRESIDENT  
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DIRECTOR  
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REBECCA BOWERY  
PHYLLIS UNA WHITLEY  
A. C. WHITLEY  
SARA FARTRO  
JULIE STURT  
SUSAN PATES  
MAYOR WILLIAM BECK and  
MARVIN BOLINGER, CITY MANAGER[Jan.Feb],  
PHILLIP RODENBEREG [July-December]  
JAMES PATES, City Attorney & Agent of Record,  
JAMES BRANSCOME, FREEMAN BEVERAGE

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## 2004

### *SUMMER EXCHANGE – JULY 2004*



*Our friends from Fréjus have their souvenir photo taken with Mayor and Mrs. Tomzak at the welcome reception*

*The two- week visit was filled with trips to D. C. and other historic site, King's Dominion, DJ party, canoe trip, and much more.*

**Harry Porter honored in France:** *In 2004 Harry, his wife Doris and granddaughter travel to France to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the liberation of southern France in WWII. Michel and Annette Herbiet headed the group who arranged the many activities for them.*

*Harry first participated in the 1994 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in southern France. Others with him then were, Dr. George Van Sant – representing Mayor Lawrence Davies and the City of Fredericksburg; another Veteran, Garnett Strother and his wife Marjorie; A.C. and Phyllis Whitley- FSCA President ; and Alec Vitarius (Spotsylvania student on work/ study program in Fréjus) The Veterans were treated royally & were presented special medals by French Minister of Defense and Mayor of Fréjus, François Leotard.*

*November 11, 2006 in Indianapolis Indiana Harry received the French Légion d'honneur. Annette & Michel Herbiet were there to witness the presentation.*

Draguignan 2004



Brignoles 2004



Indianapolis 2006





# ***FRIENDS FROM FREJUS - OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 3, 2004***



Annette Herbiet, Anouk Gauthey, Sylva Hannesee, Michel Herbiet [President of the Fredericksburg Section of Fréjus Jumelage] Maria Lajnef, Fethi Lajnef, Lydia Rigail [Fréjus City Council woman], André Hannesee [Head of Fréjus Sports Exchange] Leon Littera and Gisele Littera





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## More History Highlights in future editions of your newsletter

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NOTE: IMPORTANT EVENT COMING SOON TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

*Life is not a dress rehearsal.....ACTION!*



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*Merci mille fois to all our current Directors who continue to contribute to the success of our organization.*

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