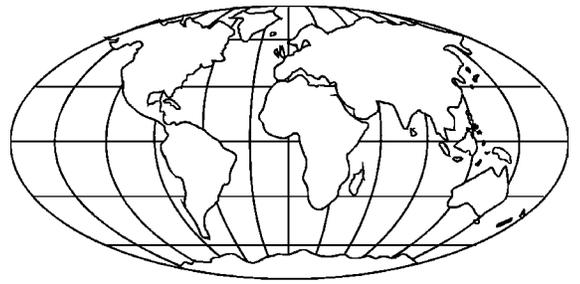


# EL CHISME

de Neighbors Abroad



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## General Meeting

### Sunday, August 30, 6:00 p.m.

**Lucie Stern Community Center  
Community Room  
1305 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto**

***Enjoy a supper of food and drink representing our six sister cities. We will have a short required business meeting to elect new and continuing board members and then hear from Neighbors Abroad member Barb Mackraz about her experience in Morocco creating an English language library there.***

***RSVP to the Evans by August 24 at  
650-856-0618 or [evansbanjo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evansbanjo@sbcglobal.net)  
with number in your party.***

***Bastille Day Picnic  
on July 14. See details  
on page 2-3***

## Presidents' Report

When you read Marion Mandell's Oaxaca column you will see the excitement created by the events centered on the visit of Oaxaca's fire chief. Much hard work and some great ideas from Bob Wenzlau produced several noteworthy events. Aided by members of the Kiwanis



and Rotary, he raised several thousand dollars to be used to transport the surplus Palo Alto fire trucks to Oaxaca.

Another project initiated by Bob was to create a Neighbors

Abroad email list. With the help of Mary Ashley and Joe Evans we hope to see that in place shortly. It's really fantastic to see so many good things happening!

Because of the lack of response to the general meeting invitation of last month, we have rescheduled it for Sunday, August 30. Many of our younger members told us that a date of May 30 was almost impossible for them to attend, competing at it did with the many school-year-end events.

The format for the August 30 meeting will be an International Festival with food provided by the sister cities. We will also have a speaker: Neighbors Abroad member Barb Mackraz will show photos and talk about her experience in Morocco and how she got involved with creating an English language library there. To learn more see [www.moroccolibraries.org](http://www.moroccolibraries.org). The business of the evening will include voting on our incoming board members: Hank Heubach, Diana Nemet and Bob Wenzlau and re-electing current board members. We hope that many members will want to turn out to vote for the board members who make all this happen.

*Barbara and Joe Evans*

### OCTOBER 4 FAMILY FUN DAY INTERNATIONAL FAIR

*Remember to look through your international treasures, collected on trips to parts unknown years ago. You've enjoyed them for years and would now like to offer them for someone else to enjoy! These can include items large and small from other countries. NOT just from our six Sister Cities—but from many parts of the world. Call or email Marion Mandell to say when you will be able to bring the things to my house, or if you would like things picked up. 650-493-3798 or [marionb@sonic.net](mailto:marionb@sonic.net). THANKS !*

## ALBI



### Bastille Day Celebration is coming...

Following decades old tradition, we will soon be celebrating *La Fête du 14 juillet* (14th of July Celebration), known in the United States as "Bastille Day." The Bastille was the famous citadel in Paris whose fall started the French Revolution in 1789.

As last year, we will have our party at Mitchell Park, in the East Meadow Group Picnic Site. This is a great location which can hold up to 60 people, is in the shade, and provides ample parking space close-by on East Meadow Drive. Kudos to the City of Palo Alto who allows us to reserve this site at no cost for Neighbors Abroad.

Our picnic will be pot luck, with many opportunities for you to sample or share some French delicacies and/or drink French wine while singing French folk and patriotic songs. There will be paper copies of the lyrics, so all will have the opportunity to practice his or her (basic) French on our Grand Classics: *La Marseillaise*, *Frère Jacques*, *Au Clair de la Lune* and more. Utensils and soft drinks will also be provided.

For this year we are working on some additional entertainment... Please check our website at [http://neighborsabroad.org/wphome/?page\\_id=6](http://neighborsabroad.org/wphome/?page_id=6) in early July for more information.

We are looking forward to seeing you and celebrating the French Revolution anniversary together! Mark your calendar for Tuesday July 14th at 4:30 p.m.

### The Hermione is coming...

Back in 1780, the Marquis de Lafayette sailed to America on the French Navy frigate *L'Hermione* on behalf of King of France Louis XVI to participate in the fight for freedom of the Revolutionary War, a famous episode in American history. Two hundred thirty-five years later, she is back! A very moving story began in 1997 in the port of Rochefort in France where a group of enthusiastic amateurs decided to start building a perfect replica of the eighteenth-century vessel and sail to America. With the help of naval experts, they retrieved the original blueprints and started their eighteen-year-long project. One of the most



*The original L'Hermione*

*Bastille Day Potluck Picnic  
Tuesday, July 14 • 4:30 to Dark  
Mitchell Park, 600 East Meadow, Palo Alto  
East Meadow group picnic area*



*Bring your French-style dish and join the fun.  
Call Michel Campmas (650) 856-2214  
for questions or information.*

challenging issues was finding the right trees of the right size and curve to become the key parts of the hull. The Royal Oak Forest that was used at the time to build war vessels no longer exists in twenty-first century France!



*The new L'Hermione*

Every detail has been respected with few exceptions: in addition to the 16,000 square feet of sails which will be used to travel, a small engine

has been installed to allow maneuvering in port as required by current legislation. Also, to the despair of its creators, she sails under the current post-Revolution blue-white-red French flag and not the original Royal flag, also a legal requirement. And for the short story, modern bathrooms have been installed for the comfort of its 84-person crew, something hard to imagine for the sailors of the time. The crew is composed of a few seasoned sailors in control of a team of young apprentice sailors who would never have dreamed that one day they would sail to America on such a magnificent ship. She left France in April 2015 and is planning to be in New York for Independence Day. Don't miss the news reports! You can also visit the site (in English) at <http://www.hermione.com/en/home/> for more details.

**À bientôt,  
Michel Campmas**

## ENSCHEDA

### Hallo Vrienden:

I am writing my report from the land of Vincent Van Gogh, tulips, canals and skies of white billowing clouds in sparkling blue skies. I visit the Netherlands and Enschede every year. This year I will have visited Enschede three times in my two months in the Netherlands: the first two visits were for events of interest to Neighbors Abroad and the last will be to visit old friends of Neighbors Abroad and one of the many University of Twente physics students who stayed with me during his internship at Stanford. This is the first installment. My first visit to Enschede was on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. I was invited by Melina McKim and Henk de Poot as their guest to attend their innovative Overlap Festival held on May 29<sup>th</sup> and the Maker's Festival held on May 30<sup>th</sup>. I also enjoyed their warmth and hospitality as a guest in their home. I had met them in Palo Alto when they visited several months ago and spoke with Tommy Fehrenbach.

Melina McKim's company, DESIGN3STUDIO, specializes in Education Workshop Design, Multidisciplinary Team Building and New Business Development.

Henk is the Senior Information Advisor of NRPO-Nationaal Regieorgaan Praktijkgericht Onderzoek-SIA- (National Transition Practice Board). The NRPO finances and promotes applied research in colleges and universities in the Netherlands. The NRPO is part of the Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO), which funds greater than 650,000,000 euros annually of research for more than 5600 Dutch and international research projects that relate to science and the interface of science and society.

Together Henk and Melina developed, organized and implemented the Overlap Festival: exploring the overlapping bonds of art, industry and science. The event began at the ArtEZ Hogeschool voor Kunsten, Enschede's College of Art, which is located in the Roombeek neighborhood of Enschede, the rebuilt area that was the site of the May 2000 fireworks explosion. It featured eight "stations" which were presentations of ideas, projects and products.

One of the presenters, Texperium (Closing the Loop of Textiles) utilizes discarded cloth fragments of KLM flight attendants' uniforms, re-weaves new cloth from the old and develops new products such as slippers, sneakers, finely woven tablecloths and shawls both of which are sold at the Twentse Welle museum.

Another presenter, a recent graduate of the ArtEZ College won a grant from a major Netherlands medical institution along with two colleagues. They developed a program of promoting greater hospital staff unity by placing computer designed art throughout the institution, creating



a more collegial working environment.

An ArtEZ professor, in conjunction with her students, designed templates for industry which will promote more balanced and open business environments.

This event was followed by a superb dinner held in the Twentse Welle Museum. The 100 plus guests and participants representing Enschede's art, business, science, college and university communities sat at round tables of ten to engage in a "working dinner" with the aim of opening our minds and listening to each other's ideas. Topics were assigned to each table by the ArtEZ professor. One of my "table-mates" was Joska Broekmaat, a Twente University graduate who as a student stayed at my house.

The old Polaroid building was the site of the Maker's Festival held on May 30<sup>th</sup>. This huge room was filled with demonstrations and presentations. The participants created displays from the worlds of art and science which showed what they do and how they do it.

Visitors were encouraged to do their own experiments with the equipment on display.

The world of textiles came alive for adults and children as they worked on a 6 foot by 4 foot loom; 3D printers made objects that flew all over the exhibit space; kids "manned" space ships that soared above our heads; visitors designed robots that moved around our feet. I saw adults building musical instruments, and kids riding around in a solar



*Loom at Maker's Festival*



*Wout Zweer making chocolates*

table might have been the busiest at the Festival!

I met and spoke with Dayenne Smolders at the event and she introduced me to her boss, Enschede's Alderman Patrick Wellman.

Excitement in innovation in the arts and sciences in Enschede will continue in the next issue of *El Chisme*. It is never-ending!

**Tot Ziens,  
Joni Reid**

car. My favorite display was the work of a scientist/designer named Wout Zweer who is the founder of the WOW Factory in Enschede. He makes the most delicious sweet and semi-sweet chocolate using a 3D printer. His

## LINKÖPING



Although there is no news direct from Linköping this issue, June has been a busy month for the Swedish Royal Family.

The picture below shows the family, with the women in national costume, on Sweden's National Day June 6th (not to be confused with the Midsommer holiday two weeks later). Left to right are Prince Daniel, Crown Princess Victoria, King Carl Gustaf, Queen Sylvia, Prince Carl Philip, his fiancée Sofia Hellqvist, and Princess Madeleine.



A week later, on June 13th, Prince Carl Philip married Miss Hellqvist, a former model and reality TV personality, following a five-year courtship. (In the picture above, Miss Hellqvist is not wearing the traditional headdress for married women, because she was still unmarried.) About 550 guests, including Princess Takamado of Japan and Britain's Prince Edward attended the ceremony. After exchanging vows, the newlyweds rode in a horse-drawn carriage through the cobbled streets of Stockholm where they were greeted by well-wishers seemingly delighted the prince had married a commoner.

Just two days later, Princess Madeleine and husband Christopher O'Neill welcomed their second child, a baby boy, on Monday June 15. He was named Nicolas Paul Gustav, and is 6th in line to the throne of Sweden behind his aunt, cousin Princess Estelle, uncle, mother, and big sister Princess Leonore.

*Bruce Wilner*

## PALO



### Mabuhay!

We are awaiting news from our counterpart, the GIANTS Club



in Palo. Did you know that the letters G I A N T S stand for "Glory Is Achieved Nobly Through Sacrifice"? These words epitomize the activities of the GIANTS Club as its members supervise relations with Neighbors Abroad—the Children's Library and the dispensing of scholarships to deserving students. But the group is also active as a charitable organization in Palo—helping recently with typhoon relief as well as many other civic-minded activities. We congratulate them on their recent 40th anniversary as a club.

### Our Librarians

Here is a little more information about our two librarians who keep the library in Palo running. They have done a tremendous amount of work cleaning up after the two typhoons which flooded the library and ruined so many books, trying to save what they could and getting the library open again.

REBECCA P. MAGLINTE is from Libertad, Palo, Leyte. She is 58 years old, lives with three sisters and helps take care of their 89 year old mother. She loves reading and listening to music. She started working in the library on October 30, 1998.

She loves her work as librarian and finds it very satisfying because she can help children and assist older students to find the kind of books they need.

MA. SHEILANE Y. CABAG is from Buri, Palo, Leyte. She is 44 years old. She has four sons, ages 21, 20, 12 and 10. Her hobbies are reading, watching TV and listening to love and classic songs.

During her spare time, she loves doing the household chores and assisting her husband in his business, a barbecue place with videoke. She finds her job satisfying because she can help the people in Palo with their research, especially the students.

### International Affairs

We, too, watch with concern as China continues to build islands in the South China Sea which were recently revealed as containing military installations. We can only hope that concerned powers can maintain a peaceful stance.

### Mabuhay!

*Ruth Carleton and Chris Torres*

## OAXACA

I would like to introduce to you our two students who are participating in the Palo Alto/Oaxaca student exchange this summer.



Karen Kuo attends Palo Alto High School. She will be a senior this fall. Although this will be her first trip to Mexico, she speaks excellent Spanish. In fact she won an Outstanding Student in Spanish Award. She also speaks fluent Chinese. Karen's interests include reading, drawing and sketching, baking, playing piano, and arts and crafts. She wants to

learn everything about Mexico—how people live, spend their leisure time, the foods they eat, and what people do everyday, 'for real', not just from classroom videos. She is looking forward to becoming a lifelong friend with her Oaxacan 'sister.'

Our exchange student from Oaxaca is Carolina Manzano Martínez. In the fall she will be a sophomore at her school in Oaxaca. She hopes to improve her English, learn about our culture, and check out educational opportunities in the United States after high school. She also hopes to develop a long friendship with her new Palo Alto sister. One or more of her relatives came to Palo Alto on the exchange over twenty years ago,



Karen left for Oaxaca on June 16. Both girls will return to Palo Alto together on July 7 and then Carolina will return to Oaxaca on August 2.

Neighbors Abroad recently had the pleasure of hosting in Palo Alto, Manuel Maza, Oaxaca City Fire Chief as well as Fire Marshall for the State of Oaxaca. As many of you know, the City of Palo Alto is retiring some more fire vehicles in the near future and planning to donate three to the City of Oaxaca. California has rules about how long a fire vehicle may be used. Even if the vehicle might have a potentially much longer useful life, by law it cannot be used here, but it can be donated to our Sister City, where, with the excellent care it is given in Oaxaca it will last many more years. Palo Alto has donated nine fire vehicles in the past fifteen to twenty years. They are all in fine shape and still in use. While the vehicles may be donated by the city, there are costs involved in getting them to Oaxaca. Neighbors Abroad, local service clubs, and the wonderful generous people of Palo Alto are all

joining together to help raise the transportation funds, along with fund raising in Oaxaca too. Also, if you would like to help get the vehicles to Oaxaca, please feel free to send a contribution in any amount, to Neighbors Abroad, P.O. Box 52004 Palo Alto CA 94303, marked "Fire Vehicle Transportation."

And, as usual, if you, or anyone you know, is going to Oaxaca, please remember to contact me to take clothing, etc. to the orphanage or the health program we help to support. We have things they need, all packed and ready. We are also looking into a way where non-profits like Neighbors Abroad can send items at a special rate. This will involve some costs, but is MUCH LESS than shipping the ordinary way. If you are not traveling but would like to add to a fund to send things at the 501(C)3 rate, we'd like to hear from you too!

### ¡Hasta luego! Marion Mandell

*At Right: Chief Maza, Marion Mandell, and Chief Nickel.*

*Below: Fundraiser at Tacolicious; attendees with fire truck parked outside.*



*Palo Alto Fire Team meeting with Council Member Liz Kniss, Manuel Maza and Bob Wenzlau.*

# TSUCHIURA

## Konnichiwa,

Committee chairs and middle school students are enjoying their exchange visit in Tsuchiura. Here's a report about



*Matt Schlegel and son with the Kasumigaura Marathon mascot.*

in June 2014 Matt went to Tsuchiura with the Neighbors Abroad student exchange program as a parent chaperone. He told people there he was training for a marathon and was asked to consider the Kasumigaura Marathon.

But, the two marathons were scheduled a week apart in April 2015. The Solution: If he were invited to Tsuchiura to compete in the Kasumigaura Marathon, he would not run the whole Paris Marathon, just part of the course.



*Paris Marathon on April 12*

In January 2015, the invitation from Tsuchiura came. Matt was nominated by Barbara and Joe Evans of Neighbors Abroad, and approved by Mayor Holman to be Palo Alto's representative. So the Paris Marathon would not be a full marathon, to the relief of the City staff in Tsuchiura, who were worried about him.

The Paris Marathon was April 12. The Tsuchiura Marathon was April 19, Matt arrived there from a practice run in Paris for a reunion and city tour on April 17th,

activities and a pre-race party on the 18th, Race Day on the 19th, and a final day of sightseeing and a farewell party on the 20th.

Whew! Matt wishes to thank Mayor Nakagawa and the kind people of Tsuchiura, Mr.

Sekozawa and the Tsuchiura International Association, Mayor Karen Holman and the City of Palo Alto, and Neighbors Abroad, especially Barbara and Joe Evans, Jennifer Buenrostro and Diana Nemet.



*Reunion with exchange family in Tsuchiura*



*Matt's cheering section at the marathon.*



*Crossing the finish line and a successful completion of the race.*



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NEIGHBORS ABROAD is a volunteer organization which maintains and carries out the activities of the City of Palo Alto's officially recognized Sister City Program with Palo in the province of Leyte in the Philippines, Oaxaca in Mexico, Enschede in the Netherlands, Linköping in Sweden, Albi in France, and Tsuchiura in Japan. Its activities have served and continue to serve the community interests of international and intercultural understanding.

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## Neighbors Abroad Plus Community Events Calendar

### July 2015

Tuesday, 14th, 4:30 p.m. until dark  
Bastille Day Potluck Picnic. East Meadow Picnic Area, Mitchell Park, 600 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. See page 3

Wednesday, 8th, 7:30 p.m.  
No Board Meeting this month.

### August 2015

Wednesday, 12th, 7:30 p.m.  
Neighbors Abroad Board Meeting; Cubberley Comm. Center, Room A3, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Sunday, 30th, 6:00 p.m.

Neighbors Abroad Annual Meeting. Lucie Stern Community Center, Community Room, 1305 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto. Food and Drink representing our sister cities. Speaker Barb Mackraz. See cover and page 2 Presidents' Report for details.

**Next El Chisme Deadline—August 15, 2015**

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