
***We invite you to join Neighbors
Abroad and widen your horizons***

- Membership is open to any individual, family, business organization or civic group.
- All members receive *El Chisme*, the newsletter of Neighbors Abroad, with up-to-date news of our Sister Cities.
- Your dues support high school scholarships, cultural exchanges with Sister Cities, local programs, the award-winning Child-to-Child Health Program and orphanage in Oaxaca, and the Palo Children's Library in the Philippines.

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How does Neighbors Abroad enrich life for you and your community?

- Directs student exchange programs with Oaxaca, Tsuchiura, and our European Sister Cities.
 - Promotes peace through international friendship, person-to-person, with reciprocal tours and home stays with our Sister Cities.
 - Sponsors local events, programs and exhibits with an international emphasis.
 - Creates opportunities for involvement in activities with Sister City committees.
 - Awards scholarships to Palo Alto high school graduates to encourage international interests.
 - Raises money for special projects in Palo and Oaxaca.
 - Increases understanding and appreciation of other countries and people.
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SISTER CITIES:
Palo, Leyte, Philippines
Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico
Enschede, Netherlands
Linköping, Sweden
Albi, France
Tsuchiura, Japan

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What is Neighbors Abroad?

Neighbors Abroad is a volunteer community organization which operates under the auspices of the City of Palo Alto. It directs the activities of Palo Alto's officially recognized Sister Cities Program. Neighbors Abroad members are involved in programs and projects which promote international and intercultural relationships and understanding.

Our membership comes from Palo Alto and the surrounding communities. Our program is community and person-to-person based.

Neighbors Abroad was founded early in 1963 after the Palo Alto City Council initiated a Sister City organization in concert with President Eisenhower's Town Affiliation Program.

Neighbors Abroad has received recognition from the United Nations and the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce as well as Sister Cities International.

Our Sister Cities

Palo, Leyte, the Philippines—since 1963

The city of Palo is on the northeastern coast of the island of Leyte, and includes 33 outlying villages called *barangays*. Nearby is the site of the 1944 landing of General Douglas MacArthur and Allied Troops that launched the liberation of the Philippines. The area is primarily agricultural, and fishing also flourishes. Neighbors Abroad has worked with the GIANTS Club in Palo to:

- build a community facility and maintain a Children's Library and Computer Center
- fund two librarians
- support scholarships for college students.

Oaxaca, Mexico—since 1964

The colorful city of Oaxaca is located in a valley at an altitude of 5,000 feet about 350 miles southeast of Mexico City in the mountainous state of Oaxaca. Some of Mexico's finest pre-Columbian archaeological sites are nearby. Oaxaca is a center for native handcrafts. Neighbors Abroad has worked with our friends in Oaxaca to:

- start, sustain and nurture the Child-to-Child Health Program (Niño-a-Niño) in villages of the region
- help support the 50 children living in the Albergue Infantil Josefino orphanage
- build and support a Planetarium and Observatory which is visited by thousands of school children every year
- facilitate the donation of firefighting vehicles to Oaxaca by the City of Palo Alto.

Enschede, the Netherlands—since 1980

Enschede is a charming city of 150,000 in the eastern portion of Holland, 110 miles from Amsterdam, that has been a market hub since 800 CE. Formerly a textile manufacturing center, it is now known for electronics manufacturing and is home to the world-renowned technical University of Twente, which has close ties with Stanford. Neighbors Abroad has:

- provided homestays for university students and student study tours to Silicon Valley.
- welcomed several musical groups from Enschede, most recently the Multiple Voices Youth Choir and the Fraggie Jazz Orchestra.

Linköping, Sweden—since 1987

Linköping is located about 120 miles from Stockholm. Its history dates from Viking times, but it is now a technology center. Linköping University, founded in 1970, is internationally known in engineering and medicine. Neighbors Abroad has:

- celebrated an annual Linköping Day to honor its Sister City relationship
- presented traditional Swedish crayfish feasts and other festivities.

Albi, France—since 1994

The delightful city of Albi dates from Roman times. It is located in the south of France about 50 miles from Toulouse on the Tarn River. The city boasts an extensive collection of the works of native son Henri Toulouse-Lautrec. Neighbors Abroad has initiated:

- exchanges of bicyclists, artists, hikers, choral groups, and chefs
- art exhibits by French artists such as sculptor Jean Marc.

Tsuchiura, Japan—since 2009

Tsuchiura City is located in the southern part of Ibaraki Prefecture. It borders Lake Kasumigaura, the second largest lake in Japan. The city lies adjacent to the Tsukuba Schien City and is a convenient access point for transportation to Tokyo and Narita International Airport. Rich in natural greenery and water, there are beautiful spots throughout the city to view cherry blossoms. Neighbors Abroad has:

- sponsored a yearly middle school student exchange program.
 - inaugurated a biennial Japanese Cultural Festival in Palo Alto.
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