



Sister Cities Association of Sarasota

Citizen Diplomats—Carving a Path toward Peace since 1963

SCAS Honors Sarasota Mayors At Historic Luncheon



Sarasota Mayors (l-r); Liz Alpert, Shelli Freeland Eddie, Mollie Cardamone

The SCAS Board of Directors, members and guests honored Sarasota Mayors at the March 20 luncheon that also celebrated the 55th Anniversary of our organization. Twelve former mayors along with current Mayor Liz Alpert shared memories and friendships related to Sister Cities activities and exchanges that have taken place over the years.

Former Mayor Kelly Kirschner emceed the luncheon program entitled “Building Bridges of Peace and Understanding”, delivered an inspiring message of community involvement through collaboration and communication.

The luncheon menu, a tribute to each of the Sister Cities, inspired lively table conversation and story-telling about the importance of citizen-to-citizen diplomacy and exchanges between Sarasota and its nine Sister Cities.

The program was hosted by SCAS VP Communications, Toni Duval and VP Education, Dr. Raymond Young, who shared the “Sarasota Sister Cities Story” in pictures highlighting the mayors’ involvement with our Sister Cities.



(l-r) Mayor Elmer Berkel, SCAS President Hope Byrnes, SCAS President Carla Rayman Kidd, Mayor Shelli Freeland Eddie, Mayor Liz Alpert, Mayor Mollie Cardamone, Mayor Rita Roehr, SCAS President Tom Halbert, Mayor Richard Clapp and Mayor Fredd Atkins.

The planning team wishes to thank the Bird Key Yacht Club staff for their cooperation and SCAS Co-Events Chairperson, Charlotte Hull for coordinating the luncheon menu and the seating plan that placed an honored Mayor at each table.

The common theme during the conversations was the importance of continued cooperation and interaction between the City of Sarasota, SCAS and our Sister Cities. Working together will insure a bright future.

SCAS Upcoming Events



APRIL LUNCHEON

This month we are pleased to welcome as our guest speaker Carolina Renderio, Sister Cities International Florida Representative. Florida has the distinction of being one of the states with the most Sister Cities and three Florida residents sit on the SCI Board of Directors. The luncheon program will provide information about this exciting International organization



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SCAS Board Meetings are usually held the last Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in attending please contact:

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SCAS Speaker's Bureau Series - Selby Library
The Past & Present of the Chinese Ethnic Group: Teochiu (Chao Chou)
Douglas Sparks, SCAS City Director; Xiamen, China
4:00-5:00pm
Meet 'n' Greet Happy Hour-Clasico Restaurant
5:15-7:00pm

4.4

Day of Diplomacy – Sarasota Boys and Girls Club
9:00-4:00pm
Students take part in an US State Department "Reality-based" simulation.

4.17

Monthly Luncheon Bird Key Yacht Club
11:00am-1:30pm

4.24

Sister Cities International Florida Representative, Carolina Renderio
Ms. Renderio will discuss Sister Cities International goals and objectives and the crucial role of Florida Cities in citizen diplomacy.

SCAS NEW MEMBERS

Michael Gordon

Guenhaele Schaper

Darlene Zimmerman

Jana and Keith Stanley

Nora Luna Righter

Audrey Marten

Sister Cities News and Notes,

Merida, Vladimir, FST Winners

Mike Fehily, SCAS Merida City Director returned recently from Merida where he met with Scott Baele, the President of Atlas Corporation. Atlas recruits young, skilled, eager entrepreneurs from around the world to volunteer in the United States at Non-Profit Organizations. An outline of the Atlas Corporation activities was presented at our March Speakers Bureau by Linda Salomon, a SCAS member and Atlas employee.

Mike's objective was to propose a partnership where SCAS would facilitate meetings between Atlas Corporation and Sarasota Non-Profits and also to introduce potential candidates from our Sister Cities to Atlas Corporation opportunities



Miriam Kramer, SCAS Vladimir City Director is attending the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Vladimir/Canterbury Sister Cities Association of Bloomington-Normal Illinois where she will meet visiting dignitaries from Vladimir and exchange ideas with local board members.



THE RESULTS ARE IN! Florida Studio Theater announced its 2019 Young Playwrights Festival winners. Meet some of these winners at the May 2019 Luncheon

2019 International Winners

<i>A Courage Candy</i>	Alexandra Semenova	Vladimir
<i>The Change</i>	Ariel Alon	Tel Mond
<i>My Alternative Dream</i>	Tommaso Cortesia	Treviso
<i>The Good Side of Life</i>	Eloise Miller, Eve Petty	Dunfermline
2019 International Honorable Mention Winners		
<i>A Little Bit of Luck</i>	Jessica Wylie, Jenni Bald	Dunfermline
<i>Overcome Fear</i>	Tamar Tal	Tel Mond
<i>The Story of Nadia</i>	Celia Bertolotti, Arenas Diego	Perpignan

SARASOTA SISTER CITIES & CITY DIRECTORS

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	1990 Position Open
Perpignan, France	1994 Marie des Neiges Grossas
Vladimir, Russia	1999 Miriam Kramer
Tel Mond, Israel	1999 Rabbi Jonathan Katz
Dunfermline, Scotland	2002 Pauline Mitchell
Treviso (Province), Italy	2007 Position Open
Xiamen (Siming District), China	2007 Douglas Sparks
Mérida, Mexico	2010 Michael Fehily
Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland	2017 Nelly Camardo

Mayoral Luncheon in Photos

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