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JSCA Celebrates Bastille Day

JSCA presented a free Bastille Day Celebration on July 15 at St. John's Cathedral, attended by some 150 guests. Known in France as *Quatorze Juillet*, the French national holiday commemorates the storming of the Bastille.



JSCA members and guests enjoy the recent event.

Our special guest was The Honorable Philippe Vinogradoff, Consul General of France, who said that the French government was interested in appointing an Honorary Consul in Jacksonville.

Guests enjoyed a robust menu of traditional French foods and an assortment of pastries donated by J.J.'s Bistro. The entertainment featured French Cafe music, especially the music of Edith Piaf. Special thanks goes to our sponsors, Francois Kloc; Buffet Crampon; Maury Pilver and Health America Credit Union; Dean Edward Harrison and St. John's Cathedral; and to supporters **Robert Duss**; **Didier Busnot**; and **Christophe Setin** and the San Jose Country Club. Special thanks to the Nantes Committee and JSCA Board, as well as Didier Busnot, owner of the Seafood Gourmet shop.

Welcome New Members!

JSCA extends a warm welcome to its new members:

- Ellen Averill
- Rev. Yvonne Brooks
- Clay County Chamber of Commerce
- Vickie Corder
- Constance Frankenberg
- Myra Maureen Frazier
- Claudia Gordon
- Judith Hankins
- Piko Horne
- Jacksonville Public Library
- Karen Jessee
- Alicia Kimball
- Michael & Nushka Nelson
- Pam & Luther Quarles
- Eric Smith
- Valerie Williams

JSCA Welcomes Your Membership!

Join JSCA and participate in cultural, educational and/or economic development programs and activities involving visitors from our sister cities throughout the world. For more information, visit our website at www.jsca.org and click on the “Membership” link, or call JSCA at (904) 630-1059. We look forward to hearing from you!

JSCA Upcoming Calendar of Events!

- August 18** Board of Directors retreat (UNF)
- Mid August** Delegation visit from Suzhou, China
- August 27** Delegation visit from Shaoxing, China
- September 11** Peace concert (St Johns Cathedral)
- September 26** JSCA Board Meeting (City Hall)
- September 30** Annual meeting (Jacksonville Main Library)
- October 24** JSCA Board Meeting (City Hall)
- Late October** Visit from Russian Rotarians

For more information about any of these events, contact Nancy Olson at phone (904) 630-1059 or e-mail NOLSON@coj.net.

“Our most cogent diplomats cannot achieve peace without understanding, and understanding can only be achieved through the hearts of people.”

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Bahia Blanca Trip Celebrates 40th Anniversary



A JSCA delegation traveled to Bahia Blanca, Argentina in July 2007 for a weeklong celebration of the 40th anniversary of the twinning of our two cities, highlighted by JSCA presenting 40 wheelchairs to the IREL Rehabilitation Center, including donations made in the memory of **Russell Bloom**.

JSCA members attending were **Herrald Jonkers**, **Luz Font**, **John Trifiletti**, **Diane Trifiletti** and **Rachel Trifiletti**. The presentation ceremony was attended by Bahia Blanca Mayor Cristian Breitenstein, JSCA representatives, community leaders, IREL management, local disability agencies, recipients of the wheelchairs and their families.

There were many smiles and tears as children, teens, and adults received their wheelchairs. As there were 107 individuals on the list for wheelchairs, we have decided to continue our fundraising efforts to provide wheelchairs to the other 67 people in need.

In turn, a delegation from Bahia Blanca will visit Jacksonville in September to celebrate the 40th anniversary.