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Ningbo Delegation Visits Jacksonville



Ningbo (China) Vice Mayor Wu Hemin shakes hands with Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton as JSCA member Diane Yao translates.

A six-member delegation from Ningbo, China visited Jacksonville in late July, meeting with economic development officials and touring JAXPORT.

In December, Jacksonville signed a Friendship City agreement with Ningbo, home to the fifth largest port in the world. Officials are hopeful the two cities will grow new business and port ventures together, as new

direct ship service between the two cities is now available.

PE Committee Garners Award

JSCA's Port Elizabeth committee was recognized recently with a prestigious award for its work organizing the Nelson Mandela University Choir visit to Jacksonville last June.



Sister Cities International awarded the committee with the “Innovation Award for Arts and Culture, 2007.” Through the planning of JSCA's PE committee, the 40-member choir performed multiple free concerts around Jacksonville, featuring spiritual, anthems, classicals, traditional African melodies and tribal songs.

Congratulations to the key members of the PE committee for this great concert series and the subsequent award!

African Nights Planning Underway

Planning is now underway for the annual African Nights celebration to be held this fall. Details are coming soon, but plan now for an evening reception featuring African foods, a silent auction for shawls made in South Africa and lots of networking. For more information or to become involved, contact **Deborah Thompson** at phone (904) 472-7528.

Welcome New JSCA Members

- **Dr. Kathleen McKenzie**
- **Sheylla Millian**
- **Gloria Jean Oehlman**

JSCA Continues Strong Humanitarianism



JSCA continues its strong humanitarian work.

A great example is from July 2007, when JSCA sent a delegation to Bahia Blanca, Argentina to deliver 40 wheelchairs to needy disabled individuals. In a tearful ceremony, the recipients of all ages, accompanied by their caregivers and supporting agencies, received their wheelchairs.

Many had been living without any means of mobility, being carried from bed to couch by their caregivers.

The delegation was led by **John J. Trifiletti**, Ph.D., V.P. of the Bahia Blanca Committee, and accompanied by **Herrald Jonkers**, JSCA President. There were 107 individuals needing a wheelchair. Dr. Trifiletti continues to raise funds for the other 67 needy individuals and hopes to fund them by December. A Tango Delegation will arrive from Bahia Blanca in September to assist with the fundraising. Each \$105 U.S. donation buys a wheelchair. The Bahia Blanca Wheelchair Project is just one of several humanitarian efforts being led by JSCA.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Sept. 11** **Annual Peace Concert**
St. Johns Cathedral
www.septemberconcert.org
- Sept. 18** **Importing Basics Seminar**
Jacksonville Port Authority
Ph: (904) 924-1100, x221

Peace Concert Set for September 11

Plan now to attend the annual 7th Annual Peace Concert on September 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John's Cathedral (256 Church Street.).

This free music festival, originally launched by Sister Cities International in 2002, will include the musical talents of the UNF Chamber Singers, Douglas Anderson Chorale, Paxon SAS Honor's Chorus, JMAC, and the Jacksonville Children's Chorus. For details, visit www.septemberconcert.org.

