



# JACKSONVILLE SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

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## Jacksonville Welcomes Curitiba!



It's official: Curitiba (Brazil) and Jacksonville are now Sister Cities. More than 150 people witnessed the April 3 twinning ceremony in downtown Jacksonville, as Curitiba Mayor *Beto Richa* (*far left*), joined Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton, Jacksonville City Council Vice President Richard Clark, and representatives from Curitiba to sign the agreement. Curitiba becomes Jacksonville's seventh Sister City -- and opens a whole new world of cultural, educational, tourism and business opportunities for Northeast Florida.

For more photos of the event, visit this website:  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/braziljaxalliance/BrazilJacksonvilleAllianceSisterCitiesEventApril2009#>.

## John Trifiletti Honored for Volunteerism

Congratulations to JSCA Executive Vice President **John Trifiletti** for receiving the 2009 “Willing and Able, Gold Award” from HandsOn Jacksonville (formerly Volunteer Jacksonville). This annual award is presented to a person with disabilities who has done outstanding community service through volunteering.



John, pictured with his wife Diane, volunteers countless hours for the Alliance for the Lost Boys of Sudan, and assists veterans at the Veterans Reintegration Center of Jacksonville. At JSCA, John is our webmaster, wheelchair fundraiser, and he co-chairs the Bahia Blanca Committee with his wife. Professionally, John is the Assistant Director at the Independent Living Resource Center of Northeast Florida. Congratulations, John!

## Welcome New JSCA Members

- Lad Daniels - Mike Hightower - Harry Rothchild
- Roger Thomas - Nancy Thomas - Anthony Whiting

## Nantes Delegation Enjoys NE Florida

In the spirit of strengthening bonds with our French Sister City, an 11-member delegation from Nantes visited Jacksonville for 10 days in April.



Joanne Davis coordinated the accommodations and itinerary, which began with a welcoming dinner at Athens café. The group also enjoyed the beach and tours of Kingsley Plantation, Fort Caroline and Amelia Island, a ballet, and the magnificent arts program at Douglas Anderson School for the Arts. The group also met privately with Ed Pratt-Dannals, the Duval County Superintendent of Schools. The delegation enjoyed St. Augustine, too, visiting the fort Castillo de San Marcos, Flagler College and the Lightner Museum, with lunch at the Columbia restaurant. Leo and Joanne Davis then hosted a soiree, which included dinner and an opera performance by a talented UNF student, and a subsequent breakfast before the group departed. A special “Thank You” to all who made this terrific visit possible, including Francis Boyer and those who hosted the visitors, and the Alliance Francaise of Jacksonville.

## Sponsor Spotlight: Fazzini Coffee

JSCA is pleased to have Fazzini's Coffee and Tea as a proud sponsor of our organization.

Brock E. Fazzini (*right*), Managing Executive of Fazzini's, notes that the company purchases the finest Arabica coffee in the world, which is then roasted to order right here in Jacksonville.



Fazzini's Coffee and Tea carries products that are certified 100 percent Organic, Fair Trade, Kosher and Halal. Best of all, Fazzini's supports some 17 nonprofit and educational organizations, including JSCA. A portion of each sale is donated to the Trees for the Future Foundation, planting new trees in deforested rain forests. Fazzini's has created a special website at [www.fazziniblend.com/jsca](http://www.fazziniblend.com/jsca), with a percentage of the profits from any sale on this website supporting JSCA.

## Calendar of Events

**Sister Cities International Annual Conference**  
July 29 - August 1; Belfast, Northern Ireland

**Masan Annual May Celebration**  
May 1 - 3; Call Shung Kim at 904-705-8780