



# Tucson-México Sister Cities

Transcending  
the Border  
One  
Friendship

Winter 2007-2008

TMSC INVITES  
ALL ITS MEMBERS  
TO THE  
8TH ANNUAL  
TUCSON FAMILY  
ART FESTIVAL  
SUNDAY Jan 13, 2008

TMSC is very excited to participate again in this cultural celebration for all ages by the Pima Arts Council (TPAC).

This event will take place January 13, 2008 from 11 a:m to 5p:m at the Tucson Convention Center through La Placita Village to El Presidio Park.

This festival is free and open to the public, with continuous live performances, experiential arts activities for all ages and plenty of food to choice from.



TMSC is very proud to bring the group "LOS MESTIZOS" from our sister city of CIUDAD OBREGON. There are 14 folkloric dancers and 6 musicians of typical mexican music.

They will perform for one hour shows to the tune of lively and happy music. Their customs are very bright and colorful representing different regions of MEXICO. "LOS MESTIZOS" has performed in Brazil, Poland, South Korea, Portugal, Prescott, Arizona and two previous times in this Tucson Art Festival. This group is under the able and master leadership of Mr. JOSE RICARDO BARRERAS CABREROS.

TMSC will also has several vendors from Agua Prieta and Alamo offering authentic art and craft from this region of Mexico.

You are invited to participate not only with your presence but sponsoring and admiring the dancers, vendors and our TMSC EXPOSITION of the different activities realized during the year. See you there.

Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities welcomes you to our community. We hope you will be able to participate in the exciting events planned for 2008!



TMSC welcomes new members.

Please call, email, or attend a Board Meeting. Gracias!

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## Tucson Mexico Sister Cities Members Travel & Build Bonds Throughout Mexico

### Ciudad Obregón Trip

TMSC had our annual trip to our sister city Cd. Obregon Sonora last 4 of October. The main objective our trip was to deliver two donations.

A handicapped vehicle for "Estancia Alzheimer" a daycare for low income families who have a member of their family with this disease;

they usually don't any means of transportation to take them during the day, so they can go to work.



The other one was a large unit of Air conditioner for the physical therapy room of a handicapped children school. These are children of all ages with different types of physical and or mental problems; Cerebral palsy, down syndrome, autism, etc. and whose parents don't have any other means of attention for them. A check was presented for the payment of this equipment to the founder and director of the CAI ( centro de atencion integral) Veronica Miranda Palafox

Both of these places were very grateful to our non-profit or-

ganization for the much needed assistance, and were received by all of them with a special program and the most impressive welcome.



Our group was welcome by the mayor of the city Lic. Francisco Villanueva and his wife Claudia de Villanueva with a luncheon and a dinner reception where several of his cabinet members were present. They had a musical show with Mexican folkloric dancers and a special thanks were given to Amy Lopez and Hector Inigo from Southwest Ambulance, a major supporter of our group for their participation on the Handicapped vehicle donation; to Alicia Vasquez, a Wells Fargo Bank executive and Representative from TMSC for Cd. Obregon, to Donna Whitman, president of TMSC and to Eloise Carrillo for her several years of support and dedication towards the relationship between the two sister cities.

From there, the group took a side trip to the beautiful colonial city of Alamos, up on the mountains and very well known for her old and preserved hacienda type of homes; several of them owned

and restored by Americans. The "Casa de los Tesoros" hotel was very cozy and original in the typical colonial architecture. The city officials were waiting for our group with a picnic taquitos lunch and at night they invited us to the famous "callejoneada"... a walk through the narrow streets following a "Estudiantina", a musical group composed of 9 or 10 young man playing mainly guitars and singing old songs...

The next day, on Sunday, we had a tour and a lunch at the "Hacienda Los Santos" a wonderful bed & Breakfast place in Alamos; famous for it's architecture, the beautiful gardens and the delicious food.

Together with our great experience in Obregon, this was no doubt, one of the most rewarding experience I had since I joined the organization. I wish more of our members would take advantage of these group trips to our sister cities; the next one... to Guadalajara! VAMOS!



Congratulations Alicia Vasquez for receiving the 2007 Volunteer Service Award from Wells Fargo. The selection committee spent nearly two months reviewing nominations. It was challenging yet very rewarding as there are so many team members who are doing work that makes a significant and positive impact in those communities in which we work and live.

The Vision and Values of Wells Fargo states that one way we picture success is to be known in our communities as an active community leader. Team members like you play a critical role in our success through your volunteer efforts. The awards represents our appreciation of the incredible contributions you make to the community and living Wells Fargo's Vision and Values.

Wells Fargo has written a check in the amount of \$1,000 for you to present to the Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities Committee.

Wells Fargo and Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities thanks Alicia Vasquez for her commitment to TMSC and the communities it serves!



2008 Slate of TMSC Board Officers

- President—**  
Alicia Vasquez
- Vice President Guadalajara—**  
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Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities Holiday and Membership Event

The annual holiday event took place on December 7 at Las Cazelitas with approximately 50 people in attendance. We celebrated by singing, eating, drinking and shopping. This year's holiday celebration was combined with our biannual membership drive. We welcomed many new & long time friends and had the pleasure of signing them up for 2008. I sincerely thank the board for all the hard work they put into making this a memorable event!!!

Sister Cities' Annual Guadalajara Trip

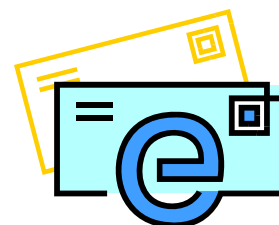
Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities has postponed their annual trip to the beginning of 2008. TMSC will take a coordinated approach with city and state organizations and arrange a comprehensive trip. The agenda will include elements such as economic development, humanitarian, and cultural exchanges.

More information to come!



Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities Members Listserv

We are happy to announce the TMSC members' listserv. This form of rapid communication will help inform members to upcoming events. In order to assure all TMSC members are added to the email distribution list please reply to email announcement. Please contact Jessa Burger at [jburger@email.arizona.edu](mailto:jburger@email.arizona.edu) if you have not been added to the distribution list.



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Welcomes New Members  
Bienvenidos*

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**WELCOME TO ATTEND**