



To offer the people of Muscatine and of similar cities in other nations opportunities to get acquainted—to understand one another as individuals, as members of their community, as citizens of their country, and as part of the family of nations.

Message From President



Dear Fellow Citizen:

Since our inception in 1986, Muscatine Sister Cities, Inc. has worked to create global relationships based on cultural and educational

information and economic development. Today our mission is well needed more than ever.

Over the past year, we made decisions to create a quarterly newsletter, expand our board of directors to include major organizations in our area; and we continue to strive to expand our membership. Moreover, in December we sponsored the Business After Hours event with the Chamber of Commerce.

Today we continue to expand our reach and strengthen existing relationships. Join us in realizing our full potential. We invite you to become a member of our citizen diplomacy circle.

Thank you for your support!

John Dabeet
Muscatine Sister Cities President

Know Our Board

- John Dabeet, President
- Micki Tripp, Vice President
- Ingrid Rowe, Treasurer
- Kristine Conlon, Secretary
- Dan Clark
- Larry Clausen
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- Deb Hueser
- Marshall McDonald
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Muscatine Sister Cities Business After Hours In December



paintings and vintage furniture surrounded multiple Sister Cities display tables.

The board provided displays specific to each of our Sister Cities, accompanied by knowledgeable board members who have visited the cities to answer questions and provide specific geographical and cultural information.

Food specific to each of our cities was provided throughout the displays. We offered pierogies, baklava, shumai dumplings, German and Polish holiday cookies, sesame chicken and rice, to name a few. In addition, we had a wonderful display from Liberia with traditional food. We are working with Liberia to establish a new Sister City there with the support of local Liberian immigrants. We were honored to have the honorable Liberian Congressman Gunpue Kargon in attendance that evening.

Sister Cities provided some exciting door prizes that included a Sister Cities membership and cobalt Czech glassware from Russia among others. This event was well attended and so well received that Sister Cities were asked to do it again in December 2020.

Muscatine Sister Cities hosted a Holiday Business After Hours at the Muscatine Art Center.

This well attended event began at 5 p.m. with the Muscatine Civic Chorale performing Christmas music in the music room. It was a very cheery atmosphere. The Art Center was filled with Christmas cheer. Beautifully decorated trees, wreaths,



Christmas Cheer at Muscatine Art Center

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