

**CITY OF DELAWARE
SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
JULY 14, 2015
6:00-7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held April 14, 2015, as recorded and transcribed.
3. Date of next meeting: October 13
4. Global Scholars Program Update
5. OWU Recognition
6. Sister City Updates:
 - a. Baumholder, Germany
 - b. Arequipa, Peru
 - c. Sakata, Japan
 - d. Omutninsk, Russia
7. PowerPoint Presentation
8. Annual Report Discussion
9. Adjournment

**SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
April 14, 2015**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Guebert called the Sister City Advisory Board meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hong Nguyen, Luke Powers, Will Kopp, Dan Bartha, Councilman Andrew Brush, Mayor Carolyn Riggle and Chairman Rand Guebert

Members Absent: Rita Selle-Grider

Motion to Excuse: Mayor Riggle moved to excuse Ms. Selle-Grider, seconded by Ms. Nguyen. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on January 13, 2015, as recorded and transcribed.

MOTION: Mr. Bartha moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on January 13, 2015, seconded by Mayor Riggle. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 3. Date of next meeting: July 14

ITEM 4. City Status Updates:

a. Baumholder, Germany

Chairman Rand stated that Peter Lang, former mayor of Baumholder, Germany, continues to be involved in keeping a sister city relationship with the City of Delaware. Mr. Lang stated that the high school will be closing and that he will be investigating potential other schools nearby to arrange for an exchange student program. Chairman Guebert predicts that the school exchange will be temporarily stopped until a new school location is established. Chairman Guebert discussed that in the conversation with Mr. Lang, it was requested to have Mr. Lang's administrative assistant come visit Delaware, and to observe the administrative process in Delaware. Chairman Guebert plans to issue Mr. Lang an invitation for his assistant to visit.

b. Arequipa, Peru

Chairman Guebert had a conversation with Mr. Patricio Plazolles regarding a potential sister city relationship with the City of Delaware.

Mr. Plazolles will be visiting Arequipa in May and will follow up on the current status.

c. Sakata, Japan

Chairman Guebert stated that city administration has sent a letter to Sakata and are awaiting a response back. Chairman Guebert explained that Sakata has plans to visit Dempsey Middle School in October 2015.

d. Omutninsk, Russia

Chairman Guebert indicated that Ms. Elena Lubernets recently made contact with a local high school teacher in Omutninsk. This teacher will be discussing with colleagues subjects that may be of interest to those educators on a sister city relationship. Chairman Guebert recommended that Ms. Lubernets continue with the conversation and reaching out with Omutninsk to help establish a potential relationship.

ITEM 5. Advisory Board Development

a. Global Scholars Diploma

Mr. Bartha reviewed the Columbus Council of World Affairs Global Scholars Diploma program. Mr. Bartha stated that Hayes High School is interested in having a partnership in the program. Mr. Bartha indicated that there will be a meeting on April 14, 2015 with staff from the Delaware City School District, Hayes High School, and the Director of the Columbus Council of World Affairs to discuss the program and associated fees.

b. "Sustainability" as a common sister city theme

Chairman Guebert discussed the theme of "Sustainability" to connect with other sister cities. Chairman Guebert indicated that Ms. Kerr with the Economic Development Department will be assisting the Sister City Advisory Board. Chairman Guebert would like to have a slide show presented at the July meeting to show how the sister cities connect with the City of Delaware. Mr. Brush would like to have a display or print out from the presentation that identifies where the sister cities are located and a brief description of the cities. Chairman Guebert would like to provide more awareness of the relationships with sister cities to residents.

ITEM 6. Adjournment

Ms. Nguyen informed the Board that she will be stepping down from her position.

MOTION: Mayor Riggle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Brush.
The Sister City Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Rand Guebert, Chairman

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk



Sister City Program 2015-2016

Sister City Program

What is a Sister City?

A Sister City Program is an independent, voluntary group of citizens that with the support of its local government, forms long-term relationships with people, businesses, organizations, governments, etc. in one or more cities abroad to pursue interests that are important and beneficial to each community. Ohio Wesleyan University has played an important role in the development of Delaware's sister city relationships.

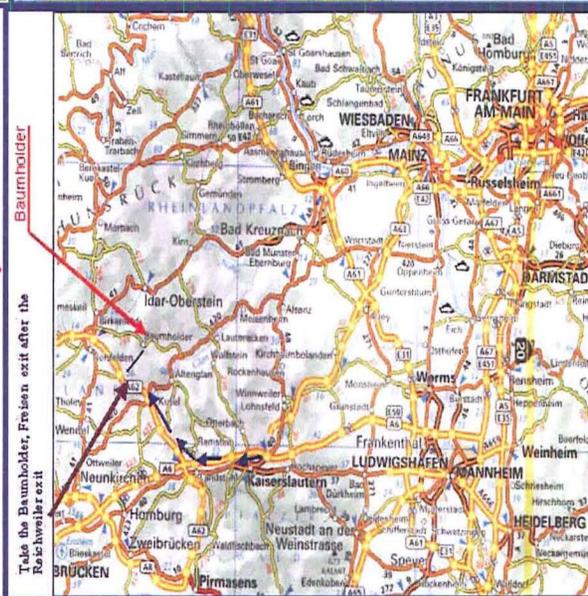
Why have a Sister City?

Because it enables the citizens of communities locally and globally to become directly involved in exchanging ideas, developing friendships, establishing identities and discovering a genuine understanding not only of multiple international cultures but of multiple local cultures as well.



Eight Hayes High School students and an adviser traveled to Baumholder, Germany, for a cultural exchange experience in March 2014.

Where are Delaware's Sister Cities?



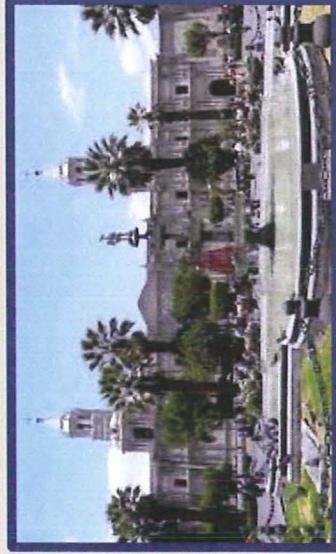
Baumholder, Germany

Quick Facts:

- Population 4,044
- Located between Frankfurt and French border
- Site of US Army Garrison Baumholder
- Soccer led to first contacts with Delaware in 1987
- Leader in alternative energy applications



Arequipa, Peru



Quick Facts:

(In Development Stage)

- Population 869,351
- Founded in 1540
- Mixture of Spanish / Incan heritage
- UNESCO World Heritage Site

Sakata, Japan

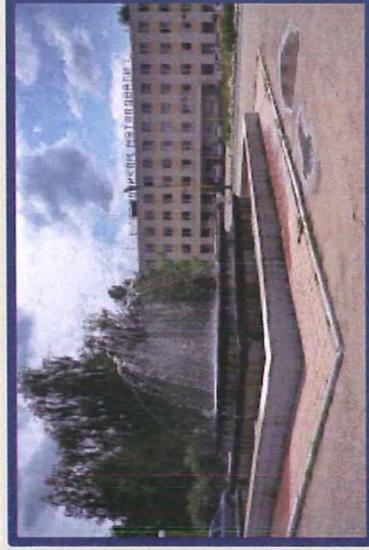
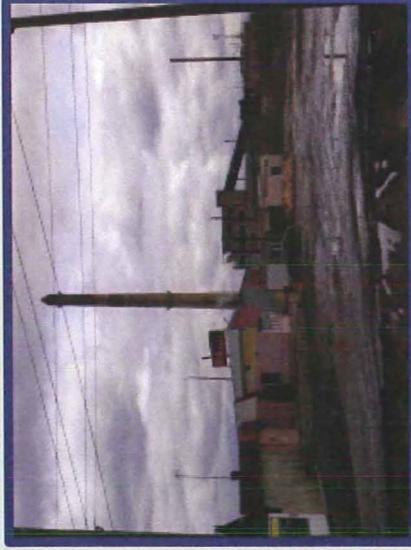
Quick Facts:

(In Development Stage)

- Population 107,685
- Located 200 miles north of Tokyo on Sea of Japan
- Students visiting Dempsey Middle School since 1998
- Important agricultural area historically



Omutninsk, Russia



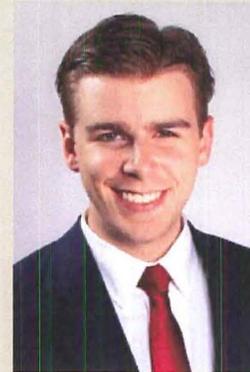
Quick Facts:

- Population 23,615
- Located 100 miles east of Kirov
- Delaware / Omutninsk Friendship Project started in 1984
- Site of oldest metallurgy plant in Russia, dating from 1773

Meet Delaware's Sister City Advisory Board



Rand Guebert
Chairman, Sister City Advisory Board



Andrew Brush
City Council Member, City of Delaware



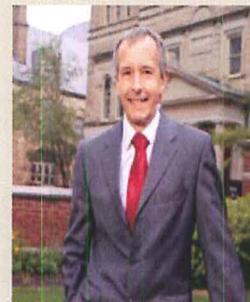
Carolyn Kay Riggle
Mayor, City of Delaware



Rita Selle-Grider
Founder, Young Bright Minds &
Inventors Academy



Dan Bartha
Assistant Principal, Hayes High School



Will Kopp
Chief Communications Officer at Ohio
Wesleyan University

DELAWARE SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
2nd ANNUAL REPORT
AUGUST 1, 2015

Current Members:	Representing:
Rand Guebert, Chair	Local citizens
Dan Bartha	City Schools
Andrew Brush	City Council
Will Kopp	Ohio Wesleyan University
Alejandra Miller	Local citizens
Carolyn Kay Riggle	City Council
Rita Selle-Grider	Local citizens
Vacant	Chamber of Commerce
Vacant	Convention & Visitors Bureau

INTRODUCTION

The Board had its first meeting in August 2013, and is completing its second year of activity, during which we have had disappointments as well as very positive developments.

During this year we have come to have a better understanding of the significant role that Ohio Wesleyan University has played in the establishment of our relationships with Omutninsk and Baumholder, and is playing now as we discuss new relationships with Arequipa and Sakata.

We have continued to meet on the second Tuesday of each calendar quarter often having a social time with foreign snacks beforehand.

SECOND YEAR DEVELOPMENTS

Baumholder

Due to the impending closure of the high school in the town of Baumholder we were not able to continue our student exchange in the way we envisioned. In future students from Baumholder will attend either the high school in Kusel or Birkenfeld. Peter Lang, the mayor of the district, will be discussing with each of these schools the potential of an exchange with Hayes in the 2016-2017 school year.

There were also elections during the year. Mr. Lang was previously mayor of both the town and the district. We are in the process of establishing contacts with the new town administration.

The US Army Base in Baumholder will be maintained in future and will host new activities that are being moved from other locations in Europe. There was some concern that the base might be closed.

Omutninsk

During the past year members of the Advisory Board met with older Delaware residents who were involved in establishing the sister city relationship in the 1980's. These meetings led to a renewal of contacts with both old and new contacts in Omutninsk. We have been assisted in this development by Elena Lubenets, a Russian woman living in Worthington, who went to school near Omutninsk as a child.

After being dormant for approximately 8 years it is not clear how this relationship will develop, but it seems that the possibility is there now.

Arequipa

Last October Mayor Riggle wrote to the mayor of Arequipa to open a discussion on becoming sister cities. Patricio Plazolles, who is on the staff of the Woltemade Center at OWU, has been helping us with this contact.

We recently learned that there was a change in the management of the Sister City program in Arequipa and everything was slowed down. We have been advised that things will move forward this summer.

Sakata

During the fourth quarter of 2014, Mayor Riggle and Mayor Honma of Sakata exchanged letters initiating a discussion on becoming sister cities. We invited the city of Sakata to send a representative with the students who will visit Dempsey this coming October.

We have also renewed contacts with Dr, Gary de Coker, a former professor at OWU, who was instrumental in setting up the Sakata school visits which have been going on now for 20 years.

Global Scholars Diploma Program

During the year, Delaware City Schools began discussions with the Columbus Council on World Affairs to offer the supplemental Global Scholars Diploma (GSD) program to students at Hayes High School. These discussions continue and Hayes

plans to start the program with the 2016-2017 school year. This is a voluntary program and will likely start with 30 students who are freshmen or sophomores.

Delaware's sister city program would offer them excellent opportunities for projects, which are part of the GSD. We see real benefits for our Sister City relationships and for Delaware City Schools with this development.

Advisory Board Development

With the help of Lindsey Kerr in Economic Development, we created a short powerpoint presentation that can be used in speaking to various groups in the area. We should have more opportunities to talk about our program in the year ahead.

THIRD YEAR OBJECTIVES

Baumholder

1. Host a visit from Jessica Jung, Peter Lang's assistant, in Spring 2016.
2. Identify a new school in the Baumholder area for a student exchange in 2016-2017.
3. Follow the OWU soccer team as they visit Baumholder in summer 2016.

Omutninsk

Further develop our new contacts there, especially focusing on high school teachers and students.

Sakata and Arequipa

Utilize our "Sister City Adoption Criteria and Process" to evaluate whether we can formally adopt a relationship with these two cities.

Global Scholars Diploma Program

Continue to lend our support to the adoption and implementation of this program by Delaware City Schools.