



## Incoming Mexico City Exchange June 30- July 6

Rita Mays will serve as the Exchange Director for the Mexico City Exchange and she is inviting all members to join the activities of this exchange. Mark your calendar for the following events:

Welcome Potluck Picnic on June 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Gangster Tour on July 2. RSVP Rita Mays by June 19.

Farewell Dinner on July 5. RSVP Rita Mays by June 19.

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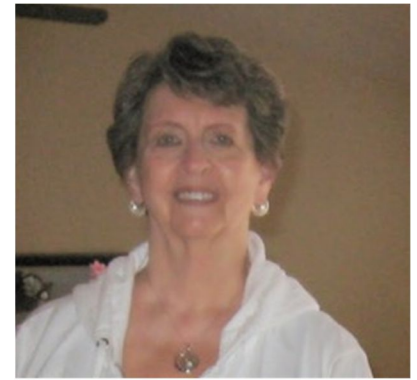
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On July 1, 2, and 3 our Home and Day Hosts will share our beautiful cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul with 14 Ambassadors from Mexico City. Our experiences will emphasize being outdoors in our beautiful parks, lakes, and rivers as well as our downtown cities.

Meet the Ambassadors at the Potluck Picnic Welcome Park on June 30 for all club members are encouraged to attend. Join us for the every popular Gangster Bus Tour, starting at the Wabasha Caves. Reservations for the tour are required. Cost is \$24 per person. Space is limited.

On Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, fifty club members will “take our ambassadors out to the ballgame” at the new CHS Field Stadium in lower town St. Paul for a Saints ballgame. The pregame activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and the 7-inning game starts at 7:05 p.m. with fireworks following the game. If you missed buying group tickets in the infield Section 105, you can still buy tickets in the next section of 104 by contacting [www.saintsbaseball.com](http://www.saintsbaseball.com). The CHS Field is connected to bus lines and the Metro Green Line. Previous offers for free bus and the Metro green line rides will expire in July. The Metro Green Line ends at the Union Depot in St. Paul and the Stadium is a block and a half east of this light rail train stop. Parking is also available near the Stadium. The Stadium is located at intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway.

Join us for the Farewell Party for our Mexico City Ambassadors on Sunday, July 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the Tavern on Grand, 656 Grand Avenue, St. Paul. The Tavern on Grand is known for its walleye dinners. Reservations required so RSVP by June 19 to [ritamnffi@yahoo.com](mailto:ritamnffi@yahoo.com). See further details on all activities on pages 3-5.



## EXCHANGE INFORMATION

Barb Emer, Exchange  
Coordinator

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### Let's Travel Down Under March 2016 Exchange Confirmed

In March of 2016, we will be heading to the South Pacific region of the world. Two clubs have graciously agreed to host us: Horowhenua, which is in the north island of New Zealand and North Moreton which is located in the Sunshine Coast of Australia. An optional pre or post tour may be available.

Blaine McCutchan will be the Exchange Director for this exchange and I will be helping during the next couple of months. If you are interested in this exchange, do not hesitate to get on list. The maximum we can take is 20 members and we still have openings. After we reach 20, a waiting list will be started. Cost and further information should be available soon. Primary contact: Blaine McCutchan, email at [helloblaine@me.com](mailto:helloblaine@me.com) or call 763-443-7879.

### Domestic Exchange: Incoming Texas Ambassadors

Our club will host 14 Ambassadors from Texas in September. Eight club members will be coming from San Antonio and six from Austin. They will arrive on September 14th and depart on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a relatively short exchange, just three full days in Minnesota. They will then depart for a few days to Des Moines. An Exchange Director is needed and this would be a great chance to lead an exchange, given its brevity, and of course, the planning committee does much of the work. Give me a call and I will be glad to work with you. We need to get started quickly. Contact: Barb Emer, email at [bemer@usfamily.net](mailto:bemer@usfamily.net), or call 651-270-3536.

### Domestic Exchange: Outgoing Santa Barbara

We will be leaving the frozen tundra behind us as we head to Santa Barbara in January of 2016. Again, an Exchange Director is needed for this exchange to take place. Contact me.

# Club Activities

**What:** The German Fest strives to be the premier German cultural event of the Midwest. This weekend festival will feature many aspects of the German cultural including a rich selection of activities, foods, and beverages.

**When:** Friday, June 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** German Fest Minnesota, located on the grounds of the historic Schmidt Brewery in the Schmidt Artist Lofts at 882 7th Street West, St. Paul, MN. For more information and a schedule of events go the website: [www.germanfestmn.org](http://www.germanfestmn.org)

**Cost:** Free admission and free parking

**Contact:** Dagmar Runyon 651-698-7956 for more information and to let her know you are coming.

**Please note:** The group will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Glockenspiel, a German restaurant, 605 7<sup>th</sup> Street West, St Paul, and walk to the festival together.



**What:** Welcome Potluck Picnic for Ambassadors from Mexico City

**When:** June 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**What:** Wabun Picnic area, Shelter A, at Minnehaha Park, 4655 46th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN

**Cost:** Free, please bring “covered dish” to share. Our club will provide dessert, water, plates, napkins and eating utensils. Feel free to bring lawn chairs to this event, if you desire.

**Directions:** Parking is free in the Wabun Picnic area. The shelter is on the road leading to the Minnesota Veterans Home, overlooking the Mississippi River, and near the children’s playground and restrooms. The Falls are a 15-minute walk away, across a deep ravine.

Minnehaha Park is located in south Minneapolis and if you are taking Highway 55, you will need to turn east on 46<sup>th</sup> Street for 0.75 miles and continue on 46th Street until it turns south and becomes 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue South which leads you into Minnehaha Park and the Wabun Picnic area. If you are coming from St. Paul, go west on the Ford Parkway Bridge; turn left (south) on 46th Avenue South into the park.

**Contact:** Contact Kay Myers at [kaym1940@gmail.com](mailto:kaym1940@gmail.com) or Rita Mays at 612-730-5129 or email [ritamnffi@yahoo.com](mailto:ritamnffi@yahoo.com) for more information.

**What:** Gangster Bus Tour

**When:** Thursday, July 2 at 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Starts at the Wabasha Caves, 215 Wabasha Street South, St Paul 55107

**Cost:** Reservations for the tour are required. Cost is \$24 per person. Space limited.

**Contact:** Rita Mays at [ritamnffi@yahoo.com](mailto:ritamnffi@yahoo.com) or telephone Rita at 612-730-5129 by June 19.

**What:** Saint Paul Saint's baseball game and fireworks at CHS Field

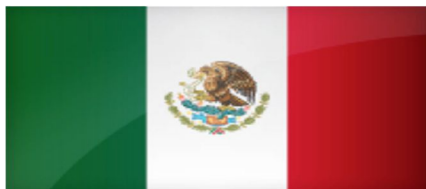
**When:** July 4, 2015 with pregame activities starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** New CHS Field in Lower town, at intersection of Fifth Street and Broadway, Saint Paul

**Cost:** Group tickets organized by the club are sold out; however individual tickets can be purchased at [www.saintsbasketball.com](http://www.saintsbasketball.com). Prices range from \$5-\$18 per person. Group has tickets in Section 105.

**Contact:** Ken Scherber at [kenfargo@yahoo.com](mailto:kenfargo@yahoo.com) for additional information.

**Transportation:** CHS Field is connected to bus lines and the Metro Green Line.



**What:** Farewell Party for Mexico City Ambassadors

**When:** July 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Tavern on Grand, 656 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul

**Cost:** The Tavern on Grand is known for its walleye dinners; however, you will be able to order other food. See website at: [www.thetavernongrand.com](http://www.thetavernongrand.com)

**Contact:** Rita Mays at 612-730-5129 or email her at [ritamnffi@yahoo.com](mailto:ritamnffi@yahoo.com)

**Special Note:** Reservations required! RSVP Rita Mays by June 19.

# Annual Meeting and Club Picnic

**What:** Annual Meeting and Picnic

**When:** Sunday, July 26, 2015 at noon

**Where:** Veterans Memorial Park, 6335  
Portland Avenue, Richfield

**Cost:** Free, please bring "covered dish" to share. Club will provide a meat dish, water, plates, napkins, and eating utensils.

**Contact:** Jim Collins for questions at 612-869-1587 or [idicollins@aol.com](mailto:idicollins@aol.com)



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**What:** Let's Eat Out: Hamburgers at Lord Fletcher's

**When:** August 17, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. No reservations necessary.

**Where:** Lord Fletcher's, 3746 Sunset Drive, Spring Park, MN.

**Cost:** Hamburgers are \$5.00

**Contact:** Dagmar Runyon 651-698-7956 for more information.



Special thanks to Gene Selchow for updating our club brochure.

Special thanks to Marge Runnakko, our Webmaster. For the latest information on club activities check out our website at:

[www.friendshipforcetwincities.org](http://www.friendshipforcetwincities.org)