

WHAT IS THE SISTER CITY PROGRAM?

The Sister City Program was established by President Eisenhower to improve communications, cultural and business relations between the people of the United States and the rest of the world community. Said Ike, "Sister City relationships can turn nations into people and contribute as no other form of communications to the humanizing of international relations".

WHAT IS THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON-STAVANGER SISTER CITY PROGRAM?

Founded in 1980 as a result of a Norwegian festival and strong oil and shipping industries in Houston and in Stavanger, the organization has since been actively engaged in promotion and goodwill. During Stavanger's visit in April 1988, Galveston participated in many activities and expressed a wish to join the organization. On September 26, 1988, the mayors of Houston, Galveston and Stavanger formally signed a document joining the three cities into "Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Society" (HGSSCS).

PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

HGSSCS helps build long-term relationships between Houston, Galveston and Stavanger by sponsoring a whole variety of activities. These programs, which emphasize youth, have won many awards from the National Sister City Organization. Participating student delegations, which have included music, drama, athletic groups and scouting, have performed at many schools and sites and have given the participants an opportunity to be acquainted with the people of Norway, and to reciprocate with Texas hospitality.

HGSSCS OBJECTIVES

Based on the Articles of Incorporation, HGSSCS will . .

- Provide members with a forum for education and the discussion of topics of common interest to the people of Houston, Galveston and Stavanger.
- Provide participants with an opportunity to study and to promote a better understanding between the people of Houston, Galveston and Stavanger.
- Strive to promote friendly, personal relations between the peoples of the two regions as they meet, either as members, or if they reside or travel in those two regions of the world.
- Foster and promote scholarships, along with possible funding, among students of educational institutions of both regions.
- Seek to engender the goal of peace, progress and prosperity for people without concerning itself in any way with internal politics or policies.

HOW WE ARE SUPPORTED

Membership Dues

- Corporate
- Institutional
- Family
- Individual
- Students

Fundraising Activities
Foundations
Grants

WHERE WE ARE

Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Society
5219 Pine Arbor Drive
Houston, TX 77066-2548
Tel: (281) 537-6879 * Fax: (281) 587-9284
E-mail: info@hgsscs.org

HOW TO JOIN US

- Complete the attached form.
- Enclose a check to cover your desired level of membership.
- Mail to the above address.

HOUSTON/GALVESTON-STAVANGER SISTER CITY SOCIETY

Affiliated with Sister Cities International
And Member of Nordmannsforbundet

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Houston, Galveston and Stavanger

A Leading Success Story of a
Sister City Program

Founded in 1980

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HGSSCS MEMBERSHIP FORM

LAST NAME: _____
FIRST NAME: _____
SPOUSE: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____
ZIP: _____
TEL: _____
FAX: _____
CELL TEL: _____
E-MAIL: _____
NAME OF BUSINESS: _____
BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____
ZIP: _____
TEL: _____
FAX: _____
E-MAIL: _____
Send correspondence to: (Home) _____ (Business) _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Corporate - \$200 _____

Family - \$40 _____

Single - \$25 _____

() Renewal () New Member

Please make check payable to HGSSCS and mail to:

Anne Brith Berge, 5219 Pine Arbor Drive, Houston, TX 77066

HGSSCS is a 501(c) 3 non-profit cultural and educational organization.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Date: _____

Check #: _____

Signature: _____