

December 2, 2016 COUNTRY UPDATES

Mark Jackson Holiday Party

Was a huge success with 132 people representing 18 countries to highlight Sister Cities and Birmingham's increasing cultural diversity!







JAPAN

We are also hosting a new delegation this week of Hitachi doctors who will be studying and working at UAB. The Kita planning committee had good meetings with Toru and these meetings also helped to progress our UAB-Ibaraki Christian program and a Boy Scout exchange. We will have a group from the UAB Japan club going to Hitachi in December. We are also preparing our annual Quilt exchange and Maebashi Run exchange.



UKRAINE

We will host at least one new Open World delegation in 2017. Also our humanitarian program sent its' 6th shipment which represents about 2 tons of supplies sent for war relief.

Dear Scotty and Vlad, I hope this e-mail finds you well. Today we received boxes from Meest-Express with the next delivery of humanitarian aid from Birmingham. Many thanks to you from all of us! I send you pictures later or put them on facebook.

Concerning our container in Odessa, it is a final stage of customs, we are waiting for one more payment from our side to be done and then immediately bring it to Vinnytsia. I'll keep you informed when it is already done.

Many thanks and regards from all your friends in Vinnytsia!

Best wishes,

Natalie

CZECH

The Beer exchange has had a very productive planning meeting for the 2017 Beer Exchange.

Brewery pairing idea: match up similar breweries

let brewery pairings come up with • their own beer idea

Feature different brewery pairs at Magic City Brewfest and Sun In A Glass;

could be done at Firkin tent for MCBF

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• Could have a people's choice competition

Pairing ideas:

• Avondale with Purkmistr

• Pivovar Dum with 5 Points

• Ghost train with Zamecky

• Good People with Brevnosky - Benedict

• Red hills - Sv. Norbert

• Trim Tab - Dobranske

• Cahaba with Pivovar Zhurack

• Craig with Raven?

• Alternate - Joe's Garage

Can set up a Facebook or Google Group for easier communication

- Google group could have added benefit of google translate

Ideas:

- Generic labels made ahead of time; could hand fill in information?
- Quote out labels, bottles, mother cases, etc. ahead of time

Have beers at Piggly Wiggly after MCBF; either winner of competition or all brewery pairs as a package deal or gift set

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Questions:

When would a beer need to be brewed to be ready by beer fest? - 2 month lead time prior?

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When would Breweries need to decide on a style in order to give them time to do a test - February?

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- Lead time on labels for distribution to Piggly Wiggly? Is draft only okay?

Action Items:

Set up some sort of group chat to share brewer's information and ease

Communication

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- Regular meetings to keep progression

Miscellaneous:

- Czech festival in February, good time to invite brewers from Plzen

ENGLAND

We expect a delegation in February. Also mark your calendar for the Vulcan gift unveiling. Below is our Vulcan which was unveiled this month and will be formally presented when our Liverpool friends visit next year.



GHANA

Is working on finalizing a signing with Ashaiman and planning youth or adult trip for summer of 2017.

ISRAEL

Is recruiting athletes/participants for the 2017 Maccabi Games in Birmingham. The committee is also pursuing a unique opportunity to create a joint film school in Birmingham and with a potential second Israeli sister City. Attached info.

JORDAN

Working with Sen. Shelby's office on possible USAID and other contacts and possible youth exchange in the summer with Israel and Jordan for students from Phillips Academy

CHINA

The 10Annual Birmingham Chinese New Year Festival is Jan. 28 at Boutwell Auditorium!

2017 Chinese New Year Festival

Jan. 28th, 2017 11:00am - 2:30pm

**Boutwell Auditorium
1930 8th Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203**

**Chinese game / Chinese food / Chinese dance
/ Chinese Music / Acrobat / KongFu
/ Chinese Traditional stuff**



HUNGARY

Kali is working with Szeke. on participation with future music/culture festivals. Szeke. is also looking to recruit athletes for the Maccabi Games next summer...along with Ukraine and Czechs

ITALY

Donna is working on this possible connection. No Baloney...couldn't resist 😊

Keep your fingers crossed. I know someone who is good friends with the mayor of Bologna. I expressed our interest in a Sister City relationship, which will be communicated to the mayor, who is visiting the states over Thanksgiving. I'll keep you posted.

Donna Francavilla

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JAMAICA

Jan 3-5 signing trip and signing ahas been postponed due to elections and government changes in Kingston. Some comm. members who will be home for the 4 Holidays will follow up with them on re-scheduling.

SENEGAL

Bettina is recruiting a new committee and Chair for next year. Next year we will assist in hosting the speaker below:



Dr. Pap Ndiaye

The Centennial of the First World War in Birmingham: April 16-23, 2017

On April 17, 1917, the United States of America entered World War One. During the Great War, over one million American soldiers went to France. Over 116,500 U.S. soldiers gave their lives in combat and another 200,000 were wounded, a casualty rate far greater than in World War II.

The event is of particular interest to UAB students and faculty since World War I changed many things.

For the first time, women joined the ranks of the U.S. armed forces, as did Native Americans and members of other minority groups. More than 350,000 African Americans served in the U.S. military.

Thousands of African American soldiers, many from the South, saw combat for the first time, thirty-one years before the executive order issued on July 26, 1948, by President Harry S. Truman abolishing racial discrimination in the United States Armed Forces. When French General Pétain asked for soldiers, General Pershing accepted to lend 40,000 American Black soldiers to the French army. Two regiments were given French rifles and helmets, known as "Adrian," and fought side by side with the "Poilus" (nickname of French soldiers during WWI).

On April 2017, France and the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of this event. Remembering the enormous contribution of Lafayette, following a

parade through Paris amidst the enthusiastic and welcoming embrace of the French, General Pershing, his aide-de-camp Stanton, and the American troops arrived at the grave of the Marquis. Stanton then said the ultimate return-the-favor quote: "*Lafayette, nous voilà (Lafayette, we are here!)*."

To commemorate the centennial, the Alliance Francaise of Birmingham, University of Montevallo, and the UAB Jemison Visiting Professorship in the Humanities are sponsoring a lecture discussing African American soldiers during WWI by leading French historian Pap Ndiaye, on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 7:00 pm, at the UAB Hulsey Recital Hall.

On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, Dr. Ndiaye will lecture on "Race Matters in France" at Montevallo University. A specialist of African American history and minority issues in France, Dr. Ndiaye will also speak at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute during the week.

Dr. Pap Ndiaye is a French historian, specializing in North America. He holds a doctorate from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) where he was a lecturer before being elected in 2012 as Professor at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). He is a member of the Center for North American Studies and of the editorial board of the journal, *History*, as a specialist on the United States. From 1991 to 1996, he studied in the United States to prepare his doctoral thesis on the petrochemical company, DuPont.

On his return to France, Dr. Ndiaye was appointed lecturer at the EHESS where his work now focuses on the Black question, the discourse and practice of racial discrimination in France and America. He is a pioneer of the "Black Studies" in French. With Patrick Lozès, future president of the Representative Council of Black Associations of France (CRAN), they founded the Circle of Action for the Promotion of Diversity in France (CAPDIV).

Selected publications of Dr. Pap Ndiaye:

Du nylon et des bombes. Du Pont de Nemours, l'État et le marché, 1900-1970, Paris, Belin, 2001. Translation in English, *Nylon and Bombs, DuPont and the March of Modern America*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007.

La Condition noire. Essai sur une minorité française, Paris, Calmann-Lévy, 2008. Translated in Japanese and Chinese. [*The Black Condition. Essay on a French Minority*]

Histoire de Chicago, Paris, Fayard, 2013 (with Andrew Diamond). *History of Chicago*, forthcoming translation in English (2018).

La Démocratie en Amérique au XXe siècle, Paris, Belin, 2000. With Jean Heffer and François Weil. [*Democracy in America in the 20th Century*]

Black Americans: Running for Equality, Study (Paperback) 2009, 130p.

For more information, please contact Dr. Serge Bokobza at sbokobza@uab.edu or at 205 879 9939.

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