

Science competition in need of judges

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF), the world's largest international pre-college science competition, is in need of corporate and university scientists and engineers, medical professionals, post-doctoral fellows, and senior graduate students for judging at its Science and Engineering Fair May 14-15 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Fountain Hills residents Bill and Lorna Glaunsinger are serving as judge chairs for the event and are reaching out to the community for individuals interested in taking part.

Over 1,700 high school students from more than 75 countries, regions and territories will compete for over \$5 million in awards in the event that will show-

case many of the world's brightest students. Student finalists have often stated that their interaction with expert judges is the highlight of their Intel ISEF experience. Over 1,000 Grand Awards judges are needed this year in 22 categories of competition.

According to the Glaunsingers, judging is the single most important activity of the Intel ISEF and the benefits of judging range from interacting with talented students to gleaning new ideas for research, expanding professional networks and promoting STEM education.

The Glaunsingers stated community participation is critical to the success of Intel ISEF and invite all interested parties to visit at student.societyforscience.org/grand-award-judges.

Mayor Oscar Gomez visits from sister city of Ataco

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter

The Town of Fountain Hills and its Sister Cities Commission welcomed Mayor Oscar Gomez from the town's Sister City of Ataco, El Salvador for an official visit last week.

Commission members and town officials held a reception for Gomez at Town Hall on March 7. Mayor Ginny Dickey presented Gomez with a proclamation celebrating the friendship between the two towns.

"I...proclaim the month of March for celebrating and dedication to 'peace through people' between Ataco, El Salvador and Fountain Hills," Dickey stated in the proclamation. "I thank God for bring-

ing us together and allowing me to visit Fountain Hills," Gomez said. "I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for Ataco."

"I love and respect this country like it was my own."

Fountain Hills and Ataco have been Sister Cities for 12 years. Former Mayor and Sister Cities chairman Sharon Morgan recalled visits and student exchanges, which she said were life-changing, emotional experiences for all of those involved.

During Gomez's visit he talked with educators and business people about what he could do with regard to education and economic development in his community.



Fountain Hills' Sister Cities Advisory Commission and town dignitaries welcomed Mayor Oscar Gomez of the town's Sister City Ataco, El Salvador last week. Mayor Ginny Dickey presented Gomez with a proclamation declaring March a month to celebrate the relationship between the two communities.

Coalition hosts community survey

The Fountain Hills Coalition wants to hear from the community concerning issues ranging from youth substance abuse to outreach, education and public perception. To that end, a "Community Views Survey" has been created boasting questions on a variety of topics. Coalition organizers invite everyone to take part in the survey, which should take about 10 minutes to complete.

According to Coalition Director Shelly Mowrey, the survey will greatly help the group enhance and expand its work to keep Fountain Hills "a wonderful place to raise healthy families."

The multiple choice survey may be taken on a computer or mobile device. Responses are anonymous and confidential. To take

part, visit surveymonkey.com/r/FountainHillsSurvey2019.

For more information about the Coalition, its activities and more, visit fhcoalition.org.



Sister Cities Commission Chair Carol Carroll presents Gomez with a photo of the Fountain for him to take back with him. The commission also presented Gomez with a check for a donation to education in Ataco. Several others attending also presented Gomez with personal checks to support the community.

Adopt a pet in the park

If you are looking for a furry companion, the annual Paws around the Fountain Pet Adopt-a-Thon may be a good place to look.

Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC911) returns to Fountain Hills Saturday, March 23, for the annual event.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fountain Park. There will be 65 rescue groups on site. Pets available for adoption are spayed or neutered and immunized.

Organizers say the Fountain Hills event is one of their favorites because of the beautiful location and the great March weather.

The event is sponsored by the Pet Market and PACC911. Visitors are invited to bring a pet food donation in exchange for a free raffle ticket. Visitors can enjoy the Lure Course, food vendors and adopter goodie bags for those who take home a pet that day.



Fountain Hills resident and Honorary Consul to El Salvador Enrique Melendez, left, welcomed Gomez for his visit to the community.



Councilman Mike Scharnow and his wife, Brenda, greet Gomez during the reception for him. The Scharnows have visited Ataco and El Salvador on several occasions with Sister Cities and independently to help the community.

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