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named after your sister city/ies; and the list goes on.

Your local celebration and support for national activities in 1991 will make this upcoming 35th anniversary, a tribute to Eisenhower's legacy with continued commitment to contribute to the growth and development of people exchanges and the establishment of long term sister city relationships.



Dwight D. Eisenhower is greeted by well wishers during the 10th anniversary Sister Cities conference in Washington, D.C., Sept. 12-14, 1966. Immediately behind Ike is Ambassador George V. Allen, first president of SCI. Behind him is Patrick Healy, executive director, National League of Cities.

"AMERICANS ARE PIONEERS....."

Stephen McGrath

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similar. All cities have their own Trojan horses - their gifts and uncertainties.

Gisborne, like Palm Desert, is a great place to live. Waves, mountains, bush and lakes combine with people (but not crowds) to produce a lifestyle unique to Gisborne. The mix of various ethnic groups such as Europeans, Pacific Islanders and Maoris (native New Zealanders) has born proud pioneering people.

My observation of Americans is the same. Although the bush frontier is near tamed, the knowledge frontier may never be fully understood. Americans are pioneers in learning to live, work and play together. American's ethnic diversity provides a holistic world view in every city, similar to New Zealand, but on a grander scale.

Richard Bach wrote in his book *Illusions* something to the effect that...we will always be learning. One day we will return to the place where we started learning, and it will all be new to us. Perhaps what he meant was that there are new problems we discover and older problems we rediscover again.

Gisborne, for example, has new problems: A changing world market is reducing demand for sheep products, Gisborne's prime income earner, and this has caused 20 percent unemployment. Other problems such as the battle for the land was rediscovered when a March 1988 flood hit Gisborne, causing \$100 million in damage.

Palm Desert, from my personal observation, has some new problems - rapid growth, for instance. The city, however, learns just as fast, and these problems appear to have some good solutions in the near future. An older problem rediscovered became apparent to me when visiting San Francisco and seeing the homeless. I believe that Americans will learn and solve this problem as well.

Traveling allows the sampling of many different experiences. Some of the best for me have been visiting San Diego, San Francisco and Las Vegas. I enjoyed seeing the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza in Mexico and especially joining the crowd at the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl.

Working with the city of Palm Desert and with its fire department has been very rewarding. I return to New Zealand in late February to finish my urban planning degree, but I plan to return to Palm Desert again in the future to revisit and enjoy my experience of the United States, the desert and its friendly people.

KELLOGG PROJECT INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO ALL U.S. MEMBER CITIES WITH MEXICAN AFFILIATIONS

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In all cases, the Mexican and U.S. sister cities will develop their ideas and plan and conduct their exchange together.

SCI will award mini-grants to Mexican-U.S. sister cities committees to assist in implementing the exchanges. Project information will be sent to U.S. member cities with Mexican sister cities before the end of September.

"This is a significant addition to the growing opportunities offered our membership through challenge grants," said Richard G. Neuheisel, president of SCI. "Often our sights are set on horizons across the seas, but this grant is a vital step in building stronger ties with our close neighbor, Mexico. SCI is grateful to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for its vision and commitment to the development of working partnerships between Mexican and American youth," he added.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 to help people help themselves. It has distributed more than \$1.2 billion in support of programs in agriculture, education and health. Areas of emphasis within those broad fields include community-based, problem focused health services; a wholesome food supply and broadening leadership capacity of individuals. Projects in opportunities for youth are concentrated mainly in Michigan. Today the foundation is among the largest private philanthropic organizations in the world. It supports programs in the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, and southern Africa. Limited worldwide involvement is achieved through international networks of activities related to the foundation's programming interests.