burg, Germany and Skopje, Yugoslavia return prepared to speak to local service clubs and school assemblies, *"thus creating support for community awareness of Tempe's sister cities program."* Annually, Tempe hosts exchange visitors from its two sister cities and youth are actively involved in hosting and planning events to acclimate exchange visitors to Tempe. Looking to serve the elderly and the handicapped, the Tempe Youth Group also painted the "T" on Tempe's major community landmark, T-Butte, which is now quite visible. Goitia observed, *"Tempe, like many medium-size U.S. cities, faces current urban problems. But with youth who care about their community as well as about their neighbors in other lands, the problems can and will be solved. In doing this, our city steps closer to a better understanding of its own people and the people of the world and provides knowledgeable leaders for tomorrow."*

Baton Rouge, Louisiana's Barbara Elliott and Kathy Hogan took their *VTYLD training and launched the Baton Rouge Sister Cities Youth Group with two orientation sessions. After highlighting their sister cities at Louisiana State University's EXPO '80, the group is now preparing display cases on each of its three sister cities, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Ciudad Obregon, Mexico and Taichung, Taiwan, which will circulate through the community's libraries, banks, schools and public facilities. Hogan said, *"The young people in our youth group are very ambitious and excited about the opportunity to belong to our organization. Some of the ideas are great . . . we just need time to do them. Our main goal is to achieve a public awareness of the sister cities program in Baton Rouge."* With a return to LSU's EXPO '81 and participation in the Baton Rouge Arts Festival as hallmarks, the goal is beginning to come true. Additionally, Hogan, as a member of the NYP assembly and Elliott, the Louisiana State Rep, bring the SCI national activities into local perspective.

Todd Colvard of Tampa, Florida grounded his regional oratory contest remarks, "SERVICE—RENT FOR LIVING IN A COMMUNITY," on his sister cities experience stating, *"I am committed to citizen diplomacy, promoting friendly relations among citizens of different countries."* He noted that the City of Tampa donated two ambulances to a cancer clinic in its sister city, Baranquilla, Colombia. In appreciation, Baranquilla named one of its main streets "Tampa Boulevard." Colvard's participation in *VTYLD and the sister cities program has led him to speak on behalf of youth leadership in the program to his membership in the NYP assembly. He felt that his experience contributed to his recent election as president of his school's student body. He reflected, *"I have learned that people are pretty much cut from the same mold no matter where they come from or the language they speak. If I were to sum up the entire sister cities program, I could do it in one word—communication."*

The vignettes presented here are only a few samples of an ever-widening picture of young people's participation in the SCI NYP and the sister cities programs in their own communities. Richard Donohue, first NYP chairman in 1976, looks to the future "history" of youth participation: *"The youth program of the future will be more than penpal and youth exchanges; it will be a vital contribution to the concept of international understanding. The future is an open chapter in the life of our maturing program. The pen is in our hand and the pages are blank. We are the National Youth Program. In six years from now, what will we write as we look to the past and reminisce? We are the leaders of tomorrow and tomorrow begins today."*

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