

Chandler-Tullamore Sister Cities

Representing the Sister Cities of Chandler, Arizona & Tullamore, Ireland

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2011 Annual Report - Chandler-Tullamore Sister Cities (CTSC)

- Feb. 2011 - Two representatives from Atlantic Corridor and Tony McCormick, Chamber President and Chair of Tullamore Sister Cities Committee, visited Chandler for five days. Meetings were held with City officials, and then several economic development tours were scheduled, specific to their business interests. The group attended several informal receptions, and a trip to scenic Sedona was made with committee members. The Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix hosted a Sunday brunch and a Board meeting was held to discuss plans for 2011-2012 activities.
- May 2011 - A skype session was held between Seton Catholic High School, Chandler, and Sacred Heart School, Tullamore. Principals and faculty from both schools were present, plus City officials and Board members from each city. The purpose was to introduce the principle players in the Education Program, with discussions ranging from ePals, curricula exchanges, and a future Student Ambassador program. A major outcome from this session was the planning of a collaborative cookbook, with recipes from Chandler and Tullamore. The students from both schools collected recipes, designed the book, and created a marketing program. The book was produced in November.
- Sept. 2011 - The CTSC held its 2nd Annual September Concert on September 10, 2011. A pre-Concert dinner was held at the Concert venue, the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort in Chandler. Approximately 65 guests dined and enjoyed a pre-dinner entertainment. Information tables for various Irish events, entertainers' flyers, and raffle baskets were located in the Lobby. The event netted approx. \$1,300.
- Oct. 2011 - Paul McGowen, Tullamore native and Chandler resident, visited Tullamore. McGowen's Chandler Mixed Martial Arts, is a Corporate Business Sponsor of CTSC, and he travels to Tullamore periodically to teach martial arts. Now he is also promoting our Sister Cities association with family, friends and business contacts in Tullamore.
- Oct. 2011 - Leah Powell, Chandler's Community Services and Diversity Manager, was the guest of the City of Tullamore and was welcomed by Mayor Sinead Dooley. Leah visited several local schools to provide insight into best practices in a range of education issues from Arizona and to build links with local government and business agencies. The Tullamore committee hosted a "Meet Chandler" evening with over 100 local residents attending an information evening.
- Oct. 2011 - Thomas Bracken, Tullamore native, Chandler resident and Irish Dance School owner, visited his home and met with Attracta Brady, renowned Tullamore musician. There will be a collaborative CD produced with sounds of the Bracken School of Irish Dance Chandler students' hard shoes and original scored sessions by Ms. Brady, mixed with local vocalists and instrumentalists from both cities. The CD will be offered in the third quarter of 2012.
- Nov. 2011 - Derek Neighbors of Gangplank Chandler, a technology incubator based in Chandler, held a technology workshop in Tullamore, facilitated by Atlantic Corridor. Several entrepreneurs attended the workshop, with the outcome of establishing a "Gangplank Tullamore" in the near future.
- Nov. 2011 - CTSC held its first annual Southwest Irish Tea, with a capacity crowd of 60 guests, including several from Tullamore.
- Nov. 2011 - CTSC had a table at the Downtown Chandler Block Party; 2 new memberships were sold and 32 new email addresses were submitted by those interested in the Chandler-Tullamore association, including several families who have transferred from Ireland as Intel employees.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHANDLER, ARIZONA - TULLAMORE, IRELAND SISTER CITIES MISSION STATEMENT

To cultivate and maintain a strong reciprocal relationship between the cities of Chandler, Arizona and Tullamore, Ireland to encourage: Cultural Understanding, Community Involvement and Economic Development.