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**Chandler-Tullamore Sister Cities**

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### **SOUTHWEST TEA WITH AN IRISH FLAIR!**

Think – Scones and Soda Bread with Jalapeno Jelly! Chandler-Tullamore Sister Cities' Sixth Annual Southwest Tea will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 11am-1pm, with Registration at 10:30am. This fun event will be held in the Cotton Room of Chandler's Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 745 East Germann Road, Chandler 85225. Lots of energy has gone into the planning and preparation for this event. We'll have live entertainment – bagpiping entrance, scrumptious tea menu, great baskets, and more! Our Chef will be Maureen Sullivan – who will prepare a tea menu for all tastes. Over 18 Table Hosts are “decorating” the lunch tables with their individual themes and creative imagination, plus baking our desserts. Background music will be provided by Hana Halverson, harpist.

Our Guest Speaker is Jan Whalen, President of Whalen Voices, an award-winning author, speaker and coach who honors the female voice. She will speak on “You Are the Perfect Age,” from her new book of the same name. An excerpt from her book states, “Days turn into decades and I see before me a kaleidoscope of experiences and lessons and people and yes, even wisdom.” Jan and her husband Ross love to travel, and Ireland, where her ancestors lived, is a favorite place. The incredible beauty and charm of the Irish people inspire us to reflect upon ourselves, and our Perfect Age, the theme of Jan's message. Jan has been recently selected as one of two women honored at the “Celebrate Arizona Women” event hosted by Southwest Airlines.

In addition to celebrating with a diverse group of local entertainers, this occasion will showcase the CTSC's current and future projects — our very successful “Commonality” Postcard project with Tullamore, hosting the International Exhibit of Sister Cities International's 2017 Art & Author Showcase, participation in the 2018 SCI's YAAS program, a proposed Spring 2018 Wine & Design evening, sales of our “Desert Fare” Cookbook - a collaboration between Chandler and Tullamore high school students, and other upcoming events. We will also be sharing information on our planned guided trip to Ireland in June 2018.

Reservations for the Southwest Tea are necessary; to purchase tickets online, please visit our website, [www.chandlerirish.org](http://www.chandlerirish.org). General admission is \$18 for Adults and \$10 for 11 years and under; walk-ins will be space-available only at \$25 per person. Doors open at 10:30am for Registration, purchasing basket tickets – we want to begin the meal and program promptly at 11:00am.

CTSC was created to join Chandler and Tullamore, Ireland as Sister Cities through Sister Cities International. Their mission is to “cultivate and maintain a strong reciprocal relationship between Chandler and Tullamore to encourage cultural understanding, community involvement, economic development, and educational exchanges.” CTSC offers a variety of membership gatherings, informational meetings and other benefits throughout the year.

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