**Benefits Of Being A Member of The SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION OF KENOSHA**

We invite you to become a member of Sister Cities Association of Kenosha and take advantage of these benefits in order to enrich your life and the lives of those you will meet as an Association member.

- Stay with a Sister City’s family in their home
- Host our Sister Cities’ guests in your home
- Enjoy sightseeing excursions in faraway lands
- Build business contacts in Europe and Asia
- Savor culinary and art tours
- Correspond with new friends in Europe and Asia
- Learn a new language and customs
- Experience foods, architecture, clothing, business, sports, education of our Sister City locations
- Help to establish relationships with new Sister Cities
- Enhance our program through your participation

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Business owners, please call 262-653-4000 for information on a business membership to our Association.

**COMMITTEES**

Select three committees on which you’d like to serve.

The Association will make every effort to accommodate your request. It reserves the right to make assignments in the best interest of the program.

- Douai, France
- Wolfenbüttel, Germany
- Cosenza, Italy
- Quezon City, Philippines
- Trade & Commerce/Professional & Technical

Do you speak or understand a language that’s native to any of our Sister Cities? If so, please list the language and degree of fluency.

Please make your check payable to **Sister Cities Association of Kenosha**. Send this form with payment to:

City of Kenosha  
Sister Cities Association  
625 52nd Street  
Kenosha, WI 53140

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Dwight D. Eisenhower

“During a time of worldwide political and military tensions known as the Cold War, President Eisenhower reasoned that a path to peace could be created by building bonds between people of different cultures. In September of that year, he launched the People-To-People Program, a forerunner to today’s nonprofit organization, Sister Cities International.

Sister Cities International brings citizens, local officials, and business leaders from U.S. cities together with people from foreign lands for the purpose of forging fellowship, respect and a celebration of each other’s differences.

The City of Kenosha, along with its citizens, businesses and organizations, has been enriched through its participation in this program. Lifelong friendships have been created, as well as deep respect for the heritage and culture of its Sister Cities in France, Germany, Italy and the Philippines.

The City established the Sister Cities Association of Kenosha to strengthen our community’s relationships with our affiliated cities through travel, hosting of our Sister City guests and correspondence with them.”
Kenosha and Wolfenbüttel, Germany forged a bond as Sister Cities in 1970. Since that time, residents of both cities have crossed the Atlantic many times to enjoy each other's company and culture.

Wolfenbüttel lies in the northern part of Germany, between Harz and Heide in the heart of the German state of Niedersachsen. It is well-known for its herbal liquor, Jägermeister, its picturesque timbered buildings, and for housing one of the best collections of European historical writings at its Herzog-August Bibliothek (Library).

Douai, France lies along the River Scarpe in the French Flanders, not far from the Belgian border. The City of Kenosha and Douai became Sister Cities in 1981.

Douai boasts the largest belfry in Europe and the famous Douai translation of the Bible was produced there.

Each July, the City hosts a centuries old festival where huge human effigies, called "Gayants," are carried through the main streets. The tallest one measures about 25 feet and requires many men to move it.

Once known as the Athens of Italy, Cosenza is one of the most ancient cities of the Calabria region in the southern part of the country, where the Crati and Buesento rivers meet. Like these waterways, the City of Kenosha and Cosenza have come together, beginning in 1979, in goodwill and understanding between our citizens and government.

Cosenza is a town of stunning beauty, particularly in its old city, which features splendid manor houses, narrow pathways and medieval churches housing valuable art.

Its modern area features an open-air museum with sculptures by Salvador Dali, Emilio Greco and others.

Northeast of Manila lies the most populous and richest city in the Philippines, Quezon City, named for its founder, President Manuel L. Quezon. World Bank has called its Central Business District, the "center of gravity of all commercial activities in the coming years." It is also well known for its entertainment district and its information technology.

In 1986, Kenosha Mayor John Bilotti and Quezon City Mayor Adelina Rodriguez forged a Sister City relationship between these two cities.

Quezon City contains the main campuses of the University of the Philippines and Ateneo de Manila University.

The Quezon Memorial Circle is the central park of the city, welcoming 8-12,000 people per day. It is a popular venue for cyclists in the Tour of Fireflies, an environmental advocacy event.