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- Oui!* I want to join Sister Cities Association of Palatine.
- Non*, I prefer not to join now, but would like to be invited to your next social event.

I heard about Sister Cities from:

Annual Dues:

___ Individual \$15 ___ Family \$25

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I am interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art and artisans | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French cuisine | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
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Your contribution is tax-deductible under IRS code 501(c)(3) and may be eligible for a company match through corporate programs.

When you join, you will begin receiving e-mails with information on upcoming activities.

Sister Cities International

After World War II, President Eisenhower envisioned a grassroots movement toward world peace. That non-profit, private citizen diplomacy network became Sister Cities International. 2,500 communities in 137 countries worldwide now partner with foreign sister cities.

Mission: Promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, & cooperation - one individual, one community at a time.



Sister Cities Association of Palatine, established in 1990, began its friendship with Fontenay-le-Comte in 1995. This picturesque community lies just a short drive from the Atlantic port of La Rochelle, southwest of Paris between the Loire Valley and the Bordeaux wine region. Fontenay offers urban, rural, and forested settings, as well as the scenic pleasures of coastal and inland waterways. Specific sights include:

- ◆ 11th century Maillezais Abbey
- ◆ boat rides in Vendée region's "Green Venice"
- ◆ Le Puy Du Fou medieval historical park with sound and light spectacle
- ◆ Île de Ré

We actively pursue the Sister Cities mission on local, state, national, and international levels.



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Promoting understanding through cultural exchange

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The Vendée River in Fontenay-le-Comte, France

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Welcome! *Bienvenue!*

We warmly invite you to join us as we learn about French culture and enjoy friendships with residents of Fontenay-le-Comte, France. Here's a sampling of the adventures that await you as a member of our Sister Cities Association of Palatine:



- ◆ *Staying with a family in Fontenay*
- ◆ *Hosting French visitors in your home*
- ◆ *Local sightseeing excursions with French visitors*
- ◆ *Student pen pals and art exchanges*
- ◆ *Business contacts in Europe*
- ◆ *Culinary and art tours to France*



*The "Fontaine des Quatre Tias" (1542)
Fontenay-le-Comte's Renaissance-era motto is
"Fountain and source of noble minds."*

Please join us for:

- ◆ *Monthly French social events*
- ◆ *French cooking demonstrations*
- ◆ *Wine tastings*
- ◆ *Palatine French Farmers' Market*
- ◆ *Bastille Day and holiday dinners in local French bistros*
- ◆ *French lessons, group or private*
- ◆ *Art exhibits*



Sister City fountain at Palatine Train Station

Our accomplishments include:

- ◆ *2010, 2003 Illinois Sister City of the Year*
- ◆ *2010 Celebrated our 15th anniversary*
- ◆ *2008 Hosted Regional SC Conference*
- ◆ *2008 Members trip to Québec's 400th Anniversary Celebration*
- ◆ *Annual exchanges: students, horticulture, international trade, education, visual arts, music*
- ◆ *2001 Sister Cities International's Innovation Award for Art and Culture (for our 2000 quilt show and exchange)*



Participants in our 2004 Culinary Tour visited vineyards in the celebrated Bordeaux region, markets, and a brioche bakery. They also learned to cook typical French dishes. French chefs guided them in preparing typical French cuisine.

Please join us!

