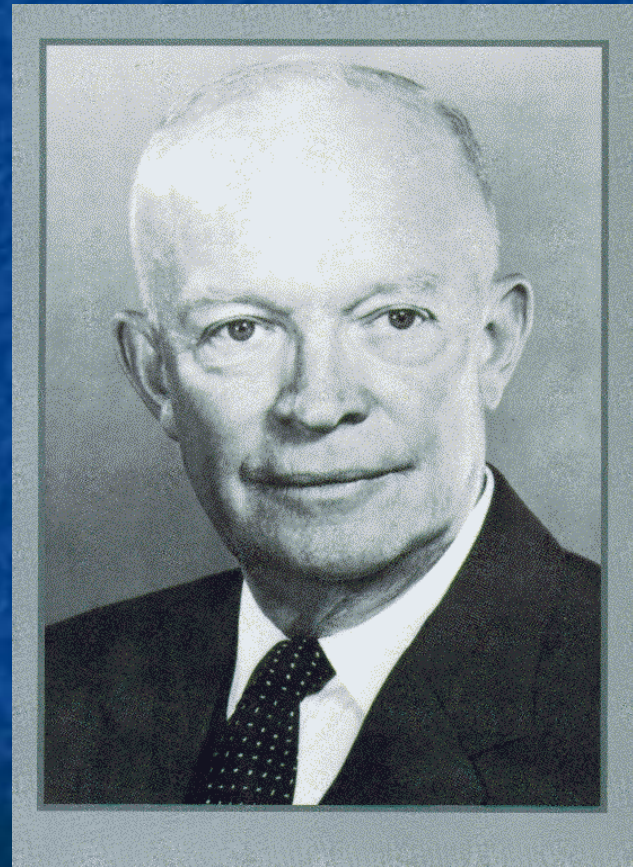


# President Eisenhower

**Two deeply held convictions  
unite us in common purpose:**

- **First is our belief in effective, responsive local government as a principal bulwark of freedom.**
- **Second is our faith in the great promise of sister city affiliations in helping build the solid structure of world peace.**



# SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL



A GLOBAL CITIZEN  
DIPLOMACY NETWORK

**Coordinates relationships for  
500 U.S. cities  
and 1,900 sister cities  
in 136 countries  
on six continents**

# SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL



- **Assists cities in every phase of the twinning process by providing guidance, support, programs and exchanges.**
- **Participates in the Library of Congress' Open World Program, which has sent 15 delegations to Gainesville since 2002**

# GAINESVILLE'S SISTER CITIES

- **Deir Alla, Jordan**
- **Duhok, Iraq**
- **Jacmel, Haiti**
- **Kfar Saba, Israel, and  
Qalqilya, Palestine  
(trilateral)**
- **Manizales, Columbia**
- **Matagalpa, Nicaragua**
- **Mejdlaya, Lebanon**
- **Novorossiisk, Russia**

# SISTER CITY PROGRAM OF GAINESVILLE, INC.



- [www.gnvsistercities.org](http://www.gnvsistercities.org)
- Created in 1997
- Not for Profit organization
- IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt
- Coordinates sister city programs for the City of Gainesville
- All volunteer -- no paid staff
- No funding from the city

# DUHOK, IRAQ



- **Founded in 2006 by resolution of the Gainesville City Commission**
- **Hosted 25 young Iraqi leaders in Gainesville in 2008 (through Sister Cities International)**

# Novorossiisk, Russia



- **Founded in 1982**
- **More than 25 delegations exchanged**
- **Gainesville mayors who have led delegations:**
  - **Court Collier**
  - **Jean Chalmers**
  - **Cynthia Chestnut**
  - **Jim Painter**
  - **Mac McEachern**
  - **David Coffey**
  - **Bruce Delaney**
  - **Tom McKnew**

# Novorossiisk, Russia

## Highlights



- **Public Television documentary of the Cross Creek Cloggers and Bucksnot Barndance Band five-city Soviet tour**
- **UF School of Theatre and Dance performances in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Novorossiisk**
- **Novorossiisk Chamber Orchestra performances in Gainesville**
- **Children's Art exchange with Alachua County Schools**



# Matagalpa, Nicaragua



- **Founded in 1988**
- **First delegation to Matagalpa led by Robert Hutchinson, Paul Doughty, Dr. Jape Taylor and Matthew Kalishman**
- **Dr. Taylor returned with medical students and supplies**
- **Water treatment plant built with discarded GRU equipment provided potable water to Matagalpa**
- ***Casa Materna "Mary Ann Jackman"* clinic and obstetric center has helped over 14,000 poor rural women deliver healthy babies.**

# Kfar Saba, Israel Qalqilya, PNA



- **Unique three-way relationship founded in 1998 by resolution of the Gainesville City Commission**
- **First delegation to Kfar Saba and Qalqilya led by Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan in 1998**
- **Three delegations from Kfar Saba and Qalqilya have visited Gainesville**