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The Mountains Are Calling — Let's Begin Our Fifth Year Together

There's something powerful about gathering before an adventure begins.

On Wednesday, March 11, Sedona Sister Cities Association launches its fifth year with our **Mountain High Mixer**, held from 4:30–6:00 PM in the Sedona Performing Arts Center Lobby in partnership with the Sedona International Film Festival and the world-renowned Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival.

This complimentary member event is more than a social hour. It's a celebration of the friendships we've built, the global connections we continue to nurture, and the exciting year ahead with our sister cities in Canmore and Jaso. Enjoy delicious appetizers, reconnect with fellow citizen diplomats, and meet Banff "Road Warrior" Jamie Carpenter before the evening's breathtaking films transport us around the world.

Discounted tickets will be available for the 7:00 PM screening — because the journey doesn't end at 6:00.

Five years ago, we set out to build bridges across borders. Today, we begin another year of discovery, friendship, and shared adventure.

Reserve your place at sedonasistercities.org/mountain-high-mixer — and let's start the climb together.

From Sedona to the Amalfi Coast: Sister City Proposal Invites Public Input

The Sedona Sister Cities Association (SSCA) is exploring the possibility of establishing a new Sister City relationship with a community along Italy's Amalfi Coast and is inviting residents to share their interest.

Dave and Judi Palmisano met with Antonio Fiorentino of Sorrento, Italy, to discuss a potential Sedona Sister City partnership along the Amalfi Coast



SSCA is currently considering three Amalfi Coast communities: Capri, Positano, and Ravello — each known for strong cultural traditions and international arts connections.

Community feedback will help determine whether SSCA proceeds with formal outreach toward an Italian Sister City partnership. Residents may share their interest at sedonasistercities.org, or by scanning a QR code available at SSCA events and through email outreach.

Citizen Diplomacy Takes Center Stage at Sedona's International Film Festival

The 32nd Annual Sedona International Film Festival became a celebration of international friendship and citizen diplomacy as the Sedona Sister Cities Association (SSCA) honored President Dwight D. Eisenhower's historic launch of the People-to-People Sister Cities movement 70 years ago. SSCA proudly co-sponsored the stage presentation "*Eisenhower: This Piece of Ground*," recognizing the vision that continues to connect communities around the world — including Sedona's partnerships with Canmore, Canada, and Jaslo, Poland.

SSCA volunteers Donna, Nancy, Jeanne, and Carol warmly welcomed theater guests, introducing many attendees to Sister Cities for the first time. Volunteers shared membership information and distributed special interest cards inviting the community to help shape Sedona's future global connections by indicating interest in a potential Sister City relationship along Italy's Amalfi Coast. The strong response underscored Sedona's enthusiasm for expanding people-to-people exchanges.

Festival week also marked the third consecutive year SSCA has hosted Sister City friends during the Film Festival. Don and members of the Canmore Committee welcomed visiting partners Lindsay Jentzel and Mark Ens, active members of the Canmore/Sedona Sister City Committee. Their visit reflected the enduring friendships and cultural connections that continue to grow through shared experiences in the arts — a hallmark of Sedona's international outreach.



Canmore/Sedona Sister City Board Members
Mark Ens and Lindsay Jentzel



The Sedona/Jaslo Committee met on February 13 to coordinate 2026 projects including a May Member Polish Film event and September's Second annual Polish Picnic.

Thanks to the Community Library Sedona, the Committee will be able to meet in the main Library's Quiet Room every other month at 3:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on April 10...all are welcome.