



AUSTIN - LIMA
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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Austin-Lima Sister Cities (ALSC) is a member of the main organization Austin Sister Cities International. Our organization strengthens the relations between Austin and Lima through shared activities to raise awareness of Lima, Perú and Peruvian culture in Austin.

Founded in November 1981, during the term of Mayor Carol Keeton McClellan, Austin-Lima Sister Cities was established for the purpose of interchanging cultural, historical and peaceful thoughts, concepts and beliefs.

Our mission is to foster cultural, educational, entrepreneurial and humanitarian exchange between Austin and Lima.

As a non-profit, ALSC ensures that the people who join the committee are willing to put in the effort and work that it takes to make our organization successful. It is the committee's responsibility to create and constantly review a statement of mission and purpose that articulates the organization's goals, means, and primary constituents served.

The Committee ensures that all members have the moral and professional support they need to further the goals of the organization and enhance the organization's public standing.

Kind regards,

Fernando Nieri

President



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1. List Committee Members (*list offices first and indicate office*) with County of Residence and Contact Information.

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The members of the Austin-Lima Sister Cities committee have regular meetings to discuss the organization activities, plans, and upcoming events. During 2019, these meetings were held every other month.

2. List Committee meetings with the minutes of one meeting attached.

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE
02/07/2020	Virtual Meeting	Full Committee
08/14/2020	Virtual Meeting	Full Committee

**Minutes enclosed*



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MINUTES FOR OUR MEETING, AUGUST 14, 2020

Location:

Virtual Conference Call

Agenda

1. Review City of Austin website about Lima Sister Cities – All GOOD. (<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/lima-peru>)
2. Review information in ASCI website – ALL Good. (<https://www.austinsistercities.com/lima-peru>)
3. Virtual Passport to the World: The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee were assigned to put together the video for the virtual event. Our Engagement representative assisted with e-hosting and presenting all the activities included in the video. \\
4. Our Secretary helped put together and create ALSC's Activity Proposal for the virtual event.
5. Our Committee reviewed the Sponsorship Request Form submitted by Lynne Brotman from The Austin School of Fiber Arts (ASOFA) to sponsor a weaving/tapestry class during September 2021 with Peruvian artist Maximo Laura
6. Reached out to Peruvian Consulate to see if we could assist with any COVID related work.

3. | List of 2020 Activities with date, location, and number of participants from Austin and the Sister City.

2020 was definitely a hard year not only for the Austin-Lima Committee but also for the entire world. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us, including all the projects, activities and sponsorships that we had planned for 2020.

a. Humanitarian Assistance

During 2020, we helped the office of the Peruvian Consulate in Houston with assistance with some Peruvian citizens who got stranded in the US due to flights cancellations and airport closures. We found medical resources that were able to procure much needed medication to our compatriots who were running out of their medication due to their unforeseen extended stay in the country.

b. Passport To The World (Virtual)

The Austin-Lima Sister Cities committee was honored to participate in ASCI's Fifth Annual Fall Virtual Event: Passport To The World.

Austin-Lima Sister Cities invited all its followers to participate in the first Virtual Passport To The World event. For this virtual event, our Committee put together a video about our city of Lima in which people were able to learn about the history, culture and traditions of the different sister cities and especially Lima. The following were the activities included in our video:

LIMA Intro Video

PromPerú, the agency of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism Specialized Technical Agency, has provided a video that showcases popular sites and sounds of the city of Lima.

Cooking Demo Video

Chef: Mr. Julio-César Florez

Birú Cocina Peruana

Dish: Causa Limeña



During this cooking demo, local Peruvian Chef Julio-César Florez demonstrated how to prepare the popular Causa Limeña. This cold appetizer is one of our most popular dishes. It's made with mashed yellow potato and Peruvian yellow chili peppers. It's constructed by layering the potatoes and tuna or chicken salad and assorted veggies. It's a delicious showstopper.

Dance Demo Video

Artist: Ms. Miriam Kerslake

Danza Perú ATX

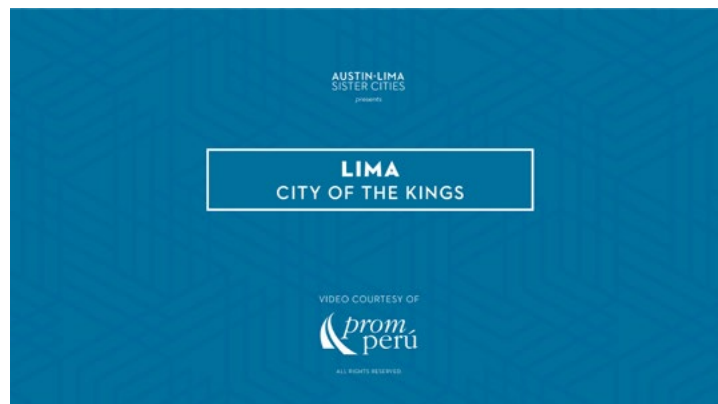
Dance(s): Marinera Limeña



During this dance demo, local dancer Miriam Kerslake taught some basic steps of the Marinera Limeña, a traditional Peruvian dance. This coastal dance of Perú and is a graceful and romantic couple's dance that uses handkerchiefs as props. The dance is an elegant and stylized reenactment of a courtship, and it shows a blend of the different cultures of Perú. The dance itself has gained a lot of recognition and is one of the most popular traditional dances of Perú.

Danza Perú ATX promotes love and appreciation for Peruvian Dances and Traditions; reaching out to the community and neighboring cities through the beauty of dance.

Please click [here](#) or on the video thumbnail below to watch the video. Lima starts at 4min 19sec.





4. | [List of Proposed Activities in 2021.](#)

The Austin-Lima Sister Cities committee is in the process of creating its strategic plan for 2021. Our committee is planning the following activities:

TAPESTRY CLASS SPONSORSHIP

Austin-Lima Sister Cities together with The Austin School of Fiber Arts (ASOFA), a startup operation in the process of registering as a 501c non-profit organization, will join forces to sponsor a weaving/tapestry class during September 2021. The class will be taught by Maximo Laura, a prestigious artist from Lima/Cusco. Mr. Laura has agreed to teach a 5-day workshop at ASOFA's studio in East Austin.

Mr. Laura's work has earned many awards, including "National Living Human Treasure" of Peru, "Manos de Oro" (Golden Hands) of Peru, "National Amauta of Peruvian Craft", "Master of Iberoamerican Craft" and the UNESCO Prize for Latin America.

5. Fundraising Activities: List events and amounts raised.

The Austin-Lima Sister Cities Committee did not have any fundraising-related activities for 2020 due to the pandemic. Our committee hopes that during 2021 fundraising activities and planning will resume.

6. Economic Impact of Activities.

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	ATTENDEES	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL					N/A

