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THE 2006 HOUS WARING STUDENT AMBASSADOR IS LUCY HOLTSNIDER

Lucy, a junior at Heritage High School, is the 2006 Hous Waring Student Ambassador. Lucy will be accompanied by 22 other 2006 Littleton Delegates when she departs for Australia and Bega on March 14th. In this years competition, Lucy was joined by six other Littleton School District juniors and seniors who competed for the award and an all expense paid trip to Australia and Bega, NSW, Littleton's Sister City.

Emily Ellermann (Littleton HS) is the First Alternate and received a \$200 US Treasury Bond. Also competing were Alex Chandler, L. B. Ek, Nate Pendleton, Jackie Phipps and Andrea Routzon – all from Heritage High School. B/LSCE thanks the strong marketing effort by **Anne McMullen** (Brienne McMullen's Mom - 2001 Student Ambassador) and Heritage High School counselors and administration for their interest in and support of our program.

OTHER STUDENT AMBASSADOR NEWS - Just a short ten years ago, our first Hous Waring Student Ambassador* went to Bega – **Andrew Arell** (1996 Student Ambassador from Arapahoe High School). What changes take place in a decade! Read on from happy Grandparents, Dana and Paul Arell - "*Please let the Bega Group know that Andrew and Erika's baby arrived November 12th at 4:25 am. Asher Arell weighed in at 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Erika, Andrew and baby Asher are all doing well. Paul and I drove to Salida on Saturday and were able to hold Asher when he was 8 hours old. We are thrilled!*" *For those of you who may not know, it was **Ken Coddington**, then Vice President of B/LSCE, whose vision and energy began the Student Ambassador Program. Including Lucy, five high school students (Littleton - 3, Bega - 2) have experienced the dream of **Hous Waring** and **Curly Annabel** – an expanded world view and fostering a "*lasting friendship*" between the two communities.

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2006 B/LSCE ACTIVITIES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS – (Delegate dates on next page)

Thursday, January 26 – AUSTRALIA DAY - 10:30 AM in Bega Park for flag(s) raising and a hearty round of "Australia Fair" and the "The Star Spangled Banner", then on to Jose's Restaurant (by 11:30) for lunch and to visit.

Sunday, April 23 or 30 (to be determined; will let you know) - ANZAC DAY PICNIC – 11 AM to 4 PM, at Sterne Park, Bemis Street and Sheppard Avenue. Lots of Aussies and Kiwis with their barbies. Bring something to BBQ. Mark O'Regan, Honorary Australian Counsel, will let us know the exact date.

Sunday, May 7 – ANNUAL MEETING – 2 PM, Jose's Restaurant, 2420 Main Street. Election of Officers, yearly business and a sharing of news (and maybe a few pictures) from the returned 2006 delegates.

Saturday, June 10 – PICNIC AND AUCTION - 4 PM, at the Neckers, 12815 Horizon Trail, Castle Rock, 80108 for more 2006 delegate sharing (and pictures). Most important, we begin our fund raising for the Bega Delegation visit in August 2008 with an auction. Please bring a dish (A – N for salads and O – Z for desserts). Bring a bottle of wine or some beer if you would like. Of course we need your things to auction and your pocket book for fund raising! RSVP to David & Anne (303) 721-1555, after 4/23.

Saturday, August 19 – Western Welcome Week Parade – 9:30 AM, meet at Pat Kenning's home, 1153 W. Sheppard Avenue. Wear your Bega shirts, khaki shorts or pants, comfortable shoes and a hat.

Saturday, September 10 – 4th Progressive Dinner – 5 PM, mark the date, more information later from Jan.

AUSSIE VISITORS TO LITTLETON IN 2005

The **McDonalds** in August – many times Littleton visitors and world travelers, **Phil** (Past President of the Bega Sister City Group) and wife **Loretta** for a two day stay that turned into three days due to the British Airways strike. They were on their way around the world – again! Oh to travel like an Australian. Hosts were the Smiths and Dugdales.

Sherryn Phelan, winner of the 2003 Bega Rural Youth Travel Foundation Award, for two weeks in Littleton during September and attended our Progressive Dinner. Hosts were the Brosseaus, Neckers, Lawrences and Carol Warner.

Janice Biggin, Director of the Bega Shire Library, in November for a Library Conference in Denver and Library Science research in the USA. Hosts were Margery Smith (Director of Bemis Library) and the Wagenbachs.

Thank you to the many hosts who opened their homes to our Bega friends this year. Having an Aussie in your home is the next best thing to being there!

RENEWED YOUR 2005 MEMBERSHIP ? (Period is from May 2005 to April 2006)

Its still not too late to send your membership renewal to Cliff Johnson, Treasurer, 7219 S. Sundown Circle, Littleton, CO 80120. Membership is \$10/person or \$20/family and good through April 2006. If our records do not indicate that you have renewed your membership, there is a note attached to this Newsletter. We need your interest and support.

WHAT'S IT LIKE IN BEGA DURING THE HOLIDAYS? **HOT or Cold**

Barry Chambers explains in a Happy New Year e-mail to the Neckers, Dugdales and Johannissons –

“New Years Day is going to be pretty hot and we are expecting the temp to go over the 40c(104F) and Sydney can expect 43c (109F), so Barb and I and our two faithful mutts (dogs) intend closing the curtains grabbing a good book and riding it out until this afternoon when a cool change is forecast”.

What a difference 8,000+ miles and a hemisphere make. My guess is that most of our Bega friends would have enjoyed the Holiday Season here in Denver (golf and walking weather) or the mountains for skiing! Imagine Santa in his swimmers!

GOING, GOING BUT NOT YET GONE – The 2006 Delegation to Bega

This is the 10th Littleton Delegation to Bega. We leave on Tuesday, March 14th for Brisbane and Surfer's Paradise' warm and sandy beaches for 2 plus days (*snow storm predicted in Denver just after we leave – for sure!*), then on to Sydney for 2 plus days, Canberra (the National Capital) for a day and night and arrive in Bega on Thursday afternoon, March 23 for 10 great days in our Sister City. The Official Visit is over on Sunday, April 2nd. Some of the delegates will be home on April 3rd and others will continue their travels. Toni Lang is the sole delegation “around the worlder”, expected back home in late June – a total of 98 days. Along with Lucy Holtsnider, 2006 Student Ambassador will be:

David & Anne Necker	Toni Lang	Dick & Anne Dugdale	Eric & Jean Johannisson
John & Jan Brosseau	Dwight & Elfi Smith	Ralph & Debbie Lawrence	Bill & Rebecca Kast
Norm & Jan Sothan	Cheryl Houser	Paul Douglas & Louisa Young	Gunnar & Mary Recht

Delegate dates to remember and mark on your calendars

Thursday, January 26 – AUSTRALIA DAY – 7 PM, Littleton City Center, 2255 W. Berry Avenue, in the Community Room, First Floor (next to the Council Chambers). We'll get more details from Elfi Smith on the trip, meet Student Ambassador Lucy Holtsnider and parents, Bill and Polly, and see a preview of the presentation she'll give in Bega. I'll send an e-mail a few days before our meeting with agenda items and things to think about. We will also have a language class for those unaccustomed to speaking Australian.

One more get together? We'll decide at the 26th meeting if there should be a get together the end of February or early March. Nine weeks and counting down! The profiles have been sent to Bega. The Delegation shirts are on order.

ONE MORE THING - Thank you to **John Brosseau**, **Debbie Lawrence** and **Eric Johannisson** for being on the Student Ambassador judging panel. And a special thank you to **Jan Brosseau** for organizing the presentation day.

OUR CHALLENGE AHEAD FOR 2006 & 2007

 Two things to consider this year:

1) **increasing membership and interest** - our membership seems to slip following a “delegation year”, and 2) **fund raising** - begin fund raising for the August 2008 arrival of the Bega Delegation (a \$4,000 to \$5,000 expense) and the 2011 Student Ambassador Program (+\$4,000 expense). We need your interest and energy to introduce friends and acquaintances in the unique experiences of our sister city relationship with Bega, New South Wales, Australia.