

Making New Friends

Read this passage. Then use it to answer the Reading Comprehension questions.

In 1956 President Eisenhower started a program called People to People International. President Eisenhower wanted people in American cities to become friends with people in cities all over the world.

An organization called Sister Cities International formed in 1967. The goals of this group were similar to the People to People International program. The city of Oakland is an important member of Sister Cities International. Oakland organizes many exchange visits with people who live in Oakland's sister cities.

In 1975 relations began to improve between the United States and Russia. Many Russian ships began to stop at Oakland. Some people in Oakland decided their city should become friends with a city in Russia. They knew friendship was an important form of international trade, just like ships carrying containers full of products to import and export. The port city of Nakhodka in Russia became Oakland's new sister city.

