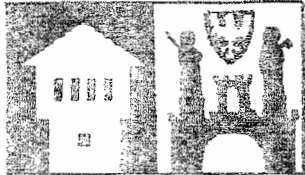


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Alliance News

Toledo-Poznan Alliance quarterly newsletter — Spring 2008

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Calling all membership! This is your opportunity to learn more about our organization, what we have done this past year, and what are our plans for the future. At this meeting we will have elections of the Board of Trustees, and also Katie Macaro will do a presentation on the Shroud of Turin.

This meeting will take place on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 2:00 pm. at Sanger Branch Library.

Light lunch will be served. Please mark your calendar now and come and bring a friend.

Socializing will follow.

Get involved—join the TPA Board.

Happy Easter and Happy Dyngus Day.

Around town there will be celebrations on the day after Easter, in Poland it is known as Dyngus Day. St. Adalbert's Church is having a celebration as well as The Distillery. The Distillery will have Duane Malinowski playing everyone's favorite music, there will also be Polish food, specials on cocktails and more. The Distillery is located on the corner of Heatherdowns Blvd. and Eastgate (south Toledo). The festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. until whenever.

March

Chinese Association of Greater Toledo
Toledo International Youth Orchestra

European Trip – Poznan, Poland and
Delmenhorst, Germany
Including Visits to Krakow, Berlin and Bremen

March 19-30, 2008

The Toledo International Youth Orchestra (TIYO) of the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo (CAGT) was formed in 2000 under the leadership of past CAGT presidents, Hewen Slak and Yang Kun Song. The 50+ member string orchestra performs a diverse repertoire that includes traditional and modern Chinese music as well as western compositions. In April 2007, TIYO traveled to Toledo, Ohio's Sister City of Qinhuangdao, China for performances and cultural exchange, as a guest of the City of Qinhuangdao, and Qinhuangdao TV. During the trip, twenty-three students met with their counterparts, visited the starting point of the Great Wall, as well as several secondary schools in Qinhuangdao. The trip was co-sponsored by Chinese Association of Greater Toledo and the Toledo Sister Cities International.

Yang Kun Song, Musical Director and Conductor of the TIYO is originally from Beijing, China, where he graduated from the Beijing Conservatory in 1976 and later became the assistant principle cellist of the Beijing Symphony Orchestra. With the recommendation of world-renown cellist, Yo-Yo Ma, Mr. Song studied cello with Professor Steven Elisha at the University of Toledo, and is now a music educator for Toledo Public Schools.

In the spirit of expanding the bridges of international cooperation and knowledge, TIYO is visiting Toledo's Sister Cities of Poznan, Poland and Delmenhorst, Germany with thirty-four students.

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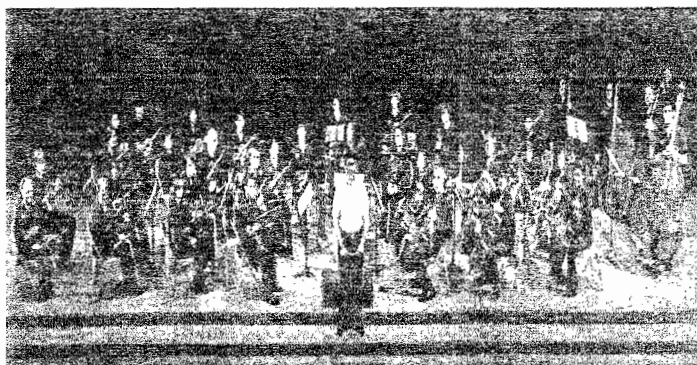
Thirty-four students, ages ten through seventeen, will travel to Poland and Germany. TIYO includes some of the finest young musicians from the Toledo area. Most are members of the Toledo Youth Orchestras and many have won regional competitions, scholarships, and solo performance opportunities. They are honored and eager to serve as cultural ambassadors for Toledo and the United States, especially in this new opportunity to visit Europe. While in Poznan, TIYO will be visiting the International High School, City Hall, the Sisters of Mercy Orphanage (Dom Dziecka), and perform at 7:00 PM, Monday, March 24 at St Anthony of Padua's Church - The Franciscans.

During the TIYO concert, their musical selections include American, Spanish, Irish, Hungarian, German and Chinese classical music, all performed with strings only. To begin the performance in Poznan, TIYO will perform the national anthem of Poland, Mazurek Dabrowskiego. When asked to critique the TIYO interpretation of the anthem, Jacek Radomyski shared, "We are always taught in Poland to value our culture and history, but when I heard TIYO perform my national anthem, so far away from Poland, a feeling of pride and nostalgia for my homeland swelled up inside of me." Mr. Radomyski originally visited Toledo in 2001 as a youth delegate of Poznan in TSCI's International Youth Academy, and recently completed a Masters Degree at the University of Toledo. Thanks to his kind assistance, the 24-page concert brochure is translated into Polish, alongside English and German.

Besides visiting our Sister City of Poznan, the youth of Toledo will visit Warsaw, Krakow, Wadowice, Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Berlin, Bremen and finally our German Sister City of Delmenhorst.

The Toledo International Youth Orchestra of the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo sincerely appreciates the support and assistance from our friends in Poznan, Poland and Delmenhorst, Germany, Toledo Sister Cities International, all the families, and all the individuals and organizations who wish to promote cultural and educational exchange between Poland, Germany and the USA. Liz Villarreal, TIYO Manager stated, "We especially appreciate the kindness of the Toledo-Poznan Alliance in helping sponsor the TIYO visit to Poznan. Thanks to TPA, there will be a social event at the Orphanage to allow the youth of Poznan and Toledo to get to know each other and open new bridges of friendship."

Photo of the Toledo International Youth Orchestra going to Poznan



The West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society is hosting a pilgrimage and Polish Easter Dinner on Saturday, April 5, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Detroit, Michigan. For more information call 1-313-894-2855

Polish heritage presentations in Toledo continue at S... Restaurant

At this writing Lidia Bosek Ebersole has presented "What's Up with Poland?"

The following events are scheduled:

- March 12—Over 400 Years of Polish Immigration to America
- March 13—Making "Pisanki" (colored Easter eggs)
- March 19—A Polish Easter
- March 26—Polish Folk Music
- April 2—Polish Genealogy

Presenters include David Chelminski, Rosemary Chorzempa, Olga Godula, Russ Pawlowski and Marge Stefanski.

Wesołego Alleluja!



Poznań Competes for EU Culture Capital Title

When you think of Europe as a continent with literally hundreds of cities steeped in history, arts and cultural amenities, one might not immediately turn their sights on our sister city of Poznań for inclusion on the list of most prestigious places.

That's about to change as Poland's fifth largest city competes to become the European Cultural Capital of 2016. Regional authorities decided to join forces in promoting Poznań for the title because the winning city will have the opportunity to present its cultural offerings to all other EU member states and will also receive financial aid to boost its future development.

Poznań is the administrative capital of the Greater Poland Voivodeship. Located on the Warta River with over 560,000 inhabitants, it is like legendary Gniezno [the nest] is one of the oldest cities in Poland, making it an important historical center and a vibrant center of trade, industry, and education. Poznań's cathedral is the oldest in the country, containing the tombs of the first Polish rulers: Mieszko I, Boleslaus the Brave, Mieszko II, Casimir I the Restorer, and others.

The annual Malta Theater festival is considered the most characteristic cultural event of the city, but Poznań is also home to the world-famous boys' and men's male voice choirs, and the Polish Theatre of Dance, the only one of its kind in Poland. Music lovers regularly come to Poznań for the Contemporary Music Festivals and for the Henryk Wieniawski violin and violin-making competitions, held every five years. The philharmonic orchestra, the opera, the theatres, and a great number of museums add to the cultural richness of our sister city. Perhaps the most famous and appreciated institution for serious historians of music is the Museum of Musical Instruments, which has one of the richest collections in Europe.

In 2016 the title will be awarded to two cities, one of them Spanish, the other - Polish. Poznań will be competing against Gdańsk, northern Poland, Łódz, central Poland, and Toruń, north-central Poland.

Each year the winner is chosen by the European Council, which takes into account the opinion of the

European Parliament and a jury consisting of seven renowned persons from the world of culture.

Side note: Over the centuries Poznań has been the birthplace to many luminaries in the field of arts, humanities and culture. The one most recognizable to Americans is famous star of the silver screen actress Lilli Palmer (1914-1986). Her Star on the Walk of Fame is located at 7013 Hollywood Blvd.

One in Fourteen Poles are Millionaires

There are two million millionaires in Poland according to a recent survey. As many as 7% of all respondents, i.e. one in fourteen Polish adults, think their assets are worth more than a million zlotys.

Poles are doing it for themselves, not counting on a miracle, but working hard instead, which results in "g r o w i n g a s s e t s" .

A government survey two years ago only counted 100,000 families whose assets were worth more than a million zlotys .

The ubiquitous tax evasion in Poland, makes polls more credible than official data published by the Ministry of Finance. What's in your wallet?

Toledo Polonia Book Project

Fr. Richard Philiposki, S.Ch., with the Toledo Genealogical Society, is planning to have published with Arcadia Publishing and their "Images of America" series an illustrated book on our Toledo Polish Communities! We are soliciting old original (if possible) black and white pictures of our Lagrinka and Kuhschwantz neighborhoods, churches, family events, parades, picnic and various events. All pictures will be returned to their owners. Those photos eventually selected will be acknowledged and credited to their owners. You may drop your pictures at St. Adalbert Rectory weekdays (9-12 noon and 1-7 pm.). Be sure to have your name on the back as well as information about the picture (names and year taken). If all goes well, the book will be printed by end of Summer or early Fall.

For more information call 419-241-4179.