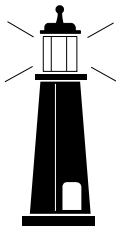


American Summer Institute in Hungary June 26 – July 18

The GREAT LAKES CONSORTIUM for International Training and Development (GLC) is a collaborative effort of the Bowling Green State University, Lourdes College, The University of Toledo, and WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc.

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Mission of GLC "to initiate, seek support for, and coordinate international training and development efforts linking resources with needs in the world community".

GLC has established partnerships in Hungary with the City of Szeged, County of Csongrad and County of Veszprem by working on educational, cultural and business exchanges.

Northwest Ohio trainers were invited to participate in the American Summer Institute (ASI). ASI is a 3-week educational and cultural exchange program at three locations in Hungary where the Great Lakes Consortium has established connection and mutually beneficial programs.

The four-member delegation represent two of the academic institutions of NW Ohio (The University of Toledo and Lourdes College) and a community organization which is involved in training and development activities. (More information about the participants and the itinerary you can find in this newsletter). Dr. Elizabeth Balint, Project Manager will accompany the delegation to discuss new opportunities for further cooperation between NW Ohio academic and community partners and assist Hungarians who are planning to travel to NW Ohio in the fall of 2008.

The goal of ASI to increase of global understanding, cultural interpretation, expand on previous connections and establish new connections between Hungarian and U.S. partners, share more information about NW Ohio and its academic institutions (The University of Toledo, Lourdes College and Bowling Green State University) and attract more students who are interested in pursuing studies in the U.S.

In addition to the common goals, members of the delegation have special interests including expanding U.S. research among teachers in Hungary on their ideas for their own future, and among the young people on personal values and ethics.

Members of the delegation would like to establish educational partnerships in graduate leadership training and among elementary and high schools in NW Ohio and Hungary. They are also interested in establishing more theater cooperation and learn about costume design in Hungary. Other interests include nonprofit organizations, community initiatives, educational dramas (puppet or other) elderly care, exercise/fitness etc.

Except one member of the delegation this is the first time for the guests to visit Hungary and they are very interested in exploring the

culture and the community through various activities and by staying with host families in Szeged and Csongrad, and include home visits in Veszprem/Lake Balaton area.

The delegation will travel in the cities of Szeged, Csongrad and Veszprem to conduct a 5-day conversation program at each location for high school, and college students and English teachers. They are prepared and very interested to share experience on many topics with the Hungarian participants of ASI and answer any questions that they have about America, the life, culture, community, education etc.

We would like to thank all Hungarian partners and supporters for their contribution to this program, and acknowledge the support of the Lourdes College, The University of Toledo, Sylvania Rotary Club, and Key-



Toledo, OH-June 18, 2008: (L-R) Elizabeth Balint, Kathleen Kovacs, Adrienne Bell-Koch, Holly Monsos, Dariel Jacobs and Paul Longenecker

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Holly Monsos is the Chair/ Costume Designer of the Department of Theatre and Film at the University of Toledo, and the Executive Director for Glacity Theatre Collective. Prior to coming to Toledo, she worked professionally as a cutter/drafter at Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Actor’s Theatre of Louisville, and the San Francisco Opera among others. In addition to her costume design work for the University of Toledo, she has designed costumes for several Toledo Repertoire Theatre productions, for Ms. Un Seen



Productions in New Zealand and for Glacity Theatre Collective. She serves as the Vice President for Members, Sections & Chapters for her professional organization, the United States Institute for Theatre Technology.

Holly weaves, knits, sews and does nearly anything

else involving cloth and fiber. She has three cats, two step-daughters (one of them will travel with her) and five looms. Her husband Allen is a robotics engineer working out of Detroit, Michigan. Holly’s father was in the Army, which makes her an “Army brat” (child of a military parent) so as a child her family lived all over the United States and Germany.

Adrienne Bell-Koch

Adrienne is a 13 year old student at the Cary Academy near Raleigh, NC. She lives with her older sister Samantha, and her mom and stepfather, one half crazed Australian sheepdog named Yin Yang and Squeaky the cat. Adrienne does ballet (she’s on pointe now) and

reads voluminously. She’s passionate about global warming and climate issues as well. She’s very excited about coming to Hungary – this is her first trip to another continent!



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Kathleen Kovacs is the Senior Program Officer for the Toledo Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), which is a large NGO that has offices across the country. LISC is assisting local communities to provide affordable housing, create jobs and provide needed services, such as credit counseling, and youth services.



Previously, Ms. Kovacs was the executive director of Neighborhoods in Partnership, a Toledo community development corporation. During her tenure more than 185 units of housing were created, 75 rehabilitated, and 36,000 sq. ft. of commercial space developed totaling more than \$24 million in new investment in the service area.

Ms. Kovacs has a BSBA from Bowling Green State University and a Master of Science in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University.

She also served as President of the Ohio CDC Association, and was President of the Toledo CDC Alliance.

Ms. Kovacs was selected to participate in an business development exchange program and traveled to Tanzania to provide training to business and community leaders.

Kathleen is currently taking art classes in enameling and metal casting and she enjoys antiques, films, architecture, antiques and spoiling her nine great nieces and nephews.

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- The City of Szeged
- The University of Szeged
- Heller Odon Cultural Center
- Tape
- Somogyi Library
- Szeged Rotary Club

And more.....

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Dariel Jacobs is the Director of the Adolescent to Young Education program at the School of Professional Studies of the Education Department at Lourdes College. She has been working there for three years and before she worked at The University of Maine at Fort Kent for two years as Director of Student Teaching. Her area is Curriculum, Teaching and Learning with a focus in Holistic and Aesthetic Educa-

tion. She did her graduate work on what makes people hopeful. She was interested in how the arts are both a teaching and learning tool to gain knowing and understanding.

She is married to Keith Shirk who is a meteorologist who is sometimes in Houston, TX, sometimes in Anchorage, AK and sometimes their home in Sylvania, OH.

Dariel was born in Canada and lived most of her life there until she came to the USA 10 years ago on a Fulbright Teaching Exchange. Whilst in Illinois, she met his husband Keith. Keith was in the Navy at that time



and was then posted to Spain. They married and she spent part of her time in Spain with him and part of her time in Toronto as a

Ph.D. candidate. She has dual citizenship, both Canadian and USA. She still have four brothers in Calgary and numerous other relatives in Canada.

Dariel is interested in drama, international relations, global education and literacy. She is a member of the Sylvania Rotary club and would like to establish connections with Hungarian Rotary Club members. She would like to expand her understanding of "cultural literacy" through applications of media. Her aim is to gain educational partnerships with Hungarian partners.

Much of her interest is on how the arts enhance learning.

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Paul Longenecker is an Assistant Professor in Leadership Studies in the School of Professional Studies at Lourdes College in Sylvania, Ohio.



His areas of expertise are leadership theory, organizational behavior and ethical practices. In addition to his academic role, he is the President/Lead Consultant for The Transformational Group, LLC where he provides consulting services focusing on leadership training, organizational development, succession planning, ethical practice and other transformational issues. The primary focus of his research has been in the area of leadership and organizational practices in the hospice industry.

Dr. Longenecker has been involved in the delivery and study of health care services

for over 30 years having worked in acute care, long-term acute care, home care and hospice settings. He served as Adjunct Faculty at Ohio University from 2001 through 2006 in the College of Health and Human Services and previously served as faculty at The University of Toledo for 7 years. He holds Associate (Owens Technical College, 1977) and Bachelor Degrees in Nursing (The University of Toledo,

1982 an MBA in Health Care Administration and Management (The University of Toledo, 1989) and a PhD in Health Administration (Kennedy-Western University, 2004.

He was born and has lived in Ohio all his life. He volunteers for several organizations in his community.

He serves on the Board of

Trustees of the Advance Care Planning Coalition of Northwest Ohio. In addition, he serves on the Ethics Committees of the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and the Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

He is married and has 5 children (ages 20-28). Two of his children live with him and his wife and the other 3 live in Columbus, Ohio. He is an avid runner, biker and hiker.

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And more....

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Thursday, June 26

2PM Pick up the delegation in Budapest and drive to Szeged

5PM Welcome to Szeged and meeting with host families

Friday, June 27

9AM Meeting at the City Hall. Transfer to Kayak-Canoe flatwater race, Matyer.

9:30-12noon Watching the Kayak-Canoe National Championship

1PM Lunch in the City Hall

2PM Program orientation and research discussion with teachers about their hopes and view on the future led by Dariel Jacobs at the Szeged City Hall Press Room

3:45PM Visit the Szeged Conservatoire escorted by Dr. Attila Toth

4PM Concert in the Conservatoire

6:30PM Welcome Party hosted by Dr. Attila Toth and his family at his house for host families and organizers

Saturday, June 28

10:00AM Visit the Anna Spa

1PM Visit Alsovaros escorted by Karoly Toth

Participate in "Alsovarosi Napok" festivity (open air music, fun contests, open air cooked meal)

Sunday, June 29

11AM Visit to the Synagogue (concert and commemoration anniversary)

Afternoon Sightseeing in Szeged by mini-train

Monday, June 30

9:00 Teaching at City Hall

11:00 Visit to Old Water Tower in St. Istvan Square

1:30PM Lunch at the City Hall

5PM Attend the Kozeleti Kavehaz ("Public Exposure") at the Szeged University Faculty of Law Guest: Tibor Szabo "Music of my life"

Tuesday, July 1

9:00 Teaching at City Hall

11:00 Visit to Szeged Zoo

1:30 Lunch at the City Hall

Afternoon visit to the Szeged National Theatre and meet with Jano Papp

Wednesday, July 2

9:00 Teaching at City Hall

11:00 Visit the Somogyi Library

1:30 Lunch at the City Hall

4-6PM Boat trip on the River Tisza (flat-boat rafting, with Gyorgy Kippel)

Thursday, July 3

9:00 Teaching at City Hall

11:00 Visit to Reok Palace

1:30 Lunch in the Social Institution of Szeged City Council with Eva Vanyai and Director Antal Zsoter

6PM Szeged Rotary meeting at the Forras Hotel

Friday, July 4

9:00 Teaching at City Hall

11:00 Visit to Partfurdo, there will be a Civil Servants' Day event

1:30 Lunch at pool (open air cooked meal) and July 4th celebration

9:00PM Puccini: Turandot opera at the Szeged Open Air Festival

Saturday, July 5

11-2PM Farewell Party in Heller Odon Cultural Center in Tape with host families, organizers and students

5PM Kozeleti Kavehaz—a community event to share experiences to the interested, media and friends

Host: Dr. Eva Vanyai

Sunday, July 6

9:00AM Departure to Csongrad

10:00AM Arrival to Csongrad and welcoming the guests at Batsanyi Janos High School with host families, representatives of students, teachers

Tour of the school

11:00AM Lunch with hosts

4PM Sightseeing in Csongrad

6PM Welcome Pot-luck with host families, and program partners

Monday, July 7

8-12noon Teaching

(Coordinator: Reka H. Szabo)

12:3PM Lunch and rest

3-6PM Horse riding

Tuesday, July 8

8-12noon Teaching

(Coordinator: Mrs. Bede)

12:2PM Lunch and rest

2PM For Paul: meeting with the Director of Medical Attendance In-home escorted by Tibor Dragon

3-5PM: Folk arts show

Gingerbread making-Mrs. Erzsebet Maszlag

Egg painting—Ms. Eva Szabo (Coordinator: Eva Szabo)

5-6:30: Arts and learning (methodology approaches meeting and talking (Dariel and the English language teachers of Csongrad)

Wednesday, July 9

8-12noon Teaching

(Coordinator: Mrs. H. Szabo)

12-2PM Lunch, rest

2PM For Paul: visit at the Aranysziget Old People Home escorted by Tibor Dragon

3-5:30: Visiting Mr. Simmer's (wood-carver) farm

(Coordinator: Mrs. Bede)

5:30-6:30— Visiting the rehearsal of Alfold folk dance group

6:30PM Wine sampling and dinner

Thursday, July 10

8-12noon Teaching

(Coordinator: Mrs. Bede)

12:2PM Lunch and rest

2PM Visit to Mr. Losonczi, the inventor

3-6 PM Cycling tour

Friday, July 11

8-12noon Teaching

(Coordinator: Ms. H. Szabo)

12-1PM Closing Ceremony

1-2PM Lunch

2PM Departure to Kecskemet, visit to Animation Film Studio and the Toy Museum

Farewell Dinner at the Vadasztanya restaurant

Saturday, July 12

9AM Drive from Csongrad to Budapest

12noon Meet with Judit Bertalan and drive to Veszprem

Check-in to Peter Pal Panzio
6PM Orientation and dinner with Ms. Bertalan

Sunday, July 13

Sightseeing with Aniko Magasi

Lunch at Piazza Café

4PM Welcome meeting with the students at the Terrace of the Hungaria Restaurant

Monday, July 14

9-12:30 teaching

Afternoon visit and meeting with Dr. Poor Zoltan at the University of Veszprem

Tuesday, July 15

9-12:30 teaching

Afternoon Excursion to Tihany and Balatonfured

Wednesday, July 16

9-12:30 teaching

Afternoon excursion to Herend and visit the Porcelain Manufacture and Museum

Thursday, July 17

9-12:30 teaching

Afternoon Research among students and teachers conducted by Dr. Longenecker and Dr. Jacobs

2:30 Orientation and preparation by Elizabeth Balint for the Veszprem County youth delegation visit to Perrysburg, OH led by Vera Furedi

Friday, July 18

9-12:30 teaching

Afternoon: Closing Ceremony at the Library Kisfaludy Room

Evening: Travel back to Budapest