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The canonization of Father Augustus Tolton

Milwaukee Inter-ethnic Forum

In June 2012 a Yahoo Groups forum was organized to connect ethnic leaders and active participants in ethnic activities to each other. Currently representatives of Latino, Polish, Jewish, African American, Arab, Slovenian, German, American Indian, and pan-African groups are participating.

Anyone wishing to join can contact Yahoo Groups and search for the Milwaukee Ethnic list, and then sign on.



Presentation on former slave slated for Cousins Center Jan. 5

The canonization of Father Augustus Tolton, America's first recognized Black priest, is the focus of a special presentation on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at the Cousins Center, 3501 S. Lake Drive.

The presenter will be The Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop Diocese of Chicago, Postulator for the Cause of the canonization of Father Augustus Tolton and former pastor of All Saints Catholic Church

Lincoln Avenue: An accessible mosaic

Over the years, Lincoln Avenue, on Milwaukee's Historic South Side, has become a mosaic of ethnic shops offering Mexican, Polish, Serbian, Chinese, Salvadorian, Sikh, African American, and Peruvian products. The surrounding neighborhood is home to 110 ethnic groups.

Rarely are buildings available on Lincoln Avenue. Today, as the result of family deaths, four beautiful buildings have become available, all leasing for approximately one dollar per square foot. Interested ethnic retailers or culinary groups can contact Rick at (414) 271-9417 or RickPetric@gmail.com.

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Tolton's canonization, continued

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in Milwaukee from 1995 to 1998. Sponsored by the Black Catholic Ministry Commission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the program will begin at 11:30 am and includes lunch, workshop and mass at 4 pm in the Mater Christi Chapel of the Cousins Center, with Bishop Perry as presider.

Tolton's history

Father Tolton was born in 1854 and escaped slavery as a child from Missouri to Quincy, Illinois with his mother, a runaway slave. As a Black child, Tolton was not allowed to attend schools nor talk about his dream of becoming a Catholic priest. All changed when he met the Notre Dame Sisters and the Franciscan Fathers, who later helped him be admitted to Quincy College. They later helped him to Rome where he was ordained a priest in 1886.

The program

Pre-registration for the Tolton program is requested. Please email Cecilia Smith Robertson at mrobertson2@wi.rr.com or Sandra Melcher at samelcher@yahoo.com. The cost for lunch and the program is \$10.00.

New Members Sought

The KRAKOW POLISH DANCERS of MILWAUKEE COUNTY is very interested in NEW MEMBERS!! It is time to REFRESH and build ANEW and consider the accomplishments of our past and strive for the FUTURE. Our mission is very steadfast with a sincere commitment to our youth, young adults, and community. Our award winning non-profit charitable/educational organization was established September 7th, 1967, this marking our 45th anniversary.

The KRAKOW POLISH DANCERS of MILWAUKEE COUNTY is internationally acclaimed as a troupe that "specializes in the artistry, character and style of the American/Pol."--Official Cultural Ambassadors from Wisconsin to Poland, Holiday Folk Fair and WI International Institute Representatives Toledo International Festival and featured throughout the Midwest, Hawaii, Washington D.C., New York City and England, The Netherlands, Germany, Bavaria, Austria, France, Switzerland, Italy and Australia.

Our company offers equal opportunities to all individuals and welcomes prospective members age 9 and up. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Membership is decided on the ability and compliance with our policies and procedures and commitment to family values, our community and our Krakow Mission.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday from 6:45-9:00 P.M. at Collins-Meyer-Knutson 2304 VFW Clubhouse at 2900 West Lincoln Avenue, Milwaukee, WI.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Annette M. Kuligowski, Founder/Executive Director; 5391 South 45th Street-Greenfield, WI 53220; TELEPHONE: 414-421-5750; EMAIL: AMKuligowski1@aol.com

Urban Anthropology Inc. seeking ad salesperson for Milwaukee Ethnic News

Urban Anthropology Inc. (UrbAn), the publisher of *Milwaukee Ethnic News*, has received numerous requests to offer a print version of this newsletter, with expanded circulation. UrbAn hopes to support this expansion through advertising and seeks a part time ad salesperson.

High commission

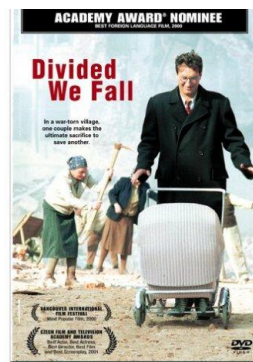
Because the newsletter is supported by volunteer efforts, the price of expansion is not high. We thus can offer a high sales commission of 40 percent to a qualified person. Contact jflanthropologist@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Free 2013 Czech & Slovak Film Series

Films hosted by Milwaukee Sokol

Milwaukee Sokol presents free movies highlighting the history and culture of the former Czechoslovakia. The films are open to the public at Norway House, 7507 W. Oklahoma Ave. A social hour follows. The next film offering is in January.

Sunday, January 13, 2013, 1:30 pm



Divided We Fall. In a small Nazi-occupied town in Czechoslovakia, Joref and Maria do their best to ignore the war until the Jewish son of Josef's former employer appears at their door.

David escaped from a concentration camp in Poland and returned to the only place he knows. Hiding David in their pantry over the next three years, Josef and Maria must appear to be collaborators.

Edith
Piaf
ONSTAGE

Leslie Fitzwater brings legendary and celebrated French chanteuse, Edith Piaf to life!

Alliance Francaise invites you to a performance of Edith Piaf Onstage at Skylight Music Theatre.

Thursday, February 7th at 7:30^{PM}
Skylight Music Theatre
Reception to follow
\$65.00

A friend of Alliance Francaise will make a \$20 donation per single ticket sold to Alliance Francaise de Milwaukee.

Special reception following the performance featuring light hors d'oeuvres and an appearance by Leslie herself.

Contact Emily Dell at
emilyd@afmilwaukee.org
or call (414)964-3855 for tickets.

Skylight
music theatre

Friendship Force's annual fish fry

The annual Friendship Force fish fry will be held on Friday, February 1 at 5:30 pm at the Italian Community Center at 631 E. Chicago St. Entrees will include fried or baked fish, potato pancakes, a vegetable, salad, cheese cake, and coffee—all for \$20.00 including gratuity.

Friendship Force

Friendship Force is a worldwide network of clubs whose mission is to promote global understanding among people of different cultures. Come to the fish fry and learn more about us, while making new friends. For reservations, contact Doris Small at (262) 542-1629 or Dorissmall3269@sbcglobal.net.

Schlachtfest



Danube Cultural Society sponsors feast on January 26th

Join the Danube Cultural Society for the original traditional Schlachtfest held in Milwaukee for over 35 years. The dinner is served at 6 pm at the Sacred Heart Croatian Church Hall at 917 N. 49th Street.

Full program

The dinner includes schnitzel, sarma, bratwurst, blutwurst, dumplings, mashed potatoes and gravy, and red cabbage. For dessert, a plate with over fifty varieties of homemade cookies is delivered to each table.

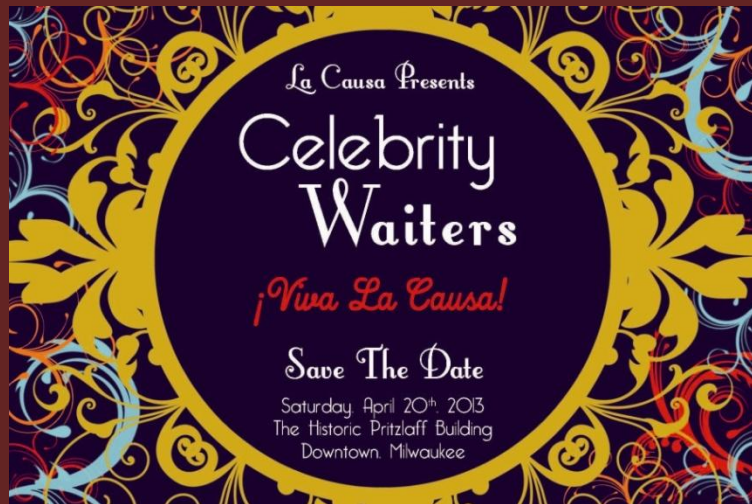
At 7:00 there is a performance by the Danube Cultural Society Youth Dancers, followed by music by the Phenix Band from Chicago.

Reservations required

Doors open at 5:00, dinner is at 6:00, the program is at 7:00, and music is at 8:00. Advanced reservations and payment are required. Tickets are \$25.00. Please call (262) 784-3199 to reserve a place at this feast.

19th Celebrity Waiters

Event sponsored by La Causa, Inc.



LaCausa, Inc. will host its 19th Annual Celebrity Waiters event on Saturday, April 20th at the Historic Pritzlaff Building in downtown Milwaukee. Celebrity Waiters is LaCausa's largest annual fundraiser.

Activities

This year's event features authentic Latin food and drink, music and other entertainment, auction items, exciting Celebrity Waiters, and more.

WISN Channel 12's Investigative Reporter Colleen Henry and her husband, Atty. Steve Kohn, will serve as event emcees and live auctioneers. Several Celebrity Waiters have been confirmed, including the Brew City Bruisers, Atty. David Gruber, Team Sobelman's, Dr. Bert Davis from the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, and many more.

Tickets

Tickets are \$150.00 and sponsorships are available. All funds raised support La Causa, Inc. and the children, youth, and families who benefit from the organization's programs and services.

Major sponsors

Sponsors that support Celebrity Waiters include Platinum Sponsors Associated Bank, MillerCoors, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Rockwell Automation, and UPS. To learn more about Celebrity Waiters and how to put "children and families first," visit www.lacausa.org or call (414) 647-8750.

The Italian Community Center's 34th annual Il Grande Carnevale set for February 9



2012 Re and Regina, Vincenzo and Vivian Balistreri

Beautiful memories are in store for those who attend the 2013 Il Grande Carnevale, the Italian Community Center's pre-Lenten costume and mask ball on Saturday, Feb. 9. The theme is "Ricordi di Carnevale," which translates to "Memories of Carnevale," and indeed the evening will be filled with memories of past events and the memories that will be made when the colorful, fun-filled evening kicks off.

Based upon the traditions of the historic celebrations in Venice, Italy, the ICC's Carnevale has been one of the highlights of the Center's social calendar for the past 34 years. This year's planning committee, headed by Rosemary DeRubertis and Joanne (Sanfilippo) Czubek, are promising a memorable evening highlighted by great food, the outstanding music of the Bill Sargent Band, magnificent costumes and masks, chances to win cash and other prizes, a gala parade, the coronation of the royal court, luscious sweets and a Bartolotta fireworks display to light the winter sky and ignite your inspiration.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, Feb. 4. Prepaid reservations are \$55 per person, with a discounted price of \$50 for each ICC member. Reservations can be made with a credit card by calling the ICC at 414/223-2180.

The highlight of the evening will be the coronation of the 2013 Royalty. The Royal Court of the 34th Carnevale includes: John and Mary Anne (Ceraso) Alioto as Re and

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February Carnivale event, continued

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Regina (King and Queen); Ray and Caroline (Purpero) Besasie as Nonno and Nonna (Royal Grandfather and Grandmother); Mason Mueller as Principe (Prince); Gina Loeffelholz as Principessa (Princess); Dominic Bartolone as Piccolo Principe (Little Prince); and Ella Rose Vollbracht as Piccola Principessa (Little Principessa). Alyssa Lieber and Zachary Rolf will act as Royal Pages. Frank D'Amato will fill the role of Il Vescovo (the Bishop) and provide his blessing of the Royalty. Marie (Andaloro) Lieber will serve as La Gran Marescialla, the master of ceremonies for the evening. For more information on Carnevale, please visit www.iccmilwaukee.com.



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MITCHELL PARK HORTICULTURAL CONSERVATORY
524 S. LAYTON BLVD., MILWAUKEE, WI 53215

Polish Fest 2013 is well underway

While it may seem that the summer recently ended and the memories are well behind, think again. The planning of an ethnic festival like Polish Fest is a year-round endeavor. Shortly after staff hang up their festival ID badges, they get right back to work selecting entertainers, food vendors, and marketplace participants, as well as seeking out sponsors for the event.

Success of 2012

Polish Fest was the only ethnic festival to have increased attendance in 2012. Much of that was due to increased interest in the Cultural Village and Marketplace. The educational Vodka Tastings drew record crowds, and more will be added in 2013.

2013 offerings

The 2013 festival will be held June 14 to 16, noon to midnight on Friday and Saturday, and noon to 8 pm on Sunday.

Sunday Mass will be presided over by Archbishop Listecki and the Prelude will begin at 10 am with Mass at 10:15. Chopin Youth Piano Competition will celebrate its 15th year of renowned talent and the Miss Polish Fest Pageant will also be held on Sunday.

Follow the happenings over the months on www.polishfest.org or on Face Book. Tickets can be purchased now for gift giving. Information is available on the web site or call The Polish Center of Wisconsin at (414) 529-2140.



“Germany under Glass” at Mitchell Park Domes



On Saturday, March 2nd, 2013, immerse yourself in German culture as you attend *Germany under Glass* sponsored by the German American Societies, Inc. and Milwaukee County Parks. The festival will open at 9am at the Domes, 524 S. Layton Boulevard, and end at 5pm. Along with this very popular ethnic festival, you will be able to take in the ever-popular train show. The theme this year for the Garden Train Show is “The Circus Comes to Town.”

Experiences of the five senses

Participants will use all five senses during the day, including:

- Enjoying coffee and a serving or two of Bienenstich (custard filled torte) at the Konditorei (café)
- Listening to German musicians
- Watching dance groups
- Tasting entrée’s from Maders Restaurant and samples from pretzel-making demonstrations
- Listening to children’s story telling

For more information call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600. Regular admission rates apply.

Congregation of the Great Spirit



Parishioners caring for endangered eagles

The Congregation of the Great Spirit is a Catholic church that incorporates Native American traditions into the weekly mass. The church supports and maintains the Sigenauk Center which is in the old Rectory of the church property. The Sigenauk Center houses a food and clothing bank which is open every Thursday at 1:00 to 3:00 pm, and every Friday 10:00 am to noon. The clothing bank is open during these hours too.

Activities

Together, CGS and the Sigenauk Center sponsor different Native American activities. Weekly children’s church takes place during the mass and uses the Sunday gospel as the lesson plan for the week, interpreting it at the proper age levels. Also available is a children’s communion class and teen and adult confirmation class.

Cultural activities include pipe ceremonies, adult prayer groups involving the Indian community, a music choir that sings and teaches songs in the native tongues of various tribes, and a sacred drum group that leads the people in songs and prayers. There are groups both Indian and non-Indian that make use of the church and meeting rooms.

As a need arises the Elder Council addresses each issue and makes sure the idea meets the need of the group as a whole.

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Turner Hall's Legacy?

We've heard a lot about Turner Hall in recent years.

We've heard about events from folk music to wrestling matches being hosted in the burned-out Turner Hall ballroom on the second (and third) floors. We've heard about attempts to restore the 70,000 square foot area, the drawers of architectural plans, and requests for proposals for new ideas for the ballroom.

On the first floor, restaurants have opened and closed. Most recently, the floor has been remodeled and reopened by the BMO Harris Bradley Center across the street. Online and print media articles have carried stories about the reopened restaurant, focusing on the value of the facility for the numerous sporting events held in the Bradley Center across the street. All the articles call Turner Hall, at 1038 N. 4th Street, a "landmark." But what this means is never stated.

Oh, but it *has* a legacy

One quick visit to Turner Hall will reveal its true legacy. It was built in 1882 as the centerpiece of the "German Athens," as Milwaukee was called at the time. Turner Hall hosted the panoramic painters and other German immigrant artists who dominated the Milwaukee art scene throughout the early 1900's. It was the home of the Milwaukee Turners, a local member of the *Turnverein* Society—powerful gymnastic and social institutions founded in Germany that helped spark the liberal revolutions of 1848. Turner Hall also hosted weekly concerts, dances, gymnastic competitions and live theatre. Photos on the walls of this landmark building tell its true history.

Two ceiling fires in 1932 and 1941 that damaged the ballroom, plus anti-German sentiment during the world wars gradually disengaged the German population from Turner Hall. Yet the building and all its artifacts stand as testimonials to Milwaukee County's second largest ethnic group that founded a multitude of Milwaukee's institutions.

A German cultural center?

While groups half the size of the Germans have built majestic cultural centers in the greater Milwaukee area, the Germans have not. It may be that Turner Hall will stabilize under its new leadership. But if it fails again, the logical place for a German cultural center must be Milwaukee's Turner Hall.

Arcadia book published on Milwaukee's Old South Side

Photo history will focus on ethnic settlements



Urban Anthropology Inc. has created this historic publication on the Milwaukee area originally settled by the Poles. The book is part of Arcadia Press' *Images of America* series. Including nearly 200 photographs, the volume tells the story of the various ethnic migrations to the area, which resulted in a community of 110 nations today.

Pre-orders now taken

Anyone wishing to pre-order this book can contact Rick Petrie at (414) 271-9417 or email him at RickPetrie@gmail.com.



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