

TOLEDO SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

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PRESIDENT JIM'S MESSAGE

First allow me to wish all our Sister Cities a good 2019, full of accomplishment and advancement! For Toledo Sister Cities the year under review has been a busy and yet satisfying period. The public profile of TSCI continues to grow with a greater awareness in Toledo of our role in promoting not only our organization but the City of Toledo itself. Briefly the highlights of 2018 included the International Festival, the celebration of TSCI's 25th Anniversary, the International Youth Festival; the visit of the Mayor of Nanchong and the Consul General of Israel's visit to Toledo. They emphasize that TSCI is not just a "feel good" organization but a practical gateway for international friendship which in turn brings commercial and trade advantages, and, of course, development in educational links which more organizations are coming to appreciate. In the coming year I am confident that we will maintain the aims and objectives of Toledo Sister Cities International with the emphasis on the that word "international".

NEW TREASURER TAKES OVER

We have a new Treasurer - one John Glaza - who succeeds Chris Weisfelder. Chris served faithfully for a number of years in what is a demanding position, requiring someone who is at home with figures and balance sheets - something not all committee members could take on. "Chris never took umbrage at some of the questions which revealed our lack of knowledge of the ways of book-keeping and the mysterious world of figures with debits and credits", one member of the Board, stated when commenting on Chris' long and faithful service. She will be missed at the Board, as will her understated Swedish sense of humor. However she intends to maintain her links with TSCI. Her successor, John Glaza, our new Treasurer, is a comparatively new member with a background in financial management and human resources. We welcome John and judging from the last board meeting, the transition is going very smoothly. "As a comparative newcomer to TSCI I am very impressed with the work that is done to promote Toledo internationally and I believe there is an increasing recognition of this and what a gem of an organization Toledo possesses," John said

HIGH TOLEDO BLADE PROFILE

TSCI was in the news in the Blade's popular Peach section thanks to a series of recipes from countries associated with Sister Cities. Over a period of the year, Mary Bileau, food editor of The Blade featured recipes from our member countries, including one particular favorite so far as the compiler of this Newsletter is concerned - a German cheese cake!