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Szeged, Hungary and Toledo, Ohio -- friends since 1990!

Toledo, U.S.A.--On October 27, 1995 the Hungarian Club, 224 Paine Avenue in the Birmingham neighborhood, celebrated the fifth anniversary of the sister city relationship between Toledo, Ohio and Szeged, Hungary with over 20 guests from Hungary. The Budai Sandor Zither Orchestra from Csongrad County (the developing sister county of Lucas) performed. An anniversary cake was cut and shared with all guests. One of the original founders of the sister city relationship with Szeged, Rev. Martin Hamady, returned to Toledo from Budapest for the event.

Over the last 5 years, the Toledo-Szeged sister city relationship has developed into one of the most active and successful sister cities program in the U.S.,

resulting in unique educational exchange programs and the opening of a Chrysler Jeep dealership in Szeged. Together in cooperation with Szeged, Toledo hosted a Hungarian Exhibition at One SeaGate which brought thousands of people to downtown Toledo from across the Midwest. The world famous sculptor and coin artist, Sandor Toth, whose art was shown at One SeaGate, returned for this event.

The evening was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kahle, the original signer of the Toledo-Szeged sister city agreement. Following his mother's commitment to international cooperation, James Kahle shared his extraordinary experiences from his art glass exhibition in Szeged during the recent summer.

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