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IT STARTED IN TOLEDO In 1931

TOLEDO became the first city in the United States to develop a sister city tie with another nation. That tie with TOLEDO, SPAIN was a beginning of a national grass roots citizens diplomacy initiative which now links 900 US cities with over 1,200 cities across the globe.

TOLEDO has sought contact with cities with a comparative industrial, cultural, and educational attributes.

TOLEDO, SPAIN, our namesake, is in the heart of one of the fastest growing economies of Europe.

TOLEDO, OHIO has sister cities in 4 nations "The city of trade" POZNAN, POLAND is TOLEDOS' sister city in Poland. POZNAN is the fifth largest city in Poland with a population of about 600,000 and a history dating back to the 9th century. It has been an active trading point since the 14th century, and now is one of the largest permanent trade fairs in EUROPE. POZNAN is an active manufacturing center, producing ships turbines, utility vehicles, chemicals, and glass.

World war II destroyed over 55% of the city. many precious and remarkable monuments have been rebuilt, including the 10th century cathedral, and the renaissance of OLD TOWN MARKET SQUARE.

POZNAN is the home to the Polish Academy of Sciences and eight institutes of higher learning, including Adam Mickiewicz university, which has recently signed an agreement with the University of Toledo.

Since 1925, POZNAN has hosted an annual international trade fair which attracts over 12,000 exhibitors and 900,000 guest for the two weeks in June. During the year about 20 industry specific fairs are held.

VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERSHIPS ARE THE DRIVING FORCE THAT MAKES THIS PROGRAM EFFECTIVE. Membership for individuals is only \$10 per year and includes newsletters to keep you informed of all activities.

People are encouraged to host dinners, or activities for our foreign guests. Hosting a guest in your home for their stay in TOLEDO is also encouraged.

Membership forms are available in **The VILLAGE AD-VISORS** office or contact

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*Editors note. **THE VILLAGE AD-VISOR** will highlight the other sister cities in future issues. We also will keep you informed of visitors and their activities.*