

## **BUSINESS EXCHANGES**

### **May/June 2004**

Ten Ukrainians travel to Cincinnati for four weeks to participate in the Business program of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Community Connections program.

### **November 2003**

Seven businessmen traveled to Cincinnati with the mayor of Kharkiv as members of the Official Delegation on a week for the renewal of the Sister City agreement between Cincinnati and Kharkiv and for many other activities, events, and meetings.

### **June 2003**

A Cincinnati real estate developer travels to Kharkiv for two days to give two days of seminars on real estate development and asset management.

### **May/June 2003**

Ten Kharkivites travel to Cincinnati to participate in the Business program of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Community Connections program.

### **November 2002**

A businessperson [and lawyer] from Cincinnati travel to Kharkiv for approximately ten days to conduct follow-up activities to the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Community Connections program.

### **May/June 2002**

Ten Kharkivites travel to Cincinnati to participate in the Business program of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Community Connections program.

### **May 2001**

Ten Kharkivites travel to Cincinnati to participate in the Business program of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Community Connections program.

### **June/July 2000**

Ten Kharkivites travel to Cincinnati to participate in the Business program of the U.S. Department of State's Community Connections program.

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### **October 1999**

Kharkivite businessperson visited Cincinnati for several days following her participation in the Business Women's Network Global Business Summit: More Business for More Women Across More Borders on October 17-19, 1999 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington D.C. (US-Ukraine Foundation). Her visits included local businesses, cultural sites, and meetings with members of CKSCP.

### **September/October 1999**

Ten Kharkivites travel to Cincinnati to participate in the Hotel and Restaurant Management program of the U.S. Department of State's Community Connections program.

### **February/March 1999**

Ten Community Connections business interns spend a month in Cincinnati studying and visiting American businesses. The interns represented the following businesses/industries: TV journalism, management consulting, public relations, financial management, architecture, educational administration and instruction, securities trading, printing, publishing, paper sales/distribution, and packaging.

### **May 1998**

Five of the 22 delegates in the 1998 Official Delegation were businesspeople: (1) the general manager of a biscuit factory, (2) the president of a bank, (3) the president of a fresh vegetable firm, (4) the president of a residential construction firm, and (5) an investor in Kharkiv-area firms. Among the meetings arranged for the businesspeople were appointments with executives from the Fifth Third Bank and Chiquita Brands International.

### **January 1998**

Eleven "Community Connections" business delegates spend a month in Cincinnati studying and visiting American businesses. A disc jockey from the oldest, seven years, commercial radio station in Kharkiv, an English teacher from the new International Open College, a software company owner, and a individual who wants to set up a private clinic were all part of the delegation

### **September 1997**

Eleven "Community Connections" business delegates spend a month in Cincinnati studying and visiting American businesses.

### **June 1995**

Kharkiv businessman studies fast food operations in Cincinnati.

**May 1995**

"Marshall Plan style" Technical Assistance Plan for Kharkiv industry furthered with a 1-month study of Kharkiv industry to identify sectors best suited to study tours in U.S. - the most comprehensive study of industry ever performed in Kharkiv.

**December 1994**

Rotary Intl. Chapter established in Kharkiv

CKSCP Retail Operation "The Sister City Connection" participates in "Christmas Around the World" at Forest Fair Mall. CKSCP Retail committee maintained fundraising and PR presences at area festivals throughout the year.

Mr. James Silberman, responsible for Technical Assistance Program of the original Marshall Plan, in Cincinnati for week of planning meetings for proposed Technical Assistance Plan for Kharkiv.

**July 1994**

CKSCP VP-Business/Trade visits Global Technology Management - discusses possibilities for Technical Assistance Program (Marshall-type Plan) for Kharkiv and Ukraine.

**September 1991**

Ongoing downtown store location, The Sister City Connection, opened at Convention Place Mall, and Kenwood Towne Centre kiosk for a third year.

*A Taste of Ukrainian Cuisine*, cookbook, published.

**June 1991**

6 business people lecture in Kharkiv on entrepreneurship, management, and organizational change; \$1,000 grant awarded to two Kharkivites who presented best business plans.

**March 1991**

Two members of the business community travel to Kharkiv to discuss and promote business concerns.

**November 1990**

Retail outlets opened at Kenwood Towne Centre for second year, and at Tri-County Mall.

KEXIM signs historic joint venture agreement with Kharkiv's -Effect, creating the first business venture between two American-Soviet sister cities. A major goal of the joint venture is to stock "The Cincinnati Store" in Kharkiv with Cincinnati goods.

**September 1990**

KEXIM, Inc., incorporated as Project's wholly owned for-profit export-import company, to boost direct business.

**July 1990**

Project's retail operations wins a Sister City Intl. "Special Achievement" Award. Retail operations prepares a catalog of Soviet goods and distributes to other U.S. cities with Soviet sister cities.

**November 1989**

Retail operation, "The Russian Connection," opened at Kenwood Towne Centre. First store in Greater Cincinnati to sell only Soviet-made or designed goods, and the first sister city store in the U.S.

**September 1989**

First video, "The Kharkiv Connection," produced and played on cable television.

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