

# USA Melting Pot Tenth Meeting Presentation

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# Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions - 10 minutes
  - Name, Hometowns, why you came tonight
- Intro to USA Melting Pot – Weilou Gao (10 mins)
- Intro to Civil War history – Dale Murrish (30 mins)
  - photos from last month, Gettysburg, Washington DC
- Civil War Panel Discussion – causes, aftermath, effect on today's America (40 minutes)
- Table Time conversations to plan this year's activities, discuss other topics of interest
- Next meeting March 23, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
  - Ireland: Philip Mitchell / Paul Jennings
- April: Japan, Bangladesh or Turkey

# Weilou Gao, Club President

- Hometowns: Troy, Michigan; Taiyuan, China
- Education: BSME Xi'an Jiaotong University  
MSME Penn State
- 11 year pro currently doing finite element analysis of crankshafts at GM Powertrain
- Lived in Troy since 2004
- U.S. citizen since 2010
- Started voting since becoming a citizen
- Married in January 2013



# USA Melting Pot Purpose

- To help newcomers assimilate into the USA and mingle with all ethnic groups
- To celebrate ethnic background & cultural identity, including American culture
- To provide a forum for conversational English
- To encourage face to face dialogue in our increasingly technology-dependent world.



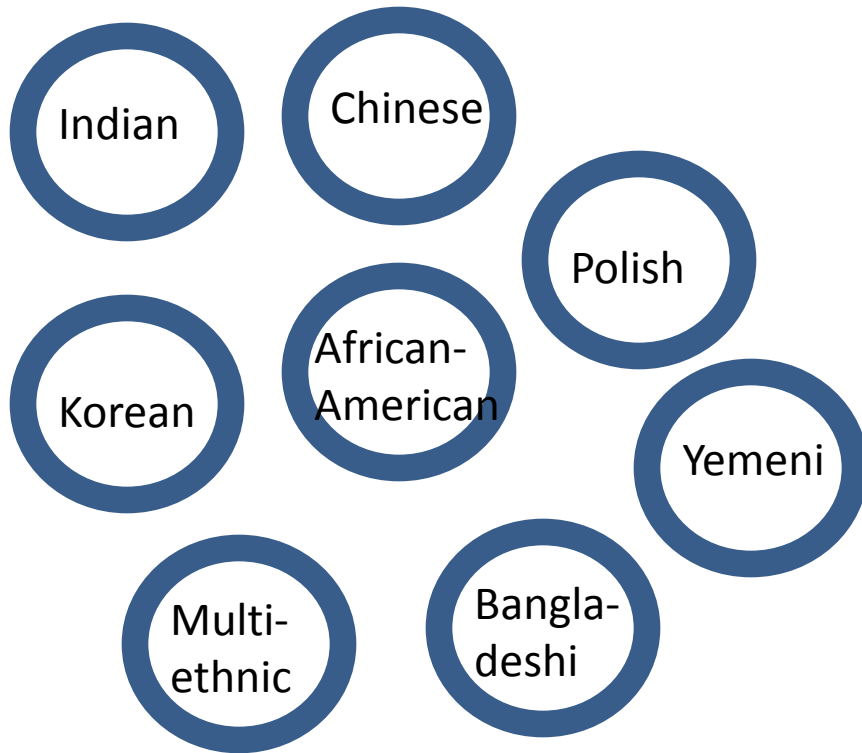
# The new melting pot philosophy

- Original melting pot idea was to learn American culture and become homogeneous, deliberately losing your ethnic identity
- Prevailing view these days is multi-culturalism, which celebrates separate ethnic identities instead of assimilation: salad bowl metaphor
- New improved philosophy is in between:
  - Assimilate AND celebrate your ethnic heritage
  - American first, treat all people equally regardless of where they're from

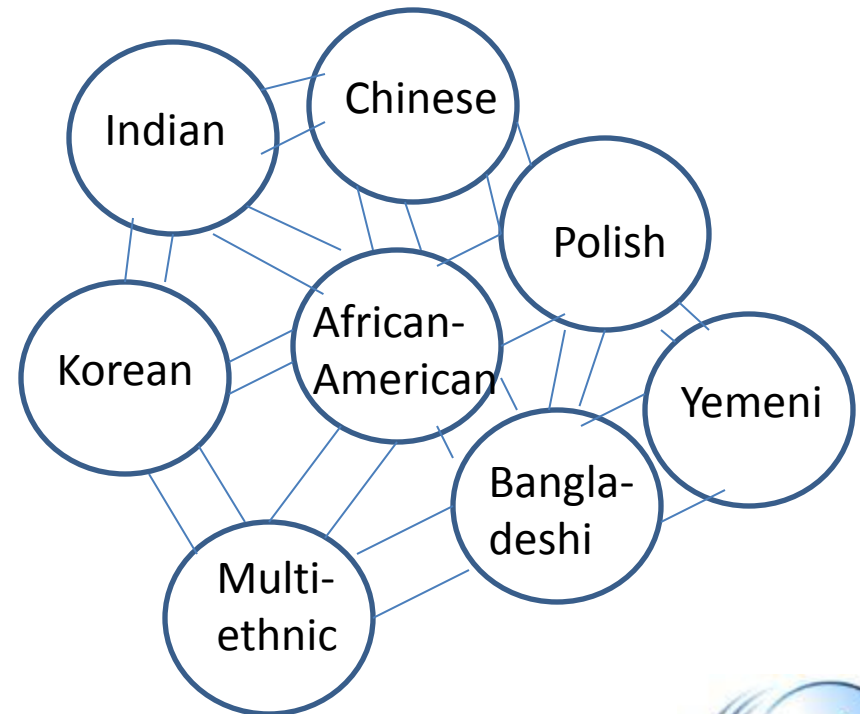


# Improvement on Multi-culturalism

**Multi-culturalism emphasizes differences and builds walls between people groups**



**We emphasize common ground and focus on building and crossing bridges**



# Why start the first local club in Troy?

- Troy is the second most diverse Michigan city after Ann Arbor.
- Many enjoy their own ethnic groups but do not mingle with other groups.
- Over half of our analysis group of 60 at GMPT is foreign born. We enjoy learning about each other's culture, languages, food and customs. Many live in Troy & Rochester Hills.

# Melting Pot Travel Spreadsheet

Importance of Phrase		USA	China	Brazil	UK	Germany	Canada	Italy
Language(s)		English	Mandarin, Cantonese,	Portuguese	English	German	English (77	Italian
1a	Excuse me		Dui Bu Qi	Com <b>licença</b> , / Desculpa (		Entschuldigung	Pardon	Scusi
1b	Do you speak English?		Shuo ying-wen?	Você fala Inglês		Sprechen Sie En	Parlez-vous	Parla ingles
2	Thank you (very much)		Xie Xie	(muito) Obrigado		Dankeschön	Merci beauco	Grazie mille,
3	Hello (give greeting for Good morning and Good Day, Evening & Night if they have it.)		Ni Hao (" <i>You good</i> " lite	<b>Olá</b> (or Oi )		Guten Tag. Guter	Bon jour, Bo	Ciao - informal Buongiorno
4	Please		Qing	Por favor		Bitte	si'l vous plaît	Per favore
5	Yes / No		Shi / Bu Shi	Sim / Não		Ja / nein	Oui / non	
6	You're welcome		Bu Ke Qi	Não há de que / <b>De nada</b> /		Bitteschön	Je vous en pris	
7	I don't understand		Wo Bu Dong	Eu não entendo		Ich habe nicht ve	Je ne comprend pas	
8	Goodbye formal/informal		Zai Jian	Adeus / <b>Tchau</b> or Até		Auf Wiederseher	Au revior / e	Arrivederci /
9	Two beers, please.		Liang Bei Pi Jiu	Duas cervejas, por favor.		Zwei Bier, bitte	Deux biere, si'l vous plaît	
10	Where is the bathroom? (for disposal of the beer!)		Ce Suo Zai Na Li?	Onde fica o banheiro		Wo ist das Bade:	Ou est la W	Dov'è il bagr
11	Have a nice trip!		Lv Tu Yu Kuai	Boa Viagem!		Gute Reise!	Bon Voyage!	
	Can you repeat that, please? Slowly and clearly, please.		Chong Fu Yi Bian Hao	Você pode repetir, por favo		Bitte wiederholen	Repetez, si'l vous plaît?	
	My name is...		Qing Man Yi Dian	Devagar e claro, por favor.		Langsam und deutlich, bitte		
	<b>Best regards, (use to sign emails)</b>		Wo De Ming Zi Shi	Meu nome é		Ich heisse...	Je m'appelle...	
	The numbers, one to ten:	one, two,	Zhu Yi Qie Shun Li	Meus cumprimentos		Viele Grüße,		Cordiali salu
		yi, er, san, si, wu, liu,		um, dois, três,		eins, zwei, drei,	un, deux,	
<b>Smiles have no language barrier!</b> Knowing a few words in the language of the country you are visiting really helps, especially in countries w								
	Have a good/nice day		Pin-Yin Latin alphabet					
	Pronunciation Rules Differing from English		i = ee	a= ah (open mouth like A-r		z = ts		
			ou = oh	e=		v = f		
			ao = ow	i= e		w = v		
			x = sh	o= just O (from O-hio)		ei = i		
			Shuo = sure	ão = aowmǎ		ie = e		
			Qi = chee			etc.		
	31 May 2012							





# Marcus Chen, Club Vice President and website developer

- Hometowns: Ann Arbor, Michigan; Kunming, China
- Education: BSME Jiangsu University  
MSME & PhD University of Michigan
- 6 year pro currently doing CAE analysis of crankshafts at GM Powertrain
- Lived in Ann Arbor since 2003
- Married with 3 year old and newborn sons
- Hobbies: Soccer

# http://USAmeltingpot.org



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- You sir, are awesome! on The new melting pot philosophy
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## Feb. 2013 Meeting Invitation

By Marcus on February 21, 2013 at 7:41 am  
Posted In: Meeting Invitation

### Travel spreadsheet with common phrases

If you Register as a member you can post events, articles or comment on posts



Calling all young people age 9\*-99  
USA Melting Pot Wants You!!

**What:** Monthly 2 hour meetings – ethnic, hobby and outdoor activity presentations followed by Table Time to promote conversational English

**When:** Monday, February 25, 2013, 7-9 p.m.; March: Ireland

**Topic:** Panel Discussion of U.S. Civil War – Causes, aftermath, and effect on today's America.

2013 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation & Gettysburg, the turning point of the Civil War.

**Where:** Meeting Room, Troy Public Library, 510 West Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan

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- Learn why more men died of disease than battle wounds
- Get panelist recommendations for books on the Civil War



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## Hobby & Fun

- Biking
- Camping
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Skiing

# Civil War Panelists

- Robert Johnson II, Cornerstone Baptist Church
  - Civil War buff; knows religious views of the era
- Dale Murrish, USA Melting Pot club secretary
  - History buff; has traveled widely in U.S. & Canada
- Several others were invited but had prior commitments

# Table Talk Topics

- Possible 2013 activities
  - Melting Pot potluck picnic
  - Movie night at Redford Theater
  - Canoeing at Proud Lake
  - Tour deTroit bike ride September 21
    - (30 mile / 62 mile) – 30 mile is suitable for casual riders
  - Self-supported 6 day bicycle tour July 29-Aug 3
    - Mackinac Bridge to Sleeping Bear Dunes Natl Lakeshore
    - or 3 day tour: Leelanau, Sleeping Bear Dunes Aug 1-3
- Possible discussion topics on following slides