

USA Melting Pot Eighteenth Meeting Presentation to the Troy City Council

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USA Melting Pot Purpose

- **To build bridges between all ethnic groups**
- To celebrate all cultural backgrounds,
including American culture



The new melting pot philosophy

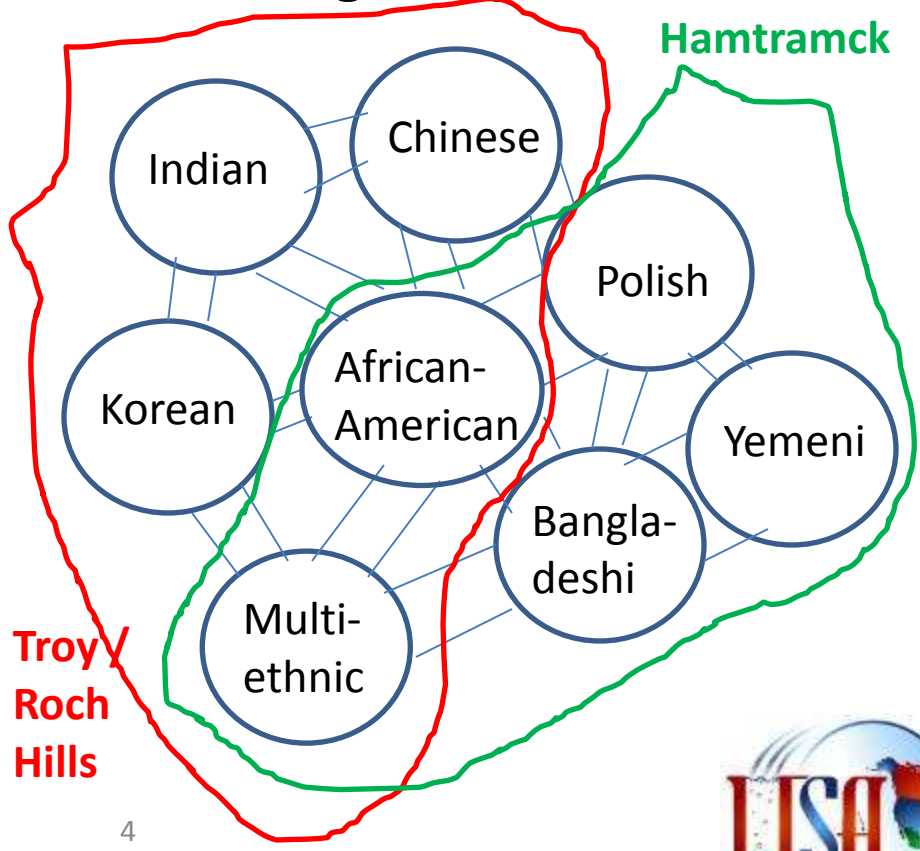
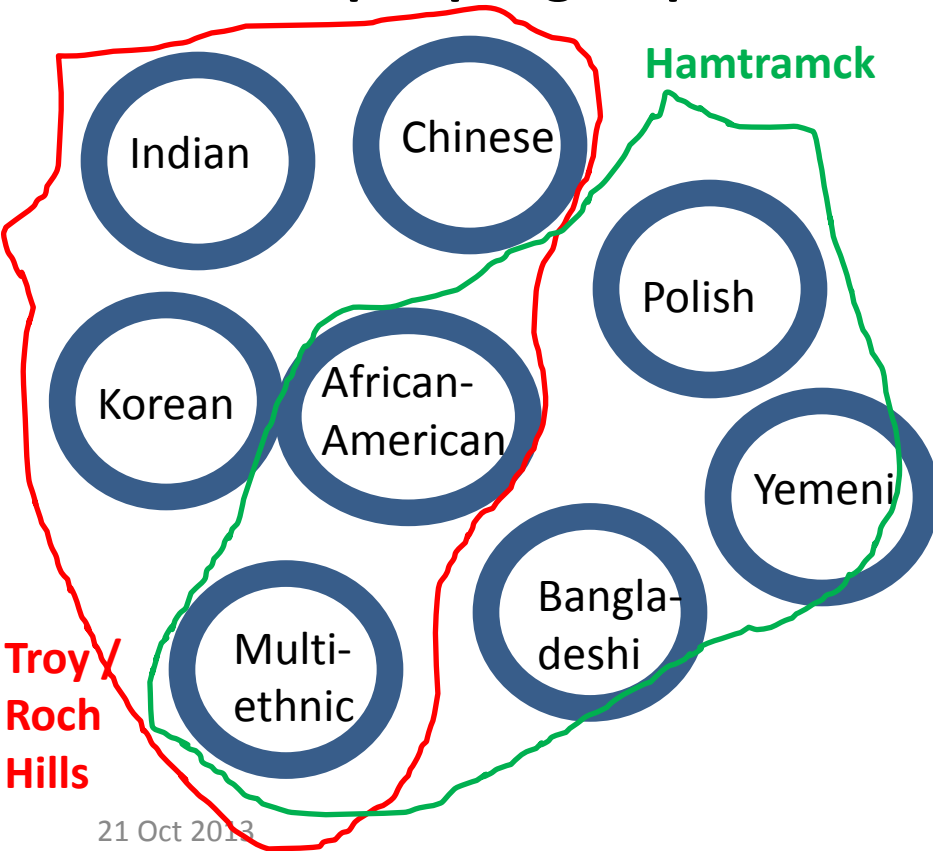
- Original melting pot idea was to learn American culture and become homogeneous, deliberately losing your ethnic identity
- Common view today is multi-culturalism, which celebrates separate ethnic identities instead of mingling: salad bowl metaphor
- New improved philosophy is in between:
 - Learn about the USA and celebrate your ethnic heritage
 - American first, treat all people equally regardless of where they're from



Open Windows & Build Bridges

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 at GM Powertrain is foreign born. We enjoy learning about each other's culture, languages, food and customs. Many live in Troy & Rochester Hills.
- Club members and friends in North America, Korea, India, Germany, Brazil, Italy and China.
- Everyone has an interesting story to tell, including American born people!

Growing Club with a Global Footprint

- Idea November 2010
- First planning meetings 2011, incorporated as Michigan non-profit October, 2011
- Monthly meetings (~12 cultures & several hobbies) at Troy Public Library since May 2012
 - Potluck Picnic at Troy Historic Village August 2012
 - 2 Lunch & Learns at GM Powertrain (Croatia & India)
 - teamGM work day at Grace Centers of Hope, Sept 2013
- Publicity in Troy Patch, Troy Times, miindia.com, Detroit Free Press
- Check out USAmeltingpot.org website for past presentations



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Description of logo, club values, etc.

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National Parks Closed

By Marcus on October 2, 2013 at 9:32 am
Posted In: Uncategorized

Common phrases in other languages

My colleague is on vacation in yellow stone area, but he could not enter Yellow Stone National Park since yesterday due to government shutdown. So make your travel plans with government shutdown into consideration.

Like One person likes this.

Hope to see you Saturday!

October Events

By Marcus on October 1, 2013 at 2:10 pm
Posted In: Meeting Invitation

- 5 min Troy City Council presentation (Weilou and Dale) October 21, 7:30 p.m.
- Fattum Mutahr's Yemeni Culture presentation at the Troy Public Library 12:00-1:30, Saturday, October 26.

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Little Fingers of MI Bike Tour (by Dale)

By Marcus on September 30, 2013 at 3:13 pm
Posted In: Biking, Camping, Travel, United States

...supported bicycle camping tour from the Mackinac Bridge to Traverse City to the Leelanau Peninsula to the scenic ... of the USA Melting Pot club, will also benefit HIBM research.

... mentioned this worthy cause. I commend it to your reading if you haven't already.

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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 licença , / 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	Olá (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 / De nada /		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 / Tchau 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		
	Best regards, (use to sign emails)		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,	
Smiles have no language barrier! 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							





**Fanghui Shi –
Chinese culture**

**Bob Paull – Bike
gearing &
Michigander
bicycle tour**



**Bill Hughes –
Bicycle touring**



**Canadian Rick Vriesen,
November 2012**

**Past Library
Presentations**



**Civil War Panel
Discussion Feb 2013**

Gettysburg Reenactor



**Ajay Pandey,
India**



Local Canoeing Places



Hometown Connections



Diwakar Krishnaiah from Bangalore/Rochester Hills and Sreedhar Patil from Bangalore, India

**Boris, Irina & Yuri –
The Trio with St.
Petersburg Roots**

12 Sept 2013



**teamGM work
day Sept 12,
2013**



Allan Zhao from Beijing, China / Troy and Cherg-Chi Chang from Taiwan / Troy





Assisting the Miracle on Seneca Street, USA Melting Pot club members & friends, teamGM work day Sept 12, 2013



Future Events

- **Yemeni Culture, Fattum Mutahr**, Troy Public Library, **Saturday October 26, 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

November & December events

- Library presentation on India's auto industry (Rahul Mital) or Paraguay
- Next GMPT Lunch & Learn on Chinese culture (Fanghui Shi, see USAmeltingpot.org website for his library presentation)

See website for more, including backup slides

<http://USAmeltingpot.org>

Also club philosophy & past presentations...

Questions / comments?

Backup

2013 activities

- Self-supported 6 day bicycle tour: July, 2013 (repeat 2014) (Little Fingers of Michigan)
 - Mackinac Bridge to Sleeping Bear Dunes Natl Lakeshore
 - or 3 day tour: Leelanau, Sleeping Bear Dunes
- Promoted Milford Proving Grounds Dream Bicycle Ride August 3 - (460 riders; see you next year!)
 - (68/32/25/4 mile routes, Benjamin.christian@gm.com)
 - Includes riding on Milford Road Course and brake test loops!**
- **Seneca Street work day: September 12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**
 - **Pizza, then help Grace Centers of Hope take residents from homelessness to home ownership**
- Promoted Tour deTroit bicycle ride September 21
 - (30 mile / 62 mile) – 30 mile is suitable for casual riders

USA Melting Pot Secondary Purposes

- Help newcomers and visitors learn about the USA **and mingle with all ethnic groups**
- Provide travel information
- Connect existing cultural groups
- Provide a forum for conversational English
- **Encourage face to face dialogue in our increasingly technology-dependent world**



Current Club Leaders

- Weilou Gao, President
Born: China, Lives: Troy
- Marcus Chen, V.P. & Web Master
Born: China, Lives: Ann Arbor
- Yuri Peric, Treasurer
Born: Croatia, Citizen: Canada, Lives: Rochester Hills
- Antonio Cruz, Utility
Born: Mexico, Lives: Troy
- Sreedhar Patil, Ambassador
Born: Davangere, India, Lives: Bangalore, India
- Dale Murrish, Secretary
Born: Indiana, Lives: Troy

Ideas from **many** others have been used...
New members are welcome!

