



**ATAD**

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web!**

**ATAD.org**

*Info and forms for  
travel and hosting are  
available here!*

## **President's Trip**

*July 2006 will always stand out in my mind as a very special time. My husband, Larry, and I spent three weeks visiting our ATAD partner cities, most of which are also ISCOR cities. The trip was a combination of work for ATAD, touring, learning about the different cities and cultures and meeting with wonderful, generous people.*

We started our trip in Caltanissetta where we met with the Mayor and exchanged gifts. I was impressed with all of the memorabilia from Rochester that was in the city hall. I was also interviewed for the newspapers and television station. We were very well taken care of, fed, transported, and given tours by Rosa Seddio Costa and the members of the Cultrascambi committee, which is their counterpart to ATAD.

Our next stop was Izmir, Turkey, where we were wonderfully hosted by Umid, our Liaison, and the school where she works and that we exchange with. We stayed in an apartment at the school and were shown around the campus of the school by the students who were planning to come to Rochester. Izmir is a beautiful city on the Aegean Sea with many things to see and do. It is also located near Ephesus which is an ancient city containing amazing Greek and Roman ruin. I felt a special connection to Izmir and to Umid since I used to chair the Izmir program and have communicated with Umid many times in the past. It was very special to get to know her personally.

The next sister city that we visited was Novgorod. As part of our experience we stayed in an apartment with the Vice Principal of the school that we exchange with. We spent 3 days seeing Novgorod through her eyes, which really helped me to see what the exchange experience is like. I found it fascinating to see the changes that have occurred in Russia since the end of communism and to see what still remains from that time and before it. My husband especially enjoyed practicing his high school Russian.

From Russia we went to Krakow. Our self appointed hosts were a wonderful couple who have 2 sons who were ATAD students and are now studying at colleges in the Rochester area. They took us to the restaurants that the locals go to and drove us around the city and the countryside to see things that most tourists don't get to see. Krakow is a beautiful city and we now have a new, enthusiastic school that we will be exchanging with.

Our last Sister City stop was Wurzburg, where the liaison and his wife took excellent care of us. When they were busy, a couple and their son, who is a past ATAD student, took us to visit a palace and to see the beautiful scenery and other sights outside of Wurzburg.

In each city we found history, culture, beautiful buildings, and delicious food. As wonderful as all of that was, we were most amazed by the people we met and the stories they told of the lasting relationships that ATAD has fostered. We found incredible warmth and generosity in every city we went to. This is what makes the work that is done for ATAD meaningful.



On February 13, a group of International students attended a reception with Mayor Duffy



On March 18, a group of International students and their host families enjoyed our annual International Dinner

# **Annual Meeting**

**All members of the Corporation of the Association of Teenage Diplomats and nominees to the Board of Directors are invited to attend the Annual Corporation Meeting**

**-Tuesday, June 5. 2007**

**-7:30 PM**

**-First Baptist Church of Rochester**

**-175 Allens Creek Road at Clover Street**

**Corporation members include:**

Board of Directors, American Overseas Parents, Host Parents of International Students, High School Principals and School Liaisons

## **Save the Date!!**

**Sunday June 10**

**ATAD picnic**

**Bid farewell to our International Students  
and Bon Voyage to our Americans Overseas**