



Christina Baloski (left) also teaches at Taylor University. Two of her students, who came to Perry Hill to help out are Michael McPeak (center) and Ben Carawan.



A Perry Hill mother and her children look over all the artwork that adorned the halls of the school. Lilica Kitanzoska of the Voice of America, Washington, was on hand to document the event. Her program aired the following weekend in Macedonia.



Alaina Gosheff was part of this first grade program. She is the daughter of Tim and Amanda Gosheff, the granddaughter of George and Donna Gosheff and the great granddaughter of Stephana Gosheff.



Mali Makedontsi perform on March 28 at Fine Arts Night at Perry Hill Elementary School. Their inclusion in the program led to a \$1000 donation by the Charity and Benevolent Committee of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.



Handmade dinnerware inspired by famous people through history also was sold at the event.



Lupka Baloski and Nina Skimos (left to right) sell home-baked treats to augment the fundraiser. Lupka is treasurer of the MPO.



Tim Goeglein

Macedonian in the White House

Goeglein, Bush assistant, to speak at MPO Convention

"Everything good in my life begins with my family and my growing-up years in Fort Wayne's Macedonian community," says Tim Goeglein, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

He will speak at this year's Grand Banquet of the 86th Annual MPO Convention. The banquet will be held Sept. 2. All events are held over Labor Day Weekend in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn. He was scheduled to speak at the 2005 MPO Convention, but was unable to attend due to the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

Goeglein has worked in the public arena for 18 years. For a decade, he was first the Deputy Press Secretary and then Communications Director for US Senator Dan Coats, Indiana. During the Bush-Cheney campaign, Goeglein served as the Coalitions Media Director. He began his career at producing newscasts at Fort Wayne's NBC affiliate.

"Working for President Bush is a professional honor. I am in regular touch with America's faith-based community; with all the veterans groups; with the think tanks and public policy organizations; with several of the ethnic communities, including our own, and spend time with some of the leading cultural institutions. It is a wonderful life."

He was graduated with honors from Indiana University's Ernie Pyle School of Journalism. He is married to "the love of my life" Jenny and is the father of two young sons Timmy, 11, and Paul, 9. His hobbies include tennis, reading and the fine arts. His parents are Stanley and Shirley (Spasoff) Goeglein, Fort Wayne.

"My most important roles are husband, father and son. Because of the models of my Macedonian grandparents and parents, I place a premium on these roles and give thanks to Christ for his amazing grace, not the least of which is living in this remarkable country, in what Abraham Lincoln called "the last best hope of earth."

"Art for a Cause" raises money for children in Macedonia

Fort Wayne -- "Art for a Cause" is a program specially designed by Christina Baloski, art teacher at Perry Hill Elementary School, to help children in Macedonia. Throughout the year, she taught her students about art and about Macedonia.

The culmination of the project was Fine Arts Night held March 28, which raised more than \$1600 for the Institute for Respiratory Diseases in Children, Skopje. Additional funds continue to filter in as the school year draws to a close.

Christina partnered the Perry Hill project with the Vladimir and Stephanie Atseff Humanitarian Assistance Project for Macedonia, which in turn partners with the MPO's Gotse Delcheff Foundation. The Charity & Benevolent Committee of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church joined the partnership to increase the ability to buy surgical equipment for the children's hospital. Christina also was supported by one of her bosses Dr. Gloria Shamanoff, Assistant Superintendent, who received school board permission.

Parents of young Macedonian dancers were so impressed with the concept, that they encouraged the Charity & Benevolence Committee at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, to augment the Art for a Cause project. Deacon Michael Myers presented a \$1000 check to Atseff during the April 14 dance commemorating the 80th anniversary of the **MACEDONIAN**

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In presenting the check, Deacon Michael said, "This cause touched my heart as we have family members with Cystic Fibrosis." (Editor's note: Cystic Fibrosis is a lung disease.)

On a trip to Macedonia this year, MPO Vice president Vlad Atseff and his wife Stephanie will oversee purchase and installation of the equipment.

Fine Arts Night included musical performances by the first grade music program, which saw Alaina Gosheff in a solo role, the fifth grade band and choir and a guest appearance by the Mali Makedontsi - the student dance troupe headed by Jim Skimos.

The evening also included a display of artwork by every Perry Hill student called Gallery Walk; Art-for-Sale of students' artwork; a Silent Auction of artwork donated by professional artists; caricatures drawn by Taylor University students as well as a bake sale featuring Macedonian goodies.

Dr. Leon Speroff, Evelyn Dinu and James Stoyonoff head the MPO's Gotse Delcheff Foundation. In the past two years, it has donated two large pieces of equipment to the institute, including a Pulse Oxymeter and an Ultra Sound Machine with electric adaptors. George Rochette donated the Ultra Sound Machine.



George Rochette donated this Ultra Sound Machine to the Institute. It is only the second machine of this kind in all of Macedonia.



Ultra Sound Machine is ready for shipment to the Institute for Respiratory Diseases in Children, Skopje.