

Polish exchange student participates in CIEE

Local organization looking for new members

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The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) recently collected donations for the Northwoods Animal Alliance, a shelter for puppies rescued within the Northwoods. This event took place on Feb. 11 at the Trig's in Minocqua and on Feb. 12 at the Trig's in Eagle River.

The CIEE is a government sponsored program whose goal is to foster positive relationships between students from the US and other nations. It was founded in 1947, and it hosts students from all corners of the world, from

Africa to Asia. According to a press release, all international students attending high school in the US not only participate in extracurricular activities and sports, but they also "give back to their host communities through many volunteering and community service opportunities. Through this program, CIEE provides life-changing cultural exchanges that help students, families, schools, and communities gain new perspectives and develop lifelong relationships that cross borders and cultures."

In the Northwoods, there is currently one participant from Poland. However, the CIEE is seeking to gain new participants from the high schools in the area, as well as through a family vetting process.

The sole student par-

icipant from Three Lakes, named Iga Kulig, will participate with the CIEE in the spring semester of high school. She has been in the US for three months after touching down at the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport in January.

"Since a young age, one of my biggest dreams have been visiting the USA," Iga explained. "I really wanted to get to know the culture closer, meet new people and make friends. The CIEE exchange program has helped me realize it!"

Ever since her arrival in the U.S., she has made friends in various places. In one case, she participated in the Love Across Cultures event this past February when she met a girl named Sophia Stiegler.

"We fundraised money for animals in shelters to buy new pet



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CIEE participant Iga Kulig from Poland being welcomed by her host family (right) and CIEE coordinator Irene Stiegler (far left) at the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport.

supplies and food," she said. "I feel like it really connected our cultures and people around meanwhile creating positive relations between Poland and the USA."

Irene Stiegler, a coordinator who's been with the CIEE since November of 2022, says that the organization got the idea for this

fundraiser from a student, who proposed getting involved in the community.

"They've always been working with international students as well," she said of Trig's willingness to help out in this effort. "The Eagle River store was very kind to allow us to use their facilities for collecting donations. I

think it's a wonderful cause, wonderful event to participate in ... it helps the student in participating in something of a good cause, and it's a good deed to be involved in."

For Iga, her involvement has led to only positive results. "CIEE provides us new international relationships and memories," she said. "It helps make dreams come true to many teenagers who wants to visit the USA. Moreover, we have constant contact with our local coordinator, and I can contact her anytime and ask for help."

Even with her dream of visiting the U.S., she has seen quite a few differences between life in Poland and the U.S. In Poland, teenagers must be 18 years of age to get a driver's license and drive a car, even though most people there use public transportation. In addition, she has also had to adjust with several notable differences between the two education systems, particularly in dress and architecture.


"In my school in Poland, we have uniforms and here I don't have to wear them. Also the school schedule is different. Whole architecture is different here. I really like the small, charming houses here. In Poland, we have utterly different house architecture!"

Although, her biggest challenge has been adjusting to different time zones, since Poland is seven hours ahead of the U.S. she has also had to learn to speak English.

In spite of everything, the rewards have exceeded the risks for her. Iga hopes to study abroad for college, and she is considering majoring in either physiology or medicine. Iga expects to continue her volunteer work well into the future.

"I like helping people and animals around, and it makes me really happy!" Iga exclaimed.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 — spumante

5 Roost

8 Tammy — Bakker

12 In a while

13 This — — test

14 Wild disturbance

15 Snit

16 Noon, in ancient Rome

17 Try to influence

18 Hotel patrons

20 Simpson kid

21 Oater star — Rogers

22 Come down with

23 Veld grazer

26 49th state

29 Engineering toy

30 Diploma possessor

31 Ms. Longoria

33 Elec. measure

34 Mansion staffer

35 Work gang

36 Shaggy flower

38 Fashion accessory

39 Neighbor of CTRL

40 Returns org.

41 Drama award

43 "Anyone home?" (hyph.)

46 Mumble

47 Sallow

48 Orchidlike flower

50 Cuddled

51 Whitney or Lilly

52 Congers

53 Rolling stone

54 Dry, as champagne

55 Trellis coverer

DOWN

1 Open-wide word

2 Like a bug in a rug

3 Meat substitute

4 Raging fire

5 LX

6 Egyptian goddess

7 "— -Pan"

8 Orchard produce

9 Televises

10 Exercise system

11 Summer, in Cannes

19 Grassy square

20 Conduct

22 Very willing

23 Lodge member

24 X-rated

25 Ottoman title

26 Diva's solo

27 Deborah of old films

28 Sts.

30 Horse's stride

32 Impress deeply

34 Marseilles Ms.

35 More undemanding

37 Beehive, maybe

38 Tennis instructor

40 Column order

41 Muffin spread

42 Fall planting

43 Sturdy lock

44 Chocolate cookie

45 Fixes a squeak

46 Librarian's warning

47 Unsold of the NBA

49 NNW opposite

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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