

The United Nations Association of Greater Milwaukee invites you to...

“What is the Milwaukee Sister Cities Program?”

**A Presentation by Alexander P. Durtka, Jr.
Sister Cities State Coordinator for Wisconsin**

The presentation will explore the various aspects of Sister Cities globally and locally and how one might be part of the picture.

Nevenka Lutzow Balic has taken part in the **Zadar, Croatia - Milwaukee Sister City program since 2015**. She will share the details of this particular relationship to provide an example of why this program is successful.

Saturday – September 9th, 2023 from 10 – 11:30 AM
Free & Open to the Public

**Attend In-Person at Zao MKE Church –2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. – Milwaukee, WI
or Virtually Through the Following Zoom Link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83435775541?pwd=eURiRnJWemFrUXhSTXM5OUt1WlhvZz09>

Since the founding of **Sister Cities** by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956, its aim is to promote people-to-people movements around the world through cultural, educational, and economic exchanges. The global network is comprised of some 1,800 partnerships in 138 countries.

By shaping and strengthening partnerships between the U.S. and international communities, Sister Cities impacts the global landscape by promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time.



Alexander P. Durtka, Jr. is the Sister Cities Coordinator for Wisconsin and the former President & CEO of the International Institute of Wisconsin.

He is actively involved in a number of communities – locally, nationally, and internationally. He serves as the Sister Cities State Coordinator for Wisconsin and also as a member of the Milwaukee Sister Cities Commission. He also served as the Board Chair of Global Ties U.S. and is currently a member of its Advisory Board.

In addition to these positions, he continues to serve as Secretary of the Sister State Relationship with Chiba, Japan, President of the Japan America Society of Wisconsin, President and North

American Representative to the International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Traditional Arts, and also as a Commissioner on the U.S. National UNESCO Commission.

He has traveled extensively from Taiwan to Estonia, from Australia to Russia, giving presentations and lectures on a variety of topics including diversity and the safeguarding and transmission of intangible heritage. He is a recipient of numerous awards and commendations including UWM Alumni's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Order of the Rising Rays and Rosette from the Emperor of Japan for his contribution to the promotion of the Japan-United States relationship.

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