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# MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE GUIDE



Portage County Multicultural Access (ACCESS) c/o Portage County Cultural Festival, Inc. P.O. Box 739 Stevens Point, WI 54481

Visit us at: www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org

#### WHAT IS PORTAGE COUNTY MULTICULTURAL ACCESS?

Portage County Multicultural Access (ACCESS), as a division of the Portage County Cultural Festival, Inc., is committed to helping and promoting a hospitable environment/culture wherein foreign and minority (especially new) residents of Portage County thrive and live productively. This benefits not only those who may access the resources but enriches the community as a whole through increased and sustained diversity of our population.

The initial project **ACCESS** has undertaken is to enhance the appeal of our community by developing this **MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE GUIDE** and network of community resource persons to help acclimate newcomers to our community, and provide opportunities for others to learn more about the cultural and ethnic diversity of Portage County.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ACCESS LISTED RESOURCES:

Liz Fulton	715-345-7336
Marc Fang	715-341-1525
Constance Fang	715-341-1525
Shong-Chai Her	715-346-0080
Jeri McGinley	715-344-9525
Patty Noel	715-341-1473
Jim Vang	715-343-7106

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**PLEASE NOTE:** This guide is a work-in-progress and will be updated periodically. Please feel free to provide suggestions for future editions by e-mailing pccfaccess@gmail.com or calling 715-341-1525. This **is not** a complete listing of all available resources, nor an endorsement of listed organizations.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSON LINKS

Whether you are new to our community or new to our country, these Community Resource Persons are available to help answer questions and make the transition to living here as smooth as possible! Any of the individuals listed on page 2 will be happy to connect you with any of the people listed below.

Culture (Country)	Resource Person
African American (USA):	Melvyn Rousseau Terri Taylor Jacqueline Rose
Cameroonian (Cameroon):	Sam Dinga
Chinese (China):	Yan Liao Matthew & Virginia Liu
Chinese (Malaysian):	Marcus Fang Lydia Larrick
Chinese (Singapore):	Constance Fang
Chinese (Taiwan):	George Kung
Dominican (Dominican Republic):	Valentina Peguero
Dutch (USA):	Liz Fulton
French/Guyanese (Guyana):	Beverley David
German (Germany):	Bernard & Irene Kurzawa Mark & Jan Seiler
Hmong (Laos):	Shong-Chai Her Jim Vang Mai Vang
Indian (India):	Shabbar Razvi

#### **Culture (Country)**

#### **Resource Person**

Indian/Singaporean/Chinese

(Singapore):

Remya Traynor

Indonesian (Indonesia):

Andri Gunawan

Iranian (Iran):

Hamid & Fariba Hekmat

Japanese (Japan):

Mariko Thomas

Tomoko Kuribayashi Virginia Liu

Stephanie Misaki Whiting Carol Lanphear Cook

Kenyan (Kenya):

Geoffrey Mburu

Korean (Korea):

Hyun & Maria Kim

Latina-Hispanic (Chile):

Rosario Alemparte

Mexican (Mexico):

Charles Fernandez Sylvia Lubeck

Mongolian (Mongolia):

Hurlee Gonchigdanzan

Native American (USA):

Andrew Gokee

Nicaraguan (USA):

Sherrin Bowen

Nigerian (Nigeria):

Yomi Ogunnaike-Lafe

Peruvian (Peru):

Elia Armacanqui-Tipacti

Senegalese/French (Senegal):

Sara & Gordon Williams

Taiwanese (Taiwan):

Dani Lai

Thai (Thailand):

Sasithorn Zuge

Turkish (Turkey):

Ahmet Ciftci

West African - Beninese (Benin):

Justin Horvath

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

### HMONG AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PORTAGE COUNTY

Provides Hmong-American families with community awareness, informational resources, and build partnerships and leadership skills that empower and enhance a positive move into the mainstream through community connections, while preserving cultural values and traditions.

#### Contact:

Wang Neng Yang 101 N. Division St., Ste. E Stevens Point, WI 54481 715- 341-3703

#### Email:

com

hmong\_am\_assoc@sbcglobal.net Web Site: www.haapconline.truesolutionsllc.

## PORTAGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL/STEVENS POINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

5501 Vern Holmes Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-344-1940

### THE STEVENS POINT AREA HUMAN RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

The Stevens Point Area Human Resource Association exists:

- To promote the individual growth and advancement of its members
- To develop and advance the understanding for human resource management through the information and idea exchange among its members
- To uphold and promote the standards and ideals of the human resource profession
- To provide opportunities for cooperative research, exchange of information among members, and monthly topics to keep abreast of human resource practices and changing labor laws.

#### Contact:

Allison Kisting c/o Travel Guard 1145 Clark Street Stevens Point, WI 54481 800-826-7791, ext. 14670

Web site: www.wishrm.org/chapter/stpoint

#### **CULTURAL COMMUNITY LINKS**

These are great resources for newcomers and community members interested in learning more about other cultures!

#### Native American

## American Indians Reaching For Opportunities (AIRO)

Encourages awareness and understanding of all Indian people.

SSC 206 - UWSP 715-346-3576

#### African American

#### **Black Student Union**

Cultivates self-esteem, racial understanding and unites the black students on the UWSP campus and educates people on Black issues.

Beverley David 454 CCC - UWSP 715-346-4535 bdavid@uwsp.edu

#### Polish

## Polish Heritage Awareness Society

Dedicated to educating the public about Polish heritage through programs and special events. Gayle Phillip P.O. Box 726 Stevens Point, WI gzivney@hotmail.com www.polishheritageawareness.com

#### Chinese

#### **UWSP Chinese Culture Club**

Introduces Chinese traditional culture and current Chinese social and economic development; promotes friendship and mutual understanding between Chinese and other foreign students on campus.

Jianwei Wang CCC 478 - UWSP 715-346-3869 j2wang@uwsp.edu

www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ccc/

#### Czech

## Milladore Czech Singers and Dancers

The sixteen-member group performs Czech songs (in Czech) and dances to honor their Czech heritage.

Catherine Warnecke 3435 Trestik Drive Milladore, WI 715-457-6642

#### French

#### **UWSP French Club**

Provides French cultural activities and a relaxed atmosphere in which to speak French for all UWSP students who display a working knowledge of, and interest in, the French language and culture. Beverley David 454 CCC - UWSP 715-346-4535

#### Genealogy

## Stevens Point Geneological Society

The Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society, founded in 1975, is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering an interest in genealogy, sharing information, collecting, compiling and recording genealogical records of Portage County, and assisting members and others in tracing their local history.

Elizabeth Vollrath

#### German

#### **UWSP German Club**

Promotes interest in the language, culture and customs of the German speaking world.

Richard Ruppel 490A CCC - UWSP 715-346-4410 rruppel@uwsp.edu www.uwsp.edu/stuorg /german/

#### **Hmong**

#### Hmong and Southeast Asian American Club

Fosters global family ideals and promotes an exchange of culture, friendship and understanding among members and the community.

Jeff Karcher Safety & Loss Control Geo. Stein Annex 715-346-3901 jkarcher@uwsp.edu

#### International

## Lion's Club International Youth Exchange Program

Provides young people 15-21 years old a unique cultural experience—traveling to another country, living with a host family, and participating in a camp.

Diane Wasniewski 1903 Vanderwaal St. Mosinee, WI 54455 715-693-6457 ediwas@mtc.net

#### International

#### **UWSP International Club**

Promotes and encourages an exchange of culture throughout the nations by providing opportunities for friendship, understanding and the social interest of its members.

Brad Van Den Elzen 020 SSC - UWSP 715-346-3849 bvandene@uwsp.edu

#### International

#### **International Programs**

A department of UWSP committed to helping students become "citizens of the world" through its study abroad opportunities. Mark Koepke CCC 108 – UWSP 715-346-2717 mkoepke@uwsp.edu

#### **Japanese**

#### **Kentoanime Society**

Promotes anime and Japanese culture to UWSP students.

Joseph Waligore CCC 409 - UWSP 715-346-3803 jwaligor@uwsp.edu

#### Latin American

## Student Alliance for Latino Studies & Advancements (SALSA)

Provides a more intensive understanding of Latin American cultures.

Rosario Alemparte MCRC - UWSP Dreyfus University Center 715-346-3762 ralempar@uwsp.edu

#### Nicaragua

#### Stevens Point Esteli (Nicaragua) Partners City Group

Works to enhance the quality of life in both Wisconsin and Nicaragua through people-to-people programs promoting cultural awareness and sustainable community development. Amy Wiza awiza@uwsp.edu Nelson Hall – UWSP 715-346-4702

http://wnp.uwsp.edu/ profile/overview/ mission/mission.htm

#### Norwegian

#### **Sons of Norway**

A fraternal benefit society whose mission includes the promotion and preservation of Norwegian culture and heritage.

Milo Harpstead 612 Fieldcrest Ave. Stevens Point, WI 715-341-3145 milohrp@voyager.net www.sfl.org/sons.html

#### Polish

#### **UWSP Polish Club**

Develops an appreciation of Polish culture, language, people and traditions through speakers, films and conversation. Robert Kreczner SCI D357 – UWSP 715-346-3754 rkreczne@uwsp.edu

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#### Russian

## Russian- Rostov Veliky Sister City

An exchange program where visitors engage in first-hand learning about each other's city and formulating ways to improve and enhance educational, cultural and business ties between Stevens Point and the Rostov area.

Susan Zach 415 Oak Road Custer, WI 54423 715-592-4398

## South Asian

#### **South Asian Society**

Fosters global family ideals and promotes an exchange of culture, friendship and understanding among members and the community.

Jyoti Chander 2460 Crescent Court Plover, WI 54467 715-341-1538 j2chande@uwsp.edu

#### Spanish

#### **UWSP Spanish Club**

Promotes interest in the language, culture and customs of the Spanish speaking world.

Elia Armacanqui-Tipacti CCC 406 - UWSP 715-346-2308 earmacan@uwsp.edu









#### **CULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES**

CAP Services, Inc. 1608 W. River Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481

715-343-7500

UWSP Foreign Student Office UWSP - 020 SSC Stevens Point, WI 54481 Brad Van Den Elzen 715-346-3849 bvandene@uwsp.edu www.uwsp.edu/fso/

Multicultural Affairs UWSP – 202 SSC Stevens Point, WI 54481 Ron Strege 715-346-3574 Multicultural.affairs@uwsp.edu www.uwsp.edu/multicultural/

Native American Center UWSP – 206 SSC Stevens Point, WI 54481 Andrew Gokee 715-346-3576 natamer@uwsp.edu www.uwsp.edu/multicultural/NativeAm/

Nicaragua - Stevens Point Esteli (Nicaragua ) Partners City Group Nelson Hall – UWSP Stevens Point, WI 54481 Amy Wiza 715-346-3702 awiza@uwsp.edu http://wnp.uwsp.edu/

Portage County Literacy Council 1052 Main St, Suite 104 Stevens Point, WI 54481 Desiah Melby 715-345-5341 pclc@pocolit.org www.pocolit.org

Russian- Rostov Veliky Sister City

Susan Zach 415 Oak Road Custer, WI 54423 715-592-4398

#### **CULTURAL EXPRESSION**

Attend these events to learn more about the cultural and ethnic diversity of Portage County or to celebrate your heritage!

## EARLY SPRING

The Lantern Festival, often thought of as the Valentine's Day of China, traditionally takes place on the fifteenth night after the Lunar New Year. The event begins with dinner and is followed by performances of traditional Chinese dances, songs and Martial arts demonstrations.

For more information:

UWSP Chinese Culture Club ccclub@uwsp.edu www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/ccc/

#### FEB/ MARCH

Celebrate Black History Month by attending the **Soul Food Dinner** and **Gospel Festival** at UWSP.

Tickets are available in advance.

For more information:

UWSP Black Student Union c/o Prof. Beverley David bdavid@uwsp.edu

#### **MARCH**

The International Dinner and Entertainment is one of the main activities of the International Club. Initiated in 1970, this "sell-out" event provides an opportunity for International Club members to bring a "slice of the world" to the community. Guests experience the world without leaving Stevens Point through exotic foods, performing arts, and costumes.

For more information: 715-346-3849 iclub@uwsp.edu

#### MARCH/ APRIL

**The Native American Pow wow** features Native American dance, art and artists, with an evening feast. *For more information:* 

American Indians Reaching for Opportunities (AIRO) 715-346-3576 scloud@uwsp.edu

#### **SPRING**

**HaSEAAC'S Annual Hmong Conference** is one of the HaSEACC's largest annual events, featuring workshops and activities. For more information:

haseacc@uwsp.edu

#### **SPRING**

World Poetry (Celebration of Languages)
Celebrate the languages of the world by listening to

or participating in poetry and song recited in the world's many languages.

For more information:

UWSP South Asian Society sas@uwsp.edu

#### **SPRING**

The Multicultural Film Festival is a week-long festival offering outstanding foreign films and workshops on such topics as political conflicts and personal experiences from different cultures. For more information:

UWSP Multicultural Affairs 715-346-3574 www.uwsp.edu/multicultural/

#### SPRING

**The Celebracion Hispana** celebrates Latino/ Hispanic culture through music, dance and food. For more information:

UWSP SALSA salsa@uwsp.edu

#### MAY

The Portage County Cultural Festival is an all-day event celebrating the richness of the many cultures in Portage County through the sharing of authentic ethnic food, entertainment, arts and crafts, historical visual displays, and children's hands-on learning experiences. More than thirty-five subcultures participate in this annual event. This festival attracts more than 10,000 people who regularly crowd into the high school facilities. Admission is free!

For more information:

PCCF P.O. Box 739 Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-341-1525 www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org

#### **EARLY FALL**

The Festival of India is an annual Stevens Point festival which celebrates the culture of India and supports education for India's women and children.

For more information:

UWSP South Asian Society sas@uwsp.edu

#### **EARLY FALL**

The Hmong of Portage County Pre-New Year Celebration is a festival in early fall bringing Hmong residents from throughout the Midwest to Lake Pacawa Park in Plover to celebrate with food, entertainment, and the sale of artifacts and toys.

For more information:

Blia Pao Thao 715-630-1879

#### **OCTOBER**

**Dozynki Harvest Festival** is a celebration of the Stevens Point community's Polish Heritage with Polish demonstrations, crafters, and the crowning of a Polish Queen to oversee the day's activities! A traditional Polish dinner, music and dancing end this spectacular family event.

For more information:

Association of Downtown Businesses Stevens Point 715-343-5356

#### LATE FALL

Taste of Toj Roob is named for the mountainous region of Thailand from which Hmong culture originated. This event, which takes place in late November or early December, features a traditional Southeast Asian dinner, a keynote speech, folk tales, performances, raffle and silent auction.

For more information:

haseacc@uwsp.edu

#### EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

If you would like to find out more about one of the faith communities listed below, any of the individuals listed on page 2 will be happy to connect you with these contact people.

**Hmong Christian Alliance** 

Church

Contact:

Shong-Chai Her

Moslem

Contact:

Shabbar Razvi

**Jewish** 

Contacts:

Faye and Ed Miller

Larry Weiser

**Buddhism** 

Contact:

Alice Keefe

## ETHNIC FOOD & SHOPPING

Asian American Market 2824 Stanley Street, Stevens Point

715-345-1037

The Little Polish Deli (in the Gwiazda Polarna

office)

2804 Post Road, Stevens Point

715-341-3232

(Ligman Willie Bldg., lower level)

Lor's Market 3511 Church Street, Stevens Point

715-345-1311

La Guadalupana Mexican

Store

2618 Post Road, Plover

715-342-1358

Panda Market 1970 Post Road, Stevens Point

715-345-1488

Ski's Meat Market 5370 Highway 10E, Stevens Point

715-344-8484

People's Meat Market 1765 County Road J, Stevens Point

715-592-6328

#### **ETHNIC RESTAURANTS**

Cambodian/Thai Samoeun's 1540 Plover Road, Plover 715-544-4044 Happy Wok Chinese Bamboo House 3012 Village Park Drive, Plover 715-342-0988 www.ploverbamboohouse.com Chef Chu's 5720 Windy Drive, Stevens Point 715-295-0533 China Wok 135 N. Division St., Stevens Point Buffet 715-295-0998 Green Tea 1035 Main St., Stevens Point 715-345-2898 5509 Hwy 10 E, Stevens Point Hong Kong Buffet 715-342-8879 Tempura House 2529 Post Road, Plover 715-341-4944 German Bernard's 701 2nd Street N., Stevens Point Country Inn 715-344-3365 Restaurant www.bernardscountryinn.com Greek On the Go Gyro 2810 Plover Road, Plover 715-544-0454 Indian Curry in a Hurry 301 N. Division St., Stevens Point 715-544-4758 5327 Hwy 10E, Stevens Point Italian **Grazies Pasta** 

715-345-7808

Co.

Japanese	Matsu Ya Sushi Grill	5725 Windy Dr., Stevens Point 715-341-8893 www.matsuyasushi.net
Korean	Dosirak Korean Lunch Box	108 N. Division St., Stevens Point 715-345-9200 www.dosirakkoreanlunchbox.com
Mexican	El Mezcal	5720 Windy Dr., Stevens Point 715-342-1521
	El Patron	1830 Plover Road, Plover 715-344-4121
	K. Bueno	1137 Main Street, Stevens Point 715-342-5541
Middle Eastern	Gyros & Kabob House	1157 Main St., Stevens Point 715-341-5411
Polish	Cozy Kitchen	1338 Third St., Stevens Point 715-344-8620
	Polonia Cafe	7419 County Road Z, Custer 715-592-4900
Vietnamese	Lor's Vietnmese Restaurant	3511 Church Street, Stevens Point 715-345-1311

#### LANGUAGE SUPPORT

#### INTERPRETING SERVICES

Contact any of the individuals listed on page 2 for more information on these interpreters.

Chinese

Virginia Liu

George Kung Remya Traynor

Dutch

Liz Fulton

Indonesian

Andri Gunawan

Iranian

Hamid and Fariba Hekmat

Japanese

Virginia Liu

Mary Thomas

Hmong

Jim Vang

Shong-Chai Her

Spanish

Sylvia Lubeck

Thai

Yui Zuge

**Turkey** 

Ahmet Cifti

**French** 

Sara L. and Gordon Williams

#### **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

Academic Support Center Mid-State Technical College 933 Michigan Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481

715-344-3063

Portage County Literacy Council, Inc. 1052 Main Street, Suite 104 Stevens Point, WI 54481

Desiah Melby 715-345-5341

UWSP ESL Program
Foreign Student Office
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Brad Van Den Elzen 715-346-3849

#### **CULTURAL PUBLICATION**

Gwiazda Polama (**Polish**)
Point Publications, Inc.
Jacek Hilgier
2804 Post Road, Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-345-0744
gwiazda@coredcs.com
jhilgier@choiceonemail.com

### SPEAKER'S BUREAU

If you would like to learn more about other cultures, these people are available to speak to your group or civic organization. Contact anyone listed on page 2 for more information!

<u>Name</u>	Country	<u>Culture</u>
Alemparte, Rosario	Chile	Hispanic-Latino
Armacanqui-Tipacti, Elia	Peru	Latino (Native American from Peru)
Ciftci, Ahmet & Laura	Turkey	Religion: Muslim
Dinga, Sam	Cameroon	African
Gokee, Andrew	USA	Native American
Her, Shong-Chai	Laos	Hmong
Kung, George	China & Japan	Chinese & Japanese
Kurzawa, Bernard & Irene	Germany	German
Mburu, Geoffrey	Kenya	Kikuyu
Ogunnauke-Lafe, Yomi	Nigeria	Yoruba
Peguero, Valentina	Dominican Republic	Hispanic-Latino
Razvi, Shabbar	India	Muslim/Indian
Rousseau, Melvyn	USA	African American
Thomas, Mariko	Japan	Japanese
Traynor, Remya	Singapore	Indian & Chinese
Vang, Jim	Laos	Hmong
Weiser, Larry	Israel	Jewish
Williams, Sara & Gordon	Senegal	Senegal (Lived in Senegal)

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Armacanqui-Tipacti, Elia	Peru	Latino (Native American from Peru)
Ciftci, Ahmet & Laura	Turkey	Religion: Muslim
Dinga, Sam	Cameroon	African
Gokee, Andrew	USA	Native American
Her, Shong-Chai	Laos	Hmong
Kung, George	China & Japan	Chinese & Japanese
Kurzawa, Bernard & Irene	Germany	German
Mburu, Geoffrey	Kenya	Kikuyu
Ogunnauke-Lafe, Yomi	Nigeria	Yoruba
Peguero, Valentina	Dominican Republic	Hispanic-Latino
Razvi, Shabbar	India	Muslim/Indian
Rousseau, Melvyn	USA	African American
Thomas, Mariko	Japan	Japanese
Traynor, Remya	Singapore	Indian & Chinese
Vang, Jim	Laos	Hmong
Weiser, Larry	Israel	Jewish
Williams, Sara & Gordon	Senegal	Senegal (Lived in Senegal)

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

#### **IMMIGRATION RESOURCES**

Catholic Charities Immigration Services 1408 Ellis Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Sylvia Lubeck 715-344-2500

Hmong American Association of Portage County

3273 Church Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Bee Yang 715-341-3703

Hmong/Hispanic Services c/o CAP Services, Inc. 1608 W. River Drive

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Jim Vang 715-343-7106 jvang@capmail.org

Refugee Family Strengthening Project c/o CAP Services, Inc. 1608 W. River Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481

Chai Moua 715-343-7119

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**Dial 2-1-1** for comprehensive information about other available resources, including:

Basic Human Needs Resources
Physical and Mental Health Resources
Employment Support
Support for Older Persons and Those with Disabilities
Support for Children, Youth, and Families
Volunteer Opportunities and Donations

#### **BEYOND PORTAGE COUNTY**



The Islamic Center of Madison 21 N. Orchard Madison, WI 53715 www.islamiccentermadison.com

**FOOD** 

Halal

Yasmin's Halal Meat Market

1114 South Park Street Madison, WI 53715

608-250-5199

Indian/Halal

Bombay Bazaar

2807 University Avenue Madison, WI 53705

608-231-1211

Indian/Halal

Sairam Bazaar

253, W. Northland Ave Appleton, WI 54911

920-733-3003

**Asian** 

Asian Midway Foods

301 S. Park Street Madison, WI 53715

608-255-5864

Asian

Yue Wah Oriental Foods

2328 S Park Street Madison, WI 53713

608-257-9338