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OLD FRIENDS AND NEW FACES

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Any business that intends to move its headquarters to another continent is well-advised to make a thorough and comprehensive survey of the economic, political, social and spiritual conditions of the location of the proposed new headquarters. We at the International Leadership Institute, currently headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, announced in 2003 our intention to move our business to the Czech Republic. Ever since, we have treated every visit there as a fact-finding mission.

OLD AND NEW FACES

Even though Institute president Jarda Tusek was born in Czechoslovakia and lived there the first 25 years of his life, he is astute enough to realize that the many years he has not lived there constitute two generations, a long-enough time for some unanticipated changes to take place in the Czech Republic.

To observe these changes, during Jarda's latest and most ambitious visit there (from May 9—July 4, 2007) he made time to reconnect with some old friends and business associates, as well as share ideas with some newly-met acquaintances, as he continues to lay the groundwork for the Institute's move to the

Czech Republic within the next few years.

LEVIN AND TANNENBAUM

Attorney Alan Tannenbaum of Levin and Tannenbaum of Sarasota, Florida, has been a friend to the Institute since 1993. Alan has helped with internship placements, hosted participants in both family placements and social events, and helped us strategize as to our own long-term plans in east central Europe.

In May, Alan and two of his associates from Levin and Tannenbaum, Gabriela Kepecz and Ivo Travnicek visited Prague; Jarda and Alan hosted several reunion meetings with *Business Leadership Forum: USA* graduates, including Igor Zorad, Petr Vosmik, Ivo Karvacek, and Mojimir Ranny. Top 2

Alan Tannenbaum (center) hosting a meeting with ILI program graduates at Petrinske Terasy Restaurant. (photo courtesy Kamil Kadarabek)





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OUR DEAR NEIGHBORS

Since 1938, the Tusek family, living at Domazlicka 2 in Zizkov, a Prague neighborhood close to the city center, has had wonderful neighbors in the apartment house.



The Kadarabeks (Kamil and Jarcka), neighbors of the Tuseks for many years

The Kadarabek family, just next door, has been a beloved part of the life of the Tuseks, and vice-versa. Mrs. Jarcka Kadarabkova and Mrs. Vera Tuskova were friends, the kind who do small errands and favors for each other without expecting anything in return. Jarcka tutored their son Kamil, who later provided his photographic expertise for Institute activities in Prague.

The Kadarabek family is a loyal friend to the Tusek family, and we appreciate

their help in matters large and small over the years, most especially in the past three years, when Kamil provided information and valuable insights into the privatization of the apartment house and the establishment of the cooperative which now owns and administers the building. We are thankful for their friendship and good humor.

OUR LANGUAGE STUDENTS

Among the new faces Jarcka met in Prague were those in his Advanced English seminar. This group of participants met the challenge of finding out “how to bridge the major gaps between cultures without really trying.” This short-term conversational English seminar was offered

through Betlemska Kaple (Bethlehem Chapel) of the Evangelical Church of

Czech Brethren in Prague 3 (Zizkov), which is led by the Institute’s long-time friend, Christof Lange. Rev. Lange has been also a valuable advisor in our plans to relo-

cate to the Czech Republic, and what types of ministries will work in the Czech culture. The seminar was an initial attempt to locate and begin to bridge the cultural gaps between Czechs and Americans, and was very helpful in terms of gaining a better understanding of contemporary thinking of young adults in the Czech Republic.

THANK YOU!

Without the insights and assistance of many Czech and American friends, we would never have been able to do anything worthwhile in the Czech Republic. We are grateful for the friendships we’ve made, and look forward to greeting more new faces as we prepare for our Institute relocation.

Advanced English Seminar meets at Rev. Lange’s office at Betlemska Kaple (photo courtesy of Kamil Kadarabek)



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