

# The Tulsa-Celle Partnership Newsletter

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## Upcoming Event:

### Partnership Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 30th, 2003  
Time: starting between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Kilkenny's Restaurant & Irish Pub  
1413 East 15th Street

Partnership members, friends, non-members are all welcome. You can order a dinner if you wish, however, if you prefer not to order a meal, a good beer or two – on your own responsibility - will be alright as well. We will be entertained by our very special guests the “Grass’n’Groove” band from Celle.

**Grass’n Groove**, a four-man band comes to us from our Sister city Celle. They present pub music on a high level, and a wide range of anglo-Saxon, Irish, and German folk music. The musicians are: Burghard Bock, Detlef Bünger, Wolfgang Appun, and Dietmar Sander. Their instruments: the fiddle, the mandolin, the gitarre, and double bass. We are definitely looking forward to a very entertaining program.

During their stay in Tulsa, Grass’n Groove will be hosted by members and friends of our Partnership. The band will have a very busy program. They will not only perform their music but also give slide presentations about the art work in the Baroque Chapel of the Celle castle. The following presentations are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, October 1, 12:00 – 12:50: a slide presentation at the Tulsa Community College , in the Auditorium in Building 7 (for exact directions call Barbara Taron 355-2370 or TCC Student Activities 595-7771).

Sunday, October 5, 3:00 pm: Grass n’Groove will provide the musical entertainment during the German American Day celebration at the German American Society of Tulsa, 1429 Terrace Drive, Tulsa.

The group will also give their slide presentation and play their music at the Fellowship Lutheran Church in Tulsa. A trip to Wolarock and to Oklahoma City is scheduled and they will perform at the Royal Bavarian Restaurant in Moore. On Saturday, October 4, Grass n’Groove as well as the GAST dancers will perform at the Ponca City Oktoberfest.

Our Partnership president, Wolfgang Becker and his wife Silke sent the following invitation to all Partnership members:

“Dear Tulsa Celle Partnership Members,  
We are planning a potluck dinner to welcome our guests for that week at our house on Lake Hudson on Monday Sept. 29. If you are not afraid of the distance, we kindly ask you to arrive around 5 pm. If possible, car-pool and when you arrive, park so that you point the way out. That is much easier than maneuvering in the dark. (getting spooky?)

Please let me know who wants to come so that we can send directions. Tell me what you would like to bring. We will have BBQ chicken and our second fridge is filled with beer and drinks.

Hope to hear from you soon.  
Tschuess, Silke “

During our last Partnership Meeting at El Paso's we had two short presentations. Ruby Libertus gave us an advance taste of her Thesis on the "Characteristics of a Global Citizen". It was very interesting for us since our Partnership is a committee of Tulsa Global Alliance which has "globalization" in its mission statement.

As Ruby pointed out: "the world gets smaller all the time. We cross oceans in a few hours and information traverses the globe in a few seconds. A global economy is changing the way we live. The citizens of Northeast Oklahoma play an important role in building the understanding that is essential in an increasingly interdependent world. Globalization means global curiosity, tolerance and understanding, global awareness and a broad worldview. It also means an exchange of ideas, technologies and goods to benefit mankind".



Meanwhile..... congratulations are in order. Last week, Ruby defended her thesis and passed with flying colors!

Our next guest speaker, Dave Baer from the mayor's Citizen Corps Volunteer Project explained to us the history, purpose and scope of the project. The events of 9/11 highlighted the need for community action to establish a bank of qualified volunteers that could be called upon at a time of a national or local emergency. The City of Tulsa has received a grant from the Federal Government to establish a program for disaster preparedness. This project will recruit individuals for a Language/Culture Bank to assist community agencies in time of need. Also wanted are people with professional skills to be on call and to assist response teams in an emergency. Mr. Baer answered several questions by the audience and handed out brochures with additional information. Volunteers are encouraged to call the project center at 918-585-5551 or to sign up on the website <http://www.tulsavolunteercenter.org/> and click on "Citizen Corps".

#### **Getting to Know Your Officers:**

In this issue, I would like to introduce to you the President of our Sister City Partnership, Wolfgang Becker.

Wolfgang was born (as he put it!) about half a century ago in Posen, which is in today's Poland. After the war, he was raised in Gummersbach, Germany, a place about 30 miles east of Cologne.

He went to college in Siegen, Germany; graduated with a degree equivalent to a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then married Silke H. Becker, our Partnership's Executive Committee's member at large.

Wolfgang worked in several positions for a worldwide group of companies in Germany, the Netherlands, and Canada before moving to Tulsa in 1979. He is the founder of Thermal Technologies Int'l. (heat exchanger engineering / sales and heat transfer consulting).

Wolfgang is a member of several professional organizations and of TGA's board of directors since 2001. He became the Tulsa Celle Partnership's president after founder Dr. John Letcher resigned for health reasons.

Silke and Wolfgang have one married son living in Houston, TX, and two grand daughters.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

At the end of October, we are looking forward to the official visit by Lord Mayor Martin Bierman who will come to Tulsa by special invitation from the Mayor of Tulsa, Bill LaFortune. A program for his visit is presently being worked out.

For continuous updates on our Partnership, and links to the Celle newspaper etc, please visit our website under Tulsa Global Alliance [www.tulsaglobalalliance.org](http://www.tulsaglobalalliance.org). Go to sister city "Celle", scroll to the bottom of that page, and click the box: "click here for more".