

Year 2000/2001

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Note : John Letcher President until March 2001

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Wolfgang Becker VP Business until March 2001

Rick Gibbens VP Business March to May 2001

June 2000

A Tulsa delegation went to Celle from June 21 to June 25th for the signing of the sister city agreement.

The members of the official Tulsa Delegation were:

- Mr. Sam Roop, Chairman, Tulsa City Council and Gail Roop,
- Mr. Todd Huston, Member, Tulsa City Council
- Dr. John H. Letcher, President, Tulsa-Celle Sister City Partnership Committee and Mrs. Martin Letcher.
- Prof. Rodger Randle, Chairman, Sister Cities International and former Mayor of the City of Tulsa.
- Ms. Doris Gallagher, Tulsa Global Alliance(TGA) and Tulsa-Celle Sister City Partnership Committee (TCSCPC).

In addition to the above, the following people also attended the activities:

- Mr. Don Wright, TCSCPC and the German American Society of Tulsa (GAST) and his wife Carol
- Mr. Fred Rother, TCSCPC and GAST
- Mr T.A. Sembe, Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Tulsa and his wife Ellen
- Mr. Kermit Hoffmeier and his wife Betsy Swimmer Hoffmeier, TCSCPC
- Dr. and Mrs. David Connor of Oral Roberts University
- Mr. Rick Gibbens and his wife Debi, MCI/Worldcom of Tulsa
- Mr. Michael McClellan, Consulate general of the USA,

The signing ceremony took place on June 22nd, at 3 PM, at the Old Town Hall, and it was attended by the following people representing the Celle administration:

- Dr. Herbert Severin, Dr. Otto Stumpf, Dr. Astrid Peters, Karsten Moritz, Susanne Reinike-Jungclaus, Klaus Meier, Margitta Schuermann, Michael Schwarzkopf, Wolf Wallat, Martin Krause, Frauke Galda, Joachim Falkenhagen, Martin Biermann Christian Burchard, Gert-Wilhelm Gonell, Sigrud Maier-Knapp-Herbst, Ulrich Werwath Reinhard Förster, Gunnar Jungclaus, and Denise Steil.

August 2000

One student from B.T. Washington, one from TCC, and Julie Wahlmeier's son Micah, went to Celle for a youth meeting from the 6th to the 14th of August. Celle had invited three young people from each of its Sister Cities sister to participate.

September 2000

Thomas Garbe, a Celle High School graduate, was our first Business intern. He worked for WorldCom.

October 2000

"Kid's world 2000" was held at the Tulsa Expo from October 26th to the 29th. Julie Wahlmeier, Doris Gallagher, and Ginny Rohr represented the Partnership.

November 2000

30 guests from Celle came to Tulsa from November 20 to November 26th, for the signing of the official Sister City agreement.

The members of the Celle delegation were:

- Dr. Herbert Severin, Mayor of Celle, and Frau Theda Severin
- Herr Martin Biermann, City Manager, and Frau Ursula Biermann
- Herr Christian Burchard, Deputy City Manager, and Frau Ursula Burchard
- Herr Reinhard Förster, director of Personnel Affairs, and Frau Christiane Förster
- Herr Gunnar Jungclaus, President German-american Club, and Frau Susanne Reinicke-Jungclaus
- Herr Gerd Ziegner, Director of Economic Affairs
- Herr Volker Holzberg, Director of Tourism, and Frau Holzberg
- Frau Monika Wille, Secretary to Herr Biermann, and Herr Hans-Hermann Wille
- Herr Michael Schwarzkopf, member of the Social Party
- Herr Joachim Falkenhagen, leader of the Liberal Party, and Frau Sylvia-Wichmann Falkenhagen
- Herr Florian Virchow, Managing Director Motortech GmbH, and Frau Beate Virchow
- Herr Alfred Krause, leader of the Citizen party
- Frau Dr. Astrid Peters, leader of the Conservative Party, and Herr Dr. Eckhard Peters
- Frau Georgia Langhans, leader of the Eco Party
- Herr Bernd Zobel, member of the Eco Party
- Herr Rainer Reimann

The signing ceremony took place at 5 PM, on Tuesday, November 21st, at the Gilcrease Museum Auditorium. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Vista room of the Museum. A complete list of the people representing Tulsa at the ceremony is not available.

March 2001

- Chris VanMieghem, a TCC language student, began a one year internship in a Celle restaurant.
- on March 12th, the first live "Distance Learning" hookup was established between Gymnasium physics students and Celle officials gathered at the Baker Hughes facility in Celle, and TCC Metro Campus, TCC north East Campus, and WorldCom In Tulsa.

April 2001

Rick Gibbens and his father participated in the Celle "WASA RUN" this April.

May 2001

- On May 17th, another "Distance Learning" hookup was established and TCC honor student Michelle Stevenson led a discussion with some of Mr. Schrafnel's Celle student about "light as a classical wave".
- 24 TCC students traveled to Europe with Barbara Taron, and 16 of the students visited Celle for a 4 day home stay.