

# *Review of the year 2011/2012*

The year 2011/2012 was a very active one for the Partnership.

We now have reached a new record of 52 memberships and 85 members. In addition, we have four honorary members ( councilors Blake Ewing, and Skip Steele, as well as TGA representatives Pat Kroblin and Jessica Stowell).

The Partnership held or participated in the following functions during the 2011/2012 year:

Monthly:           The Celle Runde group met on first Saturday of each month at Barbara Taron' s home.

The following Celle Runde members joined the Partnership this year : Gabriele Blankenship, Myriam and Rainer Dupont, Patricia and Kenneth Mc Laurin, MaryAnne and Vic Segner, and Katie Sloan.

August 5<sup>th</sup>:        The Beer Stein presentation by Dave Schoeneweis was held at the GAST Center

September 10<sup>th</sup>: The German Style Coffee and Cake Outing took place at the new Centennial Botanical Garden.

September 21: The Partnership participated in TGA's annual Savoring Sister Cities event.

October 5<sup>th</sup>:        The Partnership visited the Port of Catoosa.

October 29<sup>th</sup>:     The Partnership was part of the group representing TGA at the Boo-Ha-Ha parade. Mark and Peggy Sue Clemons rode their convertible in the parade and Susanne Reinike, George Coppedge, Barbara Taron, and Gerald Taron held the Partnership's banners.

November 4<sup>th</sup>:     Mary Jane Mueller made arrangements for the "Landesgestüt Celle" presentation by Joerg Adlung at the St Bernard of Clairvaux Church.

November 4<sup>th</sup>:     Sonia Ahrenkiel's was the winner of our membership drive. Her name was drawn by Thomas Conrad as the winner of the bottle of champagne donated by one of our members.

November 13<sup>th</sup>: Representatives from the Partnership attended the annual "Volkstrauertag Ceremony" at fort Reno with GAST members, and the Houston German Consul Mr. Roland Hermann

- November 19: Jan Heffner, Christl Parsons, Barbara Taron and Gerald Taron helped staff the TGA booth at the "Affair of the Heart".
- November 21: Arnold Bieber and Mark Clemons participated in the "International Fair" of the Eisenhower School.
- December 16<sup>th</sup>: Forty nine people enjoyed the TCP Christmas party at the Fellowship Lutheran Church. Barbara and Stanley Conrad sponsored the rental of the church hall.
- January 12<sup>th</sup>: Partnership dinner at Margaret's Restaurant.
- January 31<sup>st</sup>: Gerald and Barbara Taron attended TGA's "Meet your Councilor" event at City Hall. They were introduced to Councilor Skip Steele who is the City representative assigned to the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership.
- February 6<sup>th</sup>: The Movie "Kirschblüten-Hanami" was shown by the Partnership at the GAST Center.
- February 16<sup>th</sup>: Mark Clemons and Barbara Taron represented The TCP at the Tulsa Community College "Global Fest".
- March 13<sup>th</sup>: Partnership dinner at the Platt College Foundations Restaurant.
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: Arnold Bieber, Mark Clemons, Mieke Epps, Dick Ekdahl, Barbara Taron Gerald Taron, and several GAST members attended a lunch presentation at the Bathelmes Conservatory.
- April 14<sup>th</sup>: Kelley Fitter made arrangements for a wine tasting at the Ganderway Vineyards.
- June 7<sup>th</sup>: The Nominating Committee composed of Mieke Epps, Mary Jane Mueller, and Ginny Rohr made arrangements for the Partnership's Election Meeting at Siegi's Restaurant.

## Other activities

The Partnership made a \$250 donation to cover some of the expenses incurred by the Celler Rowers during their Tulsa visit last summer.

The Partnership will welcome Elsbe and Henrike, two young ladies from Celle, in late July. The students will stay in Tulsa for five weeks, and they will be hosted by the Bradway, Dameron, Gaston, and Sloan families.

The Partnership is paying a \$1000 stipend to send five Tulsa Beekeepers to a seminar at the Celle Bee institute. We are also paying the \$316 cost of the seminar.

The Partnership has approved a \$1000 stipend to allow the Barthelmes Conservatory to send one teacher and five students to visit the Celle Music Schools, and if possible give musical performances during their stay.

The partnership is also exploring the possibility creating another stipend to send one student from the Platt's College Culinary School to "Job Shadow" a chef in Celle for two or more weeks.