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Membership Updates

We welcome new members Douglas Enevoldsen and Connie Swan, and we thank the following members for renewing their membership: Margaret Bannochie and Brian Bailey, Kelley and Sid Fitter, Sean and Angela Novak, Joseph and Ginny Rohr, Mia Vahlberg and John Henshaw, Jim and Marja Willis.

Message from our President

Dear Celle Partnership Members

I wish to take this chance to say I am honored to be a part of the Celle, Germany Sister City Partnership. I may be new to the organization, but I am not new to TGA and what it does for our community.

Here is a little background about myself. My grandparents were full German and my grandfather's parents immigrated from Wehrendorf, Germany. My professional background is marketing and promotions in the cable and publishing industry, although I am going back to school to work on my Masters degree this fall.

I have been involved with Tulsa Global Alliance since 2003. I truly enjoy TGA and the cultural aspect it brings to our community. I served on the TGA board for 6 years from 2003-2009.

During which time, I was honored to be able to take several leadership roles with the Kid's World executive committee. I served as the New Exhibitor chair in 2004, and the Volunteer chair in 2008. I have also worked on the Global Vision Awards dinner for two years, and I was the Utsunomiya, Japan sister city Communications chair for 3 years. While there, I created their sister city logo and a newsletter, and chaired the partnership's Kids World booth in 2006.

I am excited to be a part of the Celle partnership. It is the premiere Sister City partnership, and has an outstanding reputation. We have some great things planned for this year and I look forward to seeing you at one of our Membership meetings/activities. I know I will recognize some familiar faces and also meet new ones.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve in this great organization and look forward to a grand year ahead.

Deidra Rees

Upcoming Membership Events

Beekeeper's presentation at Siegi's Restaurant 9/7/12

The Partnership will be holding a General Meeting on Friday September 7th, at Siegi's Restaurant, 8104 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa. This will be an opportunity to meet our new President, Deidra Rees, and the new members of our Executive Committee.

Some of the Beekeepers who attended the Partnership sponsored Bee Keeping Seminar in Celle this past spring will also come to the meeting. They will talk to us about their wonderful Celle experience, and some of the things they learned during the seminar.

Recent Membership Events

Celle Runde Meeting 7/14/12



Usually the Celle Runde meetings take place on the first Saturday of the month. However, due to the fourth of July weekend, the July meeting was postponed until July 14th.

Eleven people, including new meeting members Deanne and Joerg Adlung, attended the meeting. The group asked Barbara to give details about her trip across Europe and Russia, and they were especially interested to hear about the Taron's home stay with a Russian family in Zelenograd. The town of Zelenograd is one of Tulsa's sister cities, and it is located 20 miles from Moscow. The lively conversation was supported by a slide presentation.

Affair of the Heart 7/13/12

The Tulsa Global Alliance sponsored a booth at the Affair of the Heart. Each of Tulsa's eight Sister Cities was represented in this booth. Gabriele Blankenship and Barbara Taron represented the Partnership during the afternoon of July 13th, and they brought with them pictures of Celle and several Celle handouts. The purpose of our participation in this event was mainly to make the public aware of the Tulsa Global Alliance, of Tulsa's eight Sister Cities, and of the upcoming TGA Kid's World event which will take place in mid-November.



Exchanges

Celle To Tulsa

Elsbe and Henricke, two young ladies from Celle, arrived in Tulsa on July 24th. They were met at the airport by hosts Mark and Laurie Bradway and their daughter Chloe, Hosts Kyle and Jan Dameron, Hosts Bryan and Sarah Gaston and their daughter Jordan, TCP President Deidra Rees, and

Barbara Taron. Elsbe and Henricke are 16years old, and their goal is to get to know Tulsa, familiarize themselves with the American language, and become acquainted with our culture.

Elsbe will be staying with Mark and Laurie Bradway and their daughters in Owasso for the first two weeks of her stay, after that she will spend her last two weeks with Katie Sloan and her children in Tulsa. Henricke will stay with Kyle and Jan Dameron of Tulsa for the first two weeks, and then she will go to the home of Bryan, Sarah, and Chloe Gaston in Broken Arrow for the last two weeks of her stay.

The two students are scheduled to return to Celle on August 27th, to resume their school studies.



Tulsa to Celle

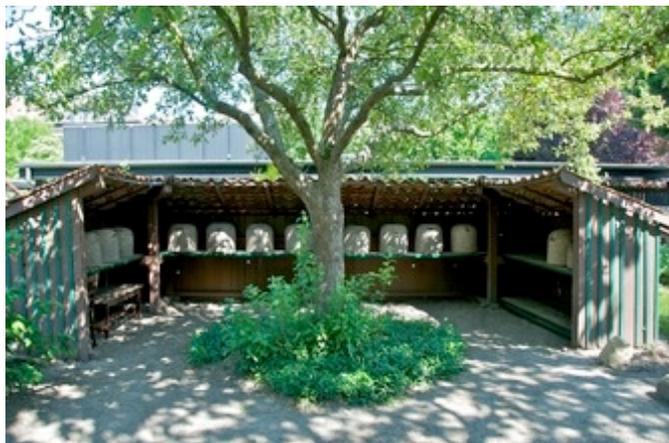
The Tulsa-Celle-Partnership and the Celle Bee Research Institute have cooperated to allow four bee keepers from Tulsa to attend a three day Bee Keepers Seminar in Celle on May 23, 24, and 25. The Partnership made a contribution to be applied towards the cost of the airline tickets, and it also paid for half the cost of the seminar. The Celle Bee keeping institute contributed to this exchange by setting up a special program for the group, and by giving the visitors a one time 50% reduction on the price of the seminar. Nancy Howard, one of the attendees, wrote us the following letter upon her return to Tulsa:

“ Bryan and I are members of the North Eastern Bee Keepers Association, and we would like to thank the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership for opening up the opportunity for us and two other NEOBA members to travel to Celle, Germany to attend a seminar on bee keeping at the Bee Research Institute in Celle . I love my bees and to have a trip like this and center it on training for bee keeping, I could not have asked for anything better. It was very instructive and I loved it! Celle and the training we received from the Bee Research Institute has made a huge impact on our lives. The testing that the Institute conducts with the honey and the honeycombs to detect chemical residues is something that is not readily available in Oklahoma. German Bee Keepers are encouraged to send honey samples to the Institute for residue testing as well as to test the honey’s pollen content. This will determine whether or not the honey can be sold as specialized honey such as heather honey. Our group was also interested in the

harvesting process and the production of the creamed honey. We all wish more beekeepers will go visit the Celle Bee Research Institute as well as possibly have Ingo (our instructor), come to Tulsa and speak at the NEOBA BEE BUZZ meeting that we have once a year.

The opportunity to stay with a host family made the trip so amazing. We both received so much that saying thank you seems so small. We love Germany, the people, the culture, the sights, the food, most of all our new friends in Celle. Bryan and I, did additional travel in Germany using public transportation and for the majority of the time stayed in youth hostels. The trip was amazing. I think Bryan said we have over 3,000 pictures and some videos.”

Thank you again and lets stay in touch with our sister city in Celle every one was so nice.”



Remembering our friends

Mary Martin Taylor Letcher (Jan 6,1940 - June 18th, 2012)

It was with great sadeness that we learned of the recent death of Martin Letcher. Martin was the wife of John Letcher, our first President, and we all remember her for her cheerful attitude and her radiant smile. Although she was already very sick at the time, Martin and John agreed to represent our Partnership at the Mayors' table during our 2010 Anniversary Banquet at the GAST center.

Charles Letcher sent us the following: “Martin (as she was called by her many friends) became a skilled cook and gracious hostess. She loved the arts and supported numerous causes, including Chamber Music Tulsa, Tulsa Ballet, and Tulsa Opera. She served on the boards of the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa and the Higher Education Cultural Roundtable. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, John H Letcher, PhD., retired professor of the University of Tulsa.”



A service was held in her honor on June 23rd, at the Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, and Arnold and Gwen Bieber, Joe and Ginny Rohr, and Gerald and Barbara Taron paid their respects and represented the Partnership.

Since Tax laws forbid donations between non profit organizations, the TCP could not send a contribution to the Chamber Music Tulsa. However, we made arrangements to have a very nice wreath delivered to the chapel before the service.

Friends can Honor Martin's memory with a contribution to:

Chamber Music Tulsa
2210 South Main street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114

Moritz Dellemann (Celle Firefighter)

We have recently received some very sad news. One of our young Celle firefighting guests, Moritz Dellemann, has passed away. In October 2010, He had just recovered from brain surgery when he came to Tulsa with a group of young Celle Firefighters. They were hosted by the members of the Tulsa Fire Dept and members of the Partnership. Although he was fighting a long battle with brain cancer, Moritz had wished to visit the USA at least once. During his stay here he suffered a seizure while working at Oktoberfest, and EMSA had to transport him to St. John's hospital.

He was a very kind and courageous young man and will be missed by family, friends at the Celle Fire Department and also by the Tulsans who had the pleasure of meeting him. The Tulsa Fire Dept and the Tulsa-Celle Partnership plan to send a sympathy card to his parents. If anyone would also like their address, please contact Doris Gallagher (dcghill@cox.net) or Arnold Bieber (aobieber@aol.com) and they will e-mail it to you.

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