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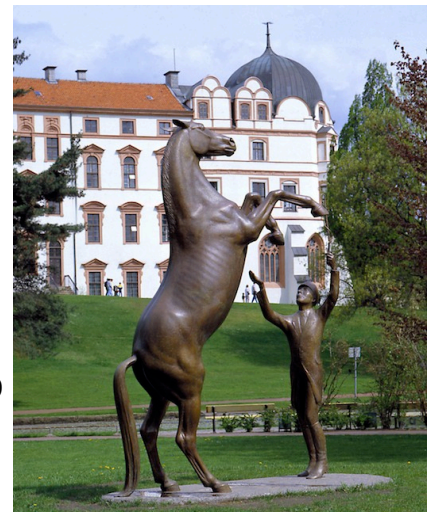
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Membership Updates :

We thank the following members for their support and their membership renewals : Sonia Ahrenkiel, Mark Collins, Barbara and Stanley Conrad, Harold and Doris Wick. We are also happy to welcome back former member Ruth Obermark.

Please send an E-mail to taronger@windstream.net if you would like to have your name removed from our newsletter mailing list, or if you know someone who wants be added to the list. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Fasching Party March 5th

Please mark your calendars so that you will not forget this wonderful event. The Parnership has been invited by the German American Society to participate in the GAST annual Fasching Party.

This fun evening will take place at the GAST Center, 1429 Terrace Drive, on March 5th, starting at 6:00 PM. A light dinner will be served at 6:30 PM, and the party is scheduled to end at 10:00 PM.

Although the customs are quite different, Fasching festivities in Germany are the equivalent of our New Orleans' Mardi Gras. Guests are encouraged to wear a costume . Costumes can be as simple as a bed sheet worn as a Roman toga. However, you are welcome to wear any other costume you can dream of. In the past, we have seen gypsies, clowns, nurses, Bavarians with Lederhosen, princes and princesses, and pirates to list only a few examples. In other words, disguise yourself and enjoy the evening with other happy revelers.

Prizes will be awarded for funniest female, funniest male, funniest couple, best looking female, best looking male, and best looking couple. Admission of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students will be paid at the door. Reservations are required. Please call the GAST Center office at #744-6997 before Wednesday, March 2nd, to reserve your seat.

International Women's Day March 8th

The web page "internationalwomensday.com" summarizes this event as follows : "Annually on the 8th of March, thousands of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate achievements. A global web of rich and diverse local activity connects women from all around the world ranging from political rallies, business conferences, government activities and networking events through to local women's craft markets, theatric performances, fashion parades and more. Following the decision agreed at Copenhagen in 1910, International Women's Day (IWD) was honoured the **first time** in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on March 19, 1911."

In Tulsa, TGA will celebrate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8th, from 4 to 6PM, at the Harwelden Mansion, 2210 S. Main Street. Members of the Partnership are encouraged to join host Roger Randle and international women speakers to celebrate and recognize the achievements of women in our society.

April 9th Dinner Party at Siegi's Restaurant

Message from Doris Gallagher, the social chair for our spring outing:

At the January Executive Committee meeting, it was agreed to get the membership (and guests) together for an informal social evening at Siegi's restaurant. We will celebrate the upcoming Spring season - esp. after our somewhat harsh Oklahoma winter.

The date & time: Saturday, April 9th with a social gathering at 5:30pm and a buffet dinner to be served at 6 pm at Siegi's restaurant on the corner of E. 81st St. and S. Sheridan Ave. PLEASE MARK THAT DATE - SAT., APRIL 9TH - on your calendar and join your Partnership friends for a delicious meal and an evening of friendship.

I have volunteered to make the arrangements for this evening, and I will let you know additional details in our mid-March Newsletter, or if necessary via E-mail or phone calls.

The buffet dinner charge will be \$20/per person, which will include a choice of Rouladen and Pork Roast entrees with two side dishes, water, coffee or iced tea. This amount also includes tax and gratuities. Alcoholic beverages, dessert or other additional items are to be paid on an individual basis.

If you have any questions, please contact Doris Gallagher at 918-743-5310 or dcghill@cox.net

Past activities.

February movie night

We were a little deceived that in addition to Gerald and Barbara only eight Partnership members attended the showing. Five guests also joined us for the evening. The movie was well liked by all, and several people commented that Rainer Fassbinder, the producer, managed to depict real life in a compassionate way. Barbara Conrad made us aware that Mr. Fasbinder was also an actor in his own film, and that he played the part of one of Emmi's sons.

We thank the Tulsa Community College for letting us use their facilities, and the Student Activities Association for providing the pop corn, cookies, and drinks. The Partnership provided cheese snacks, deviled eggs, chips, and fruits.

February 19th Celle Runde

Moritz Petermann, his host George Coppedge, and another ten people attended the informal Celle Runde meeting on Saturday the 19th. The group enjoyed the cookies baked by Grace Lannert and had a lively discussion which lasted much longer than usual. They discussed the Bundeswehr change from an obligatory conscription service to a voluntary force and its effect on contemporary German society. The participants then discussed the inclusion of many American computer terms in the modern German language. Moritz helped translate from German into English some of the terms which were unfamiliar to a few of the participants.

Exchanges

Tulsa to Celle

1) Melynda Crow, a Tulsa University student, started her two months internship with Halliburton In Celle on February 1st. Prior to her Celle internship, Melynda studied at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, and she is scheduled to study in Siegen once her Celle internship is completed . The TCP thanks the "Deutsch Amerikanische Gesellschaft" in Celle for their help in finding a host family for Melynda, and Moritz Petermann's family for being the host family.

2) Arnold has received a request for a Celle home stay from a Broken Arrow student, and Marja has received another request from a Tulsa student. We have notified Celle so that they can start looking for host families. However, the students' applications will have to be approved by the TCP Executive Committee before these exchanges become "official".

Celle to Tulsa

Moritz, the 20 year old intern from Celle, has been in Tulsa for two weeks, and has already experienced all the weather extremes that Tulsa has to offer! Thanks to the TPS closings, Moritz had all sorts of adventures: James Conrady was courageous enough to brave the snow and introduced Moritz to the local shopping centers. Then Moritz spent 2 nights with the Tarons. Marja Willis took him for a 4-wheel drive to Grand Lake to meet her horses, donkeys and Yaks. After some "farm work" Moritz returned to watch the Super Bowl with the Willis family and spent the night there.



Barbara thanks all those who replied to her Meeting Wizard calendar for Moritz, and especially Cathy Render and her husband who took this opportunity to invite Moritz to the Philbrook's "Modern Living" exhibit and to McNellies' Irish Pub, as well as the Hoffmeiers who have invited him, George, and the Tarons for dinner on Tuesday 2/22.

Moritz is in the foreground. The fellow in the background is his brother.

Thanks to Mark Collins, we have been able to obtain an internship for Moritz with the "T.U. School for the Gifted". After the initial week of closed schools, Moritz now works from 9:00 AM to 3:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and until 5:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays. He participates in various classes and assists with all the P.E. classes from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

His schedule still leaves Moritz plenty of free time to pursue other activities. He has his own car and is not afraid to find his way around town. He enjoys all sorts of sports, and is here to perfect his English. He is happy to accept any invitation that brings him in contact with English speakers. Moritz is uncomplicated and travels very light! He is currently hosted by George Coppedge, but since he will be staying in Tulsa until the end of April, we would like to find other families who would like to host him for 2-weeks periods or longer. Contact Barbara Taron at 355-2370 or George Coppedge at 599-0395, if you can host Moritz or if you want invite him to join you in any of your activities.

Celler Ruder Verein

We have been advised that the "Celler Ruder Verein" will come to Tulsa to participate in the Route 66 Regatta scheduled for 4/17. The group will be hosted by the Tulsa Rowing Club. We will give you more information as soon as we receive details of the planned visit from the "Celler Ruder Verein".

Other Information

1) We regret to announce that, due to personal reasons, Kyra Houston has resigned her position of VP Finance. We thank Kyra for her enthusiastic support of the Partnership, and we wish her the best. Barbara has appointed Gerald as interim VP Finance. Please contact Barbara if you are interested in filling the VP Finance position on the Executive Committee.

2) Partnership members are welcome to submit articles for this newsletter. Please E-mail your request to Gerald Taron at taronger@windstream.net

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