



THE TULSA - CELLE SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Please note the upcoming General Membership Meeting:

Date: October 3rd
Time : 6:00 p.m.
Location: Fireside Lounge / Tulsa Community College / Southeast Campus/ 10300 E. 81st Street .
Program: After a brief business meeting, a brass and bugle ensemble from Celle will perform airs traditionally played at the beginning and end of a hunt, or when hunters take their booty home. The group will also perform European folk melodies and folk songs.

The event is open to the public free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Past year's activities:

The intent of THIS newsletter is to inform our members and friends about some of the partnership's past events, current activities, and future plans. We intend to have future newsletters in a slightly different format and encourage our readership to contribute to the various columns (see end of letter).

One year ago, November 21, 2000, the mayors of Tulsa and Celle signed the official sister city agreement in Tulsa in the beautiful Vista Room of the Gilcrease museum. 30 guests from Celle spent Thanksgiving with their Tulsa host families. Guests and hosts together visited various sights in and around Tulsa. The businessmen among them toured the Port Authority of Catoosa facilities, WorldCom, the Williams Company and Tulsa Community College. The wives and non-business visitors were shown the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and the Cowboy Hall of Fame. All went to Wolarock to tour the museum and to taste buffalo burgers. The highlight for many was the Indian Pow Wow organized in their honor. Students of Holland Hall and the Tulsa Christian Academy had written letters to individual visitors about what Thanksgiving means to them. Our visitors were very touched and wrote them letters in return about Christmas customs in Germany.

Business:

September 2001: The cities of Celle and Tulsa have started a dialogue regarding "clean drinking water" issues in cooperation with our local Chambers of Commerce. A delegation of experts together with Gunnar Jungclaus toured local drinking water reservoirs.

Internships :

September 2000: Thomas Garbe, a young high school graduate from Celle was the first business intern here through an arrangement made possible by Rick Gibbens. Thomas worked at WorldCom on a project termed "Virtual University Celle", a joint venture between WorldCom and TCC which would use the most recent distance learning techniques to start up an American style university in Celle. This internship led to two live video conferences between Tulsa Community College's Science department and university-bound physics students of the Hermann-Billing Gymnasium in Celle.

March 2001: Chris VanMieghem, a TCC German language student, began a one-year internship in a Celle Restaurant. He is also attending chef school in Celle and will perfect his German language skills while there.

Student Exchanges:

June 2001: David Mercier, a Celle high school student came to spend 3 weeks with the Sharp family in Jenks. He took back exciting memories about Tulsa, the Tall Grass Prairie, and Six Flags in Texas

We are looking forward to host 4 students from Celle for a 3-weeks stay during their fall vacation in Germany beginning at the end of this month. The students will be hosted by families who have made arrangements for them to attend school along with their own children.

Cultural Exchanges

May 2001: 24 TCC Students enrolled in the International Campus traveled to Europe under the guidance of Barbara Taron, Assistant Professor for German at TCC. At the conclusion of a 12 day tour through Scandinavia, Holland and France, 16 students of the group continued to Celle for a 4-day home stay with families.

Also in May, Rick Gibbens and his father jogged in the Celle Wasa Run, and Gunnar Jungclaus, Jens Rassalski, and Dr. Ulrich Menenga came to Tulsa for the men's US Open golf tournament.

July 2001: Nineteen Junior Firefighters and seven adults came to us from Celle and spent 2 weeks as guests of Tulsa firefighters. The Tulsa Firefighters had a wonderful program for them full of fun activities for young and old.

Faculty Exchanges: Susanne Jungclaus, a Spanish and English instructor from Celle is our first Sister City faculty exchange. She is teaching the fall semester of German as guest professor at TCC. We are very fortunate that the City of Celle allowed her (and us) this opportunity for mutual exchange of ideas and experience.

Miscellaneous news: Since the September 11th tragedy in New York, we have received many, many letters of deep and sincere sympathy from our friends in Celle.

Future events:

A trip to Celle in November, 2001 by Mayor Susan Savage and a delegation is being discussed.

From August 1 – October 1, 2002, the Indian Territory Arts and Humanities Council of Broken Arrow is planning a large exhibit of Indian Art to travel to Celle. For further information call Betsy Hoffmeier, 259-1772 or visit the Gallery on 114 S. Main in Broken Arrow.

A young lady from Celle wants to intern in Tulsa in some form of City Hall exchange to observe how local government functions here, and we have been offered to send a young person to observe how local government is handled in Celle.

Our NEXT Newsletter

We would very much like member participation. Please send your paragraphs, ideas, wisdoms etc. for the following columns to Barbara Taron's e-mail address >btaron@aol.com< or via snail mail to

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Columns:

- Culture and Lifestyle (traditions, holidays, differences)
 - o Did you know that the proper way of eating in America, i.e. having one hand in your lap - is considered "bad table manners" in Germany?
- Web-pal requests
 - o We are a family of four. (44, 42, 9, and 6) We live near Celle/Hannover. You may write in English or German our address is: Milevka "Miki" Klapper - Am Bulsmoor 1 - 29313 Hambuehren (Germany)
 - o Robert Niehaus, 36 would like to correspond with someone to improve his English. He likes sports, music, politics (a little) and America. Address: >Mike_Nissen@web.de<
 - o Marco von Essen, lives with wife Kathleen and baby Christine in Burgdorf, a little, quiet town between Celle and Hannover. Age of web-pal is not important. >Von.essen@stankiewicz.de<
 - o Petra Leipold, 40, looking for German-speaking web-pal (man or woman). Interests: travel, art, reading, getting to know people.
 - o Sylvia Juran, looking for pen pal 38 or over - speaks only German- >syl-jur@gmx.de
- Letters from abroad
- Our Cookbook (German Recipes)
- Jokes and/or truths
 - Only in America..... Is the pizza faster at your house then the ambulance.
 - Only in America.....do the sick have to walk to the back of the store to get their prescriptions filled while the cigarettes are sold in front of the store.
 - Only in America.....do the banks leave their doors wide open but chain the ball point to the table.
 - Only the Americans use the word 'politics' correctly: In Latin 'poli' means many. In English 'tics' means blood suckers.
 - On an electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts"
- Oklahoma Travel
- Celle Travel " In and around Celle "
 - o Best time to see the Lueneburger Heath in flower is August/ early September.
 - o Hanoverian stud Farm & Stallion Parade takes place last two weekends of September and the first weekend of October.
- Favorite websites
- Miscellaneous (has anyone visited and would like to report on the following places?)
 - o The "Bee Keeping Institute" in Celle?
 - o The Embroidery Museum in Celle

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