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Membership Updates: Arnold and Gwen Bieber have renewed their Partnership membership. We are proud to have them join us for another year.

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.

Wine and Cheese Tasting



Our second annual Wine and Cheese Tasting will take place in the WeinKeller of the GAST Center on Friday November 19th at 6:30PM. Mr. Jack Carlson will come to the meeting to introduce and let us taste wines from the Tidal School Winery(Drumright, OK).

We will also have California red wines , some white Rhine and Mosel wines, and a couple of bottles of German red wines donated by Jan Polliard. Cheeses will includes samples form France, Germany, Norway, and Sweden. We will also have some side dishes, and dessert will consist of a Spanish flan, and fresh fruits.

We received many compliments from members who attended last year's tasting and we hope that this year's event will be even better. Be sure to join us for this fun get together.

Although our goal will be to savor many different gourmet products while enjoying the company of our friends, please be aware that a portion of the entrance fee will be used to raise funds for the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership. We hope that this party will enable us to to raise between \$200 and \$300. The Partnership uses its funds to support exchanges such as the recent visits from the Celle official delegation and the Celle Junior firefighters, and we also offer financial support for educational and other cultural exchanges between our two cities.

We are requesting advance reservations in order to purchase sufficient food and drinks for the tasting. Please E-mail taronger@windstream.net or call 355-2370 to make your reservation. Admission will be paid at the door and will be \$20 for TCP and Gast members. Non members will be charged \$25. Since this event will be held in the GAST Weinkeller, GAST members who enjoy cheeses and wines are are invited to join us.

Christmas Party

The 2010 Christmas Party is scheduled to take place at the Fellowship Lutheran Church on Sheridan Ave. on December 17th, at 6:30 PM.

Several members who have fond memories of the congenial atmosphere of our early Christmas parties at the Timberbrook Club House have requested that we make this event a Pot-Luck party. More information will be forthcoming a few weeks before the party.



New member Mary Jane Müller has volunteered to chair this event. She will design a menu and coordinate the different dishes.

The \$10 entrance fee will cover the cost of renting the hall and of procuring the drinks. We thank Barbara and Stanley Conrad for their help in securing this wonderful location for us.



2010 Kids' World

November 4, 5, and 6



Barbara sends a special thank you to the following Partnership members who have volunteered their time to help man our booth during this event:

[Ursula Andress-Monroe](#), [Richard and Ellen Burgess](#), [Jim Conrady](#), [George Coppedge](#), [Kelley Fitter](#), [Doris Gallagher](#), [Emma Maley](#), [Gerald Taron](#), [Chris VanMieghem](#), and [Marja Willis](#).

We also want to thank the following friends of the Partnership who have volunteered to help us during this event:

[Glen and June Cockrell](#), [Taryn Dewitt](#), [Payton and Mia Dougherty](#), [Leisha Jury](#), and [Lindsey Klacko](#) (Lindsey interned in Celle).

The Partnership also extend a special thank you to the members of the Northeast Oklahoma Beekeepers Association for providing help, exhibition visual aids, printed material, and (weather permitting - bees become inactive in cold weather) an observation hive which will allow the children to see the busy activity taking place inside a hive. The following Beekeepers Association members have volunteered to help us at different times during the three days of Kids world:

[Helen and Mack Hickey](#), [Robert Persinger](#), [Richy and Sharon Richardson](#), and [John Runnels](#).

Kids World is sponsored by TGA to "promote understanding and peace by creating an inspiring, entertaining and educational international children's event which increases tolerance and appreciation of all cultures."

Your Partnership is sponsoring two tables for Kid's World this year. One of the tables will be set up to acquaint the children with the architecture of the older Celle Houses. At the other table we will feature a small replica of a bee hive from the Celle Bee Institute as well as instruction materials to teach children about the life cycle of bees, and the uses of honey in different countries. The children will be encouraged to make their own bees out of colored pipe cleaners. Much effort has been put in the preparations for this event and we hope that the area schools and children will enjoy visiting our booth.

Celle Young Firefighters' visit



Our very special thanks go to Debbie Bailey, Debbie McCool, Doris Gallagher, and the Tulsa Fire dept members for making this visit by 32 members of the Celle Young Firefighters a very successful one. As Barbara Taron said :

"The timing of the events as well as the choice of events could not have been more perfect. To have 32 people busy and HAPPY for two weeks is quite an accomplishment. I am sure this was a "life-changing event" for the Youth Firefighters and fun for all their chaperones (or parents) at the same time."

During the Tulsa visit the group had the opportunity to participate in activities at fire station #4, tour the new BOK arena, view Tulsa from the top floor of the Bank of Oklahoma building, tour the PAC theater, visit the Woolaroc museum and wild life preserve, enjoy a visit of the Blue Bell ice cream factory and savor fresh American ice cream, participate in the fire dept Combat Challenge, visit the Air and Space museum, and make a trip to Oklahoma City to see the Murrah Memorial, the Cowboy hall of fame, and the Omniplex museum. Upon their return to Tulsa from OKC, they participated in the Ropes Course, got acquainted with the fire dept. truck painted pink to draw attention to cancer research, had a BBQ at the Stokely Center, and ended their busy schedule as volunteer workers at the Tulsa Oktoberfest. It was a very busy agenda and all our visitors went home with unforgettable memories.

Barbara also thanks Mike and Brian Vogt for showing our visitors the tunnels connecting several of the downtown buildings, conducting the guided tour of downtown Tulsa, and obtaining the required clearances to access the top floor of the Bank of Oklahoma building

Last but not least, Arnold Bieber handled all the arrangements for the Dallas stop over. The highlight of the Dallas tour was the rare opportunity to visit the American Airlines fire dept at the Dallas airport. Arnold also made the Dallas transportation arrangements, set up a Dallas city tour with a German speaking guide, and had the visitors attend a rodeo at the Dallas stockyards.

The Tulsa-Celle-Partnership supported the visit by paying the visitors' entrance fees at several local venues such as the Blue Bell ice cream factory, the Tulsa air and Space Museum, the Omniplex, the Ropes Course, and the Woolaroc Museum and Wild Life Preserve. Partnership members Mark Clemons, Jan Polliard, Bill Wilber and friends of the Partnership Ruth Obermark, MaryAnn Segner, and Georgia Skocdopole hosted some of the visitors.



Advent Customs in Germany (Reprinted from "German-Way.com")

Today in German-speaking Europe many families set up an Advent wreath, or **Adventskranz** on the first Advent Sunday (the fourth before Christmas) to start off the Advent season. The picture on the right shows a typical evergreen Advent wreath with its four candles, one for each week of Advent. Traditional families gather around the wreath on each Advent Sunday to light the next candle and sing Christmas carols. This was even more important in the past, when the Christmas tree was usually reserved for a special unveiling



only on Christmas Eve. Until then, the Advent wreath provided the evergreen look and aroma in the house.

The Advent or Christmas calendar began as a plain card with paper backing. On the face were 24 windows, that when opened revealed various Christmas symbols and scenes. These windows or small doors were to be opened, one each day, over the 24 days leading up to **Heiligabend** or Christmas Eve. The largest window is reserved for December 24th and usually offers a view of the Nativity.

Today the most popular version of this calendar is the candy-filled variety. Instead of mere pictures, the windows open to reveal pieces of chocolate shaped to resemble stars, fir trees, and other Christmas symbols.

Of course, there are many other Germanic Christmas customs. For instance, it is a real treat to wander through Germany's annual Christmas markets — the most famous being Nuremberg's **Christkindlesmarkt** — to see, taste, and smell all the Christmas goodies, from **Lebkuchen** (gingerbread) to **Stollen** (fruit bread). Marzipan, made with almonds and sugar, is also a German treat. And the aroma of **Glühwein** will warm you up even before you actually drink this German version of hot mulled wine.

There is much more to tell about Christmas in German-speaking Europe. We haven't even touched on Krampus, Knecht Ruprecht, **Barbarazweig**, and the numerous other fascinating elements of *Weihnachten*.



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