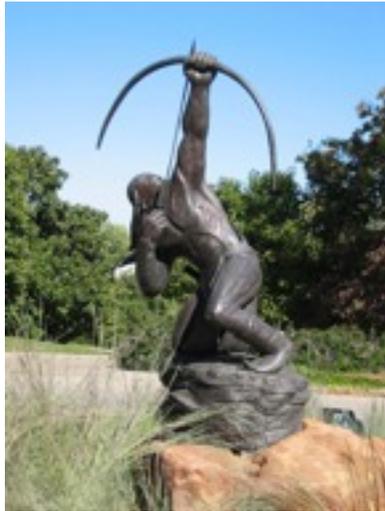


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Membership Updates:

We are happy to extend a hearty welcome to our new members Lesley Kaufman, Dale and Christel Parson, Leigh Lamkin, Michael and Marcia Pate, Mary Ann Sharp, John and Connie Seibold, and Fred and Irene Rother.

We are very pleased to report that our Partnership has now reached a new membership milestone with 76 active members (husbands and wives included).

TGA is having a membership drive, and we would be grateful if you would mention the possibility of joining our Partnership to people who are interested in German culture (membership applications can be downloaded from either our Web page or TGA's. Be sure to tell prospective members to select Celle as their Sister City).

Looking Back

The Wine and Cheese party was a "hit". A total of 31 people attended and enjoyed the good food and the relaxed atmosphere of the evening. We were glad to welcome the Levits who were guests of Mr. Stanley Groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Dilonardo who were guests of Judy Glenn. George Coppedge made us the pleasant surprise by coming with Susanne Reinike who happened to be in town for a few days. Susanne is a member of the German-American Gesellschaft in Celle, and she chose this opportunity to renew her friendship with her many Tulsa friends.

We had a degustation of wines from Austria, France, Germany and Italy. Many of the guests complimented Bill Wilber, our sommelier for the evening on his choice of excellent wine. Barbara's "exotic bean salad" with mango and cilantro looked intriguing at first but, after people had a chance to taste it, the bowl became empty fairly quickly. The Rote Grütze was made with raspberries and its sweet-bitter taste was savored by all those who tried it. All the guests were also treated to a selection of cheeses which included Boursin (France), Brie (France), D'Affinois (France), Fontina (Denmark), German Blue (Germany), Goat (France), Jarlsberg (Norway), and St André (France).

We have already been asked to repeat this event next year.



Help Request

We need a postman to deliver a package to Celle.

Celle has requested that we send over some Tulsa literature to be handed out at the Niedersachsen festival. We do have the pamphlets, but it would be rather expensive to use a freight forwarder such as UPS or Fedex to send them overseas.

Please call Barbara Taron at 355-2370 if you or anyone you know is going to Celle and could either hand carry a few of the pamphlets, or check in a full box of the literature. Your help will be appreciated by the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership and by the Deutsch Amerikanische Gesellschaft in Celle.

Your Executive Committee has been working hard to select events which we hope will appeal to all the members. Here is the current list of planned activities:

- 11/14 Celler Runde Conversation
- 11/14 Tulsa City County Library Event (TGA event)
- 11/28 Celler Runde Conversation
- 12/5 Baking German Xmas cookies (Barbara's kitchen)**
- 12/12 Christmas Party at Ludgers**
- 1/9 Celler Runde conversation
- 1/19 Movie at Circle Cinema**
- 1/23 Celler Runde conversation
- 3/ Beer tasting at a Tulsa mini brewery**
- 4/ Dinner at Siegi's new restaurant**
- 5/ Spring picnic (fund raising event)**
- 5/ Possible Partnership trip to Celle**
- 6/ General Membership election meeting**
- 6/ Celle Niedersachsen Festivities**
- 9/14 Savoring Sister Cities (10 year anniversary celebration)**

Note : A continually updated list of future events is also available on our website At :
Tulsa-Celle-Partnership.com

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Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will start at 6:30 PM on Saturday December 12th, at Ludger's Catering Service, 6120 East 32nd Place, Tulsa, 744-9988

Be sure to enter the date for this very special event our your calendar. The menu choices are:

- 1) Chicken with Chanterelle sauce (mushroom sauce)
- 2) Jäger Schnitzel (lightly breaded pork, sautéed and topped with hunter sauce)
- 3) Wiener Schnitzel (Lightly breaded pork served with fresh lemon)

The dinner cost is \$26 per person (including taxes and tips). The dinner will be composed of " a salad, a main entrée, side items, beverages (tea, coffe, or water) and dessert." There will be an extra charge for people who want to order wine. **Reservation checks made out to "Tulsa Global Alliance", should be mailed to Gerald Taron before December 7th, as we will need to pay for the exact number of meals we order. Please send us an E-mail or include a note with your check to let us know which of the three menu options you would like to have for your dinner, and whether you prefer balsamic vinaigrette or ranch dressing for your salad.** The Taron's address is:

Gerald Taron
6562 South 218th Ave.
Broken Arrow, OK, 74014

As usual, your guests are welcome to join us for this event (we hope that they will like the party and decide to become active TCP members)

Movie night

We will be showing a movie at the Circle Cinema, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday January 19th. Be sure to reserve this evening on your calendar. Light hors d'œuvres and refreshments will be offered.

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Exchanges

We have received a request from a Celle area student who wishes to come to Tulsa from March 14th to April 11th. Nina (a girl of about 17 or 18 years) would like to attend high school for a few weeks while in Tulsa.

Please let us know if you would be interested in hosting this student, or if you know someone who would be interested in doing so. Hosting is a wonderful experience for the host family, especially for families with children as it opens new perspectives, new understanding of foreign cultures, and the opportunity to befriend someone from Europe.



You might remember that members of the Celle Rowing Club came to Tulsa earlier this year to participate in the Tulsa Spring Rowing Competition.

Our own John Maley from the Tulsa Rowing Club went to Celle on 9/30 with his son and daughter to participate in the 52nd Celle Sprintregatta. They were hosted by Hans-Dieter and Ina Koller who came to Tulsa last April to participate in the Tulsa Spring Rowing Competition. During their stay in Tulsa, the Kollers and Hans Moser had invited John to come to Celle for a few days to participate in the Sprintregatta on October 3rd.

Hans-Dieter gave John and his family a tour of the Celle sights, and John had the opportunity to taste and enjoy real German Beer before the day of the races.

Upon his return to Tulsa, John reported that "The competition was fierce and spirited", and that he is proud to have won three gold medals. John says that "it was a great rowing adventure, and I hope that more of my fellow Tulsa rowers will join with me on the next trip"



Celle Anniversary Celebration.

We have been notified by Celle that the Partnership anniversary celebrations have been combined with the June 18th, 19th, and 20th Niedersachsen festivities, and that six officials from the city of Tulsa will be invited to participate in the official anniversary ceremony.

Celle city officials have told us that the Niedersachsen festival will attract thousands of visitors, and that most Celle hotel rooms have already been booked. Furthermore, we have also been informed that the festival will require much preparation and that the city personnel and the Deutsch Amerikanische Gesellschaft will be very busy during this period. In view of this latest information, we now feel that it would be inappropriate for us to schedule a Partnership trip to Celle at that time. Our Celle contacts will be very involved with the festival, and while in Celle we would be lost amongst a multitude of other visitors. All interesting places and restaurants will be packed with tourists.

People who want to enjoy the festival are encouraged to make their own travel arrangements to attend the festivities. The Tulsa-Celle-Partnership, as well as the city of Celle and the Deutsch Amerikanische Gesellschaft will make every effort to find host families or hotel rooms for up to 20 TCP members desiring to participate in the Niedersachsen festivities. Please send an E-mail to Gerald at taronger@windstream.net if you wish to participate in this event and need help in finding a Celle host family.

As far as the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership group tour to Celle is concerned, we came to the conclusion that a more reasonable approach will be for us to schedule it before the Niedersachsen festival. We will then be able to enjoy the friendliness of the locals, as well as the beauty and the relaxed atmosphere of the city, before the area is swamped with tourists. The Executive Committee is recommending a trip from 5/18/2010 to 5/30/2010. We are currently planning to spend five nights and four days in Celle, and to travel to two or three other cities in Northern Germany before completing our group tour. Some of the cities already mentioned are : Hamburg, Leipzig, Dresden, Berlin, and Prague.

We will answer questions about this trip during our Christmas party on 12/12, as we would like to have a "Go/No Go" decision by December 30th, 2009. You are welcome to E-mail Gerald Taron at taronger@windstream.net if you have any preferences for the trip itinerary, or if you have questions or comments about the proposed group tour.

Black bean, mango, and Tomato Salad *(recipe for 8 servings - courtesy of weight watchers)*



ingredients:

- 1 large mango, diced, divided (about 1 3/4 cups)
- 3 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp table salt
- 15 oz canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 cup onions, sweet, diced
- 1/4 cup mint leaves, or cilantro, fresh, cut into thin slivers
- 1 Tbsp canned jalapeno peppers, or fresh, minced
(if using fresh, do not touch seeds with bare hands)

Instructions :

- In a large bowl, mash 1/4 cup of diced mango with a fork; whisk in lime juice, water, oil, cumin and salt.
- Add remaining diced mango, beans, tomato, onion, mint and jalapeno to bowl; toss to mix and coat. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 1 day. Yields about 1/2 cup per serving.

Note :

- Make sure your mango is ripe enough so that you can mash some of it with a fork

For continuous **updates on our partnership** and links to the Celle newspaper etc., please visit our website at : www.tulsa-celle-partnership.com

Are you planning a trip to Germany: click on <http://www.region-celle.com/american.html> to see the English version of Celle's tourism page.

Visit the Tulsa Global Alliance's web site to learn more about TGA's community involvement www.tulsaglobalalliance.org

