

Tulsa - Celle - Partnership newsletter



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Membership Updates

We are happy to welcome new member John Maley and his family. John is a member of the Tulsa Rowing Club and he helped complete the crew of the Celle Rowing Club when the Celle rowers came to Tulsa in 2009 to participate in the Tulsa Rowing Regatta.

We thank Dorothea Heit, and Chris Van Mieghem for renewing their membership.

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.

Exchanges



Mirjam Brömmelhörster arrived in Tulsa on 8/21 and will be staying in our city until October 9th. Mirjam is studying Elementary Education and is interning at the Holland Hall school for five weeks. We thank the Willis family for hosting Mirjam during her stay in Tulsa, and Ms. Jo-An Vargo and the staff of Holland Hall for allowing Mirjam to do her internship at the school.

Agenda for the Celle visitors

We are expecting seven officials from Celle. The current activity schedule for the visitors is as follows:

Sunday 9/19 - Official delegation arrives at Tulsa airport.

Monday 9/20 - Day includes a tour of Tulsa, a tour of City Hall, and a dinner at the Whisenhunt's.

Tuesday 9/21 - The group is scheduled to attend a breakfast and Economic Round Table at Tulsa University. Later they will meet with councilor Jim Mautino. Mayor Mende will also have a private meeting with Mayor Bartlett. In the evening the visitors will attend TGA's Savoring Sister Cities event.

Wednesday 9/22 - Some of the visitors will attend business meetings, while others will visit with friends, go to the Tulsa Zoo, go to Woolaroc, or go shopping.
In the evening the group has been invited to join TCP members in celebrating our 10-Year Anniversary at the GAST club house.

Thursday 9/23 - The group flies out of Tulsa (tentative departure time is 12:45 PM)

We have been advised that George Coppedge, who is a member of both the TCP and the DAG, will represent the Deutsch Amerikanische Gesellschaft at our anniversary celebrations.

Tulsa - 2000 / 2010 - Celle 10 Year Anniversary Program



TCP pot luck welcome party at the Whisenhunt's - 9/20

The Whisenhunts have graciously offered to host a welcome party for our Celle guests and TCP members (**this event is for TCP members only**). Plans for the evening are still being worked on. However, we anticipate having a barbeque and some pot luck dishes.

If you would like to attend this function, please contact Silke Becker by phone or E-mail.
Cell phone: 803-1699, Home phone: 918-434-5995, E-mail: shbecker@live.com. Silke will record your reservation and she will also let you know what sort of foods and drinks are still needed.

We thank Silke Becker for accepting to chair this event.

TGA's Savoring Sister Cities 9/21

The Savoring Sister Cities celebration will take place from 6:00 PM, to 8:00 PM on Tuesday 9/21/10, at the Central Center at Centennial Park, 1028 East 6th Street . During the evening, we will be celebrating the 5-year anniversary of Tulsa's Partnership with Amiens, the 10-year anniversary of Tulsa's Partnership with Celle, and the 30-year anniversaries of Tulsa's Partnership with Kaohsiung and San Luis Potosi. Representatives from each sister city have been invited to attend the celebrations. Each of Tulsa's eight sister cities will offer samples of its traditional foods. There will be entertainment, and in addition, each sister city will donate a basket of goods to be auctioned to raise funds to support TGA's many worthwhile activities.



Donations received for our Savoring Sister Cities basket

Partnership member Jim Conrady has made a monetary donation to allow the partnership to purchase some of the goods needed for our auction basket. As of today, other members have obtained the following donations:

- Peggy-Sue Clemons : Obtained a welcome basket from Bonnie Baker at “Real Estate Essentials” 4654 W. Houston, Broken Arrow. www.tulsabusinessbaskets.com (918-615-3333). This store prepares gift basket filled with Oklahoma products. These custom gift baskets can be given to your friends or customers. Realtors give these welcome baskets to their clients who purchase new homes.
- Barbara Taron : Obtained a one-month membership at a Broken Arrow Curves Health Club.
- Gerald Taron : Received an offer of six rowing lessons for two people from Mike Kneafsey at the Tulsa Rowing Club. The club has a boat house at 715 west 21st Street and it participates in local and national rowing events. The club has three membership levels, adults (men and women), juniors (grades 8 to 12), and Middle School students (grades 7 to 8).
- Al and Lois Voeller : Obtained a round of golf for a party of four people from the Battle Creek Golf Club. 3200 North Battle Creek Dr., in Broken Arrow (355-4850).

TCP Anniversary Celebration Wednesday 9/22

Our own anniversary celebration will take place on Wednesday 22, at the GAST club house at 1429 Terrace Drive. We will start with a short “Happy Hour” at 6:30 PM to give people time to mingle with each other. Happy Hour entertainment will be provided by the Celtic trio from the Barthelmes Conservatory. Dinner time has is expected to start at or shortly after 7:00 PM. After dinner, we will have a few short speeches by our dignitaries, and we will then be entertained by the Selby Minner Blues band from Rentiesville Oklahoma <http://www.dcminnerblues.com>.

Selecting the after dinner entertainment was more difficult than anticipated. We first wanted to have a demonstration by line dancers and two step dancers with audience participation. Ed Lenfestey spent a considerable amount of time trying to locate groups willing to handle the performance. However, he was not able to find dancers willing to do the presentation. We then contacted several American Indian groups who could perform for us in Regalia after dinner. In order to help us in our search, Kelley Fitter contacted someone she knew at the Tulsa Chapter of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. Yet, as we were about to select one of the groups, we learned that TGA was also trying to have an American Indian group perform at its Savoring Sister Cities event. Your executive committee felt that having two similar presentations on successive evening would not be something our members would want. It was then that Barbara found the Selby Minner web site <http://www.dcminnerblues.com>. A quick survey of some members of our Executive Committee, some members of our partnership, and of some members the TGA staff, showed that all these people thought that a blues band would be a typical American experience for our guests and it was decided to proceed with this last alternative.

We are pleased to report that both Celle Mayor Mende, and Tulsa Mayor Bartlett will be joining us for this celebration dinner. In addition, the following people who attended the original Partnership signing and festivities in Tulsa, will also be joining us: John Letcher (our first president), Wolfgang Becker (2000 - VP Business), Silke Becker (2000 - VP Membership), Barbara Taron (2000 - VP Education), Doris Gallagher (2000 - VP Exchanges), Stanley Conrad (2000 - VP Finance) Sam Roop (2000 - Tulsa Councilor), Chris Van Mieghem (first Tulsa Exchange Student - in 2001). Several other TCP charter members, such as Arnold Bieber, Barbara Conrad, and Gerald Taron who also attended the signing ceremonies will also be present at the celebration dinner.

The dress for the evening will be business casual (jacket required, tie optional but recommended).

Donations received for this event

Monetary donations to support this event have been received from members Jim Conrady, John and Martin Letcher, and Gerald and Barbara Taron. Ed and Rita Lenfestey have volunteered to sponsor former councilman Bill Martinson, and Doris Gallagher has volunteered to sponsor retired fire chief Baker.



Junior Firefighters visit - October 2010

The group of 32 Junior Celle firefighters is still scheduled to arrive in Tulsa on Monday October 11, and to leave on Saturday October 23rd. They will be hosted by the Tulsa fire dept. We will pass on the planned activity schedule as soon as it becomes available. Doris Gallagher has been working with the Tulsa Fire Dept. and Dirk Heindorff to make the Tulsa visit as pleasant as possible. Arnold Bieber has been working with Dirk Heindorff to facilitate the group's Dallas stop over.

The Tulsa Fire Dept has requested our help with hosting some of our visitors from the Celle Fire Dept.. All activities will be planned by the Tulsa Fire Dept. The primary duties of the host families will be to provide housing, some meals, and driving their guests to and from a meeting point from where they will be picked up by the fire dept. The hosts are not expected to provide entertainment for the Celle visitors. However, some of the organized activities will be open to host families who wish to participate. The visitors will be in Tulsa from 10/11 to 10/23. Families can elect to host for only one week or for the entire visit. Please call Deputy Fire Marshall Debbie Bailey at 527-0289 if you can host one or more of our visitors.

Kids' World 2010 - A Global Odyssey.



Kid's World takes place every other year, and this year it is scheduled from 11/4/10 to 11/6/10.

Arnold Bieber, Barbara Taron, and Marja Willis will be representing the Partnership at this year's event, and they could use the help of students, or adults who enjoy working with children. Please call Marja Willis at 633-8825 or Barbara Taron at 918-355-2370 if you are willing to help with either setting up the Partnership's exhibit, or man our booth for a few hours.

Kids' World is a "three-day festival that provides a combination of exhibits, entertainment, art and international cuisine, covering 35+ countries/cultures, making a visit to Kids' World a joyful and engaging learning experience. During a two-hour field trip, school children are given a passport that is stamped as they visit dozens of "countries". "

Deutsch Amerikanische Gesellschaft

The DAG has updated its web site and added several pictures of their membership activities. You may want to check the updated DAG web site at www.celle-usa.de

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Tulsa Global Alliance: visit its web site at: www.tulsaglobalalliance.org

German American Society of Tulsa: www.gastulsa.org

Celle Tourism: click on <http://www.region-celle.com/american.html> to see the English version of Celle's tourism page.

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