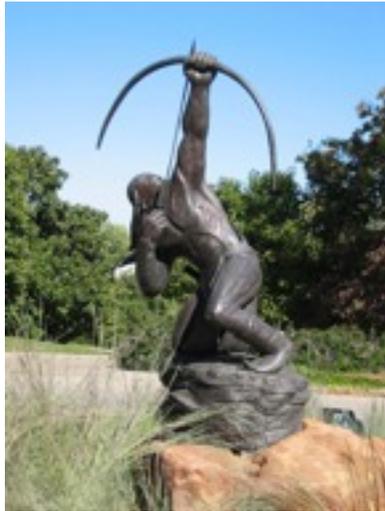


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Membership Updates

Welcome to new and returning members: Chris VanMieghem (new member)

Looking
Back



We were very fortunate to have the perfect weather, a blue sky and a cool breeze, for our paddle wheeler cruise on Grand Lake. Thirty members and guests enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, talked with each other and met new friends. We were glad to welcome members of the TGA staff, the Tiberias Partnership, and the Zelenograd Partnership.

The group drove to the Rheingarten German restaurant after the cruise, and we all enjoyed a hearty German meal before heading back to Tulsa.



Our European Wine and Cheese party is scheduled for Friday, October 16th, at 6:30PM. We will be tasting wines and cheeses from different European countries. Several of our members have already told us that they are looking forward to this party, and it looks like we will have an excellent turn out. The address for the event is:

The University Club Tower
1722 S Carson Ave.
Tulsa, OK

The entrance fee will be \$20 per person for people who mail in their checks ahead of time, and \$25 per person for people who pay at the door.
Checks must be made out to "Tulsa Global Alliance"



October
Activities

Please send your checks to:
Gerald Taron
6562 South 218th East Ave.
Broken Arrow, OK, 74014

Setting up the wine and cheese party and cleaning up afterwards will require much work and we would be delighted to have extra help from the membership. Ginny Rohr and Barbara Taron have volunteered to help with the set-up, but we could use a few more helpers. Please contact Bill Wilber, the chair for this event, at 492-8072 if you can help us.

Some extra tables and chairs have been located and will need to be transported to the party. Ed Lenfesty, Harold Wicks and Jo Rohr have volunteered to provide the needed transportation.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, December 12th, for the annual Christmas Party dinner. We have reserved Ludger's private party room for that event. We expect to have a choice of two different menus, and the price will be \$26 per person including tips and taxes. More details and menu choices will be sent to you in our next newsletter. Our Christmas parties have always been a happy occasion to meet and mix with our friends and we anticipate a good attendance.

December
Activities

Future Events

Movie Night

The movie night is scheduled for early 2010. The Executive Committee will finalize the date and select the movie at its October meeting.

10 years Anniversary Celebration

The dates for the Celle Celebration are June 18th to June 20th. We expect to know more by early October and will notify the membership as soon as we have more details. We have already received several inquiries from the membership about the possibility of joining a group to go to Celle.

The date for the Tulsa celebrations has not been finalized. However, late August or early September dates are being considered. We will start planning for this anniversary in the coming months and would like to hear your suggestions about possible activities for this event. Please E-mail your recommendations to taronger@windstream.net. Gerald will compile a master list and submit it to the Executive committee.

Penpal Request

We have received a penpal request from Susanne McDowell about two Celle Boys, who would like to correspond with Tulsans via e-mail. The boys are 16 and 18, and their interests are sports, reading, and nature. Please contact Marja Willis at maalwi@aol.com if you know someone who might be interested in corresponding with these two students.

UPDATES

News from a Tulsa friend

Olga Randolph sent us the following update about, Elenora Hildermann, the Celle intern who stayed with the Randolph family during her Tulsa internship:

“In June, Elly successfully graduated from the Civil Service Academy in Hanover. She currently lives in Celle and works for the City of Celle in the Records Office. Her office arranges everything that has to do with marriages, births, deaths, and church membership withdrawals. After attending a training course, she received an official license to perform civil wedding ceremonies! :-D She officiated her first wedding on Sept. 2.

Elly asked me to send her best regards to all of you. She vividly remembers all of the people who introduced her to Tulsa, helped her around, and made her stay here the trip of a lifetime. Elly said she thinks about Tulsa often and really misses all the friends she made during her stay.”

Remembering an Enthusiastic Partnership Supporter (by Doris Gallagher)

“It was with great sadness that we heard of the recent death of a retired Tulsa Fire Dept. Chief, Loren “Skip” Mason, one of the OKC Bombing rescuers. I first met Skip, his wife Charlotte and daughter Sierra prior to the establishment of Tulsa’s Sister City Partnership with Celle in 1999, when a Celle City delegation paid a visit to Tulsa to “look us over.” The Celle group visited several entities within the city and met all of the fire department chiefs.

Soon after the signing of our Partnership agreement in 2000, one of our first group exchanges was a ten day visit by the Altencelle Youth Volunteer group. Skip along with other fire department personnel helped organize the visit. The Mason family hosted the Altencelle Fire Chief, Michael Schwarzkopf, his wife and son. A lasting friendship developed between the families and the Schwarzkopfs came back privately once more. Ole, their son, who was then an exchange high school student in Florida, spent his vacation with the Masons and helped Skip build a fence around his new property.

Charlotte, Skip’s wife, chaired our Kids World Booth in 2002. Because of family tragedies soon after, the Masons had to scale back their active partnership participation. Yet, we will never forget their enthusiasm for our Partnership. Maybe Skip and Michael, who succumbed to cancer a few years ago, are exchanging stories once again.

The members of the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership extend their heartfelt condolences to the Mason Family.

Donations in Skip’s memory may be made to the Fire Fighters Credit Union (9200 E. 41st St., Tulsa, OK 74145) with “Skip Mason” on the Memo line”.

World Time at a glance

Do you have friends on a different continent and sometimes wonder what time it is where they live (especially when you want to make a phone call, and do not want to wake them up in the middle of their night). If so you might find this site helpful in keeping abreast of time changes: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/personal.html> . Proceed as follows to personalize the information:

- 1) Select “change/set cities for personal world clock”
- 2) Select the cities you want to keep track of from the “available locations”
- 3) Click on “add selected location” for each selected city
- 4) When finished with your selection click on save settings
- 5) Bookmark the page to your bookmark tool bar
- 6) Click on your bookmark tool bar any time you need to know the current time in the cities you selected

An alternate method could be to just check <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/full.html>
This site has a table showing the local time for over 600 different cities.

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

Don’t forget to visit the **Tulsa Global Alliance** web site at: www.tulsaglobalalliance.org

