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Membership Updates

We welcome new members Ed Anthis, and TGA members Garry Copper, and Malcom Smith.

We are also happy to report that the following members have renewed their membership :

Margaret Bannochie and Brian Bailey, Louis Coleman, and Stefanie Menuzzo,

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.

Membership Drive



Our fall membership drive is off to a good start, we are happy to report that Jan Pollard has given us a new membership card for Ed Anthis.

The membership drive will continue until our November fourth meeting, and the Partnership member who has turned in most new membership cards by that time will be declared the winner.

The winner will receive a bottle of imported French "Rosé Sauvage" Champagne, bottled by "Piper Heidsieck". In case of a tie, the winner will be chosen by drawing lots.

This Champagne is described as - "A lively, generous and intense wine. Its freshness is expressed by the slight tartness of red fruit, which then mellows with the aromas of macerated fruit and red plums. The final sensation is exuberant and warm." - It is rated 90 by "Wine Enthusiast", and 89 by "Wine Spectator".

Upcoming Membership Meetings

Celle Runde

Date: Saturday September 3rd
Time: 10 to 12 AM
Place: 6562 South 218th East Ave., Broken Arrow
Event Chair: Barbara Taron (918-355-2370)



Program: The group will be discussing some of the latest German events which have been recently reported on the news. After that, Barbara will be demonstrating the “Logitech Revue”. John Toschik was the first TCP member to use and recommend this \$100 device. The Logitech Revue allows its users to easily access German (and other international) internet TV programs, and German internet TV news without using a computer.

Your TV must have a HDMI port to connect to the Logitech Revue. “Revue comes with an easy to set up companion box and an intuitive keyboard controller. Simply connect your TVand your internet connection to the Logitech Revue, and you’ve got Google TV.” Google TV allows you to “surf” the internet like you would with a computer. However, we found that a computer is more responsive in some situations.

People interested in German Internet TV can start their inquiries by looking at the following sites :

<http://www.ardmediathek.de/ard/servlet/>, <http://www.ndr.de/home/index.html>, <http://www.dw-world.de/>
<http://rtl-now.rtl.de/>, and <http://www.sat1.de/videos/ganzefolgen/>

Coffee, water, and cookies will be provided. Participation is free for TCP members and guests (we hope that guests will be interested enough to join the TCP). Since these meetings are informal, reservations are not required.

Membership outing

Date : Saturday September 10th
Time: 3:00 PM for garden tour,
4PM for coffee, cake and conversation
Place: Oklahoma Centennial Botanical Garden,
N 52 W and 43rd Street North, Tulsa

Event Chair: Arnold Bieber

Program: We will meet at the new Centennial Botanical Garden visitor center, near Sand Springs, at 3:00 PM to enjoy a guided walk of one of the park’s prairie trails, the forest, and the Persimmons grove. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Mr Todd Lasseigne (Ph.D), the OCBG Executive Director will be our guide for this outing. During one of his recent lectures, Mr. Lasseigne discussed and recommended several plants which should do well in our Oklahoma climate.

Those who prefer NOT to walk, but would enjoy chatting with their friends, can join us in the air-conditioned Visitor Center Community Room at 4:00 PM. At that time, We will sit down for a relaxing mid-afternoon German-style coffee (or tea) and savor some home made cakes. We will try our best to make this a nice and classy outing, and are planning on using porcelain dishes and cups.

Sonia Ahrenkiel will bring a cheese cake, Christl Parsons will prepare a bread pudding, Barbara Taron will bake an apple cake, Irmgard Toschik will make a Streuselkuchen, and Doris Wicks will prepare an Obsttorte.



While we are having coffee, we will see a video about the Walsrode Bird Park near Celle. The Walsrode Bird Park is the world's largest bird park and a well-known family attraction which features birds from all over the world. People who visit the birdpark can witness live demonstrations with birds of prey.

The following people have already signed up for this event: Sonia Ahrenkiel, Arnold and Gwen Bieber, Barbara and Stanley Conrad, Todd Lasseigne, Mary Jane Mueller, Christl and Dale Parsons, Barbara and Gerald Taron, Doris and Harold Wicks. Please be sure to contact Arnold Bieber at 918-357-9156 or at aobieber@aol.com if your name is not included in the above list.

A car pool to the Centennial Botanical Garden is being set up to provide transportation for people who want to share a ride. Please contact Arnold Bieber if you either need a ride or have room for one or more passengers.

You can check the Centennial Garden's website at <http://www.ocbg.org/> for more information. Admission to the Centennial Garden is free. The cake degustation will be free for TCP members. Guests will need to pay a three dollars participation fee.

Directions from Tulsa :

Take highway 244 towards Sand Springs.

Take the Tisdale Parkway exit.

Stay on the Tisdale Parkway until it ends.

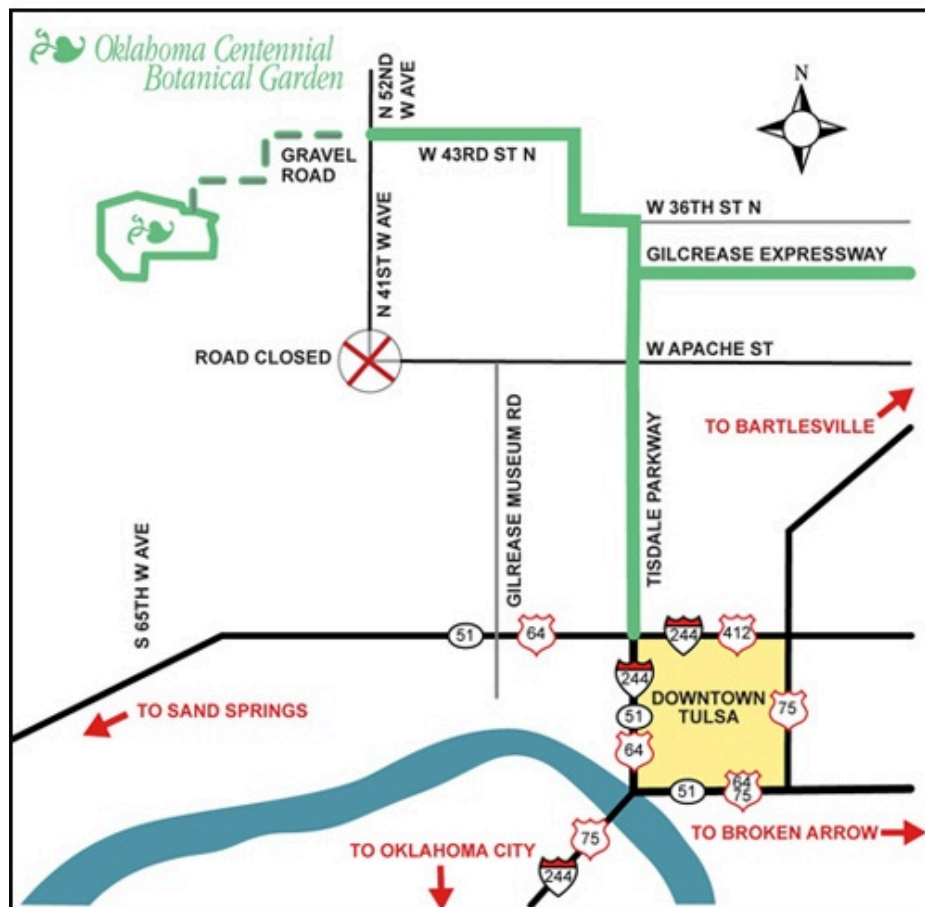
Turn left on 36th Street North.

At the end of 36th Street North, turn right on North Osage Drive.

North Osage Drive changes to 43rd Street North after a left curve in the street.

At the end of 43rd Street North you will see a gravel road straight ahead of you.

Follow gravel road for 1.7 miles and you will see the Centennial Botanical Garden on your right.



Savoring Sister Cities

Date : Wednesday 9/21

Time: 6 to 8 PM

Place: TCC Center for Creativity, 909 South Boston

Event Chair: Mark Clemons



Program: TGA's Annual Savoring Sister Cities event is scheduled to take place on 9/21, from 6 to 8 PM, at the TCC Center for Creativity, 909 South Boston. The Partnership will be serving Bratwursts **donated by Siegi's German restaurant**, Spaetzle **donated by Margaret's German Restaurant**, and Sauerkraut **donated by the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership**.

The purpose of this event is to introduce the general public to the foods and customs of each of Tulsa's eight sister cities which are :

Beihai, China
Amiens, France
Celle, Germany
Tiberias, Israel
Utsunomiya, Japan
San Luis Pots, Mexico
Zelenograd, Russia
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Entertainment will be provided by "Flamenco Tulsa", Dylan Allen Spanish guitar, Tulsa Children's Choir, and China Roses.



In addition to the free sample cuisine of each Sister city, door prizes will be drawn, and participants will be able to purchase tickets for a "Wine Pull".

The entrance fee to this event will be \$8 for Tulsa Global Alliance members (all TCP members are members of TGA), and \$10 for guests.

Please contact Mark Clemons if you would like to volunteer to help with the set-up and staffing of our booth. We need your help to make this event a successful one!

Membership Meeting

Date: 10/5 or 10/6 (note date change- exact date will be communicated later)

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Port of Catoosa, 5350 Cimarron Road

Event Chair: Chris VanMieghem



Program: Bob Potiss, the Port Director, will give us a guided tour of the facility and of the museum. We are also investigating the possibility of taking a short barge trip around the harbor. The Partnership is making plans to provide refreshments for a small reception.

The Port of Catoosa has been in operation for 40 years, and it currently handles 2.2 million tons of cargo a year. The port covers 2000 acres, and 63 companies are based there. The port has a general dry cargo dock, a roll-on roll-off low water wharf, a dry bulk terminal, a grain terminal, and a bulk liquid terminal.

Bob has told us that one of the port's memorable events was a visit in 1986 by the German ocean going freighter "Frauke".

Please contact Chris VanMieghem if you are willing to help set up this outing.

Participation in this event will be free for Partnership members. Guests will be charged a \$3 to attend the meeting.

Past Membership Meetings

8/5 Beer Stein Presentation

Forty Partnership members and guests gathered in the GAST Center Weinkeller to listen to Dave Schoeneweis' presentation on beer steins. While we munched on German-style Pretzels and other snacks offered by the Partnership, Dave allowed us to pass around many valuable steins from his collection, and we all admired their intricate details and beauty.



Dave mentioned that some steins come in sets consisting of a 1/3 liter stein, a 1/2 liter stein, and a 1 liter stein. He also explained how to identify the origin of a stein by looking at the stamp located at the bottom of each valuable piece. Dave identified some of the artisans who produced the most valuable steins, and he told us that depending on where and by whom a stein was manufactured, its value can range from a few dollars to well over one thousand dollars. Dave recommended that someone who desires to build a collection should concentrate on a particular feature or artist.

Several of the attendees also brought some of their own steins. They each took a few minutes to tell us how they came in the possession of their steins, and the personal memories attached to each piece. Lively conversations about the decorations found on each stein rounded out a very pleasant evening.

8/6 Celle Runde

Eight people met on Saturday 8/6 to talk about German news over a cup of hot coffee. Several of the attendees asked Barbara to give them a short presentation on how to link a computer to a TV to view internet German TV programs. During the demonstration, the group came across a very interesting German program about the political events which led to the erection of the Berlin Wall. The show also discussed the policies which led the East German government to use lethal force to prevent its citizen from escaping to the west.



Other News

Tulsa-Celle-Partnership Education Stipends

Over the past two years, the partnership has set up two new programs to promote cultural exchanges between our two cities. The first program consists of one annual \$500 stipend for a greater Tulsa area teacher who wants to take a group of five or more students to Celle, and is planning on attending a minimum of five classroom days while in Celle with his/her students.



The second program consists of two \$250 stipends per school year for greater Tulsa area students who want to spend at least four weeks in Celle to improve their German fluency. Daniel Pham took advantage of this program earlier this year. We have now started a new school year and we hope that two new students will take advantage of this program.

In addition to our usual mailings to local teachers, we ask that our Tulsa-Celle-Partnership members publicize these stipends to friends who are either teachers, or have children interested in going to Celle to further their studies.

For more information for either of these stipends please visit the page "Exchanges and Grant Applications" on our web site <http://www.weebly.com/weebly/main.php>

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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

Celle German American Club : <http://www.celle-usa.de>

