

Tulsa - Celle - Partnership Newsletter



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***Membership Updates** :* We welcome to the Partnership new members William and Beth Clary, and Elke Saeubert. We are also happy to announce that Arnold and Gwen Bieber, George Coppedge, and Priscilla Harris have renewed 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 to be added to the list. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

The Tulsa-Celle-Partnership Newsletter is celebrating its 10th birthday this month. Barbara Taron published the first issue of the newsletter on October 1, 2001, and she has continued to publish it ever since. Ruth Markley was the co-editor in 2002/2003, and Gerald has been the co-editor since 2009. We are E-mailing a copy of the first newsletter along with the current edition for those of you who want to reminisce about the early days of the Partnership.

Membership Drive

Our membership drive will continue until 11/4/11. On that day a bottle of imported French Champagne will be awarded to the TCP member who has turned in the most new enrollment cards.

In case of a tie the winner will be chosen by drawing lots.

Talk about the Partnership to your friends, to people who have an interest in German culture, or to people who are interested by all that Celle has to offer. Your efforts will be appreciated by all your fellow members.



Upcoming Membership Meetings

Celle Runde

Date: Saturday October 1st, 2011

Time: 10 to 12 AM

Place: 6562 South 218th East Ave., Broken Arrow

Event Chair: Barbara Taron (918-355-2370)

Program: A small group will get together to review and discuss current German events. Refreshments will be provided, and guests are welcome. This event is a free activity for members and guests.

Membership Meeting

Date: 10/5

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Port of Catoosa, 5350 Cimarron Road

Event Chair: Chris VanMieghem



Program :

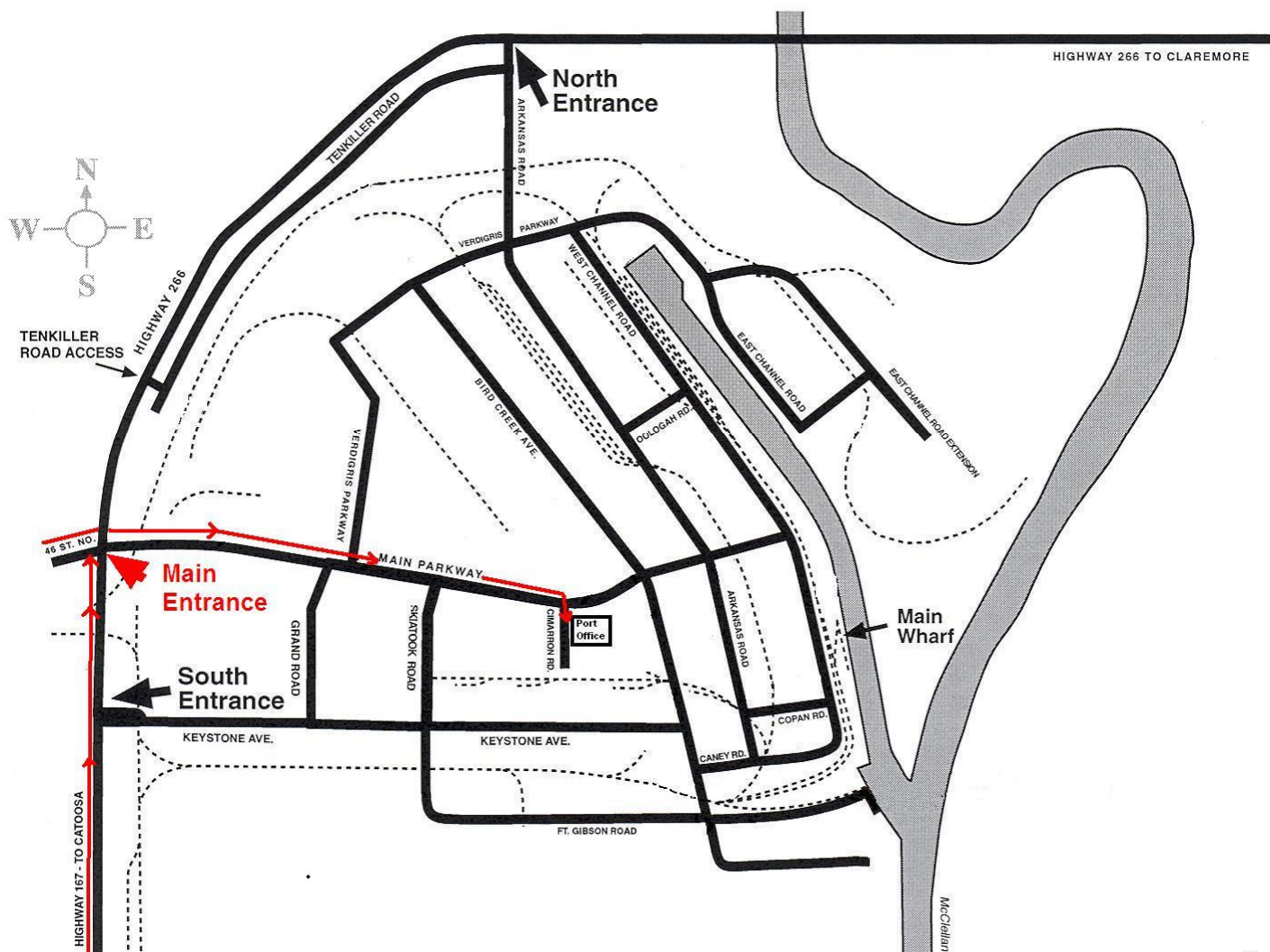
Join us on Friday 10/5/11 to discover a hidden sea port in our own neighborhood. We will all meet in front of the office of the Port of Catoosa at 5:30 PM ([see next page for directions](#)). Either Bob Portiss, the Port Director, or Jeff Yowell, the Port Communications and Advertising Manager, will drive us on a guided tour past some of the major businesses of the Port. After that, we will visit the Port's museum/classroom and the Motor Vessel Charley Border which has been placed on a special cradle adjacent to the classroom building. It is fully equipped as when it was operating as a switch boat at the Port. To conclude the visit, we will have a social get-together with some light refreshments in this nautical environment. Each family will be given a DVD about the port and a towboat pin. Attendance will be free for all TCP and TGA members. Guests who are not TGA members will be charged a \$3 participation fee to cover our expenses.

For reservations please call 918-355-2370 or send an Email to taronger@windstream.net preferably by 9/30/11 AM but no later than 10/2/11 (The Port Authority needs attendance information to provide transportation for the group.)

The Port of Catoosa is at the head of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System that runs a distance of 445 miles southeast through Oklahoma and Arkansas to the Mississippi River. The Port of Catoosa has been in operation for 40 years, and it currently handles an average of 2 million tons barge cargo per year. The port covers 2,500 acres. Over 60 companies have operations within the Port employing over 3,000 people. The port has a general dry cargo dock, a roll-on/roll-off low water wharf, two dry bulk terminals, two grain terminals and five liquid bulk terminals.

Bob Portiss, the Port Director, has told us that one of the port's memorable events was a visit in 1986 by the 275 foot long German ocean going freighter the Motor Vessel "Frauke" which, after being loaded with three, 4-story high air compressors manufactured by the then Ingersoll Rand facility in Broken Arrow, sailed non-stop with its German crew to the Gulf of Suez.

The Tulsa Port of Catoosa



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

FROM TULSA VIA I-244 OR I-44 EAST – Follow I-244 or I-44 east to the “Tulsa Port of Catoosa – State Highway 167” Exit at Catoosa (same exit as Hard Rock Casino – will see their large sign along I-44). Turn left (north). Follow SH 167 north approximately five miles to traffic signal at intersection of SH 167 and SH 266 (Port’s Main Entrance). Turn right at signal onto Main Parkway. Follow Main Parkway approximately 1 mile to Cimarron Road. Turn right into Port Authority Office parking area.

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FROM TULSA VIA US 169 – Follow US 169 north to the “Tulsa Port of Catoosa – 46th Street North” Exit. Turn right (east). Follow 46th Street approximately four miles east to the traffic signal at intersection of SH 167 and SH 266. Continue straight through intersection and Port’s Main Entrance onto Main Parkway. Follow Main Parkway approximately 1 mile to Cimarron Road. Turn right into Port Authority Office parking area.

Future meetings:

- November 4 : "Hanoverian Horse and Stud Farm" presentation by Joerg Adlung. Joerg studied to become a "professional horse trainer with emphasis on breeding and raising horses". Joerg worked at the Hanoverian stud farm for four years.
- December 16 : TCP private Christmas party at the Fellowship Lutheran Church.
- January : Lunch or Dinner at Margaret's restaurant.
- February : Movie night " Kirschblüten - Hanami"
- March : Dinner at Foundations restaurant.
- April : Beer tasting at local brewery.
- May : Afternoon outing to Stone Bluff Wine Cellars.
- June : Annual Membership meeting.

Past Membership Meetings

9/10/11 German Style Coffee and Cake outing

We thank the Centennial Botanical Garden management for letting us hold our meeting in their visitor center, and especially Pearl Garrison who hosted us and was the guide for the botanical walk. Our Executive Committee has voted to present the Centennial Botanical Garden with a \$75 check to show our appreciation.

We are glad that eighteen members and guests participated in this social event. We all enjoyed viewing the Garden's ponds and the wild Oklahoma landscape from the wide windows of the visitor center. A few hardy people went out to explore the trail before joining the rest of the group for the coffee and cake session.



As promised, the Executive Committee set up a real German afternoon coffee environment with table clothes, linen napkins, porcelain dishes, silverware, and flowers on each table.

Our home baked cakes were delicious and we are happy to report that most people went back for a second helping (we all decided to enjoy the day and go back on our diets tomorrow). We thank Sonia Ahrenkiel for her Cheese Cake, Christl Parsons for her Bread Pudding, Barbara Taron for her Apfelkuchen, Irmgard Toschik for her Streuselkuchen (please note that Irmgard deserves a special thank you because she baked a cake and arranged to have it delivered even though she was unable to attend), and Doris Wicks for her Obsttorte. We also thank Arnold and Gwen Bieber who brought some of the porcelain dishes and drinking glasses, as well as the coffee machine and the coffee.

Barbara Taron shared some information about the Walsrode Bird Park, and we all enjoyed watching the video segment showing a Walsrode trainer doing a demonstration with free flying birds of prey. Becky Collins spent a few minutes explaining the purpose of the "Savoring Sister Cities" event, and she invited all TCP members to come and enjoy the festivities at the Tulsa Community College on 9/21.

9/21/11 TGA's Savoring Sister Cities

The 2011 annual Tulsa Global Alliance's Savoring Sister Cities event was a success, over 300 guests participated in the festivities. The venue was great, the food was excellent, the entertainment was fabulous, and as usual the TGA staff (Becky Collins, Pat Kroblin, Cathy Izzo, and Bob Lieser) and the event co-chairs (Judy Glenn and Lexi Allen) did an outstanding job in getting everything organized.

29 TCP members participated in this get-together, and they also brought with them an additional five guests. We all had a great evening and enjoyed meeting new people and old friends we had not seen for some time.

We especially want to thank Mark and Peggy Clemons for picking up the food from our donors and delivering it to the event. We also thank Lindsay Klacko (past Celle exchange student from TU), Chris VanMieghem (our first Celle exchange student), and Lance Wheeler (a Celle Runde member) for manning our booth during the festivities.

The delicious food served at our booth was donated by Siegi's Sausage Factory (Bratwursts), Margaret's German Restaurant (Spaetzle), and the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership (Sauerkraut). The Partnership also contributed a bottle of "2009 - Dr. Loosen" German Mosel wine for the TGA wine pull, and the "Create your Own Oktoberfest" basket which was one of the several door prizes.



Adam Kupetsky and his wife were the winners of the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership "Create your own Oktoberfest" basket at the Savoring Sister Cities event.

Adam will be going on a business trip to Hamburg in early November and has mentioned that, if his schedule allows it, he will try his best to visit the beautiful city of Celle.

Exchanges

John Maley of the Tulsa Rowing Club has informed us that one of their club members, Kathleen Wilson, is currently in Celle to observe and enjoy the October Celle rowing competition.

Celle Rowing Club members who have either pictures or a story about Kathleen's visit are welcome to E-mail the information to Gerald.

Arnold Bieber is our VP in charge of exchanges. Please do not hesitate to contact Arnold if you know someone who would like to participate in an exchange. Arnold is currently checking exchange possibilities with the Tulsa Library, the Barthelmes Conservatory, people involved with American Indian culture, and members of the Oklahoma Beekeepers' Association.

Education stipends

Please be sure to promote our education stipends. Mark Clemons, our VP education has sent the information to the local German school teachers . However, sometimes a personal contact is the most effective way to disseminate information. Some people will not be aware of these opportunities unless our members mention these stipends to potential candidates.

Education Stipend #1 consists of one annual \$500 stipend for a greater Tulsa area German 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.

Education Stipend #2 consists of two \$250 stipends per school year. Each stipend is intended for one Greater Tulsa Area student who wants to spend at least four weeks in Celle to improve his/her German language fluency.

We need your help to publicize these stipends and attract applicants.

Interesting facts

Did you know that the two youngest members of your Executive Committee are former Tulsa/Celle exchange student?

Lindsay Klacko is a former Tulsa University student who interned in the Celle office of the Halliburton Co, in 2010. The Wagenknechts were Lindsay's host family and Lindsay has fond memories of her home away from home. Lindsay recalls that she and Helen Wagenknecht loved watching animated movies together and enjoyed eating the local ice cream.

Chris VanMieghem first visited Celle with one of Barbara Taron's travel groups in the spring of the year 2000 (this was Barbara's second group tour to Celle before it officially became Tulsa's sister city). Chris then applied and was accepted for the first Tulsa/Celle internship program in 2001. During his internship Chris worked in the Schaperkrug Restaurant in Celle. Chris has related to us that not long after he started working at the restaurant he thought his boss had asked him to peel 40 potatoes. Chris was slowly reaching his goal when his boss came back and asked what was taking him so long. It turned out that Chris had misunderstood his boss who only wanted to have 14 potatoes peeled (The similarity of fourteen and forty is just as strong in German as in English). Chris' German is much better now and an incident like this is fondly remembered.

Both Lindsay and Chris have remained very active in our Partnership, they have participated several events such as the Library Day, Savoring Sister Cities, and Kids world.

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

Celle Tourism : click on <http://www.celle.de>

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

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

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