

Tulsa - Celle - Partnership newsletter



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Membership Updates:

We thank Peter and Sonia Ahrenkiel, Stanley and Barbara Conrad, Gerald and Barbara Taron, John and Irmgard Toschik, and Harold and Doris Wicks for the recent renewal of their membership.

We also want to acknowledge the following friends of the Partnership who have requested to be added to our mailing list: Ray Evins, Ken and Donna Johnson, Mike Kneafsey, Ken Renberg, and Jack and Ginny Wynn

Beer tasting outing at the Marshall Brewery

Looking
Back



The Partnership thanks David and Eric Marshall for hosting our March 5th meeting , for giving us a tour of their brewery facilities, and for treating us with a sampling of their excellent beers. David explained that the Marshall beers are brewed without any artificial ingredients and contain only hop, water, yeast, and herbs. After the brewery tour given by Eric Marshall, several of our members commented that they had no idea that beer brewing involved so many processes. The outing was a complete success, and it was rated one of the best events of the year 2009/2010. Forty-six members and guests attended, and all appreciated the friendly hospitality of the Marshalls. Everyone enjoyed tasting the different beers produced at the brewery, and we could not help but notice that some people had so much trouble deciding which beer they liked best that they kept on trying different samples several times. The brewery reception room was larger than anticipated, and our members and guests were able to sit comfortably around tables with their friends, or stand by the bar and discuss the merits of each beer with other connoisseurs. The sandwich trays and deviled eggs prepared by Gwen and Barbara T. were appreciated by all.

Gerald showed to the membership the 10-year anniversary gift purchased by the Partnership on behalf of the city of Tulsa. Officials from the city will present that gift to the Mayor of Celle during the June ceremonies in Celle.

Our fund raising efforts enabled us to collect \$182 after expenses. We want to extend a special thank you to Mark Collins and to Jim Conrady for their extra donations. The income from this event will be used to help defray the cost of the Tulsa 10-year anniversary gift purchase.

[April 16th outing to the new Siegi's restaurant](#)

The Siegi family's new restaurant is now open for business and we have reserved the banquet room for Friday 4/16 at 6PM. The restaurant has been decorated in German style, and we are looking forward to enjoy Siegi's German-style cooking. Be sure to mark your calendars for this event. We will send you the details as soon as we receive menu choices and prices from the management. The cost is anticipated to be about \$20 per person. Please e-mail Gerald at taronger@windstream.com to make a reservation for this much anticipated event. Guests are welcome to join us for this outing.

Looking
Forward

Election of officers for the year 2010/2011

[2010/2011 Partnership Nominating Committee](#)

We thank Gwen Bieber, George Coppedge, and Kelley Fitter for volunteering to be on the Nominating Committee for the upcoming election of Partnership officers for the year 2010/2011.

Kelley Fitter was chosen as the Committee Chair Person, and has also volunteered to make dining arrangements for the Election Meeting.

[Annual Election Meeting to elect officers for the year 2010/2011](#)

We are starting our annual election preparations early this year because some of our members will be traveling to Europe for a short vacation before going to Celle to attend the anniversary celebrations.

The annual election meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd. Please mark this date on your calendar as it is very important to have as many members as possible attend the meeting and vote for the 2010/2011 Executive Committee candidates. More details will follow as soon as we have finalized a reservation with a local restaurant and have a list of candidates.

Message to Partnership Members from Kelley Fitter, the 2010/2011 Partnership Nominating Committee Chair:

Will you serve?

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us daily."

Sally Koch

The Tulsa Celle Partnership Nominating Committee met at President Barbara Taron's home on Monday, March 15, 2010 to begin the process of seeking candidates for each of the following positions:

- President
- Vice President – Business
- Vice President – Education
- Vice President – Exchanges
- Vice President – Finance (Treasurer)
- Vice President – Membership
- Secretary

Serving your Celle Partnership is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members and actively participate in this fun organization. If you are interested in serving in one of these posts, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members by May 1, 2010:

Gwen Bieber, book_worm34@hotmail.com (book_worm34), 357-9156

George Coppedge, grgcoppedge@yahoo.com

Kelley Fitter, kelley-fitter@utulsa.edu, 355-8064

Thank you!

10- year anniversary celebrations

Celle's 10-year anniversary celebrations

Fifteen members of our Partnership have made arrangements to attend the 10-year anniversary celebrations in Celle from 6/17 to 6/24. All trip participants have made their airline reservations, and have been assigned a host family in Celle. Three more travelers are still considering making the trip. It is not too late to participate in this exciting event. Please call Barbara Taron at 355-2370 if you are interested in joining our group and visit Celle and its beautiful surroundings. We know of three Celle families who have volunteered to host additional visitors.

Your Partnership needs help

The people organizing the Celle 10-year Partnership celebration in Germany have requested that we send them between 60 and 100lbs of printed pamphlets about Tulsa. These flyers will be handed out to people who inquire about Tulsa during and after the celebration ceremonies. Shipping the material to Celle will be very expensive, and our Partnership would appreciate donations from private citizens or corporations to help us cover the cost of this expense.

Tulsa 10-year Anniversary Preparations

TGA's official celebration will take place at the annual Savoring Sister Cities event scheduled for 9/21. Barbara Conrad has volunteered to chair the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership preparations for our involvement in the Savoring Sister Cities celebration.

The Partnership has reserved the GAST building for the Partnership's celebration to be held on 9/22. Ed Lenfesty has volunteered to chair the preparations for this event.

Please contact Barbara Conrad or Ed if you would like to help.

Exchanges

Exchanges and Visitors

Celle to Tulsa

Nina Meyer arrived in Tulsa late in the evening of March 13th, and was met at the airport by Marja Willis, and the Tarons. Very early the next morning Marja and Nina left Tulsa for the long 15 hour drive to Crested Butte, Colorado. This will be quite an experience for Nina as driving from North to south Germany can take less than 10 hours.

Tulsa to Celle

Lindsay Klacko has finished her internship in the Celle office of Halliburton. She is now studying in Siegen. Lindsay has informed us that she and a Tulsa girl friend will return to Celle in June to participate in the 10-year anniversary celebrations. Dirk Heindorff, the Celle fire chief, has kindly offered to host the two young ladies during their stay in Celle.

This and That

Renting a car in Europe

As you all know, nothing of value should be left in the inside compartment of a car in Europe. Two medium size suitcases (26"H x 18"W) and a couple of "hand carry" travel bags usually require about 12 to 14 cubic feet of trunk storage. You will find below the trunk volume of several European cars (please double check with your car rental agency as designs change from year to year):

Audi A4	= 12 cubic feet	Opel Corsa	= 9 cubic feet
BMW series 3	= 12	Peugeot 407	= 15
Citroen C5	= 18	Renault Clio	= 9
Ford Fiesta	= 12.8	Renault Laguna	= 17
Ford Focus	= 14	Renault Megane	= 14
Ford Mondeo	= 16	VW Golf	= 12.4
Mercedes C class	= 12.4	VW Passat	= 14.2
		VW Polo	= 9.9

Also be aware that all credit card companies have recently modified their contracts. Be sure to check with your credit card company to verify that it still offers comprehensive and collision coverage free of charge. Some credit card companies are now charging a fee for this service.

European Purchases:

"Capital One" is one of the few credit card companies which does not charge the new 3% transaction fee for charges transacted in a foreign currency.

German Easter Customs



For those of you who would like to learn more about German Culture, we have posted an interesting article about German Easter traditions on the [German culture](#) page of our web site . The German culture page can be accessed via the following link tulsa-celle-partnership.com.

The tulsa-celle-partnership web site:

We are pleased to report that our web site at tulsa-celle-partnership.com received an average of 16 visits per day during the month of February. A quick visit to the web site will bring you up to date with our latest news.

Statistics for *www.tulsa-celle-partnership.com*



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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

