

# Tulsa - Celle - Partnership newsletter



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Although we got a little more snow than we wanted, it was real nice to enjoy one of those rare "Oklahoma white Christmases" while listening to Christmas music and watching logs (from the 2007 ice storm) burning in the fireplace.

Barbara is sharing this picture of her outside Christmas season arrangement, and on behalf of the TC Partnership she wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

## [Membership Updates :](#)

We welcome new member Stefanie Menuzzo, and we appreciate the support of renewing member James Conrady

( note: members who renewed within the past few weeks will be acknowledged in our next newsletter).

## 2009 Christmas party



48 Members and guests attended the TCP Christmas Dinner. Zadora Hightower, the TU student who interned in Celle earlier this year, gave a short slide presentation about her wonderful experience. Barbara Taron remarked that all present and past presidents were present and requested that a group picture of all presidents be taken. She answered a few questions about the 10 year anniversary events to be held in Celle and in Tulsa, and then yielded the microphone to Pastor Vielhauer for the dinner invocation.

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Christmas 2009 picture of all current and past presidents of the TCP.

From left to right:  
Arnold Bieber  
Wolfgang Becker  
Barbara Taron  
John Letcher  
Doris Gallagher

### January

The management of the Circle Cinema on Lewis Ave, has kindly offered to host our "Movie Night" which is scheduled for 7:00 PM on **January 19th**, 2010. We will be showing the movie "Beyond Silence", a German movie with English subtitles. The film won the "best picture" awards at the Vancouver and Tokyo film festivals.

The story is about a young girl whose parents are deaf and, due to their handicap, cannot understand their daughter's (who is not deaf) ambition to learn to play the flute as well as her artistic aunt.

**Attendance to the movie will be complimentary to all our members** and a buffet of light snacks and drinks (including wine and sparkling water) will be provided by the Partnership.

Please E-mail Gerald at [taronger@windstream.net](mailto:taronger@windstream.net), If you intend to attend this event so that we can purchase enough food and refreshments.

### February

There are no planned TCP activities for February.

### March

The next event, a beer tasting party, is scheduled for mid March. The Executive Committee has contacted the management of a local micro beer brewery who is reviewing the possibility of letting us tour their premises and cater our own food for a party. We will soon have more information about this informal membership get-together.

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## ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO CELLE

### 10-Year anniversary trip to Celle

The official departure date for our Celle anniversary trip is June 16th, 2010. We are planning on arriving in Celle in the early afternoon of the 17th (Thursday) and stay there until our scheduled departure on the 24th (Thursday). Although we are all planning on arriving in Hannover around the same time, each traveller will be making his/her own travel arrangements. People who want to use the services of a travel agent can contact their own agent or Joy Nichols at Spears travel (794-3337) who is one of the travel agents used by TGA, Erica Hartman (272-7903 or 836-8687), a GAST member, is also a travel agent who has much experience with German travel.

While in Celle, we will be guests of the Deutsch Amerikanische Gesellschaft until our planned departure date of June 24th.

During our stay, we will enjoy participating in the Niedersachsen Tage on June 18,19, and 20th. After that, it is anticipated that the DAG will invite us to visit Lübeck and the Baltic Sea, as well as Goslar in the Harz mountain area.

Some of our members may want to leave Tulsa earlier, explore other destinations, and then meet our group in Celle on 6/17. Other people may want to explore more of Europe on their own after they leave Celle on the 24th.

Ticket prices to Europe are usually at their lowest in January and February and we recommend that our members purchase their tickets at that time. Members who want to purchase trip insurance can investigate the Web site “squaremouth.com” at <http://www.squaremouth.com/>. This site allows customers to compare the travel insurance coverage provided by different insurance companies.

TCP members who have signed up for the trip are invited to meet on 1/19, from 6 to 7 PM, at the Circle Cinema, to review a listing of airline flights and arrival times, as well as for a short question and answer session. The film presentation is scheduled to start the same evening, at the same place at 7PM.

## *German Rail Pass*

TCP members interested in traveling by train within Germany, or to Basel (only town serviced in Switzerland) , and Salzburg (only town serviced in Austria) in 2010 might want to browse either the RailEurope site (<http://www.raileurope.com/rail-tickets-passes/german-pass/discounts-and-pricing.html>) or the Deutsche Bahn site (<http://www.bahn.de/i/view/USA/en/prices/germany/germanrailpass.shtml>) . A quick comparison of both sites seems to indicate that the RailEurope prices are cheaper, and you will avoid the new 3% foreign currency surcharge on your credit card account. Please keep in mind that travel to other European countries requires a different rail pass called the “Eurail Pass”. The prices quoted on the Deutsche Bahn site are in Euros and they should be multiplied by about 1.6 to obtain the equivalent Dollar value. The rates quoted below are from the RailEurope site:

### RailEurope - German Rail Pass - Prices

	1 adult 1st Class	1 adult 2nd Class	1 Child 1st Class	1 Child 2nd Class	
4 days in 1 month	\$340.00	\$260.00	\$170.00	\$130.00	
5 days in 1 month	\$386.00	\$291.00	\$193.00	\$146.00	
6 days in 1 month	\$432.00	\$320.00	\$216.00	\$160.00	Single
7 days in 1 month	\$479.00	\$352.00	\$240.00	\$176.00	traveler
8 days in 1 month	\$522.00	\$381.00	\$261.00	\$191.00	prices
9 days in 1 month	\$574.00	\$415.00	\$287.00	\$208.00	
10 days in 1 month	\$620.00	\$444.00	\$310.00	\$222.00	

	2 adults 1st Class	2 adults 2nd Class
4 days in 1 month	\$534.00	\$390.00
5 days in 1 month	\$594.00	\$432.00
6 days in 1 month	\$654.00	\$480.00
7 days in 1 month	\$718.00	\$526.00
8 days in 1 month	\$778.00	\$574.00
9 days in 1 month	\$840.00	\$618.00
10 days in 1 month	\$902.00	\$664.00

### [Twin travelers prices](#)

The prices on the left are for the two adults twin pass which offers even greater savings for **two people always traveling together.**

The first person pays the full German Pass price and the second person gets a 50% reduction from the full price.

A four day 2nd class pass price is equal to \$260 + \$130 = \$390

The German Rail Pass enables visitors to travel on all scheduled trains operated by DB Bahn for between 4 and 10 days within a four week period, high speed ICE trains included. The German Rail Pass is available for both 1st and 2nd Class. The German Rail Youth Pass is also available at a discounted rate for those who are eligible.

### **German Rail Pass bonuses**

In addition German Rail Pass holders are entitled to the following bonuses:

- free travel on boats of the KD Köln-Düsseldorfer German Rhine Line on the rivers Rhine and Moselle. For further details please visit [www.k-d.com](http://www.k-d.com)
- discounted fares on the Europabus line "Romantic Road" operated by Deutsche Touring. For further details and bookings please visit [www.romantic-road-coach.de](http://www.romantic-road-coach.de)
- discounted fares on the Bayerische Zugspitzbahn rack railway. For further details please visit [www.zugspitze.de](http://www.zugspitze.de)
- a German Rail Pass also includes Salzburg (Austria) and Basel (Switzerland).

Please note that the actual pass must be sent to your home or workplace so please allow sufficient time for its arrival.

## *EXCHANGES*

### [Celle to Tulsa](#)

Nina Meyer, a High School student from the Celle area, is scheduled to stay in Tulsa from mid March to mid April. We are still trying to find a Greater Tulsa area family with a high school student who could host Nina and have her attend high school for a few weeks with their daughter/son. Please call Barbara at 355-2370 if you know of a school willing to accept a foreign student.

### [Tulsa to Celle](#)

- 1) Lindsay Klacko, a Tulsa University student, is scheduled to stay in Celle from February to March. Suzanne Reinike has volunteered to find an internship and a host family for Lindsay. As of now, it looks like the Celle office of the Halliburton Co. might be able to provide Lindsay with an internship.
- 2) Angela Novak and a Jenks teacher are scheduled to take a group of about 12 students to Celle for high School exchange in the first quarter of 2010.

# THIS AND THAT

## [German Beer Steins](#) (Reprinted from [Germanculture.com](#))

The origins of beer steins date back to the 14th century. As a result of the bubonic plague and several invasions of flies throughout Europe, Germany established several laws in the early 16th century requiring that all food and beverage containers be covered to protect their contents. By combining a lid, hinge, and thumbflift, these 'German' containers could easily be opened and closed with one hand. About this time many efforts were also made to improve the earthenware material used for steins. By raising the firing temperature, clay was vitrified into a solid, moisture-free, stone-like material called stoneware. Because this new material was much more durable than the previous earthenware, steins made of stoneware became very popular and many different types of designs and decorations were artistically applied to them.

The word "stein" is of German origin. The etymology of the word is either from "Stein Krug" (meaning stone jug/mug) or from "Steingut" (meaning stone goods). Steins are mugs used for drinking beer. They have a handle and a hinged lid; are decorated and sometimes hand-painted.

Steins may be traditional, regimental, occupational (depicting one's occupation), character (figural), or relief (three-dimensional). They may be new, antiques, reproductions, or limited editions.

Steins range in volume from .03 liter (1 oz.) to 32 liter (8.4 gal.), the typical volume being .5 (1/2) liter (16.9 oz.).

Steins often have a theme such as Christmas, wildlife, dogs, military, sports, game fish, etc. Europeans often engraved dates on the lids of steins to commemorate specific occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, sporting events, weddings, and retirements.

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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](http://www.tulsaglobalalliance.org)

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