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## Membership Updates

We welcome new members Herb and Ingeborg Reuss, and we thank John and Martin Letcher for renewing their membership.



## Upcoming Membership Events

### Christmas Party

**Date:** Friday December 16th, 2011  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Place:** Fellowship Lutheran Church  
**Event Chair:** Mieke Epps (918-747-7556)

**Program:** Our annual Membership Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 16th. We will meet at the "Fellowship Lutheran Church", 6727 South Sheridan. **We thank Stanley and Barbara Conrad** for sponsoring the rental of this venue for the Partnership.

Several of our members who also belong to the GAST choir have volunteered to sing some Christmas songs for us. We are still looking for someone who could play a few simple tunes on the piano. It would also be nice if someone could tell us a short Christmas story or fairy tale.

[Please contact Mieke Epps if you can help with either of these requests.](#)

The Partnership will provide a tossed salad, home-made Rouladen (prepared by Barbara C. and Barbara T.), Spätzle (pepared by Margaret's Restaurant), and "Kühne" Red Cabbage. The Partnership will also provide wine, beer, soda, water, and coffee.

Each member should bring either a desert for 8 people or a batch of his/her favorite Christmas cookies. Barbara is hoping that many of you will opt for the cookies, as she is planning to divide them up into assortment plates of tasty Christmas Cookies (Bunter Teller) to be taken home by each family after the party.

If you enjoyed last year's party, this year's get-together promises to be even better. The participation fee will only be \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Mieke Epps has volunteered to chair this event. Please contact Mieke (918-747-7556 or at "[miekeep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:miekeep@sbcglobal.net) ") to make your reservation and to let her know whether you will bring a dessert or a batch of cookies.

## Dinner at Margaret's Restaurant

Date: Thursday January 12th, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: The Farm shopping Center (51st and Sheridan)

Event Chair: Gerald Taron (918-355-2370 or [taronger@windstream.net](mailto:taronger@windstream.net))

Program: Margaret will open her restaurant for Partnership members only, on Thursday evening January 12th, provided that we can assure her of having a group of 20 or more people. We anticipate having a buffet with green salad, Wiener Schnitzel, Polish and Weisse sausage, Spaetzle, cabbage, mixed vegetables, and soft drink or tea for around \$16 plus tip and taxes. If our group is smaller than 20 people, we will have to meet on one of her regular business days (perhaps the next day Friday, Jan. 13th) and order from the restaurant's standard menu.

## *Recent Membership Events*

### **Eisenhower's International Fair Monday 11/21/11**

The Eisenhower International Fair was held on Monday 11/21, and we thank Arnold Bieber who represented GAST and the TCP, and Mark Clemons who represented the Partnership for representing our organizations at this important student event.

### **Affair of the Heart 11/19/11**

We thank Mieke Epps for setting up the Partnership's table, and we also appreciate Christl Parsons, Jan Heffner, Barbara Taron, and Gerald Taron for manning the entire TGA booth from 9 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday 11/19/11.

TGA had an excellent location in the center of the main aisle with traffic flowing by on both sides of the booth. Several people stopped by and inquired about TGA and Tulsa's Sister Cities. Three of the visitors mentioned that they would consider joining TGA. Barbara talked to a few children about the Celle Bee institute, and showed them how to make imitation bees out of gold and brown pipe cleaners. During the three days of the event the Partnership sold about 4/5th of the Christmas items we had purchased for this occasion at a profit of \$78.43.



# Volkstrauertag Ceremony 11/13/11

Over fifty people met at the Fort Reno Chapel on Sunday 11/13/11, for the Volkstrauertag Ceremony held in memory of the German and Italian prisoners of war buried at the Fort Reno Cemetery. The following officials attended the service: the Honorable Roland Hermann, German Consul General from Houston, Mr Charles Wiggin, German Honorary Consul from Oklahoma City, two German officers currently stationed in Fort Sills who came to represent the German Armed Forces, an Italian gentleman who came to honor the Italian POWs, the Governor's Honor Guard, Gertrud Schmidt, President of the Arts Association of the German American Society of Tulsa, Barbara Conrad, GAST Arts Association VP and chair of the event, and Barbara Taron President of the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership.

Also taking part in the Ceremony were: The reverent Donald Hefta from the Trinity Lutheran Church who led the prayer, Mr. Eric Schnaltz who made one of the speeches, Mr. David Marshall who plaid the Pipes, Mr. Max Tankersley who held the Veteran Of Foreign Wars' flag, Armed Forces Veterans who held several Veteran's flags, and Susanne Calvert who sang the hymns during the service. Some of the other attendees were Arnold and Gwen Bieber, Mark and Peggy Clemons, Stanley and Thomas Conrad, Gerald Taron, and some GAST members.

The Chapel service included introductions by Mrs Gertrud Schmidt, and speeches by Mr. Roland Hermann, Mr. Charles Wiggin, Mr. Eric Schnaltz, and Mrs. Barbara Conrad. After the service the group proceeded to the cemetery grounds where the Governor's Honor Guard laid two wreathes, Mr. David Marshall plaid the pipes, and a member of the Honor Guard plaid Taps.

After the ceremony was completed a small group drove to the Royal Bavaria restaurant in Moore to have an excellent German style dinner with beer brewed on the premises.

Everything went extremely well and we all agreed that Barbara Conrad deserves much credit for organizing the ceremony, and getting the co-operation of the several groups who made the event so memorable.



# Landesgestüt Celle Presentation by Joerg Adlung 11/4

23 members and three guests attended the Landesgestüt Celle presentation by Joerg Adlung, at the St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church. We thank Mary Jane Mueller for making the meeting room arrangements and placing the meeting signs that guided us in the right direction. We also thank Lindsay Klacko, the meeting chair, for co-ordinating the event with Mary Jane and for selecting and ordering the excellent pizzas we all enjoyed.

Joerg explained to us that the "Celle National State Stud Farm" was created in 1735 by a decree of Georg II, Elector of Hanover and King of Great Britain. English thoroughbreds were acquired during the early days of the stud farm and bred with the local horses which at that time were used for agricultural work. Later, with the decreasing demand for work horses, the Landesgestüt has focused on breeding sport horses. We discovered that the main purpose of the Hengstparade is to show the quality of each horse to prospective breeders, and we were told that artificial insemination is now an accepted breeding process. During his apprenticeship at the Landesgestüt, Joerg had to get up at 6:30 AM each morning to feed the horses, and clean their stalls. We learned that during their first year the students have to study agriculture in order to understand the relationships between the horses, the land, and the farmers. Later on, they have to learn to break in the stallions. This involves making them run in circles, teaching them to wear a saddle, and finally ridding them. We were told that the chain of command at the Landesgestüt has a strict discipline and that it resembles a military organization. Even the parade uniforms have a military look. Joerg explained to us that the season January to July is the breeding season, and that the trainees along with Landesgestüt horses are sent to various breeding stations. The period from July to September is spent preparing for the Hengstparade, and the season from October to January is reserved for living on the farm and doing general cleaning and maintenance chores.

We all enjoyed the presentation and Barbara presented a bottle of Mosel wine to Joerg to thank him on behalf of the Partnership.



## Membership Drive 11/4/11



Our fall membership drive was successful and we are happy to announce that we now have five new members. Jan Polliard sponsored new member Ed Anthis, Mary Jane Mueller sponsored new members Vic and Mary Anne Segner, and Sonia Ahrenkiel sponsored new members Herb and Ingeborg Reuss.

Thomas Conrad drew the winner's name, and Sonia Ahrenkiel's was very surprised when Barbara read her name and announced that she had won the bottle of French Champagne promised by the Partnership. A few more people have expressed interest in learning more about the Partnership, but they have not yet made up their mind about becoming members.



## Boo-Ha-Ha Parade 10/29/11

We hope that you will all enjoy the few pictures of the Boo-Ha-Ha parade which took place on 10/29/11 on Peoria Avenue. The weather was absolutely beautiful for such an event, and all the children, as well as many adults, took full advantage of this occasion to dress up in very creative costumes.

The Partnership group composed of Mark and Peggy-Sue Clemons, George Coppedge and Susanne Reinike, and Barbara and Gerald Taron met the other Tulsa-Global-Alliance members at the Coney-Islander near 41st and Peoria. From there, we went to 48th street to take our place in the parade which started at 2 PM. While waiting for the starting time, we decorated the Clemon's light blue Miata with German flags, balloons, and our Celle banner.

We thank the Clemons for driving their convertible which we used to store all the things we needed, including the many buckets of candy brought by Becky Collins to be distributed to the children lined up alongside the parade route. Every once in a while, when we ran out of candy, Mark had to stop the car so that we could resupply the candy givers. Susanne Reinike who was here from Celle enjoyed seeing such a large crowd of happy Halloween revelers. All in all, it turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon, and we all had fun participating in the event and passing out the candies to happy children. Susanne had a great time, and we are sure that she will return to Celle with fond memories, and a new American experience.





Celle Christmas Market

*Your Executive Committee, Wishes Everyone a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



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