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Membership Updates:

We are pleased to welcome new members Gabriele Blankenship, and Eleanor Wilkerson.

Upcoming Membership Events

Celle Runde

Date: Saturday February 4th, 2012
Time: 10:00 AM to 12 noon
Place: Barbara Taron's home
Event Chair: Barbara Taron (918-355-2370)

The Celle Runde group will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday February 4th, at Barbara Taron's home.

As usual, the group will discuss German topics of general interest. Because it is Karneval season, the group will also discuss Fasching and Karneval topics, and Barbara will prepare samples of typical "Fashingskrapfen", a doughnut-like Karneval pastry. Attendance is free and refreshments will be served.

Movie Night

Date: Monday, February 6th, 2012
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: GAST Weinkeller
Event Chair: Arnold Bieber

We will meet at 6:30 in the GAST Weinkeller to view the movie "Kirschblüten-Hanami". The movie will start at 7:00PM. Refreshments consisting of popcorn, coffee and water will be available. **Reservations are not required**, and attendance is free.

The movie is about an older retired couple. Trudi, the wife, learns from a doctor that her husband Rudi is incurably sick. Without telling Rudi about his illness, she suggests they do some traveling. She has always wanted to go to Japan to learn Japanese art. They start by visiting their children. However they are heartbroken when they realize that their visits are less than welcome. Suddenly the wife dies, and Rudi decides to honor her memory by traveling to Japan to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival she had always wanted to see. Once in Japan, Rudi befriends a young Japanese artist who introduces him to Japanese customs.

Tulsa Community College Global Fest

Date: February 16th, 2012
Time 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Place Student Union Room, TCC Metro Campus
Event Chair Mark Clemons and Barbara Taron

The Tulsa Community College annual Global fest will take place on Thursday February 16th, from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM, in the Student Union room of the Metro Campus. [Mark Clemons and Barbara Taron have volunteered to represent the Partnership at this event.](#) Please contact Barbara at 918-355-2370 if you would like to help man our booth during this interesting event.

Gast Fashing Party

Date: February 18th, 2012
Time 6:00 PM
Place German American Society of Tulsa, 1429 Terrace drive
Event Chair

Harold Wicks, from GAST, has asked us to let TCP members know that they are invited to attend the GAST Fashing party which will be held on February 18th, starting at 6:00 PM at the GAST Center.

Please call 918-744-6997 before February 15th to make your reservation. The cost is \$10 per person.

Dinner at the Foundations Restaurant

Date: Tuesday March 13th, 2012
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Sheridan ave.
Event Chair: Gerald Taron

The Foundations restaurant has agreed to hold a private dining event for Partnership members and their guests at 7:00 PM, on March 13th. Although the restaurant is staffed by members of the Platt College Culinary School, the food is excellent and the dinner is expected to be a memorable experience. Their excellent three course dinner menu is currently priced at \$17. This is less than half of what such a dinner would cost in a restaurant offering the same culinary experience. Tip, Taxes, and drinks are extra.

[Please Call Barbara Taron at 918-355-2370, if you would like to chair this event. Reservations will be required. However, we will order from the menu.](#)

Recent Membership Events

Dinner at Margaret's Restaurant 1/12/12

24 TCP members came to Margaret's Restaurant to enjoy her European style food while meeting with friends. To provide a more enjoyable evening, Margaret dimmed the dining room lights for a more intimate atmosphere and arranged the tables so that up to six people could seat at one table and visit with one another. We all appreciated that Margaret let us choose from the menu instead of having a buffet. The ample dinner portions were very delicious. Several people commented that their orders were very tasty and that they very much enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the evening.

Barbara Taron introduced new member Gabriele Blankenship, and for those who missed the Christmas party, she also reintroduced recent members Herb and Ingeborg Reuss. Barbara mentioned that we will meet in March for a dinner at the Platt College Cooking School, and some people asked her to confirm that we will be meeting at a winery and a boutique beer brewery before we adjourn for the summer.

As we were leaving, several "eagle eyed" members noticed that there was a half price sale on Christmas goods, and Margaret was delighted to sell to them a sizeable portion of the overstocked items.

German Style Coffee at Tulsa's City Hall 1/31/12

The Tulsa Global Alliance and Tulsa's eight sister cities sponsored a German-style mid-afternoon coffee and cake get-together with the new city Councilors on Tuesday 10/31/12. Each councilor is an honorary ambassador to one of the sister cities. The goal of the meeting was to introduce the sister city chairs to their respective councilor.



The meeting was hosted in a large meeting room on the 10th floor of City Hall. Cathy Izzo and Barbara Taron were co-chairs of the event, and did their very best to create a convivial atmosphere. The meeting was well attended, and all enjoyed the cakes and sweets brought by each of the sister cities. Representatives from each of the Sister Cities were able to have a one on one meeting with their respective councilor, and to explain to them the sister cities' goal of increasing global awareness by participating in international exchanges.

Councilor G.T. Bynum spoke to the group and pointed out that the morning's Wall Street Journal had a timely article describing how one of China's current vice presidents, Mr. Xi Jinping, led a 1985 Chinese animal-feed delegation to Muscatine, Iowa, toured farms, and was **home hosted** by a local family. Councilor Bynum noted that Mr. Xi Jinping, who is believed to be groomed to be the next president of China, will now be coming to the White House on 2/14, and will return to Muscatine on 2/15 to reconnect with the people he met in 1985.

Councilor Steele is the Councilor assigned to Celle. Councilor Steele told Barbara that he visited Germany in the early 1960s, and he particularly recalled a gemstone market in the city of Idar-Oberstein, and a church built into the mountain side behind the village. The Councilor indicated that he might attend some of the future Partnership events.



German Traditions

Fasching

(article reprinted from "Deutsches Haus", pictures from internet)

Fasching is Germany's carnival season. It starts on the 11th day of November at exactly 11 minutes after 11am and ends at the stroke of midnight on Shrove Tuesday - often referred to as Fat Tuesday (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday). Fasching is more or less a Roman Catholic and Christian Orthodox celebration and most Protestant and non-Christian areas do not celebrate it.

Fasching (also known as Karneval) is a time of festivity and merry making - a time to break the rules, poke fun at those who make them and then to make your own new rules.

In Germany, particularly in the Rhineland area, the tradition can be traced to medieval times where many countries existed under harsh rules. Kings, princes and even smaller potentates maintained their own courts. In doing so, they flaunted before each other their own pomp and splendor at the expense of their population.

During karneval time, the common people took a chance at "living it up" and "talking back to their rulers". They would make a mock government of eleven people, as well as other officials. A prince and princess were selected to rule the country during the Fasching season. Political authorities, high placed persons and sovereigns were the target of ridicule, and featured in humorous and satirical speeches. To avoid persecution and punishment, these antics were played out from behind masks and costumes. Parades, dancing in the streets, masquerade balls and comical skits filled the days and nights

Nearly every town has its own festivities and it is celebrated in homes across the country with the same enthusiasm in which we celebrate Halloween. The Karnevals vary from area to area, but nomatter where the celebrations are held, there is fun, happiness, laughter and a certain nostalgia.



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