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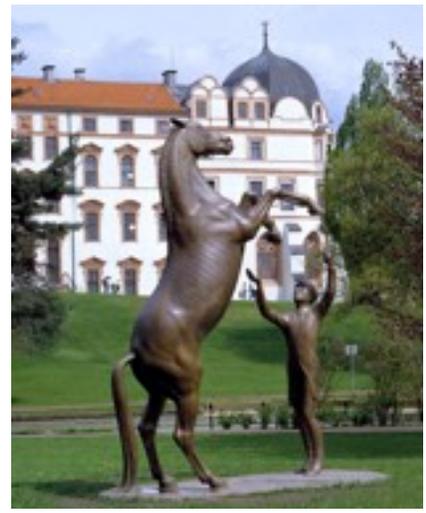
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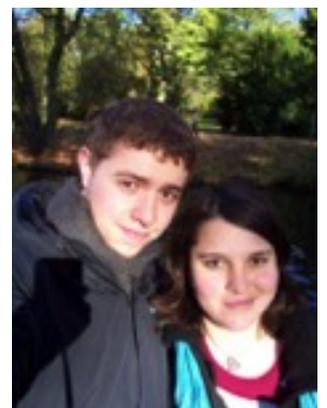
We welcome the following new members: Pat and Janet Curth

We also thank the following members who have renewed their memberships: Tom and Karla Campbell, Markham and Becky Collins, Stanley and Barbara Conrad, George Coppedge, Nick Doctor, Joel Embry, Mieke Epps and Dave Staudt,..... Kenneth and Patricia McLaurin, Mark and Shelley Spaeth, Fred and Jessica Stowell, Harold and Doris Wicks, and Don and Carol Wright.

Message from the President

"Linus and I had a very pleasant trip to visit family in Kerken, Germany. The weather was great and we celebrated Linus's Opa's 80th birthday in the freshly-renovated village train station. We hope to see him in March when he's thinking of visiting the United States for the first time!"

Natalie



Upcoming Events

Movie Night

February 10th, 2017 at 6:30pm

Taron's home

6562 South 218th East Ave.

We will be showing the movie "A Coffee in Berlin". The movie synopsis reads as follows: "Niko is having a tough morning. He has broken up with his girlfriend, been cut off from his monthly allowance, and was just declared emotionally unstable by a court appointed psychologist. If only he could find a decent cup of coffee. Painting an eventful day in the life of a twenty something high school dropout. A Coffee in Berlin follows Niko as he drifts through a series of absurd, funny, and ultimately, life changing encounters with the people and the city around him. It is a slacker comedy with a poignant center, and a love letter to the city of Berlin and generation Y." The film won 6 German film awards, including best film, best director, and best actor.

As usual, attendance will be free of charge, and we will serve an assortment of pot luck dishes and beverages before the movie.

Please remember that due to space limitations, the Tarons can only accommodate 18 guests, and that reservations will be accepted on a first come basis. Please contact the Tarons before February 8th, at taronger2@gmail.com, to make your reservation for what promises to be an enjoyable and relaxing evening.

Brunch at the Toast Restaurant and Group Visit to the Broken Arrow Historical Museum.

March 25th, 10:00AM

201 South Main street, B/A

Join us for a brand new adventure !!!!!!! Our Partnership has been on-going for almost 17 years, and we have had many lunches and dinners. But, we have never organized a "brunch" !!!!! So, your Executive Committee decided to try something new on Saturday morning, March 25th, when most of us do not have to go to work. We will get together for a brunch at the Toast Restaurant in Broken Arrow at 10:00AM.

Toast is located at 201 South Main Street, in the newly renovated Rose District of

Broken Arrow (Elm street exit off B/A expressway). The restaurant menu lists dishes ranging from \$7 to \$14, and it includes Belgian style waffles, Berry cream cheese crepes, quiche of the day, southwest omelet, tacos, and burritos, as well as many other choices.

if you are interested in joining us for this informal outing, please contact Natalie Groeger at outrombonist@aol.com, so that we can reserve enough seats ahead of time.



After brunch, around 12 noon, we will proceed to the Broken Arrow Historical Museum at 400 South Main street. Entrance fee will be reduced to \$4 for our group members. Admission for children under 18 is free.

The museum website states that the “Exhibits in the museum tell the story of local and regional history through artifacts and interactive story boards. A few original exhibits can be seen, including the old Town Hall Jail cell, and Childers Cabin..... Gift shop filled with made in Oklahoma gifts such as shirts, foods, and educational books. On the second floor visitors will find the main gallery with exhibits from the “Broken Aro” Coal Tipple to the Katy Railroad depot. Step back in time to the Broken Arrow Main street during the oil boom’s heyday.”



Exchanges

Tulsa to Celle

Suzanne MacDowell has confirmed that a Tulsa University student has been accepted for an internship at the Celle City Hall during the months of February and March. The young man has already purchased his airline ticket and he will leave Tulsa on January 30th. We thank the Celle German American club for finding host families for the student.

Interesting information

Elbphilharmonie

Reprinted from a Wikipedia article, internet pictures.

The Hamburg Elbphilharmonie is a [concert hall](#) in the [HafenCity](#) quarter of [Hamburg](#), Germany, on the [Grasbrook \(de\)](#) peninsula of the [Elbe](#) River. It is one of the largest and most acoustically advanced concert halls in the world. It is popularly nicknamed *Elphi*.

The Elbphilharmonie was officially inaugurated with concerts of the [NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra](#) and a light show on 11 January 2017.



“In 2007, the construction was scheduled to be finished by 2010 with an estimated cost of €241 million. In November 2008, after the original contract was amended, the costs for the project were estimated at €450 million. In August 2012, the cost were re-estimated to be over €500 million, which should also cover the increased cost for a strengthened roof. Construction work officially ended on 31 October 2016 at a cost of €789 million.

The building is designed as a cultural and residential complex. The original 1966 brick façade of the Kaispeicher, formerly a warehouse, was retained at the base of the building. On top of this footprint a matching superstructure rests on its own foundation exhibiting a glassy exterior and a wavy roof line. About one thousand glass windows are curved. The building has 26 floors with the first eight floors within the brick façade. It reaches its highest point with 108 meters at the western side. The footprint of the building measures 120,000 m². A curved escalator from the main entrance at the east side connects the ground floor with an observation deck, the Plaza, at the 8th floor, the top of the brick section. The Plaza is accessible by the public. It offers a view of Hamburg and the [Elbe](#). From the Plaza the foyer of the concert hall can be reached.

The Elbphilharmonie has three concert venues. The Great Concert Hall can accommodate 2,100 visitors whereby the performers are in the center of the hall surrounded by the audience in the [vineyard style](#) arrangement. The [acoustics](#) were designed by [Yasuhisa Toyota](#) who installed about 10,000 individually micro-shaped drywall plates to disperse sound waves. The Great Concert Hall contains a pipe organ with 69 registers built by [Klais Orgelbau](#). The Recital Hall is intended for the performance of recitals, chamber music and jazz concerts; it can hold an audience of 550 people. In addition, there is the Kaistudio that allows for 170 visitors and is intended to serve educational activities.

The easternmost part of the building is rented by [Westin](#) as the [Westin Hamburg Hotel](#) that opened on November 4, 2016. The hotel offers 244 rooms between the 9th and 20th floors. The lobby in the 8th floor can be accessed from the Plaza. The upper floors west of the concert hall accommodate 45 luxury apartments. The complex also houses conference rooms, restaurants, bars, and a spa. A parking garage for 433 cars is part of the building complex as well.

The first public test concert at the Elbphilharmonie was held on 25 November 2016. The official opening concert took place on 11 January 2017 with a performance by the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra under direction of [Thomas Hengelbrock](#). The first musical selection was "Pan" from [Benjamin Britten's](#) *Six Metamorphoses after Ovid*."

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