

Tulsa - Celle - Partnership Newsletter



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Membership Updates : We thank long time members Joe and Ginny Rohr for renewing their membership.

Please send an E-mail to taronger@windstream.net if you would like to have your name removed from our newsletter mailing list, or if you know someone who wants be added to the list. Thank you.

Messages from your Executive Committee

From the President - Barbara Taron

We have developed a very interesting and varied program for the first six months of our Partnership year, and I hope that many of you will enjoy the several themes related to Celle and the German culture. We are also trying to keep most of these events "low key" so that attendance will be free or relatively inexpensive. I hope that the 2011/2012 program will meet with your approval and that many of you will join us for these interesting meetings. As always, do not hesitate to call me if you have any suggestions on how to make our Partnership events more interesting for our friends and our members.

Barbara

From the Membership VP - Mary Jane Mueller

It has been a long time since we had our last membership drive. I would like to encourage all of you to "spread the word" about our wonderful and exciting Partnership and help recruit new members. To make this membership drive a little more challenging, one of our members has donated a bottle of imported French Champagne which will be awarded to the TCP member who recruits the most new members by November 4th, 2011. The winner will be announced when we meet at the St Bernard Church to hear the presentation about Hanoverian Horses by Joerg Adlung.

Please contact me at 918-492-5967 if you want me to send an application form, our brochure and/or a copy of our latest newsletter to people who are interested. Our partnership offers exchanges, opportunities to make new friends here and in Celle, and last but not least interesting and fun events which we can be proud to share with others.

I am looking forward to presenting that bottle of champagne to the most successful recruiter.

Mary Jane

From the Newsletter Editor - Gerald Taron

I would like to remind you that we accept contributions from our readers for this newsletter. You may send in either a short article or a few photos for publication in the newsletter. The only requirement is that your topic must be related to our sister city relationship with Celle.

People who have had an internship in Celle, or have had a home stay in Celle are encouraged to publish a short article about their experience. Submissions can be sent to taronger@windstream.net

Upcoming Membership Meetings

Membership Meeting

Date : Friday, August 5th,

Time: 6:30 PM.

Place: Gast Center Weinkeller - 1429 Terrace Drive

Event Chair: Barbara Taron (918-355-2370)



Program: We will meet in the GAST Center Weinkeller to hear a presentation by Dave Schoeneweis about the history and the collecting of beer steins. Most of us have at least one beer stein at home, and it will be interesting to hear Dave talk to us about an item that most Americans associate with German traditions. Light refreshments consisting of soft pretzels, ham, cheese, and fruits will be available. Participants are welcome to bring one of their own steins for "show and tell", or to drink from.

The Tulsa-Celle-Partnership thanks GAST for allowing us to meet in its Weinkeller. The GAST Stammtisch members will be having their regular meeting at the same time and they might join us. We also wish to invite all interested GAST members to join us for this interesting presentation. Please call Barbara Taron at 918-355-2370 to make a reservation and to give us an idea of how many people we can expect for this meeting. **Admission to this event will be free.**

Celle Runde

Date: Saturday August 6th

Time: 10 to 12 AM

Place: 6562 South 218th East Ave., Broken Arrow

Event Chair: Barbara Taron (918-355-2370)

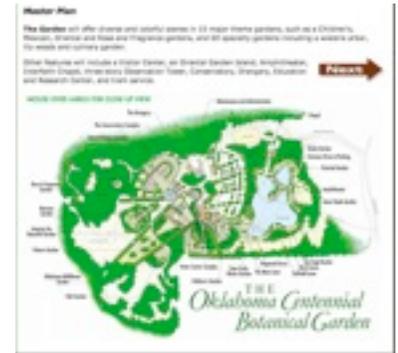


Program: The "Celle Runde" is an informal conversation group, and a meeting point for those who like to talk about German topics. The discussions can be about someone's last or future trip to Germany, a German movie, a book, or an event. We also discuss German food and recipes as well as restaurants. In short, we talk about anything of interest to the group. There is no specific topic or speaker, we are just a small group of people with a common interest in speaking German to either maintain our language fluency, or to improve our German language skills. Guests are always welcome to join the group and participate in the discussions.

Participation is free, and since these meetings are informal reservations are not required.

Membership outing

Date : Saturday September 10th
Time: 3:00 PM for garden tour, 4PM for cake and coffee
Place: Centennial Botanical Garden, N 52 W and
43rd Street North
Event Chair: Volunteer needed



Program: We will meet at the Centennial Botanical Garden to enjoy a guided walk of the park prairie trails, admire the wild flowers, the forest, and the Persimmons grove. Our group will wear comfortable walking shoes and it will meet at the Visitor Center at 3:00 PM.

Those who prefer not to walk but would enjoy chatting with their friends can join us in the air-conditioned Visitor Center Community Room at 4:00 PM. We will sit down for a relaxing mid afternoon German-style coffee (or tea) and savor some home made cakes. We will try our best to make this a nice outing, and are planning on using porcelain dishes and cups. We will purchase the cakes if we have no other choice, but we would greatly appreciate members who can bring a home baked German cake to this meeting.

If time allows it, we will also see a video about the Walsrode Bird Park near Celle. The Walsrode Bird Park is the world's largest bird park and a well known family attraction which features birds from all over the world. People who visit the park can witness live demonstrations with birds of prey.

A car pool to the Centennial Botanical Garden will be set up to provide transportation for people who need a ride.

You can check the Centennial Garden's website at <http://www.ocbg.org/> for more information. Admission to the Centennial Garden and to the cake degustation will be free.

Savoring Sister Cities

Date : Wednesday 9/21
Time: 6 to 8 PM
Place: TCC Center for Creativity, 909 South Boston
Event Chair: Volunteer needed



Program: The purpose of this event is to introduce the general public to the foods and customs of each of Tulsa's eight sister cities. There will be Ethnic presentations by members of the sister cities. The Tulsa-Celle-Partnership will be serving Bratwursts donated by Siegi's restaurant, Spätzle donated by Margaret's German restaurant, and Sauerkraut purchased by the TCP. Please contact Barbara Taron if you can help with either the set up or the manning of our booth for this event.

There will be a small entrance fee, but the food tasting will be free.

Membership Meeting

Date: Friday 10/7

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Port of Catoosa, 5350 Cimarron Road

Event Chair: Volunteer needed



Program: Bob Potiss, the Port Director, will give us a guided tour of the facility and of the museum. We are also investigating the possibility of taking a short barge trip around the harbor. The Partnership is making plans to provide refreshments for a small reception.

The Port of Catoosa has been in operation for 40 years, and it currently handles 2.2 million tons of cargo a year. The port covers 2000 acres, and 63 companies are based there. The port has a general dry cargo dock, a roll-on roll-off low water wharf, a dry bulk terminal, a grain terminal, and a bulk liquid terminal.

Bob has told us that one of the port's memorable events was a visit in 1986 by the German ocean going freighter "Frauke".

Membership Meeting

Date: Friday 11/4

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: St Bernard of Clairvaux Church,
4001 East 101st Street

Event Chair: Lindsay Klacko



Program: Joerg Adlung will make a presentation about the Niedersächsische Landesgestüt (the Celle Hanoverian horse and stud farm). Joerg will talk about the history, care, breeding, and training of the world-renowned Hanoverian horses. Joerg spent two years at the Niedersächsische Landesgestüt as an apprentice "Pferdewirt" (best translated as professional horse trainer with emphasis in breeding and raising horses). Joerg's father, a "Wagenmeister" at the Landesgestüt, was in charge of maintaining the historic coaches. Joerg will be able to tell us many interesting details that you will not find in any of the brochures or books.

Refreshments will be provided.

Student Exchanges

Daniel Pham has just returned from his Celle homestay. The Tulsa-Cell-Partnershing is very appreciative of all the Celle people who contributed in making Daniel's visit a memorable one.

Our special thanks go to Susanne McDowell (Tulsa's liaison in the Celle administration), and Susanne Reinike (Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft) for arranging this exchange. We also thank the Ceyp and Erlingsen families for hosting our student during his stay in Celle, as well as a third family for which we do not have the name as of yet. In addition we thank Jim McDowell for taking Daniel to see Berlin, and Reinhard Foerster for driving him to Hamburg for a visit of that city.

These homestays and excursions as well as the many other activities will leave Daniel with fond memories of his stay in Celle, and they will also give him a better appreciation of the German culture.

The following is a note of appreciation received by the TCP from Daniel on 7/26:

"I just wanted to let you know that I am home now. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to travel to Germany. It has been the BEST experience I have ever had. I made many friends and families that I will never forget and whom I hope to return and visit again in the future. I learned so much and found that it broadened my horizons. It was a beautiful place with very nice people. Again, thank you so much!!!"

Building Friendship Bridges

Judy Glenn has told us that that one of their friends, Michael Carnahan, who happens to live in Staten Island and speaks German met Dirk Heindorff (the Celle area Fire Chief) at the Tulsa Oktoberfest. Dirk and the gentleman exchanged addresses. One thing led to another and finally, when Dirk Heindorff was in New York to attend a cooking contest, Judy's friend was able to make arrangements for Dirk to meet with representatives of the New York Fire Department to get their advice on building a firefighter school. We have been told that Celle has also requested input from the OSU Fire protection School.

It is surprising how one visit, and one encounter can lead to such an amazing chain of events.

Dirk's Ratzeputz Recipe

Dirk Heindorff has sent us the following recipe for "OverKill", a drink made from Ratzeputz liquor. We dare you to try it !!

Start with 1.3 ounces of Ratzeputz, mix with cherry juice and Energy-Drink and serve on ice, decorate with a cherry.

For continuous **updates on our partnership** and links to the Celle newspaper etc., please visit our website at : www.tulsa-celle-partnership.com

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

Celle German American Club : <http://www.celle-usa.de>



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