

Tulsa - Celle - Partnership Newsletter



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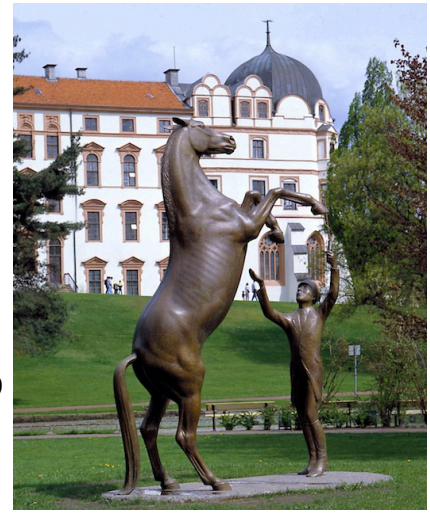
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Please send an E-mail to taronger@windstream.net if you would like to have your name removed from our newsletter mailing list, or if you know someone who wants be added to the list. Thank you.

We thank the following members for renewing their memberships:

Mark and Peggy Clemons, George Coppedge, Ed and Rita Lenfestey, Michael and Cathryn Render, Al and Lois Voeller, Jim and Marja Willis.

Upcoming Membership Events

General Annual Partnership Meeting, Tuesday June 10th at 6pm

Our annual election dinner will take place at the Royal Dragon restaurant, 7837 East 51st Street (Fontana Shopping Center). Guests will be able to select their preferred dishes from the very large and appetizing buffet at a cost of \$13.25 (including tea or soft drink, taxes, and tip)

We will be seated in the Royal Dragon's private meeting room, and the restaurant needs to know ahead of time how many tables will be required. Please contact Gerald Taron at taronger@windstream.net if you plan on attending this event. This is a very important meeting, and we have only received 6 reservations as of today.

Mieke Epps and Ginny Rohr are members of our 2014 Nominating Committee. You should contact one of them if you are interested in becoming a member of the Partnership's Executive Committee for the year 2014/2015. The Executive Committee is responsible for the governance of the Partnership's affairs, and this includes working with TGA in Tulsa, contacting our representative at the Celle City Hall about Sister Cities matters, reviewing stipend applications for exchanges between our two cities, suggesting events of possible interest to Partnership members, as well as any other Partnership business.

The duties of each Executive Committee position are described on the home page of Partnership's website under the heading "Duties of TCP Executive Committee Members". The elected Executive Committee positions for the year 2014/2015 will be as follows if the by-laws change described below is approved :

President
VP Business
VP Education and Exchanges
VP Finances and Treasurer
VP Membership
VP Publicity and Historian
Secretary

Change to the Partnership's By-Laws:

The members of the Executive Committee have noticed that the responsibilities of the Vice President Education, and Vice President Exchanges overlap very often because most of our exchanges are educational exchanges. Consequently, the Executive Committee recommends that these two offices be merged into one. This will reduce the Executive committee from eight members to seven members plus the "at large" person nominated by the new president.

A motion will be made at the 6/10 General Meeting to amend article V, paragraph one of the Partnership's By-Laws as follows :

"The officers of the Partnership shall be, President, Vice President Business, Vice President Education and Exchanges, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer, Vice President of Publicity and Historian. The President shall designate an officer to act officially in the absence of the President."

General Meeting presentation

The Riverfield School trip to Germany was made possible by a stipend provided by the Partnership and another one provided by The Tulsa-Global-Alliance. The two teachers responsible for co-ordinating the students' trip to Germany have accepted the Executive Committee's invitation to attend our General Meeting, and they will make a short slide presentation to share with us the highlights of their trip.

Recent Membership Events

German style coffee 5/24/14

We had a few sprinkles earlier in the day and started to worry that the party may have to be moved inside due to inclement weather. However, the sky started to clear after lunch and we had the pleasure to enjoy a blue sky and a sunny garden party. The event was very successful, and we were glad to have enough chairs to seat the 27 people who attended.

We thank Sonja Ahrenkiel, Gabriele Blankenship, Rita Lenfestey, Barbara Taron, and Irmgard Toschik for baking the delicious cakes enjoyed by all. We also thank the Parsons for again hosting this party in their beautiful garden.

Some of us admired the great pictures taken by Dale and Christl during their recent trip to Africa. Others just sat outside to enjoy the relaxing scenery and the beautiful koi pond while chatting with their friends. All in all, it was a very enjoyable afternoon and some of us stayed so late that we had to be gently reminded that it would soon be dark.



Exchanges

Celle to Tulsa

Pia Maenicke, a Celle student who has interned with the Celle City Council, will Intern at the Tulsa City Council from July 1st to August 30th, 2014. After completion of her internship, Pia intends to fly to California before returning to Germany in the later part of September.

We are very pleased to announce that Pia will be able to purchase a Chevrolet Cavalier at a very reasonable price from Barbara Meehan, and that arrangements are being made for someone to purchase the car back upon Pia's departure in September. The Tulsa-Celle-Partnership will have the car checked by a certified mechanic before Pia's arrival. The Partnership is also checking into the requirements for car registration, and car insurance to make sure that there are not any last minute glitches.

We thank Mark and Lorrie Bradway for their offer to host Pia for several weeks. However, we are still looking for another family to host Pia when the Bradways go on vacation. Please contact Barbara Taron at 918-355- 2370 if you can host Pia for a few weeks.

Tulsa to celle

Riverfield school

Suzie Bogle has confirmed that two Riverfield school teachers will be leading a group of 10 students and 8 family members on a trip to Germany in early June.

The group will fly into Berlin and stay there overnight. Their tour of Berlin will be guided by a local guide recommended by Suzie Bogle. Once the group arrives in Celle, the participants will be hosted by the families of the KAV Gynasium students who visited the Riverfield School in March of this year. The two Tulsa teachers will be each staying at the homes of two different KAV teachers.

As mentioned above, the two teachers chaperoning the trip will make a slide presentation showing the highlights of their tour at the Partnership's 6/10 General Meeting.

Tulsa fire dept

We have been advised that a member of the Tulsa Fire Dept, and a member of the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership will fly to Germany together in late June, and that they will stop in Celle to visit with their many local friends.

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.celle.de>

Tulsa Global Alliance web site at: www.tulsaglobalalliance.org

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

German Information: <http://www.germany.info>

