

# Tulsa - Celle - Partnership Newsletter



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## Membership Updates

*We are pleased to welcome new members Drew and Diedra Rees, and we thank Richard and Ellen Burgess for renewing their membership.*

We are glad to report that the Partnership has now reached a new record of 85 active members. In addition, we have four honorary members ( councilors Blake Ewing, and Skip Steele, as well as TGA representatives Pat Kroblin and Jessica Stowell).

## Upcoming Membership Events

### Annual Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday June 7th, 2012

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Siegi's Restaurant, 8104 South Sheridan, Tulsa

Please mark your calendars for this very important meeting. The election dinner will take place at Siegi's restaurant, 8104 South Sheridan, at 6:00PM, on Saturday June 7th.

Mary Jane Mueller has made the reservation, and was able to negotiate a price of \$15 per person for a buffet dinner including coffee and tea. Tips and Taxes will be extra. Please contact either Mary Jane (918-492-5967 - [mary.mueller@cox.net](mailto:mary.mueller@cox.net)) or Mieke Epps (918-747-7556 [miekeepes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:miekeepes@sbcglobal.net)) **before June 1, 2012** to make your reservation (all reservations must be paid for).

The 2012/2013 Executive positions to be filled are: President, VP Business, VP Education, VP Exchanges, VP Finance, VP Membership, VP Publicity/Historian, and Secretary. You can get detailed information about the duties of each Executive Committee member by going to our web site's home page and downloading the file " Duties of TCP Executive Committee Members".

Three members of the current Executive Committee have volunteered to continue serving during the 2012/2013 year, and that should make the transition to the new administration much easier. Gerald has also agreed to continue to publish the newsletter and to maintain the web site, if asked to do so by the new president.

Please contact Mieke Epps if you are interested in serving on the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership 2012/2013 Executive Committee. Although we already have at least one candidate for each VP position, the Nominating Committee is still accepting applications for all Executive Committee positions. **However, the Nominating Committee is still actively looking for a candidate to fill the President's position. Please do not hesitate to call Mieke Epps if you have any question about the duties of the Partnership's President.**

The 2012/2013 Executive Committee slate will include several new members, and your new board will have to make important decisions on allocating Partnership funds to different on going projects. **It is very important that you come to this meeting to elect the members of your 2012/2013 Executive Committee.**

## *Recent Membership Events*

### **Wine tasting at Ganderway Vineyards**

We all had a very enjoyable time, and we thank Kelley Fitter for making the arrangements for this wonderful outing. The entire staff at the Ganderway Vineyards was very gracious, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Most of us ordered the beef brisket open-face sandwich. The brisket was excellent, and the portions very large. A few people could not finish their plate and they requested a take home box. The staff served wine tasting samples with the lunch, and we were all pleasantly surprised with the taste and quality of the several red, rosé and white wines. As we were finishing our meal, Mike came over to our area and explained to us how he started the winery, and some of difficulties encountered by local growers with the clay soil and the weather conditions. He also related to us how he and a neighbor's son created the wonderful mosaic behind the bar when they were confined to their barn during a spell of really bad weather.

When time came to leave, we noticed that most of us could not resist buying one or more bottles of the winery's inexpensive and enjoyable wines.

## *Exchanges*

### **Tulsa to Celle Beekeepers**

One group of five beekeepers will be attending the first Celle Bee Research Institute's seminar on 5/23, 5/24, and 5/25. Another group is planning on making the trip sometimes in September if the air fares are affordable.

During one of our meetings, one of the beekeepers related to us how he suddenly lost all his bees due to an unexplained sickness. It is thought that pesticides may be at fault. This topic will probably be discussed during the group's interaction with their European colleagues.

We thank Reinhard Foerster, and Arnold Bieber for making host families arrangements for the first group of Tulsa beekeepers. Two of the travellers will stay in Germany a little longer in order to do some sightseeing around the country.

The partnership facilitated this exchange by giving each participant a small stipend to cover some of the trip expenses, and by paying the cost of the Celle Bee Research Institute's seminar.

## Celle to Tulsa Student Exchange

We are very happy to report that four Tulsa area families have offered to host Elsbe and Henrike. The two girls can now purchase their airline tickets and make preparations for their upcoming trip to Tulsa. They will get in touch with their host families via E-mail.

We thank the Bradway, Dameron, Gaston, and Sloan families for their offer to host the two young ladies from Celle, and to keep them stimulated and challenged during their stay in Tulsa.

## *On going Projects*

### Barthelmes Conservatory

Barthelmes Conservatory directors Candice Chinsethagid, and Kate Reeves have agreed to present the Tulsa-Celle-Partnership Exchange Proposal to their board.

Our proposal states that the partnership will give the Barthelmes Conservatory a stipend to fund a portion of the cost of sending a minimum of one teacher, and five music students to Celle for a minimum of four days before June 2013. The Barthelmes Conservatory management is considering promoting the trip as a reward for outstanding music students who have successfully studied music at the Conservatory for several years.

The group could possibly meet with students of the "Kaiserin Auguste Viktoria Gymnasium", or the Kreismusikschule before travelling to other music oriented cities such as Vienna. The possibility of giving a small concert performance in Celle is also being considered. The Barthelmes Conservatory directors are looking at the possibility of holding fund raising events to obtain some of the funds required for making the trip a reality.

The Partnership has been having exchange discussions with past and present managers of the Barthelmes Conservatory for several years, and we are looking forward to making the spring 2013 trip a success.

## Platt's College Culinary Arts Program

Susanne Reinike and Barbara Taron met with Chef Curt Hermann on 3/29/12, to discuss the possibility of an exchange of cooking school students with Celle. The goal of such an exchange would be for the students to either attend a local Culinary School, or "job shadow" one of the chefs at a local restaurant.

There again, the Partnership would offer a stipend to cover some of the costs, and the Platt Culinary Institute would have to hold some fund raising events to cover the balance of the program's cost.

Susanne Reinike will approach the Celle cooking schools and restaurants with this idea, and she will let us know whether or not such an exchange is feasible.

## *President's Farewell Message*

Good-byes are never easy to say. Thanks to you, it was fun to be the president of the TCP and because of your help and support we can look back on another very successful year. We now have 85 members not counting our four honorary members who are City Councilors Blake Ewing and Skip Steele, and TGA representatives Pat Kroblin and Jessica Stowell.

This past year – July 2011 to June 2012 - we have had such memorable meetings as the Beer Stein presentation by Dave Schöneweis; and the "German-style coffee and cake" outing at the Centennial Botanical Garden. We also had a guided visit of the Port of Catoosa, and a presentation by Jörg Adlung about the "Landesgestüt Celle". While some of our members participated in the GAST "Volkstrauertag Ceremony" at Fort Reno, we also remember our nice Christmas Party at the Fellowship Lutheran Church, the dinners at Margaret's and the Platt's College Foundations Restaurant. Finally, we offered the movie "Kirschblüten" at GAST, and concluded the year with a wine tasting at the Ganderway Winery.

In addition to our monthly "Celle Runde" meetings, we also participated in TCC's Global Fest, and the Eisenhower International Day. We also supported TGA by participating in events such as the BooHaha Parade, Savoring Sister Cities, Affair of the Heart, and the "Meet your Councilors" event at the City Hall.

Last but not least we were able to arrange 2 major exchanges: A small group of Beekeepers will travel to Celle for a workshop at Celle's Bee Research Institute in May, and during July and August two Celle students will be hosted by 4 different Tulsa families for a total of 5 weeks.

All of this was only made possible by your engagement and your help. I thank each one of you for your support and your help in making the Partnership's twelfth year such a successful one.

Barbara Taron

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