

# Tulsa - Celle

## Partnership newsletter

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### New Partnership website

Good news, a new partnership website has been activated. You can access this new site at

<http://www.Tulsa-Celle-Partnership.com>

We have omitted the term "sister city" from the site name to differentiate it from the older sites which are no longer maintained. This new site will be the place to find reports of past and future activities.

### New newsletter format

To economize on postage, all future newsletters will be sent to you via E-mail. Future newsletters will only be mailed to the few members who do not have access to the internet.

Systems with a PDF reader program should be able to open this new format without difficulties. To access a specific page, just click on the page icon which should appear either on the left or right side of newsletter's first page.

### Election of officers for the year 2009/2010

The Annual General Membership meeting for the year 2009/2010, is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 PM**. The meeting is being called for to elect new officers, and to report on the activities of the Partnership. The meeting will take place at Margaret's German Restaurant & Deli in the Farms shopping center. The address is 5107 South Sheridan, tel : 622-3747.

Margaret will offer a buffet at a cost of \$14.99 per person, drinks, tips, and taxes are extra. The Buffet will feature the following:

Mixed green salad and/or hot potato salad

**Wiener Schnitzel** ( breaded pork loin, pan fried), or **Huehnerbrust** ( boneless chicken breast, marinated in fine herbs topped with sherry mushroom sauce)

Spaetzle

Sauerkraut and/or Red cabbage

hot mixed vegetables

Please call Barbara or Gerald Taron (355-2370) or E-mail Gerald ([taronger@valornet.com](mailto:taronger@valornet.com)), to confirm your attendance (**your reservation must be received by 5/28**). Also, please let us know whether you prefer the **Wiener Schnitzel (pork)**, or the **Huehnerbrust (chicken)**.



## SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

The Nominating Committee ( Silke Becker, Stanley Conrad, and John Letcher) is proud to nominate the following candidates for the election of new Partnership officers for the year 2009/2010 :

Candidates for President :	Wolfgang Becker, Doris Gallagher, Barbara Taron
Candidates for VP Business:	William Wilber
Candidates for VP Education:	Marja Willis
Candidates for VP Exchanges:	Arnold Bieber
Candidates for VP Finance:	Stanley Conrad
Candidates for VP Membership :	Barbara Conrad
Candidates for VP Publicity :	Jocelyn Wood
Candidates for Secretary:	Angela Novak
Candidates for Member at Large:	Open

### Candidates for President

#### **1) Wolfgang Becker**

Is a member of the Tulsa Global Alliance, the Tulsa Celle Partnership, the Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft Celle and the German-American Society of Tulsa. He has been on TGA's board of directors since 2001 and the Vice Chair of Sister Cities from 2006 until 2008.

He was active on Tulsa's 2005 Sister City Summit committee, was the president of TCP until 2004, an officer of TCP until 2008 and a Director of GAST until the end of May 2009.

He initiated the Tucky Roger Fellowship, a stipend program for teachers visiting Tulsa's sister cities, and championed Savoring Sister Cities events starting in 2006 with the first event in April 2007. He has been in Celle on official visits with Tulsa's mayor and councilors, has many friends and an excellent rapport with officials in Celle.

#### **2) Doris Gallagher**

Is a founding member of the Partnership, and accompanied Tulsa's official delegation to Celle for the signing of the agreement in June 2000. She has served the Partnership as VP of Cultural Exchanges and briefly as PR/Historian. She has coordinated with the Tulsa Fire Department two extended Tulsa visits by the "Alt Celle" Fire Department, and she also hosted other members of various groups from Celle.

She has visited Celle twice privately and plans to have additional visits in the future. She has been President of the Partnership for 2008-2009, and helped organize the programs for a five-member official Celle City delegation last fall and the recent 18 member "Celle Junger Chor." She has been a member of Tulsa's City International Program since its beginning, and served on its Executive Board in the 80's. She is interested in keeping the Tulsa-Celle Partnership active and congenial.

#### **3) Barbara Taron**

Was born in Germany, and has studied in Germany, England, Switzerland, France, and the USA. She graduated from OSU with a Master's Degree. She has taught foreign languages at Sacred Heart University, in Fairfield, Connecticut, and at Tulsa University and TCC in Tulsa. While at TCC, she pioneered the concept of sending college students overseas to further their knowledge of foreign cultures. She is a past president of the Fairfield County, Connecticut, Chapter of the Alliance Francaise.

She is also one of the founders of the Celle Partnership, and she created and published its newsletter until this year. She created and is still hosting the bi-weekly Celle German conversation group. She wants to keep our website current to inform our members of Partnership events, restart the newsletter, recruit new members, create more opportunities for interesting get together, and possibly arrange for a visit to Celle by Partnership members.

### VP Business candidate

#### **William Wilber**

William is originally from Kingston, NY. He moved to Tulsa 32 years ago, and he retired from Prudential Financial in 2004, after 34 years of service. He and Teresa, his wife, have four grown children.

He is a member of the Tulsa Global Alliance (Celle Partnership). He became involved with the program when his youngest son, Grant, traveled to Celle as an exchange student. William and his family hosted a Celle student, and Grant returned to Celle again as a member of the TGA Youth Art Program in 2007. This summer, the Wilber family will be hosting the exchange family that Grant visited, and they will also travel to Celle for their enjoyment.

William looks forward to the Partnership's continued relationship with the people of Celle, and is interested in being of help to the Tulsa-Celle Partnership in anyway he can.

### VP Education candidate

#### **Marja Willis**

Marja was born in Holland and still visits her relatives there from time to time. She was a teacher at Wilson Middle School where she taught German. She took three of her classes to Europe, and visited Celle with one of them. She has experience with European life and customs and in making arrangements for European travel.

She and her husband have hosted two brothers from Celle for one school year each. The Willis have stayed in close contact with Johnas and his brother, and in turn will be going to Celle this year to attend the graduation ceremonies for the younger brother...

### VP exchanges candidate

#### **Arnold Bieber**

Arnold was born in Germany and is fluent in German. Arnold and his wife Gwen became members of TGA in 2001. He has served on the Partnership Executive Committee as Secretary, President and most recently as VP of Education. Arnold and Gwen have visited Celle twice and they have hosted several visitors from Celle in their home.

### VP Finance Candidate

#### **Stanley Conrad**

Stanley is teaching micro-biology at the OSU school of medicine. He has been associated with GAST since its inception, and he is a previous Celle Partnership treasurer. Stanley has been a frequent guest visitor at the Max Plank institute in Freiburg where he has participated in research projects.

VP Membership Candidate

**Barbara Conrad**

Barbara is a native of Berlin who has lived in Tulsa since 1974. She has three children and two grand children. Barbara is one of the founding members of the Celle Partnership, she her husband have been active in the Partnership functions since its inception. She has known Volker Holzberg (Celle's Director of Tourism) for several years, and has many contacts in Celle. Barbara has been making the arrangements to have a German pastor visit Tulsa at Christmas time to give a non - denominational Advent service.

VP Publicity Candidate

**Jocelyn Wood**

Jocelyn Wood worked for the Tulsa Global Alliance for five years before she recently resigned to pursue a job with CampFire USA. Before her resignation, Jocelyn attended our Partnership Executive Committee meetings as the TGA representative."

Secretary Candidate

**Angela Novak**

Angela is teaching German at the Bixby High School. She is currently serving as the Partnership secretary.

Member at Large Candidate

**Open :** To be nominated by the new president

Please make every effort to attend this election meeting, as we will need a quorum to have a valid election.

Thank you

Gerald Taron  
2009 Partnership Newsletter Editor