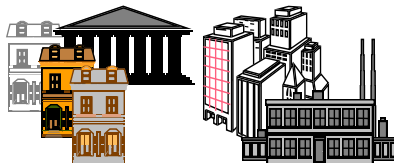


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

We had two exciting meetings in March. On a stormy evening on March 14, we visited the Holocaust Museum, Houston, where museum director, Susan Llanes and changing exhibits coordinator, Amy Duke, gave us a tour of the exhibit "The Rescuers" which we hope to bring to Leipzig.

On March 22, we met at the beautiful home of Carroll and Dorry Shaddock to hear a powerful message from Pastor Wolff from the Thomaskirche in Leipzig. He spoke about the restoration of the Church, the changes that have occurred in Leipzig and the current conditions existing in Leipzig.

On March 8, Dale and Dale Gible, Rod Koenig, Helga and Rudi McClellan, Elizabeth Linck, Hans Münch, and Charlie and Ellyn Phillips volunteered to help with the Channel 8 Telethon. As luck would have it, part of the program was about German-American heritage. Many people of German descent were watching and when they called in, several pledges were taken in German.

We have just received the exciting news that Leipzig Oberbürgermeister (Mayor) Wolfgang Tiefensee will visit Houston in July. His visit is currently in the planning stage and we will let you know the details in a later newsletter.

We are all looking forward to hear Consul General Hanno von Graevenitz enlighten us about the economic and social developments in Germany—especially in the eastern part—on May 15 (see Column 2).

Have a great and safe summer!

Charles Phillips, President

THE HONORABLE  
HANNO VON GRAEVENITZ  
CONSUL GENERAL OF GERMANY

Speaks on

"ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
OF GERMANY WITH  
SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON EAST GERMANY"

**Tuesday, May 15, 2001**

Wine and Cheese Reception

Parish Hall  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
2353 Rice Boulevard

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Program

Members: \$5.00

Non-Members and Guests: \$10.00

We are delighted to have our very own Consul General as our guest speaker. Come join us for our last program this spring before we all head into summer!



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**13 STUDENT MUSICIANS FROM  
HOUSTON HEAD TO LEIPZIG TO PLAY  
IN THE OPENING CONCERT OF THE  
BACH FESTIVAL**

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**THANK YOU LUFTHANSA GERMAN  
AIRLINES!!!**

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**HONORABLE MENTIONS AND PRIZES  
FOR FURR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
IN SISTER CITIES OF HOUSTON  
YOUNG ARTISTS CONTEST**



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## INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL A HIT FOR HOUSTON-LEIPZIG

Many many thanks to our volunteers who staffed the Sister Cities of Houston booth for Houston-Leipzig at the International Festival last month!

The superb organization of our Vice President Roy de Gesero assured a continuous presence of volunteers on all four days of the festival. Thank you to Tim Corman, Stefanie Ruebbert, Susann Puppe, Sonja Knickrehm, Jim Patterson, Tony Custer, George and Jane Hammerlein, Rick and Sarah Schmidt, Steve Braun, Mike Benge, Gudrun Sundquist, Steve Duffy and family, J. W. Schoenmaker, Angelika Schmidt-Lange, Inge Larrey, Erna Baum, Jan and Dimpfy van der Geld, and Anneke and Gerlof Kramer.

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## WINNERS FROM FURR HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to Erika Estrada, Sanjuanita Alba, and Denise Garcia from Furr High School, who won Honorable Mentions, cash prizes, and certificates from Sister Cities of Houston (SCH) for their entries in the 2001 SCH Program for Young Artists Contest.

The Program for Young Artists is an annual national contest by Sister Cities International in Washington to foster world peace and understanding. Sister Cities of Houston participates each year with students sponsored by its various sister cities. The artists from Furr High School entered the contest under the auspices of HLSCA.

Under this year's theme of "Impressions of the Fruits of World Peace", Estrada submitted an untitled piece of art, Alba depicted "With World Peace Anything is Possible", and Garcia competed with "Food Not Bombs".

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## JOHN AXELROD TO CONDUCT THE MDR ORCHESTRA

Internationally renowned in the world of music, John Axelrod—founder, artistic director, and conductor of Houston's Orchestra X—will conduct the *Mitteldeutsches Rundfunk Orchester* in the Gewandhaus in Leipzig on June 3, 2001. The concert features Barber's Adagio for Strings, the Mozart Piano Concerto in A (K.488), and the Grand Canyon Suite by Ferde Grofé.

## COME AND HEAR OUR STUDENT MUSICIANS PRACTICE BEFORE THEY DEPART FOR LEIPZIG

**Wednesday, May 16, 2001**

2:30 p.m.

Christ the King Lutheran Church (Nave)  
2353 Rice Boulevard  
(See item below)

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## 1ST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH [MUSIC] CAMP IN LEIPZIG

The Music School of the City of Leipzig is sponsoring its first International Youth Camp with young musicians from Leipzig's sister cities. Young high school or college-age people will work on and create chamber music and form a youth orchestra of the sister cities.

This orchestra performs the opening concert of the Bach Festival Leipzig 2001 in the St. Thomas Church under the direction of Professor Georg Christoph Biller, the *Thomaskantor* who heads the *Thomanerchor*. The concert includes cantatas from Johann Sebastian Bach and the St. Thomas Cantata by Heinz Werner Zimmermann.

During their ten days in Leipzig, the students will also perform music from their home countries during "country evenings".

After months of hard work, Dr. Ute Eisele leads a delegation of 13 student musicians from Houston to participate in the youth orchestra and attendant activities. You have an opportunity to come to their last practice session on May 16 before they leave for Leipzig (see item above).

The Freundeskreis Leipzig-Houston has planned a party in honor of the participants from Houston on May 26, at 10:00 a.m. at the Moritzbastei in Leipzig.

We are grateful for the support of Lufthansa German Airlines who donated a round-trip plane ticket for one of the students. The HLSCA Board gave a grant of \$1,000 towards the cost of this project.

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