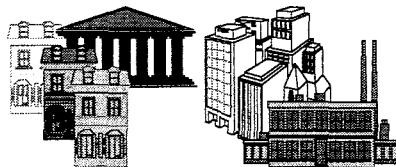


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as president during 2001. We will be electing new officers and board members at our meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2002.

Below is a recap of activities from last year:

In January, our speaker, Mr. Manfred Aumann of Dow Chemical Co., presented The Dow Chemical "Miracle" in East Germany in which he described the complexities and challenges of the Dow BSL project near Leipzig which was one of the most ambitious petrochemical projects ever undertaken and one of the most extensive capitalist makeovers of a former communist enterprise.

In March, we had two exciting meetings. The first was a visit to The Holocaust Museum and a presentation on the exhibit "The Rescuers-Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust" which told the stories of individuals who acted with extraordinary courage and compassion to save people from persecution.

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Invitation to Special Meeting of Members in Lieu of Annual Meeting for the Election of Directors

DATE: 21 FEBRUARY 2002

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: RICE UNIVERSITY,
SEWELL HALL, RM. 303

The primary purpose of this meeting will be a business meeting to elect directors and officers, review the events of 2001 and make plans for events in 2002. All members and prospective members are invited and encouraged to attend.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR TWO-YEAR TERMS ARE:

MARK BUEHLER
OTTO E. GOEDECKE
DAVID C. HOLLRAH
DR. ROBERT G. MOORE
ANGELIKA SCHMIDT-LANGE

2002 MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE!!

It is time to join or to renew your membership in the Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association. Please send your check soon, so that we can continue to bring to you exciting programs and activities.

— STUDENT	\$10.00	— CORPORATE	\$150.00
— INDIVIDUAL	\$25.00	— SPONSOR	\$250.00
— FAMILY	\$40.00	— PATRON	\$500.00

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Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association
c/o Otto Goedecke, Treasurer
1776 Yorktown, Suite 820
Houston, TX 77056-4114

Ensemble Amarcord Concert at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church

Ensemble Amarcord, consisting of five former choristers of the famous Thomanechor, in Leipzig, Germany will perform in concert at 8:00 pm on Saturday, February 16, 2002 at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, located at 6221 Main Street. The concert is sponsored by Palmer Society for the Appreciation of Liturgy and Music (PSALM)

Tickets are \$15.00 and \$10.00 for seniors/students. Parking is free. Call the PSALM information line at 713-529-5277 for further details. All are invited to attend a reception (jointly hosted by PSALM and Leipzig Tourist Service) in the church parish hall immediately following the concert. This will also be an opportunity to meet the performers. (MORE ON NEXT PAGE)

ENSEMBLE AMARCORD (CONTINUED)

The Ensemble's blend of humor, charm, elegance, flawless intonation and virtual virtuosity has delighted audiences since their debut in 1992. They have won a number of international prizes appeared at important festivals across Europe. Their selections range from Gregorian chant and Bach to Billy Joel and the Beatles.



Houston International Festival Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for both weekends of April 19/20 and April 26/27, 2002 to help us staff the Leipzig Information booth at The Houston International Festival. You will spend about 2½ hours in the booth and hand out information about Leipzig. In return you get free entry into the Festival (cost was \$7 per person last year) and the rest of the day to enjoy the food and music of the festival. It is a great event and a great way to spend the day. If you would like to volunteer, contact Charlie Phillips (713-972-1422) or Roy DeGesero (281-579-1562).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

The second March meeting featured a presentation on "*Current Events in the Rebuilding of Leipzig*" by Pastor Christian Wolff, pastor of the Thomaskirche in Leipzig and a Leipzig "powerhouse" who has worked diligently for the past 10 years to revitalize the congregation of St. Thomas-Matthaei and Leipzig society in general.

Also in March, we assisted with answering phones for 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.

In March, HLSCA awarded \$400 to Joseph Gaines, a senior vocal music student at University of Houston Moore's School of Music, to assist with airfare for his one year of study at the Felix-Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Musikhochschule.

In April, we sponsored John Greenleaf Whittier Elementary School in the Children's Parade as part of the opening ceremonies for the Houston International Festival. We also represented Leipzig at the Sister Cities Booth during both weekends of the Festival.

Also in April, we sponsored Furr High School in the Sister Cities International "Young Artists Competition." We were pleased that all 3 Furr H.S. entries received Honorable Mention and the young artists each received a cash award and certificates.

In May, The Honorable Hanno von Graevenitz, Consul General of Germany, spoke to us on "Economic and Social Development of Germany with Special Emphasis on East Germany"

Also in May, culminating months of hard work, Dr. Ute Eisele led a delegation of 13 student musicians from Houston to Leipzig to participate in the first International Youth Camp with young musicians from Leipzig's sister cities and sponsored by the Music

School of the City of Leipzig. HLSCA contributed \$1000 towards the cost of the project. The orchestra performed the opening concert of the Bach Festival Leipzig 2001 and the Houston delegation was hosted by the Freundeskreis Leipzig-Houston at a party in the Moritzbastei in Leipzig.

In June, the Bach Choir, under the direction of Dr. Robert Lynn, conducted its first tour to Germany. The choir and tour participants wrapped up the tour in Leipzig with a final celebration in the Alte Boerse (Old Stock Exchange).

In July we were excited to receive the news that Leipzig, in competition with 250 cities worldwide, had been chosen as the location for the new BMW plant for construction of its series 3 automobiles. This billion-dollar contract will bring approximately 10,000 new jobs to Leipzig. Unfortunately, however, this caused the cancellation of the planned July visit to Houston by the Leipzig mayor, Wolfgang Tiefensee.

Also in July, HLSCA was one of the contributors to The University of Houston Moores School of Music Texas Music Festival "Our German Heritage" which featured the Texas Music Festival Orchestra conducted by Mr. Horst Foerster, conductor of the Leipzig Academic Orchestra.

In September, we met in The Central Congregational Church, a church rich in German history. We heard a presentation by Mr. Jim Jensen on "The Golden Book of Leipzig", a registry of visiting dignitaries to Leipzig. He shared with us how he, as a young US Army officer during WWII, came into possession of the book and had recently returned it to Leipzig at a ceremony in Leipzig City Hall.

In October, we went as a group to the Oktoberfest at Garden in the Heights to hear a concert by OrchestraX "*Beer, Bratwurst and Beethoven.*"

In November, we met at RedBud Art Gallery, home studio to Ms Sharon Kopriva, a nationally renowned Houston Artist. We heard a presentation by Ms. Ellen Goldberg, president of the Abu Dhabi Sister City Association, on "Postcards from the Past – a Look at Early 20th Century Germany." The presentation gave a unique and historical glimpse of Germany at the turn of the century through Ellen's personal postcard collection. The program resulted in lively audience participation as members commented on scenes from old Leipzig that no longer exist.

Finally, in December, we capped off the year with a Holiday dinner at Post Oak Grill.

We had a successful and interesting year. I encourage all of you to send in your dues so that we can continue our activities in 2002.

Charlie Phillips, President

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