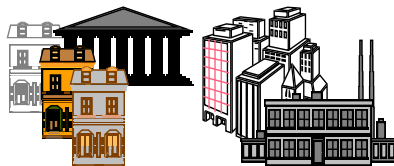


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

We hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying a relaxing, stress-free summer. Store your energy now, because there is a busy, exciting fall and Holiday Season ahead for all of us involved with HLSCA, and there should be something of interest for everyone.

Things get under way in September with a visit from 15 students and professors from the University of Leipzig's American Studies program. These scholars will be in Houston from September 25 to October 6, studying volunteerism in America. We will show them the ropes and have them as special guests at our 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Speaking of the 10th anniversary, our banquet will be on Saturday, October 4, one day after the German Unification Holiday (which is very appropriate given Leipzig's key role in the peaceful end of the former GDR). The celebration will be in the Parish Hall of Christ the King Lutheran Church at a cost per person of \$25.00. A special choral group from Leipzig, CALMUS, will be the featured entertainment. We will have other interesting program items and, of course, excellent German cuisine and libations! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!**

Later that month we hope to welcome a delegation of about 30 Leipzig citizen tourists who are planning a "Buergerreise Houston" for a week of sightseeing. Details will follow about our greeting and hosting plans for this group (perhaps we can include a Texas-style Oktoberfest).

November will keep pace with September and October, as HLSCA is pleased to serve as benefactor to the Houston Friends of Music's presentation of the LEIPZIG STRING QUARTET on Tuesday, November 11, at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music. Please find out how you may contribute to this FIRST for Houston!! This fine group features 3 previous first chairs from the famous Gewandhaus Orchestra. As the New York Times said: "If there is a 'Leipzig Sound' the dark, warm, full-bodied string tone...the Leipzig String Quartet has it." **AGAIN, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

Are you exhausted from all this partying? Well, there's only one more date—our Holiday Party will mostly likely be Thursday, December 11th—more details on that later!!!

We hope to see many of you at as many events as possible and let us know if you have any questions. (Is it any surprise that HLSCA was recognized for its outstanding achievements by President Clinton in Berlin?)

See you soon...and often this fall!

Your President, Steve Braun