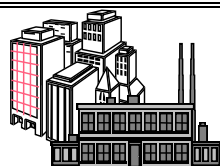


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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members and Friends:

Playing with my computer at some airport south of the border, it appeared so easy to design a little newsletter format. By negligence I mentioned it to the amazingly efficient leadership of our Association. The next thing I knew, I had a new job as Editor, since I have really nothing else to do. Anyway, let's try it, and I will talk somebody into taking it over when it has become a booming business after a few months. Spaß beiseite, it is about time to have some kind of a periodical publication about the activities for and with Leipzig. We are expecting your suggestions for improving this initial attempt and your contributions to our next issues. New subjects should be included, such as a listing of those who plan to visit our sister city and news about activities of our counterpart organization in Leipzig.

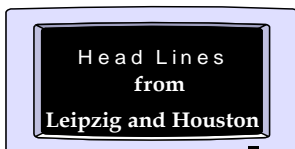
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Hilmar Zeissig



HERE IS MR. PRESIDENT

As the activities of our organization grow, members have commented on the need for a newsletter updating our calendar of



events and reporting on activities of general interest that members may have missed.

Accordingly, we shall try to inform members on a regular basis of HLSCA programs. We welcome information from everyone; please call us.

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President 523-5720



NEWS FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Here we would like to see a short report about the last meeting, the speaker, the content and the number of participants.

OUR NEXT PROGRAM

Diane Wells of Whittier Elementary School
to speak on

"Houston-Leipzig Sister Schools"

6:00 PM, June 22, 1995
at the Goethe-Institute
3120 Southwest Fwy., Suite 100

Wine & Cheese Reception

Members \$5.00, Non-members \$10.00
payable at the door, no reservations required.

Houston International Festival

The HLSCA was represented during the opening ceremony of the Houston International Festival on April 21 by the German class of Diane Wells from John Greenleaf Whittier Elementary School - Houston. The students, along with classes representing the other twelve sister cities of Houston, participated in the Children's Parade proceeding the opening ceremony honoring Turkey, its Prime Minister and consular staff.

Hitschfelds Redux

Uwe and Katharina Hitschfeld got married in Leipzig and took off for their honey moon in America, with a first stop in Houston during the week of May 8. Mr. Hitschfeld is Leiter des Büros des Oberbürgermeisters von Leipzig, Manager of the Office of Leipzig's Mayor, and Mrs. Hitschfeld is a department head in the City government.

Their activities in Houston included an introduction to the Houston City Council, a lunchtime speech by Mr. Hitschfeld to the German American Chamber of Commerce and the HLSCA, and introduction of the Hitschfelds to the John Greenleaf Whittier Elementary School, where teacher sponsor Mrs. Diane Wells and the class associated with HLSCA greeted them.

The Hitschfelds also had the opportunity to visit the Museum of Natural Science, Bayou Bend, to attend the opera Atilla at Wortham Center, and to meet with members of HLSCA.

The Hitschfelds had first visited Houston last summer and liked it so much that they decided to marry and return a.s.a.p.

Whittier Elementary Greets the Hitschfelds

On May 11, Uwe and Katharina Hitschfeld visited John Greenleaf Whittier Elementary School, where they met teachers, parents and students, and discussed the life of elementary school students in Leipzig. Mrs. Hitschfeld presented materials from Leipzig, including a photo album and history of a corresponding

Leipzig school, and letters from the students.

Regierungspräsident Steinbach visits Houston

Walter-Christian Steinbach, President of the District of Leipzig, which includes the city and several surrounding counties, made his first visit to Houston. On May 14, he met briefly with some of our members.

Mr. Steinbach's trip was sponsored by a USIA grant, and the visit to Houston was part of a month long tour of the United States to acquaint him with the people and methods of American government.



NEW MEMBERS

Here we should list our new members and from time to time introduce some of them with more details..



Letters to the Editor

Were never written or got lost in the mail, but we will leave plenty of space in our next Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE !

Many of our current members have not paid the 1995 dues. Please send your check immediately so that we can continue to bring to you exciting programs and activities.

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| Individual | \$ | 25.00 |
| Family | \$ | 40.00 |
| Corporate | \$ | 150.00 |
| Patron | \$ | 500.00 |