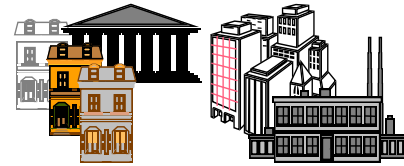




# Houston-Leipzig Sister-City



## Association

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MARCH 1997

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 1997 marks the fifth anniversary of the Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association. It was on April 29, 1992, that the Houston City Council adopted the resolution making Leipzig Houston's newest sister city.

Those of us who have been with the Association from the beginning have witnessed many significant milestones greatly benefiting both cities. Business, cultural, educational, and sports exchanges have made our Association one of the strongest Sister-City groups in Houston. These activities are possible through the hard work of dedicated members in both cities.

On this fifth anniversary, we renew our commitment to strengthen and broaden the lasting bonds of friendship that have been forged across the Atlantic.

Your continuing involvement is vital to the Association's success. **Contact committee chairs to lend your support and be sure to send your 1997 dues payment before April 15 to ensure that your name appears in the Fifth Anniversary HLSCA Membership Directory.** As always, your input is sought and welcome. Feel free to call me at (713) 861-0906.

**Steve Braun, President**

P.S.: Thanks to Jan Hester for her interesting presentation at our February meeting.

### MARCH MEETING !!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m., starting with a wine and cheese reception, followed by the formal program.



Our special guest speaker is Dr. Carlos Vallbona, who oversees international exchanges at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Vallbona's distinguished medical career has earned him international acclaim for his contribution to community and family health care.

Dr. Vallbona's topic will be *The Growing Exchange Of Medical Students And Faculty Between Leipzig Universität School Of Medicine And Baylor.*

**When:** March 19, 1997

**Where:** 3120 SW Freeway, Suite 100

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Speaker:** Dr. Carlos Vallbona, M.D.

Wine and Cheese reception will precede the program. Cost for members is \$ 5.00; non-members \$ 10.00 (Another good reason to pay your 1997 dues a.s.a.p.).

We hope to see you there!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Business:** As we go to press, committee chair Marianne Kramer (281-350-6251) is visiting Germany. We look forward to her report upon her return to Houston.

**Culture/Music:** The Thomanerchor, the famous Leipzig boys choir founded by J.S. Bach, is coming to Houston in 1998. Your help is needed to plan this wonderful event. Call Al Busse (713-681-4908) or Rev. Robert Moore (713-665-2026).

**Educational Exchanges:** We are working with Furr and Sharpstown High Schools to host students from Leipzig schools this Spring. Call Mark Buehler (713-526-6351) or Steve Braun (713-861-0906) for more information.

**History:** To mark the fifth anniversary of our Association, committee chair and noted German journalist Hilde Graeter (713-468-0122), is writing HLSCA's history. Call Hilde if you have relevant information.

**Leipzig Delegation:** Chair Bianca Reich (713-861-6133) is laying the groundwork for a cultural, business, and tourist visit to Leipzig. More information following the arrival of her new baby!!

**Membership:** Our dues-paid membership goal for 1997 is 75. Send your check now to make this goal a reality. For help with recruitment call Carlos de la Torre (713-661-9899).

**Other? (Your name here):** if you would like to work on a special project or program to enhance our sister-city relationship, please call president Steve Braun.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**APRIL 16, 1997:** Goethe Institut. 3120 SW Freeway. 7:00 p.m. (note time change).

Membership meeting. Our featured speaker will be the Honorable Klaus Aurisch, Consul General of Germany and Dean of Houston's Consular Core. Dr. Aurisch will

address the future of German-American relations.

**APRIL 19/20, 26/27:** Houston International Festival. Downtown.

Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association will be represented at a booth, together with the German Gulf Coast Association, and will participate in the Sister Cities of Houston Children's International Parade on April 23.

**1997 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE !!**

It is time to renew your membership in the Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association.

You must send your check before April 15 to have your name listed in the Fifth Anniversary Membership Directory.

Student	\$ 10.00
Individual	25.00
Family	40.00
Corporate	150.00
Patron	500.00

**MAIL YOUR CHECK TODAY !**

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