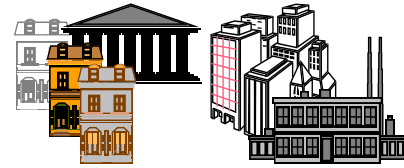




# Houston-Leipzig Sister-City Association



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS!!

April was a very busy month for HLSCA. Twenty one students and two teachers from the List Schule in Leipzig spent two weeks as guests of families of students at Houston's Furr High School. The visitors were the highlight of the April meeting, where more than 80 people heard Consul General Klaus Aurisch extol the Texas-Germany connection.

HLSCA participated in the Houston International Festival. Volunteer members staffed a booth at the Festival, handing out a wealth of information about HLSCA and our sister city, Leipzig. The Association was also represented at the Children's International Parade by the fourth grade class of Whittier Elementary School.

Special recognition and thanks are due to Dr. Carlos Valbona (our March speaker), Consul General Aurisch (our April speaker), and fellow member Angelika Schmidt-Lange who coordinated HLSCA participation at the Houston International Festival.

Charlie Philips, of Dow Chemical-Leipzig, and a member of the board of the Freundeskreis Leipzig-Houston, met with Jim Patterson, Al Busse and me, to discuss improved communications between the

Houston and Leipzig branches of our organization. This was a very productive meeting. We learned about ongoing activities of our friends in Leipzig. A copy of their latest newsletter is enclosed for your information.

Steve Braun, President

## MAY MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m., starting with a wine and cheese reception, followed by the formal program.



The meeting will take place at the Goethe Institut, 3120 Southwest Freeway, Suite 100.

Our guest speaker is Ms. Neville Remnert, the librarian at Furr High School and coordinator of Leipzig's List Schule visit. She will report on the wonderful exchange visit and tell us about Furr's plans to visit their new friends in Leipzig.

The charge at the door is \$ 5.00 for members, \$ 10.00 for non-members.

**HLSCA HAPPENINGS!**

President-Elect, Rev. Robert Moore, will be in Leipzig in June to attend "Weltkirchentag" meeting. On June 22, he will address the Freundeskreis meeting about "Reflexionen zum Weltkirchentag". Rev. Moore will discuss HLSCA business with Freundeskreis officers.

Al Busse, chair of the Music-Culture Committee, is working with Virginia Lootens of HCC and Ann Gabuhr of HBU, to explore the feasibility of hosting Akademisches Orchester Leipzig in November, in connection with their trip to Toronto, Canada.

Jim Patterson, our immediate past president, is chairing a task force to organize a banquet to commemorate the 5th anniversary of HLSCA, which we will celebrate in October. Our friends in Leipzig are planning a similar event.

Recently, two students from Leipzig's Technische Hochschule began their six-month internship at Dow Chemical. Gunnar Shoenitz is working at Dow's plant in Freeport, and Daniela Friedrich is working in Dow's Engineering offices in west Houston. Thanks to Daniela and Gunnar for their help at the International festival.

**HLSCA IS ON THE WEB !!!!**

Houston and Leipzig sister city members can visit the Association's own web site:

<http://www.uni-leipzig.de/sister.html>

Thanks to fellow Leipzig member, Thomas Treutler, for being the acting web master. We are working with Thomas to

devise a routine to maintain current information on our web site. If you would like to submit materials for possible posting, please contact Carlos de la Torre at [cdlt@aol.com](mailto:cdlt@aol.com).

**GET WELL, MARIANNE !!**

Marianne Kramer, our Vice President, is recovering from her recent illness that has temporarily sidelined her. She would love to hear from you. Please call her at 281-350-6251.

**1997 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE !!**

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

Please send your check immediately so that we can continue to bring to you exciting programs and activities.

Individual	\$ 25.00
Family	40.00
Corporate	150.00
Patron	500.00

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