

# Houston-Leipzig Sister-City Association





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## **GRÜSSE!!**

Plans for the celebration of HLSCA's fifth anniversary are progressing nicely. Past president Jim Patterson is coordinating joint celebratory activities with our Leipzig friends. Work is underway on a joint directory of members from Leipzig and Houston, and a history of HLSCA's five years of success is being compiled by noted journalist Hilde Graeter. Festivities will culminate with two events this Fall: the fifth anniversary banquet, and planned Houston performances by the Akademisches Orchester Leipzig, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Horst Förster.

We can proudly point to many important milestones in HLSCA's history, such as the hosting of three delegations from Leipzig, educational exchanges at the elementary, secondary, university, and post-graduate levels, co-sponsorship of a sports exchange with the NFL World Partnership, and two official delegations from our city to Leipzig.

Our Association's future looks even brighter. If all goes as planned, the world famous Thomanerchor (Johann Sebastian Bach's choir) will enthrall Houston audiences in February 1998. We are also planning another official trip to Leipzig to strengthen cultural, educational and business ties with our Sister City.

Steve Braun, President

#### SUMMER MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 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 speakers are Daniela Friedrich and Gunnar Shoenitz. Daniela and Gunnar are students from Leipzig's Technische Hochschule who are interns at Dow Chemical's facilities in the Houston area. They will discuss Dow's significant petrochemicals projects in the Leipzig-Halle area, and impressions on their Houston experience.

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

Many thanks to Neville Remnert for her excellent presentation at the May meeting.

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

Houston and Leipzig sister city members can visit the Association's own web site (note corrected web address):

http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~treutler/sister.html

If you would like to submit materials for possible posting, please contact Carlos de la Torre at cdlt@aol.com.

# **HLSCA HAPPENNINGS!**

Prof. Dr. Horst Förster, conductor of the Akademisches Orchester Leipzig, was recently in Houston making plans for the orchestra's Fall tour. Performances are planned at Christ the King Lutheran Church, the University of Houston, and Houston Community College. Many thanks to Hilmar Zeissig for hosting Dr. Förster, Robert Moore and Virginia Lootens for arranging meetings, and to Steve Braun for taking Dr. Förster to see a Houston Symphony "Sounds like Fun" concert.

Al Busse has submitted his resignation as chair of the Music-Culture committee. Many thanks to Al for his work on behalf of the Association and as Director of the Leipzig Office of Representation and Information (LORI). If you are interested in continuing the work of the many projects of this committee, please call Steve Braun (713-861-0906).

Students from Furr High School, who hosted visitors from Leipzig's List Schule, are planning to visit Leipzig in the Fall. Sharpstown High School will be hosting Brandis Gymnasium, also in the Fall. We are still looking for a high school to host students from the Schiller Gymnasium, who are planning to be in Houston in the Fall. Please contact Mark Buehler (713-526-6351) or Steve Braun, if you can help in this regard.

Bianca Reich, chair for the Leipzig delegation committee, is putting together plans for a cultural, educational, and

business trip to Leipzig. If you are interested in traveling economically and participating in a wonderfully orchestrated visit to Leipzig, give her a call at 713-861-6133.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Remaining 1997 regular meetings: September 18, November 20, December 18.

Fifth Anniversary Banquet: Sunday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.