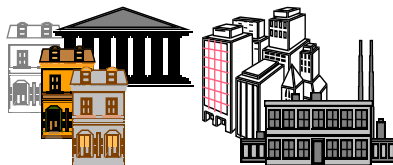


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PRESIDENT CLINTON LAUDS HOUSTON-LEIPZIG SISTER CITY TIES

President Clinton bestowed an extraordinary honor upon the people of Houston and of Leipzig, who are working together to keep their young sister city relationship a vibrant and dynamic union, by mentioning these efforts in a major policy address to an international audience in Berlin last month.

President Roman Herzog and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany hosted celebrations in the Schauspielhaus and the Hotel Adlon commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Berlin airlift. Politicians, dignitaries and diplomats from the United States, Germany and around the world were present. All of the major networks and press services covered the event.

In his address to the people of Germany, President Clinton remembered the commitment made by the United States and her allies to Berlin, to Germany and to Europe to defend freedom and to uphold democratic ideals. A commitment confirmed by the will of the East German people who "bravely reached out across the wall and tore it down."

Now, 50 years later at the threshold of a new century and a new millenium, President Clinton formulated another mission, one of peace and unity for the entire European continent, and one for a "new

transatlantic community" — a mission that is already well established by existing NATO ties, transatlantic commerce of more than half a trillion U.S. dollars each year, human rights cooperation and democratic initiatives.

He spoke of the one basic premise that has been the foundation of the mutual relationship: "America stands as one with Europe...our destinies are joined." And he spoke of the human ties among the European countries and the United States. As President Clinton described some of these relationships that cement the bond on a people-to-people basis, he said:

"Every day our ordinary citizens work to link our nations together, from sister cities such as Leipzig and Houston, to American students flocking to all European countries...."

What a tremendous joy for the citizens of Houston and Leipzig and the many men and women in all of the sister city organizations who do indeed work every day to strengthen and deepen relationships among the United States and many other countries to be so recognized! Thank you Mr. President!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: HLSCA ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIPS

A sister-city relationship at the turn of the millenium really means an active exchange of people, experience and ideas, not just a transfer of proclamations and letters. Our members represent Houston in Leipzig on a regular basis. Wolfgang and Angelika Schmidt-Lange are in and out of our sister city almost monthly; Steve Braun has visited there twice; Sidney and Doris Johnston have traveled to Leipzig as



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JUNE 18: A TEXAS WELCOME TO VISITORS FROM LEIPZIG

Come help us give a big Texas welcome to thirty-four young men and women who are spending a year in the Houston area to ready themselves for the difficult task of operating and running a large production unit near Leipzig. The plant, a more than \$200 million undertaking, will produce acrylic acid, a component of many every-day consumer items.



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tourists each of the last two years; and I am planning my eighth trip in four years.

While most of us must undertake such trips on our own or on our companies' nickels, HLSCA is now taking a big step towards not only encouraging travel to Leipzig but also granting financial assistance for certain qualified trips.

Criteria for a travel scholarship are rather straightforward. A recipient must live, work or study in Harris County or an adjoining county and must have a study or research project in progress in Leipzig or its immediate environs. The project should enhance the understanding of Leipzig's history, society and culture. And finally, the recipient is obligated to present the project in a program to the Houston community.

This year the Board of Directors has already awarded four scholarships for travel in 1998. A grant of \$500 to Sharpstown High School supported the faculty sponsor for the school's reciprocal trip to List Gymnasium in June. Furr High School received \$200 to support their fundraising efforts for their March trip to complete the exchange with Brandis Gymnasium.

The finalist of the University of Leipzig/University of Houston Exchange Program competition received one of the roundtrip air tickets donated to our association by Lufthansa German Airlines. Ms. Nadia Chekiri will study a semester in Leipzig this coming fall.

Dr. Robert Lynn, Professor Emeritus of Music at the University of Houston and Director of the Bach Society Choir and Orchestra, also received one of the Lufthansa tickets for research at the museums and music archives of Leipzig. Working with Prof. Biller of the Thomanerchor, Dr. Lynn will search out music from Leipzig that may be performed both there and in Houston.

This is a big step for our association, and I am delighted that we can support these worthy projects.

Robert Moore, President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JUNE 18:	6:30 P.M. CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH -VISITORS FROM LEIPZIG
JULY:	SUMMER BREAK - NO MEETING
AUGUST 20:	SUMMER BREAK - NO MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17:	HLSCA MEETING
OCTOBER 28:	SISTER CITIES OF HOUSTON FUNDRAISER AT THE WORTHAM

Visitors from Leipzig, Cont'd from Page 1

These young men and women are not only working hard at improving their craft, but also on their English communication skills. Let's show them some real Houston hospitality!

At our meeting we will have great **Texas barbecue** and all the trimmings (and, of course, the appropriate beverages) in the parish hall and court yard of Christ the King Lutheran Church on **Thursday, June 18, 1998, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Thanks to Hoechst Celanese, our sponsor for this event, members are invited free of charge and the cost to non-members is only \$5.00! **Thank you Hoechst Celanese!**

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN LEIPZIG

- June 15 Leipzig Dialogue: Dr. Hinrich Lehmann-Grube and Wolfgang Tiefensee** – The Mayor and the Mayor-Elect of Leipzig in Dialogue. Moderator, Dieter Zimmer. Gewandhaus, Mendelssohn Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
- June 16 Theater Leipzig—Listen and Watch:** Introduction of the 1998/1999 Series, 7:30 p.m.
- June 17 Museum of Natural Science:** 4th Museum Festival, 10:00 a.m.
- June 18 Christoph Eschenbach** (the Houston Symphony's very own Maestro and Music Director) Conducts Mozart and Strawinski: Gewandhaus Orchestra, Gewandhaus, 8:00 p.m.
- June 20 Leipzig Opera:** Open House, 2:00 p.m.
- June 21 New Scene:** Rocky Horror Show, 7:30 p.m.
- June 25 Leipzig Opera:** Midsummer Night's Dream. Two Ballet Performances with Music by Schumann, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and others. 7:30 p.m.
- June 27 Theater Leipzig:** Street Festival with Percussion Bands, Drama, Music, Culinary Delights!
- June 30 XI. International Johann-Sebastian Bach Competition:** Piano, Violoncello, and Voice. Various locations.
- Opening Concert** of the XI. International Johann Sebastian Bach Competition: Gewandhaus Orchestra, Thomanerchor, and Soloists with Works by J.S. Bach. 8:00 p.m.
- July 2 Dr. David Rubenstein:** *East Asia: Anatomy of a Crisis*. Executive Professor at the University of Houston in Executive and Professional MBA programs, Research Fellow, Center for Global Manufacturing. Sponsor: American Chamber of Commerce in Germany, Leipzig Chapter. Co-sponsor: *Freundeskreis Leipzig-Houston*. 7:00 p.m., Marriott Hotel.