

# Belleville Sister Cities

# Das Mitteilungsblatt

May 2010



## General Meeting

Thursday  
May 20th

Fischer's Restaurant  
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.  
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
RSVP Dinner  
Reservations to  
Hilda Koluch

## President's Message

Recent remark by Patrick Madden, CEO, Sister Cities International,

"I think of all the remarkable work done by average people every day to bridge the gap of cultural understanding world-wide. People like sister cities members in small towns and big cities who have opened their homes, wallets and minds to creating long-lasting peace through partnerships."

We all need to consider how the small part we each play as members of Belleville Sister Cities is key to the Sister Cities purpose.

Although our busy time of year appears to be months away – the preparation for September and October begins NOW:

On the horizon is 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary to begin on Thursday, September 2nd with proclamation by Mayor Mark Eckert with

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This year is

BSC's

**20th**  
**Anniversary**

Please send inputs  
for the  
August 2010  
Newsletter  
by  
July 22, 2010

## News From Paderborn

Dear Friends in Belleville and around:

Travelling to and from Europe was not so easy at the end of April. Fortunately the air traffic has become normal again. People living thru the hardship of being stranded somewhere in the world started to make jokes around the problems the volcano had caused – just as a comic relief:

*Dear Icelanders: You misunderstood. We said: Give us cash.  
Not: Give us ash.*

DAFK had the pleasure to welcome the two brothers Schuyler and Damian Sandheinrich and Damian's daughter Sahra on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Schuyler lives in Cooper City, Florida, Damian in O'Fallon.

It was Norma Bergkoetter who had asked our member Marieluise Hoyle to show them Paderborn. Marieluise was supported by Wilhelm Boekamp and Robert Voss.

Marieluise wrote in a report about their visit: "Whilst touring Germany it was on their agenda to visit their ancestors, namely the Sandheinrichs

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## Paderborn's Message Continued

at Delbrueck near Paderborn. I guided them to the location the German family resides at. The German Sandheinrich family had already been informed about their visit and expected them. What a lovely afternoon. Shortly after our arrival a hectic conversation about their ancestors started. Both parties produced written evidence and photographs about their ancestors. From the very beginning of their meeting there appeared to be close links between the relatives."

Looking back at their visit to Paderborn and Germany Schuyler wrote to Norma appreciating the hospitality and friendship of the people they had met: "They will remain in my fond memories for the rest of my days."

In 1989 Josef Sandheinrich had visited Belleville with the DAFK group. And Otmar remembers him saying, "Here I have found more Sandheinrichs than I have at home."

Another highlight in recent weeks was Wolfgang Stueken's lecture in Powerpoint about "Paderborn Traces in Midwest USA" on April 16<sup>th</sup>. He talked about Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago (1872-1939) whose ancestors had come from the Paderborn region. Wolfgang had travelled to the town of Mundelein, Illinois where the Archbishop had founded the "University of St Mary of the Lake", the seminary for the formation of priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He also followed the traces of the Flying Priest, Father Paul Schulte (1895-1974), the co-founder of the "National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows". He could even use material from the archives of the CIA in Washington. Schulte was not allowed to return to Germany during the war but had to stay under observation in the monastery of the Oblates in Belleville. After the war having the American citizenship he had lived in Paderborn for several years.

In summer a group of youths from Belleville and their chaperones Andy Gaa and Jena Hollinshead will come to Paderborn for three weeks. Norman Hansmeyer who has been responsible on the Paderborn side for the exchange program for several years has organized a wonderful program with visits to Berlin, Bremen, German Emigration Center in Bremerhaven (web site: [www.dah-bremerhaven.de/english/english.html](http://www.dah-bremerhaven.de/english/english.html)), etc. They'll also be here during the Libori Fest. From Belleville we'll also expect the students: Jackie Bassler, Crystal Zimmermann, Chris Crawford and Kevin Schaefer in response to last year's High School Exchange.

Tim Sifrin and Pauline Kleinschloemer will come to Belleville in August.

DAFK has started to work on a group trip to the US and Belleville in May 2011. We are looking forward to the stay.

Best wishes,

Bernd Broer  
President

Dr. Otmar Allendorf  
Secretary



After 32 of 34 matches, SC Paderborn 07 is solidly in the middle of the Second German Soccer League (2. Bundesliga), in 7th place with 45 points, and a record of 12 wins, 9 losses, and 11 ties. Goals scored and given are closely matched at 45:47. You can follow the team at their website: <http://www.scpaderborn07.de/>.

Nearing the end of the season, 1.FC Kaiserslautern has secured promotion to the First League and FC St. Pauli and FC Augsburg are likely to also be promoted. SC Paderborn 07 visits FC St. Pauli for the last game of the season.

## President's Message Continued

additional information to be distributed as we near that date. President Elect Jerry Reilmann has volunteered to take-on this momentous year-long celebration. He is eagerly looking forward to support from you, so please contact him at [jreilmann@rsdo.net](mailto:jreilmann@rsdo.net).

Oktoberfest sign-up for numerous duties will move into full swing by the publication of the August edition of this newsletter. Immediate Past President Ron Fritz [rntfritz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rntfritz@sbcglobal.net) has volunteered to manage the Beer Tent and Doris Roach [jodoroach@charter.net](mailto:jodoroach@charter.net) volunteered to manage the food booth.

Rich Berkel is preparing for Taste of Germany on 3 Oct. Contact him at [reb31@att.net](mailto:reb31@att.net)

For our immediate future I look forward to our membership appreciation event to be held at St Luke Catholic Church in Belleville. Please contact Theresa Fritz [rntfritz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rntfritz@sbcglobal.net) with your desire to assist.

German Clubs from Belleville Schools will enter a float in the Shriner's Parade to be held on Friday evening of 4 June. Come out and support the students who will be representing Belleville Sister Cities and German Clubs. Those adults wishing to lend a hand but not knowing who to contact feel free to contact me.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> members of your board met with members of surrounding boards of Columbia, Millstadt and Waterloo for a very cordial meet and greet event. We took the opportunity to chat over the events offered by each club which reaffirmed the commitments members have within each of our clubs.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the Illinois convention was at Carbondale. People attending the conference shared much information with regard to the various programs and how our societies work with partner cities from around the globe. There was a great ice breaker session with snacks during registration at mid-day on Friday and a very nice welcome dinner that evening. On Saturday we had options of 2 sessions for sharing information, however I stayed only with the youth exchange and learned how each society has different programs suitable in their partnership. It was educational to learn how one school communicates electronically, that some have no student exchanges, and to learn what extent some go to plan activities for students and adults. From my perspective I was surprised that Josephine from Columbia and I were the only participants from Southern Illinois, other than our gracious hosts from Carbondale and the folks of the Southern Illinois Tourism bureau. The Illinois Sister Cities Convention for 2011 will be held in Tinley Park, a short distance south of Chicago.

Stammtisch events for March and April were Very Nice – Thank You to all who planned the events and participated.

Tom Heiting  
[tomgail@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomgail@sbcglobal.net)

**2010 is Belleville Sister Cities' 20th Anniversary!**

**Help! Official Photographer(s) needed! Contact Tom Heiting!**

## Belleville Oktoberfest

The Belleville Oktoberfest will take place on the Belleville (round) square on the 24th and 25th of September, 2010.

I am the Belleville Sister Cities representative on the Oktoberfest Committee. Jim Sheridan and John Roach also represent the BSC.

The year 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of the Belleville Oktoberfest. The opening will be held at 5:30 P.M. on the 24th on the Square. UMB is the main sponsor for the 4th consecutive year. Details continue to be worked out at monthly meetings at the Belleville Exchange Club building the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Anyone who would like to help out is welcome at these meetings. Music will be provided by Butchwax and the Hollywoods on Friday evening and the Joe Dirt Band on Saturday evening. There will be other music during the afternoon hours. There will be a children's area and Tribout will have rides available. Other activities being considered are a brat eating contest, a battle of the bands contest and a motorcycle show. There is an Oktoberfest webpage at [www.bellevilleoktoberfest.com](http://www.bellevilleoktoberfest.com). The Oktoberfest committee is still looking for vendors and sponsors. Please notify me, the other two reps, or Ms Cari Thomas, the Oktoberfest Committee Chair, of any recommendations you may have. Cari will then make the contacts.

Again, if you would like to help out getting the Oktoberfest ready to go or you know of someone, even non-BSC members, who would like to help, please contact Cari Thomas at [Cari@metrolockandsecurity.com](mailto:Cari@metrolockandsecurity.com) or telephone 618-398-8560.

Thank you.  
Herm Schoener  
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## 2010 Membership Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendars now for our annual membership appreciation dinner scheduled on June 24<sup>th</sup> the fourth Thursday of June at St. Luke's Parish Center in Belleville located on the corner of N. Church and East C Streets. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Meat & drinks will be provided as well as entertainment. Doors will open at 5:30, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. If you haven't attended a stammtisch or general meeting recently, please come. We want to see you again.

Please RSVP before June 17<sup>th</sup> by calling me at 235-3795. Hope to see you there!

Theresa Fritz

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# Youth Report

Not too much to report this time. The group is preparing to leave for Germany July 15 and return August 6, of course that is, if the air is clear. I am just thankful that we still have a few more months.

Our 90 day students are going at different times. But all should be there at the same time our summer group is there.

The itinerary for the students sounds great. They have again a three day trip to Berlin planned. They will visit the "Reichstag" Government Quarters as well as take a bike tour along the "Wall "and visit the Jewish Museum of Berlin, which highlights 2000 years of German-Jewish History. In addition they are going to the Hanseatic City of Bremen, as well as Bremerhafen where they will tour the German-Emigrant Museum-Theme-Migration of Germans throughout the world. Also a trip to Cuxhafen at the North Sea is planned.

A day trip to Essen, which has been nominated "European Cultural Capital of 2010", and surfing on the Lippesee near Paderborn is on the itinerary.

There will also be some local activities, and time with Host Families.

Sounds great, and I am sure our young students will return with great memories of their trip and hopefully share them with all of us through articles in our fall newsletter or come to our General Meeting.

Thanks again to Sister Cities which makes it possible for these young men and women to experience different cultures and broaden their language skills.

Let's wish all of them a great trip and a safe return.

And remember, we are looking for host families for next summer , when the group comes over here, as well as hosts for our 90 day students. If you are interested , or know of someone, please let me know by calling 234-3633 or at [jodoroach@charter.net](mailto:jodoroach@charter.net)

Special thanks go to Belleville East Teacher Andy Gaa, and to Jena Hollinshead, who are the chaperones, as well as Katie MCDowell, teacher at West.

Doris Roach  
Youth Chairperson

## Meeting & Stammtisch Schedule

**May 20, 2010**                      **General Membership Meeting**                      **Dinner @ 5:30 pm**  
▲ Fischer's Restaurant, 2100 W. Main St, Belleville      **Meeting @ 7:00 pm**  
[www.fischersrestaurant.com](http://www.fischersrestaurant.com)                      Reservations to Hilda by **Monday, May 17, 2010**

**June 24, 2010**                      **Membership Dinner**                      **Starts @ 6:00 pm**  
St Luke's Parish Center, North Church St & East C St., Belleville, IL  
Reservations to Theresa Fritz, 235-3795, by **June 17, 2010**

**July 15, 2010**                      **July Stammtisch**                      **Starts at 6:00 pm**  
■ Big Mama's BBQ, 3700 Old Collinsville Rd, Swansea, IL  
[www.bigmamasbbq.com](http://www.bigmamasbbq.com)                      Reservations to Hilda by **Monday, July 12, 2010**

▲ indicates 2009 Taste of Germany Program Advertiser

■ indicates past Taste of Germany Program Advertiser

## Columbia Sister Cities Milwaukee Germanfest Trip

Hello Tom,

Columbia Sister Cities is planning a trip to the Milwaukee Germanfest by coach bus. We would like to extend a hearty invitation to your members to join us. This year marks the 30th anniversary for this popular festival in Milwaukee. See [www.germanfest.com](http://www.germanfest.com) for much more information. Our trip details are as follows:

Fri. July 23 - Coach bus departs at 9 a.m. from Turner Hall in Columbia

Sun. July 25 - Coach bus returns at 6 p.m. to Turner Hall in Columbia

Price: \$250 per person, double occupancy

\$370 per person, single occupancy

Price includes: Hotel - Courtyard by Marriott with daily breakfast

Bus transportation to and from Milwaukee

Bus shuttle from hotel to Maier Festival Park and Brookfield Mall

Deadline for a STRONG sign-up is April 29! We need a minimum of 30 people for us to proceed with trip plans. You will be contacted for payment soon thereafter. (Note: Trip and pricing are subject to change.)

Please call Jean Marie Conrad at 618-281-5555 (work) or 618-281-4667 (home) for any questions and to make a reservation.

## Stammtisch Report

At the February General Meeting/Stammtisch, Grace Moon was the winner of a bottle of Europa ChocoVine from Holland. This was our first meeting with new president, Tom Heiting and new officers, Jerry Reilmann, Dennis Bilke & Sally Berkel.

Our March Stammtisch was at Skootr's Restaurant & Bar in Mascoutah, IL. We had the back room to ourselves and weather was pleasant enough to throw open the back door. Jane Rutter was the winner of a bottle of '05 Freinsheim Kerner Spätlese from the Pfalz.

The April Stammtisch was at Dreamland Palace in Foster Pond, IL. The weather was good and we had a lovely drive down. Adrienne Villotti was the lucky winner in the wine drawing. She took home a bottle of '08 Blanc de Noir, a white Pinot Noir from the Nahe Valley.

Please let Steve or me know if there are any places you would like us to consider for a future Stammtisch.

Hilda Koluch

Stammtisch Chairman

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## 2010 20th Anniversary Events

20 May	General Meeting with Stammtisch
4 June	Shriner's Parade
24 June	POT LUCK Membership Appreciation Dinner
15 July	Stammtisch
29-30 July	Sister Cities International (SCI) Annual Convention – Albuquerque NM
19 Aug	General Meeting with Stammtisch
2 Sep	20th Anniversary (a Thursday)
24-25 Sep	Belleville Oktoberfest
3 Oct	Taste Of Germany Dinner
21 Oct	Stammtisch
18 Nov	General Meeting with Stammtisch
16 Dec	Christmas Stammtisch

Tom Heiting  
President

## 2010—2011 Officers, Trustees & Board Members

<b>President</b>	Tom Heiting
<b>President Elect</b>	Jerry Reilmann
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dennis Bielke
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Adrienne Villotti
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Sally Berkel

**Trustees**  
Herman Schoener  
Jim Sheridan  
Anna Mandl

### - Past Presidents -

Immediate Past President, Ron Fritz

Dottie Brauer, 1992-1995

Rich Berkel, 1996-1997

Ruth Fritz, 1998-1999

Gary Hopfinger, 2000-2001

Karl Mandl, 2002-2003

Doris Roach 2004-2005

Norma Bergkoetter, 2006-2007

### - Standing Committee Chairs -

**Youth Exchange**, Doris Roach

Belleville West Coordinator,

Katie McDowell

Belleville East Coordinator,

Andy Gaa

**Membership**, Herman Schoener

**Programs**, Ruth Fritz & Norma Bergkoetter

**Publicity**, Rich Berkel

**Newsletter Editor**, Steve Koluch

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## Our Mission

The Society (Belleville Sister Cities) is established to promote and expand understanding and friendship with Paderborn... so that citizens of each city understand each other...achieved through youth, cultural, and business exchanges.

Partial reprinting from Article I Section 3 Purpose of our Bylaws.

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Belleville Sister Cities website: <http://belleville.net/sister/index.asp>

Paderborn Sister Cities website: [www.dafk-paderborn.de](http://www.dafk-paderborn.de)

Illinois Sister Cities website: [www.illinoissistercities.org](http://www.illinoissistercities.org)

International Sister Cities website: [www.sister-cities.org](http://www.sister-cities.org)