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EUTIN APPROVES SISTER CITY PLAN

On the propitious date of July 4 the Eutin City Council formally approved the proposal for a sister-city relationship with Lawrence. The resolution confirmed the original plan to send an official delegation to Lawrence. On August 28 Carol Shankel, chairperson of the Sister City Advisory Board, reported to the Lawrence City Commission on the developments in Eutin. Dr. Charles Loveland, president of Friends of Eutin, described the Eutin community and stressed the desirability of making Eutin our sister city. Mayor Robert Schumm expressed his enthusiasm for the project.

MAYOR GRIMM TO HEAD DELEGATION TO LAWRENCE

On August 3 Mayor Gernot-E. Grimm wrote Mayor Schumm about plans to send a group to Lawrence in October. "We know from Mr. Scheewe that preparations are already in progress for receiving the members of the delegation. Please express our appreciation to those who are involved. The members of the delegation, above all those who have not been there yet, are very much looking forward to the experience of being in Lawrence....The citizens of Eutin are looking forward to the growing friendship between our two cities with interest and excitement; it will be our task to establish the formal basis for an expanded exchange relationship." Original plans called for the group to be headed by City Council President Anneli Voigt, but because of illness she had to cancel her plans, so Mayor Grimm will sign the sister-city agreement and will lead the delegation, which will also include: Helmut Scheewe, resident instructor for the KU summer institutes and organizer and coordinator of the sister-city project; Dr. Karl-Heinrich Jäschke, principal of the Voss Gymnasium, accompanied by Mrs. Jäschke; and Joachim Neumeister, president of the Eutin Preservation Society, accompanied by Mrs. Neumeister. All delegates will stay in private homes with Lawrence families.

FRIENDS OF EUTIN PLAN PROGRAM FOR VISITORS

Friends of Eutin met on September 12 to review plans to host the visitors from Eutin. Members pondered the details of luncheons, dinners, receptions, sight-seeing tours, and visits to schools, libraries, and museums. The school exchange committee, headed by Professor Helmut Huelsbergen, reported considerable progress on an exchange of high school students between the two cities. The committee is also considering a teacher exchange. Helmut stressed the importance of raising funds for scholarships.

Ernie Eck presented plans for the representation of our group at the Celebration of Cultures on October 14. Marilyn Clark reported on Dean Ranz's support of our efforts to establish an affiliation between the libraries of the two cities. Bill Keel talked about the progress on the creation of a Lawrence-Eutin logo.

Strengthened by expressions of support from the Lawrence Civic Choir, the group discussed plans for future exchanges in a number of areas. The visit of the Eutin delegation should provide a chance to acquaint the visitors with organizations that might wish to participate in future exchanges. We agreed that to give Lawrence residents the opportunity to meet our guests we should advertise the events that are open to the general public:

HELMUT SCHEEWE

will speak on

The Background and Future of the Eutin-Lawrence Relationship

at the University Forum

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on Wednesday, October 25, at 11:40 a.m.
JOACHIM NEUMEISTER
will speak on
Eutin: Saving the Past for Its Future
at the Arts Center
Ninth and Vermont
on Wednesday, October 25, at 8:00 p.m.
followed by a reception
Although participation in the United Nations Day luncheon is limited to those who have reservations, this event represents another opportunity for interested persons to meet members of the delegation. At this event
DR. KARL-HEINRICH JÄSCHKE
will speak on
Lawrence and Eutin as Sister Cities
at the Adams Alumni Center
on Friday, October 27, at 12 noon
Glenn Kappelman (841-2727) will accept calls for reservations.

Friends of Eutin are organizing workshops on the historical, geographic, and architectural background of Lawrence; city government, past and present; commerce in Lawrence; and exchanges in the areas of education, arts, and commerce. There is a consensus that the objective of the workshops is to implement the formal agreement to create a sister city relationship with concrete exchange proposals.

GREAT BEND HAS A SISTER CITY IN GERMANY

Great Bend, Kansas, has pioneered a sister city relationship between communities in Kansas and Germany. Since April a formal link has existed between Great Bend and Villingen-Schwenningen in the southwest corner of Germany. The organizer of this effort is James Schoonover, a teacher of German at Great Bend Senior High School. On August 17 Mr. Schoonover presented the Friends of Eutin a lecture and slides on the project. He described an active exchange of about fifteen students that has existed for three years. Schoonover spoke of the involvement of many organizations, such as the Jaycees, Rotary Club, fire department, veterans’ groups, commercial firms, banks, etc. A visit of German delegates is expected in Great Bend in October. Plans are being made by representatives of various businesses to explore commercial opportunities in Germany.

RESPONSES TO NEWSLETTER NO. 1

We have received more than fifty responses to our first newsletter. A number of letters included words of encouragement. We were glad to hear from Don Nease (Eutin 1982), who is completing his medical residency in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. He survived Hurricane Hugo and is looking forward to meeting the delegation, which is planning to stop in Charleston on the way to Lawrence. Sarah Goodwin (Eutin 1979), currently of Topeka, wrote that she was overwhelmed by memories as she read the newsletter: “Eutin was HOME that summer….” She writes about having lived in the home of Frau Giselle Tönnes, where she was “in paradise… Eutin just simply adopts the group in the summer. The greatest experience of love….” Sarah recalls travels in Berlin, Kiel, South Germany, and Denmark but stresses the experience in Eutin. The group of students met for “lunch together daily. We all looked forward to seeing our friends, even if it was a cold rainy summer. We grew so close.”

We hope that members of Friends of Eutin—including our friends in Eutin, who are honorary members—will consider this newsletter their own and contribute to it by sharing their experiences and suggestions. We still hope to hear from a Friend of Eutin and contact person in New Orleans, where the delegation will stop on the way home from Lawrence, to do some sight-seeing and to hear live jazz.