



## UPDATES FROM BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION AND OUR SISTER CITIES: Greifswald-Germany; Salamanca-Mexico; and Bastogne-Belgium.

### B/CS Sister Cities Events:

- September 2015  
Adult delegation will travel to Bastogne, Belgium
- October 12, 2015  
Annual Membership Meeting
- November 20-21, 2015
- Brazos Valley Worldfest



### Suzy and Tom Arnold (BCS SCI) in Bastogne, Belgium.



### Students from Greifswald visit Texas

The B/CS Sister Cities Association hosted five high school students and two chaperones from our Sister City, Greifswald, Germany, on March 29-April 9. The students were "paired" with a high school student in their host families.



Activities included tours of Texas A&M, the Brayton Fire Training Field, Blue Bell Creamery, Washington-on-the-Brazos and the students' first Aggie baseball game. Highlights included trips to San Antonio and Austin, along with riding horses at the Catalena Ranch. The Greifswald students also experienced an American high school when they shadowed their host student for a day, while the adult sponsors visited the Messina Hof Winery. A welcome dinner was hosted by the Cornwell family and the farewell dinner was hosted by the Stokes family. A big thank you to all of the host families and individuals who helped to make their visit "wunderbar."

### Board members visit Bastogne, Belgium

In addition to visiting the Texas Aggies Go to War museum, a meeting was hosted at the town hall with educators from various public and private high schools in Bastogne to discuss the student exchanges facilitated by Sister Cities. The attendees expressed great interest in the program.

## News Briefs

- Board member Chuck Martinez attended the museum opening of the Aggies Go to War exhibit in Bastogne, Belgium, in December. He said signage was given to the Bryan and College Station mayors to commemorate the exhibit, which will travel to Texas in a couple of years. Bastogne is our newest Sister City.
- Watch for more information soon about an upcoming delegation to Bastogne to begin formalizing the relationship with our newest Sister City.
- A small delegation from Sister Cities met with Dr. Abel Hernandez from the University of Guanajuato when he visited Bryan-College Station recently. Dr. Hernandez is a founder of the Sister City relationship with Salamanca, Mexico.

The exchanges for students coming to BCS SCI are typically held during the school year, at different times, with the students coming during a time that minimizes impact to their own school scheduling. The students are usually 15-17 years old. They are hosted by BCS families with matching students, with whom they attend school at least one day. The visits are week-long, sandwiched between two weekends.



Shown in the photo, from left to right, are: Dominique Lambert (INDSE), Véronique Geubel (ARBH), Marie Ceci (INDSE), Philippe Henrotte (ICET), Tom and Suzy Arnold (BCS SCI), Didier Culot (ICET), Sylvie Navarre (Henallux), Coralie Bonnet (City of Bastogne), and Thierry Chleide (Académie de Musique).

Board members Linda Harvell and Dave Ruesink met with Philippe LaChapelle of AWEX, Jacques Bouchez, Belgium Consul in Houston, and Yves Dubus, Belgian Trade Commissioner, to begin building our Sister City program with Bastogne, Belgium.