

Teltschik reunion 2011 in Kerrville, Texas, USA

Report on the Familientag at Saturday, June 18th 2011 by Jürgen Klauser

Early morning there was already a long cue in front of the breakfast buffet at the Y.O. Ranch Resort Hotel, because obviously everyone wanted to be at the photo shooting on time. But supposedly very few have missed it ...

There shall be no further comments about the breakfast buffet, but about the weather in Texas: PUR heat! Already in the morning at 09:15 a.m. we had to sweat at our traditional photo shooting. The sun bang in our faces and not all of us (children) were able to stay calm for the very few seconds until the camera rotated from the left to the right over 301 family members.



Sharp at 09:33h this spectacle was over and everyone headed towards the Zion Lutheran church for our family service.

Surprisingly our worship started at 5 to 10:00h. Jeanine and her team organized a really ceremonially Ecumenism surrounded by many musical crowning achievements, particularly in the form of the improvisational choir of all Teltschik children. Right afterwards our official Familientag proceeded and hardly anyone was able or willing to leave the church. The diverting greeting by Tere Robinson, Kerrville's Mayor David Wampler and Peggy Boecker was followed by the speeches of Wolfgang and Dr. Norbert Teltschik as well as closing words by Jeanine and Dr. Horst Teltschik, who also read the greeting from Dr. Bruder, the chairman of the German association "Old Homeland". All this was broken up by a musical maximum performance by Alex Wolcott and Travis Davis at the piano.

Finally everyone was looking forward to the lunch buffet at the Y.O. Ranch Resort Hotel - such as: a giant burger with all kinds of side dishes, and "garnished" with another highlight in the dining-hall: an audio-visual presentation by the 80-year-old Adrienne Teltschik (Nürtingen) via a projector on a big white screen. In 40 minutes many pictures narrated impressively the Teltschik family history. And that with such a compelling style and partly accompanied with movie soundtracks, so that nearly no one left the dining-hall. Afterwards each American family received a special gift from the Germans: the Teltschik tower engraved with laser into a glass block! Within seconds all 99 were gone ...

Whereas on Saturday afternoon some people relaxed due to the ball or got prepared for hours, many children enjoyed the cool water in the swimming pool and even some parents enjoyed a drink or ice-cream at the pool bar, and others met in a hotel suite for an entertain-

ing sit-in. The ball started with a cocktail reception, followed by a 3course menu. As beverages there were two kinds of beer (Shiner Bock and Budlight) as well as several local wines and spirituous beverages available. The professional big-band "The Sentimental Orchestra" attracted consistently many people to the dance floor. Furthermore everyone could have observed very well, that again and again flash lights brightened the hall getting self-made memories of this event. Far in the night we danced, talked, laughed together, cheered and took pictures of many situations with a lot of people. While Jeanine and her team thanked several Germans for their support with a reminder trophy, especially to Gaby & Wolfgang, in exchange the German Teltschiks appreciated the organization of this great family reunion inviting Jeanine, Fran, Peggy & Tere to the musical "Les Miserables" due to their convincingly commitment.

The following photo with hopefully all present Teltschik children should be something special for the future, namely when these kids see each other again at a future family reunion and remember those days in June 2011:



On the next morning some people chatted for the last time at breakfast before leaving to the airport. Whereas others spent some more time with their Teltschik host families in the U.S.

Conclusion: This wonderfully organized Familientag by Jeanine, Fran, Peggy and Tere was, as always, over far too quickly. Finally there is only one answer missing to the frequently asked question of this evening:

Where do we meet in Germany in 5 years ...?