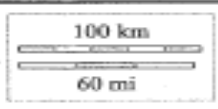


La Crosse Area German Relations Association

Past and Present

A Partner City with Friedberg, Germany



















Our History

- In 1989, Logan High School students began a student exchange with Werner-Von-Braun-Gymnasium. Now renamed Staatliches Gymnasium Friedberg.
- In 1990, Central High School students began an exchange with Ludwig-Uhland-Gymnasium, Kirchheim-unter-Teck.
- 1996, The establishment of the German International Relations Committee by the La Crosse City Council
- In 2000, our Partner City (*Partnerstadt*) relationship with Friedberg near Augsburg in Bavaria, Germany began.
- In 2016 the GIRC restructured from an ad-hoc committee of the city, to a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Now named the La Crosse Area German Relations Association, Inc. (LAGRA).

Mission and Vision

Mission

The La Crosse Area German Relations Association, Inc. (LAGRA) mission is to foster a productive international relationship with our Partner City, Friedberg, Germany, to increase awareness of our area's German heritage, and to promote the study of German culture and language in area schools.

Vision

To be recognized as a primary organization to preserve La Crosse's German heritage, and to facilitate the many relations between the Greater La Crosse Area and Germany.

La Crosse Area German Relations Association

Organizational Structure

- President – Gary J. Schettle
- Vice President – Ken Balts
- Secretary – Irene Barmore
- Treasurer – Todd Bye
- John Satory
- Susie Schock
- Monica Kruse
- Mark Wienkes
- Danette Jacob
- Jana Wuensch
- Lilo Kuster
- Rita Murphy
- Dana Young

Organizational Structure Cont'd.

- *Nominating Committee*
- *Resource and Development Committee (fundraising)*
- *Friedberg Relations Committee*
- *Marketing and Promotions Committee*

La Crosse Area German Relations Association

Supported/Coordinated Activities

- Organize official delegations to our Partner City of Friedberg, Germany
- Host official delegations from Friedberg
- WTC exchange
- Assisting with setting up tours for visiting Germans
- Adult delegations to Friedberg
- German Heritage Day activities for students at the Northside Oktoberfest grounds
- Lincoln Middle School's annual Oktoberfest dinner & entertainment
- 3rd graders at Northwoods Elementary International School have a partner class in Friedberg
- Fundraising & supporting both Central's and Logan's high school German exchanges
- Helping in the German Garden at Riverside Park
- Providing La Crosse area products for the annual Christmas Market in Friedberg

Revenue Sources

- Fundraisers
- Contributions



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