



SELECTED EVENTS – September to December 2004

December 9, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky attended the opening of the photo exhibit *Stars 'n' Stripes* at the neighboring Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig. The exhibit running through December 19 features pictures of urban America, National Parks in Utah and images of the American flag.

December 8, 2004

Cultural Assistant Birgit Kämmer, Consulate General Leipzig, attended this year's *Day of Languages* at the Leipzig University of Applied Sciences. While representatives from other Leipzig institutions spoke about educational opportunities in various Eastern European states, Spain, France, Great Britain and Australia, Kämmer informed the students about the U.S. higher system of higher education, opportunities to study abroad, internship programs and visa regulations.

December 6, 2004

Guy Peters, Maurice Falk Professor of American Government at the University of Pittsburgh, met with representatives of Leipzig's chapter of the American Chamber of Commerce to analyze and discuss the American Welfare State. The discussion included health care, old age pensions, but also education.

December 3, 2004

Consulate General Leipzig staff represented the consulate at the final day of the Central Language Seminar Saxony at the Leibniz Gymnasium in Leipzig. Students with special language talents from Saxony high schools gave presentations in 8 foreign languages, using English for the introductions.

December 1 and 2, 2004

60 students from Magdeburg University and the Technical University Ilmenau gathered for Consulate General Leipzig arranged counseling sessions on academic education. Representatives from the Consulate, the Fulbright Commission, the German Academic Exchange Organization, the Berlin Embassy Visa Services section and freelance educational advisor Dr. Vera Christoph provided up-to-date information about U.S. educational opportunities.

“Once Upon a Time” Poster Show Opens at Görlitz Public Library



Librarians Doris Pogunte (left) and Ines Thoemer of Görlitz Public Library in front of the poster show 'Once Upon a Time'.

December 1, 2004. A United States Government poster show on American children's literature opened at the Görlitz public library. The show *Once Upon a Time* was the Consulate's contribution to Görlitz's 'Around the World in 80 Days' events, calling attention to the use of Görlitz as scenesetter in the movie with Jackie Chan, which will open in Berlin in December. The exhibit - staged in cooperation with the Consulate General Leipzig - was attended by staff of the Consulate General and a lively audience of young readers.

December 1, 2004

Citizens of the city of Glauchau (Saxony) founded the *Friends of Lynchburg* – a circle aimed at developing closer ties with the citizens of Lynchburg, VA. Delegations from both cities visited each other in May and September of this year. Consulate General Leipzig staffer Beate Renker represented the Consulate at the event.

Spotlight on Libraries



November 30, 2004. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky welcomed the head of department of student affairs of Leipzig's school administration and 32 library professionals and trainees from the local public and school library system for an orientation sessions at the Consulate. Consulate staff introduced the group to the activities and services of the Information Resource Center, presented USA information on the Internet and discussed peculiarities of the German and American library system.

Group in front of Consulate building

November 26, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate and delivered remarks at a ceremony honoring the 400th birthday of Johann Bach (1604-1673), a cousin of the Johann Sebastian line and the ancestor of Bachs who emigrated to the United States. The event took place in Wechmar, Thuringia, the ancestral home of the Bach family.

November 24, 2004

Consul General Fletcher Burton and Consulate General Leipzig staff met with a group of students from the Leipzig University radio station Mephisto which recently returned from a U.S. study tour in cooperation with the Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. The trip took the students to the swing state Ohio at the height of the election campaign and on to San Francisco where they visited Stanford, Berkeley and the University of San Francisco.

An American in Leipzig - George W. Chadwick Exhibition

November 23, 2004. An exhibit about George Whitefield Chadwick opened in Leipzig's University Library. As Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, Consulate General Leipzig, stressed in her opening remarks, this joint venture between Leipzig's Music College, Leipzig University, and the U.S. Consulate mirrors the strong cultural and educational ties between Leipzig and the U.S. The exhibit deals with the life of the American composer, who studied at Leipzig's Conservatory (1877/78) and later on became one of the most eminent American composers of his time.



Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, Consulate General Leipzig, addressing the guest



Marianne Betz, University for Music and Theater "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy", Leipzig, delivering the keynote speech.



Dr. Monika Linder, University Library Leipzig, talks about the initial idea and development of the Chadwick Exhibition.



Left: Dr. Monika Linder, University Library Leipzig; Prof. Dr. Marianne Betz, University for Musik and Theater "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy"; Dr. Ekkehard Henschke, Director of the University Library Leipzig.

Right: Guests of the Chadwick Exhibition listen to Chadwick Symphony at the music corner of the exhibition.



November 22, 2004

Professor Dr. Jason Hackworth, an American urban planner teaching at the University of Toronto, met with experts of Leipzig's Environmental Research Center (UFZ) to discuss trends, problems and perspectives in neighborhood development and public housing. Hackworth presented examples from New York City, Chicago

and Seattle, while his German counterparts took him on a tour of one of Leipzig's more recent 'satellite' towns and a neighborhood shaped by old industries in decline.

November 18, 2004

U.S. speaker Prof. Alan Wolfe, Director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College and currently George Herbert Walker Bush Fellow at the American Academy Berlin, analyzed for about 300 students and staff members of Jena University the 2004 Presidential Elections. Wolfe also discussed changing values and the role of religion and churches in American society.

November 16, 2004

As part of the International Education Week, U.S. Consulate General Leipzig staffer Birgit Kämmer traveled to Jena to address educational opportunities in the U.S. The 35, mostly undergraduate, students received up-to-date information about the U.S. system of higher education, grant programs and current visa regulations. In addition to the general overview, Prof. Dr. Jörg Nagler, Fulbright representative at the Friedrich-Schiller-University, elaborated on the Fulbright exchange program and encouraged students to take advantage of this excellent study program.

Teachers Learn about the Blues



Reinhard Lorenz, Director of the International Jazz Archive Eisenach presents the research facilities of the archive.

November 16, 2004. Consul General Fletcher Burton and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky welcomed a group of teachers from Saxony for a Blues workshop. Reinhard Lorenz, International Jazz Archive Eisenach introduced them to the history and research facilities at the Archive. The Information Resource Center (IRC) of the Consulate General Leipzig presented web pages featuring teaching materials on the topic, showed the IRC as a source of information on the U.S., and showed clips from the PBS film series *The Blues*.



Katja Haferburg, Information Resource Center of the Consulate General, welcomes Reinhard Lorenz and the participants of the workshop.



Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky (right) welcomes the guests.



Consul General Fletcher Burton greets Reinhard Lorenz and the teachers.

November 15, 2004

Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox spoke to a group of 28 American Executive MBA students from the University of Illinois at the Handelshochschule in Leipzig about the political and economic situation in the new German states.

November 12, 2004

Two groups of 12th graders from the Seckendorff Gymnasium in Meuselwitz, Saxony-Anhalt spent the day at the Leipzig Consulate General. The students talked to Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky about the outcome of the U.S. elections and explored the IRC's resources doing individual research on various issues.

American Author Presents Latest Novels in Leipzig



Gertraude Krüger (left) and Valerie Wilson Wesley

November 11, 2004. American author Valerie Wilson Wesley presented her latest novels *Off-Road-Kids* and *Dying in the Dark* to an audience of 120 mainly younger literary enthusiasts in Leipzig's House of Books. The bilingual reading, with Wesley's Berlin-based translator Gertraude Krueger as moderator and German voice, ended with a long and vivid discussion on writing, African Americans and American society.



(From left) Gertraude Krüger, Translator; American author Valerie Wilson Wesley; Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky



Valerie Wilson Wesley and her translator Gertraude Krüger read from the novels to their German audience.

Opening of a New Exhibition at the HGB on Art and Food



Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky

November 11, 2004. The Academy of Visual Arts Leipzig celebrated its 2 anniversary with a special Food Art exhibit. Consul for Public Affairs Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate and gave opening remarks. The exhibit featured also works by American artists such as Cindy Sherman, Martha Rosler ("Semiotics of the Kitchen") and Paul McCarthy. The exhibition closes on December 18.

American Author Reads in Dresden



American Author Sara Paretsky, moderator Frank Heibert and Julia Henke as her German voice.

November 10, 2004. American author Sara Paretsky read from her last novel *Blacklist* at Dresden's City Library. The bilingual and almost scenic reading, with Frank Heibert as moderator and Julia Henke as her German voice, impressed the audience with its intensity and Paretsky's artistic ability to closely link her writing to social and political trends in past and present America.

Opening of Jazz Exhibition at Leipzig's Music School 'Johann Sebastian Bach'



From left: Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky; Frank-Thomas Mitschke, Director, Music School; Beate Renker, Consulate General; Marlies Bandel, Music School.

November 8, 2004. Leipzig's Music School 'Johann Sebastian Bach' staged its annual concert of the department 'Populärmusik'. Frank-Thomas Mitschke, Director of the Music School, welcomed the about students and guests of the concert. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, Consulate General Leipzig, delivered a message of greet and opened the poster shows *Jazz* and *Louis Armstrong - King of J.* which will be on display during the month of November.



The Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky introduces the Jazz exhibition to the audience.

The Moderator of the concert 'Chamber Music in Pop'.

Frank-Thomas Mitschke, Director of Leipzig's Music School, welcomes the guests.

November 4-5, 2004

Professor E.M. Warlick, University of Denver, took her audience on a magical journey from medieval times to the 20th century, when she delivered her keynote lecture on mystical objects in fine arts. The interdisciplinary conference on literature, culture and science took place at Leipzig University.

Presidential Elections Celebrated at Leipzig Local Broadcasting Station



Consul General Fletcher Burton interviewed by MDR

November 2-3, 2004. More than 500 guests from the Leipzig Consular district –among them Saxony Economics Minister Gillo, Leipzig Lord Mayor Tiefensee, state parliamentarians, business and academic representatives – flocked to the headquarter of Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk (MDR) on November 2 to celebrate election night with the Leipzig Consulate General. The event on the 13th floor of regional public broadcaster MDR provided – aside from of a stunning view over the city – entertainment and substance including Dixieland music, a re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party by a local high school drama group, a video presentation about a recent U.S. trip by Leipzig university students, food, drinks, and a quiz.

MDR technical capability allowed to flood the ballroom area with large – screen CNN, Internet presentations and German reporting as the evening wore on. In addition, the wait for incoming results was shortened by a

panel discussion with U.S. Fulbright Professor Crister Garrett and political scientist Herbert Sirois, who answered questions by Consul General Fletcher Burton.



Musical entertainment provided by the "Happy Swing Band".



The "Princesses of Lions", the Lady cheerleaders of the Leipzig Lions Football team deliver their performance.



"The Daughters of Liberty" aka "Sister Act", the English Drama Group of the Friedrich-Schiller-Gymnasium Leipzig, reenact the Boston Tea Party.



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton (center) and Lord Mayor of Leipzig, Wolfgang Tiefensee (left).



Dr. Herbert Sirois, Erlangen University, U.S. Consul General Fletcher Burton as moderator and Professor Christer Garrett, Leipzig University (from left) participate in a panel discussion on: America at the Crossroads - Bush or Kerry?



U.S. Consul General Fletcher M. Burton presents the first prize to the winner of the Election Quiz. The prize is the chance to meet the Consul General over a cozy dinner.



American Studies Professor Hartmut Keil and other guests follow the panel discussion



The "Happy Swing Band" and the Consulate General's Program Specialist Gabi Schuckelt



Teachers and students attending the Consulate's election party



Public Affairs Officer Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky and staff members



"The Daughters of Liberty" during their reenactment of the "Boston Tea Party"



Students of the University of Leipzig's American Studies Department

October 31, 2004

Ambassador Daniel R. and Mrs. Coats attended one of the Reformation Day services in Wittenberg. Several Americans participated in the worship services and hundreds more celebrated the day in Wittenberg. The previous evening Mrs. Coats, with her husband, visited the newly renovated offices of the Luther Center of which she has served as an honorary member.

In the afternoon, Ambassador and Mrs. Coats, with Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, took part in a program honoring the agreement between the state of Saxony-Anhalt and the University of Delaware to provide intensive English study in the United States for English language teachers.

American Professor and Afghanistan Expert in Dresden and Leipzig



Prof. Barnett Rubin

October 28 - 29, 2004. Professor Barnett Rubin, Director of Studies at the Center on International Cooperation of New York University and considered one of the world's foremost experts on Afghanistan, explained to the public, students and staff of Dresden and Leipzig universities recent developments in Afghanistan. Prof. Rubin spoke about *What is Being Reconstructed in Afghanistan? Security, Elections, and the State* and analyzed the elections and their effects on the reconstruction of the Afghani state and its constitution.

October 28, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, Consulate General Leipzig, gave welcoming remarks to about 80 people at the Polish Institute Leipzig at the opening of an exhibit by Polish-American artist Elzbieta Sikorska.

October 28, 2004

Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox gave a presentation on the U.S. electoral system to approximately 100 11th and 12th-grade students at the Martin Rinckart Gymnasium in Eilenburg.

Eighth U.S. Investor's Roundtable in Osterweddingen



Dr. Wienand Rose (center) talks to Consul General Fletcher Burton

October 27, 2004. Consul Fletcher M. Burton joined the Eighth U.S. Investors' Roundtable and greeted the guests. The event was organized by Wolfgang Borchert from radio SAW and hosted Schwan's Food in Osterweddingen, Saxony-Anhalt. The company is world's second largest manufacturer of frozen pizza.



Erich Wasserthal, Mayor of Osterweddingen(right), talks to the participants of the roundtable.



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton and a guest of the conference.



Dr. Horst Rehberger, Minister for Economic Affairs, Saxony-Anhalt, Member of Saxony-Anhalt State Government.

English Teachers of Magdeburg Learn about Upcoming Presidential Elections

October 26, 2004

Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox, Consul General Leipzig, gave a presentation on the U.S. electoral system, spoke about the upcoming elections and discussed the election process with more than 40 teachers of English at Magdeburg Public Library. The Information Resource Center (IRC) of the Consulate General supported the event with materials and introduced the IRC as a resource for U.S. related information.



Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox talks to more than 40 teachers of English on the American presidential elections.



The workshop participants in the seminar room of the Magdeburg Public Library.



Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox standing beneath the sign "Teacher Training - Presidential Elections 2004".



Ines Gonschoreck, Head of Magdeburg Public Library, welcomes the workshop participants.

October 25, 2004

Präsident Bush oder Präsident Kerry? Amerika hat die Wahl - in cooperation with the City of Leipzig, Consulate General Leipzig organized a forum on the U.S. elections in the Leipzig Town Hall. Consul for Political and Economic Affairs Eleanore Fox and Political and Economic Specialist Andreas Fuerst participated on the panel.

October 19 - 24, 2004

The 47th International Leipzig Festival for Documentary Film (www.dokfestival-leipzig.de) attracted a mostly younger audience of more than 24,000 this year. Several U.S. films among the 354 international contributions from 47 countries opened a window into the world for eastern German and international audiences. The animation film *And Thereafter* by Korean-American director Hosup Lee was awarded the *Silver Dove*.

October 15, 2004

Consul General Fletcher Burton gave an introductory speech at the opening of a photography exhibit at a restored mill in the town of Barby along the Elbe River. Among those attending was a group of some 40 U.S. veterans of the "Timberwolf" unit, which liberated Halle and pushed forward to Barby at the end of World War II.

October 14, 2004

In a Consulate General Leipzig arranged one-hour interview and backgrounder with four staffers from *Thüringer Allgemeine Zeitung*, U.S. political analyst Dr. Andrew Denison outlined current campaign trends and topics as well as U.S. foreign policy objectives.

October 13 - 16, 2004

The Leipzig jazz club (www.jazzclub.de) hosted its 28th international festival *Leipziger Jazztage*, which – as in previous years - proved to be the most important forum for contemporary jazz and world music in the five new German states. The 63 musicians attracted a total of more than 5,200 jazz enthusiasts: many young in addition to those who have stayed young. The concerts took place in smaller clubs, as well as in Leipzig's large Opera House, and featured newcomers as well as U.S. legends James Carter and McCoy Tyner.

October 13, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky joined other board members of the German-American Dialogue Center in Magdeburg for their annual press conference. Bonkowsky delivered remarks about the Consulate's support for the high school exchange program and welcomed the other exchanges taking place under the umbrella of the Magdeburg-Nashville sister city program.

October 12, 2004

At the invitation of the Evangelische Akademie Wittenberg (Protestant Academy), Ambassador Daniel R. Coats led a public discussion in Wittenberg on politics and religion in the United States before an audience of about 100.

Meerane Celebrates American Night



Meerane Mayor Prof. Dr. Lothar Ungerer welcomes Angelika Albrecht, head of Meerane Public Library and the guests of the "America Night".

October 7, 2004. The Mayor of Meerane in Saxony welcomed more than 100 guests - students, teachers and general public - to a two-hour USA program at gallery ART IN. After handing over a 1000 Euro check for the English language collection of Meerane's public library, Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky spoke about the Consulate's responsibilities and activities. Leipzig IRC director introduced reference resources and services while the students presented projects on U.S. literature and history compiled during previous research at the IRC.



Thy Winkler, exchange student, opens the "America Night" with music.



Angelika Albrecht, head of Meerane Public Library, introduces the guests from Leipzig to the audience.



Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky Consul for Public Affairs presents the Consulate General Leipzig and its tasks.



Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky talks to the visitors. Mayor Prof. Lothar Ungerer (right) listens.



Angelika Albrecht (left) shows the check she received from Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky (right).

Ambassador Coats Hands Over a Check in Weimar



Ambassador Daniel R. Coats, his wife Marsha and Consul General Fletcher M. Burton arrive at the "Duchess Anna Amalia Library" in Weimar.

October 1, 2004. Ambassador Daniel R. Coats handed over a \$ 10,000 check in Weimar for the restoration of the Duchess Anna Amalia Library, the cradle of the Weimar classical period and a universal treasury of books. The library was struck by a devastating fire on September 2, which severely damaged or destroyed the historical collection. In a subsequent interview with staffers from the *Ostthüringer Zeitung* in Gera, Ambassador Coats took the opportunity to talk about the donation as well as the upcoming presidential elections and various aspects of U.S.-German/European relations.



Hand over of the check in front of Anna-amalia-Library in Weimar



The check: Embassy of the United States of America an die Stiftung Weimarer Klassik und Kunstsammlungen für den Wiederaufbau der Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek.



Photo-Op in front of the "Duchess Anna Amalia Library" in Weimar. Consul General Fletcher M. Burton, Marsha Coats, Ambassador Daniel R. Coats, Dr. Michael Knoche, Director of the Amalia Library (from left).

Ambassador Coats Joins Sister City Festivities



Ambassador Daniel R. Coats and his wife Marsha Coats (left) and Cultural Affairs Assistant Beate Renker, U.S. Consulate General Leipzig

October 1, 2004. Ambassador and Mrs. Coats – long-time residents of Fort Wayne (IN) - were honored guests at the annual Gera-Fort Wayne sister city party. The festive occasion included videos of previous visits, rock music, and an American western-style buffet. Among the guests were representatives from the Fort Wayne police department and sister city organization. The Ambassador greeted the audience and heard reports from student exchanges and a recent trip to Fort Wayne by handicapped high school students which the Consulate had helped support.

September 29-30, 2004

U.S. political analyst Andrew Denison explained recent developments in transatlantic security policy to highschool students and staff of the Lessing-Gymnasium as well as the public in Kamenz (September 29) and Bautzen (September 30). Denison pointed out that the U.S. was seeking cooperation if possible, but not at any cost, and discussed the importance of foreign policy issues for the upcoming Presidential elections. On September 30, Denis also conducted a backgrounder on U.S. foreign policy with two political editors from Sächsische Zeitung.

Jeffrey Garrett Lectures at University Library of Leipzig

September 29, 2004. Jeffrey Garrett, Assistant University Librarian for Collection Management at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, held a presentation on German literature collections in the U.S. Afterwards Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, Consulate General Leipzig, hosted a working luncheon for Mr. Garrett and the Director General of the Deutsche Bücherei, library directors, and subject specialists German Studies from Saxony and Thuringia. In the evening Jeffrey Garrett joined a meeting of Saxon librarians to discuss specifics of American and German library sciences.



Jeff Garrett, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, talks about his university library.



Dr. Ekkehard Henschke, Director of the University Library Leipzig, welcomes the Guests.



Mr. Garrett during his presentation on 'German Literature: Offer and Demand at an American University Library'.

September 29, 2004

International trade specialist Gregory Principato discussed various aspects of American trade with a group of 15 faculty members and students from the Jena University Economics Department. In his lecture and discussion on issues such as GATT, steel tariffs, aviation, trade barriers and outsourcing, Principato highlighted in particular the political dimensions of U.S. trade.

September 27, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate at a barbecue sponsored by the Dresden Arizona Club and the German-American Society. At the event, which was held at the Karl May museum in Radebeul, Dr. Bonkowsky focused her remarks on the new National Museum of the American Indian and displayed a booklet of photos from the opening day.

American Evening in Gardelegen



"Die Kulturtechniker" Ralf Werner (left) and Martin M. Hahnemann. They performed "The Fall of the House of Usher" at Gardelegen's city library.

September 22, 2004. The Consulate General Leipzig added a U.S. program element to the Saxony-Anhalt festival *Altmärkisches Musikfest*. Actor Martin Hahnemann and cellist Ralf Werner fascinated their audience in the city library with an unusual combination of Edgar Allan Poe's *The Fall of the House of Usher* and atmospheric jazz. Gardelegen mayor Fuchs opened the evening by stressing the importance of German-American cooperation.

September 21, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate General at the inauguration of Dr. Klaus Dicke, new rector of the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena.

September 20, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky represented the Consulate at the opening of the Leipzig Intercultural Weeks at the Nikolai church. The annual event included an Anglo-American choir, which took part in the ecumenical service.

Exhibit on the South in Altenburg



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton greets Barry and Dr. Allen Huffman. Photographer: Jens Paul Taubert

September 19, 2004. The "*Life in the South*" exhibit from the Huffman Collection in Hickory, SC, consisting of works by self-taught southern artists, opened at the Lindenau-Museum in Altenburg. Leipzig Consul General Fletcher M. Burton delivered a welcome address to the nine-member U.S. delegation and a huge crowd of interested Altenburg citizens, among them County Commissioner Rydcewski. The cultural exchange between the U.S. and the Altenburg area demonstrated the great interest and enthusiasm on both sides to engage in people-to-people contacts.

September 18, 2004

Leipzig Consul General Fletcher M. Burton attended the first Steuben parade in Magdeburg, which was organized by the German-American Dialog Center and followed by a conference on transatlantic relations.

September 16, 2004

Ten teachers from Saxony, who area headed for the U.S. in October 2004 in the framework of the eastern German teachers' visitor program, met with Consul General Fletcher M. Burton, Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, Berlin Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Kim Sonn and consulate staff members. The teachers were thoroughly prepared for their upcoming visit.

American Entrepreneur Talked to Students



Dr. Saalbach and Mrs. Naumann, principal of the Herder school, talk to the students.

September 14, 2004. Dr. Horst Saalbach, Festo, visited Leipzig and met the principal Mrs. Naumann and students from Leipzig's Herder school. Dr. Saalbach who has always proudly displayed his German heritage and more specifically his place of birth, the City of Leipzig, supported American-German relations over the last 25 years. Within Festo, Dr. Saalbach sponsored approximately twenty exchange students for six months each from Germany. He provided them with temporary and permanent working conditions.

At the Herderschule Dr. Saalbach engaged in a dialog with 9th graders about transatlantic relations and Germany's economic situation. The students were eager to learn about Dr. Saalbach's life story.

Finissage of Industrial Design Poster Show



Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, and Chairman Lars Bosse, Chamber of Commerce, address the guests of the 'Industrial Design' poster show.

September 14, 2004. Chairman Lars Bosse, Chamber of Commerce in Leipzig, and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky welcomed the guests of the poster show 'Industrial Design', which has been on display for 6 weeks at the chamber.

The exhibit "*Industrial Design - America's New Style*" addresses the development of industrial design in America and presents its range instancing several American industrial designers.

Visit of Ambassador Coats and Mrs. Coats to Leipzig

September 12 - 13, 2004. Ambassador Daniel R. Coats and Mrs. Coats from the U.S. Embassy Berlin visited Leipzig where they met with student groups at two different high schools. They explained the American way of life and discussed U.S. policy at the Friedrich-List-Gymnasium and Immanuel-Kant-Gymnasium. Ambassador Coats and his wife were accompanied by Consul General Fletcher M. Burton and Mr. Saalbach and Mrs. Saalbach.



Students from the Friedrich-List-Gymnasium and their English teacher Frau Karstein, Mr. Hüchelheim, director of Leipzig's school authority, and media representatives are listening to Ambassador Daniel R. Coats, Consul General Fletcher M. Burton, and Dr. Horst Saalbach, Festo.



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton talks to students at the Friedrich-List-Gymnasium. Media representatives join the discussion.



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton, Mrs. Coats, and Ambassador Daniel R. Coats talk to students of the Friedrich-List-Gymnasium.



Ambassador Daniel R. Coats and Dr. Saalbach in discussion with students from Immanuel-Kant-Gymnasium.



Ambassador Daniel R. Coats, Dr. Saalbach and Consul General Fletcher M. Burton at the Immanuel-Kant-Gymnasium.

September 9, 2004 Artists from Houston and northern Saxony-Anhalt teamed up for an unusual collection of artwork featuring Frank Zappa in Salzwedel. The Americans were welcomed at the exhibit hall by Leipzig's Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky for the opening.

September 9, 2004 Leipzig Consul General Fletcher Burton and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky attended the re-opening of the *Grünes Gewölbe* - the "green vaulting" spectacular collection of ornamental art - in the Dresden royal palace. The keynote speaker was Dr. Barry Munitz, former chancellor of the California State University system and now chief executive officer of the J. Paul Getty Trust.

Opening of Louis-Armstrong Poster Show in Löbau, Saxony



The Lord Mayor of Löbau, Dietmar Buchholz welcomes Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky in the Scharoun-Villa.

September 3, 2004. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky delivered remarks at the opening of the poster show *Louis Armstrong - King of Jazz* in Löbau, Saxony. Commercial Assistant Bettina Kutsche also introduced the Foreign Commercial Service at the event with an overview of U.S.-German economic relations and investments. 50 visitors, among them the Lord Mayor of Löbau, Dietmar Buchholz, members of the city council and local business representatives, joined the event and collected U.S. information materials.



The Lord Mayor, Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky and members of the Löbau city council in the Scharoun-Villa.



Commercial Assistant Bettina Kutsche and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky discuss German-American business relations with local business representatives.



Staff members of the Gußeiserner Turm, a famous Löbau sight, welcome Elizabeth Bonkowsky with presents.



Dr. Bonkowsky opens the poster show.



Dr. Klaus Werner, head of Verein der Freunde und Förderer kreativer Künstler e.V. welcomes the guests.