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## Würzburg 45th Anniversary

Lord Mayor Georg Rosenthal of Würzburg, Germany, led a delegation of eight to Rochester to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Rochester's third sister cities relationship. The delegates included Mrs. Hanna Rosenthal, City Councilwoman Regine Samtleben; city officials, and three representatives of Würzburg's universities.



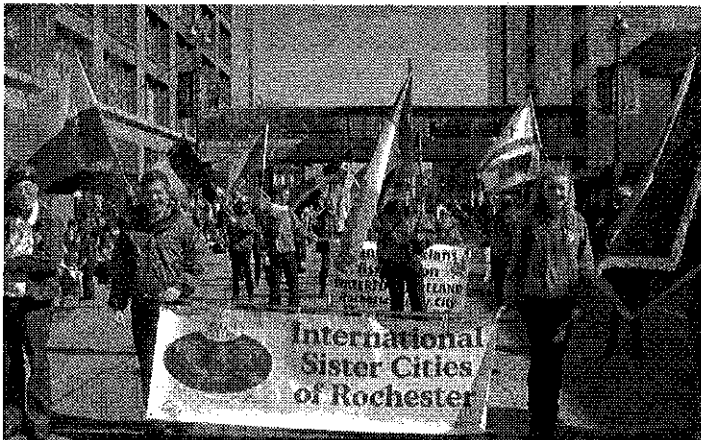
Police Chief David Moore, Lord Mayor Georg Rosenthal, and Assistant to the Mayor Darryl Porter lead Würzburg delegation and ISCOR contingent in the Lilac Festival Parade. Photo MDL

Beautiful May weather accompanied the visitors as they toured the Eastman School of Music, Nazareth College, and Canandaigua Wine Country, marched in the Lilac Festival Parade, picnicked at the Rochester Touristen Verein's Camp Lima, and shared Mothers' Day activities with their host families.

The Lord Mayor's delega-

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## Waterford Musicians Carry ISCOR Banner



David Stone, uilleann piper, and Aisling Douris, violinist and dancer, leading Waterford Comhaltas musicians in St. Patrick's Day Parade

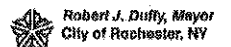
Thirty musicians and escorts from Waterford, Ireland, represented ISCOR in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14th. A crowd of 80,000 cheered the young visitors, introducing them to their first taste of this American celebration. See the story on page 6 about their visit.

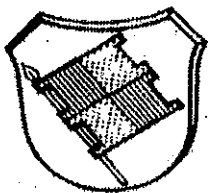
## Caltanissetta Mayor Messina visits

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L-R, Marian Kobrin, ATAD; Mayor Salvatore Messina, Caltanissetta; Les Knox, ATAD & ISCOR, Giuseppina Messina, Mayor Duffy, Rosalba Pisaturro, Caltanissetta-Rochester Sister Cities Committee.





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tion came fully prepared to learn about our community and develop new connections to expand on the 45 years of successes of the Würzburg-Rochester connection.



Delegation with Albert Paley sculpture at Klein Steel

The International Business Council of Greater Rochester hosted an economic forum at which Lord Mayor Rosenthal and IBC Executive Director Laurie DeRoller profiled the very similar economies of the Würzburg and Rochester regions. The Finger Lakes wine industry well shown off at the dinner IBC hosted at the Culinary Institute in Canandaigua, where Dr. George Eisen, host of the delegation's tour and luncheon at Nazareth College, and Lord Mayor Rosenthal debated the relative merits of the ice wines of the Finger Lakes and of Franconia.

Lord Mayor Rosenthal, Würzburg Director of Culture, Sports, and School Mughtar al Ghusain, and Rochester Deputy Mayor Patricia Malgieri exchanged presentations on our respective municipal governments at a special meeting of Mayor Duffy's Senior Management Team on Monday, May 11th. Rosenthal, al Ghusain, Councilwoman Samtleben and Director of Press Relations Christian Weiss, spent rest of the morning with leaders of City agencies. Irondequoit Town Supervisor Mary Ellen Heymann and Director of Recreation Michael Spang hosted Lord Mayor Rosenthal, discussing town government and their support for the Irondequoit Oktoberfest and Irondequoit Soccer Club-Würzburg soccer exchange. Barbara

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Duffy gave Hanna Rosenthal a special tour of St. John Fisher College, and joined later by Councilwoman Samtleben, hosted them for lunch.

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Dyakonov, chairman of the board of the Bavarian Center for Applied Energy Research, presented at a conference at the University of Rochester. Barbara Moll of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Würzburg, met with faculty at the UofR School of Medicine and Dentistry. Eva Stumpf-Wirths, Chancellor of the Würzburg University of Music, met with Director David Harman and manager Susan Basu of the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra; Dean Douglas Lowry and faculty of the Eastman School of Music, and, joined by the Rosenthals, al Ghusain, and Weiss, with Director Margaret Quackenbush and faculty of the Hochstein Music School.

Mayor Duffy hosted a meeting with Mayor Rosenthal and leaders of the Rochester and Würzburg sister cities programs to discuss program priorities. Afterwards they joined the full delegation at a City Hall reception at which featured a reaffirmation of the sister cities agreement, and a private dinner for the delegation, host families, and sister cities program supporters.

The visit concluded with a visit to the George Eastman House, Albert Paley Studios, and a luncheon hosted by Klein Steel.

An official Rochester delegation led by City Councilwoman Carolee Conklin will visit Würzburg in July for the Mozart Festival and to build on the new connections.

### **Friendship Committee Reports**

*"Friendship Committees" are established to explore sister cities connections with additional communities and to develop programs of activities that can be the basis for long-term, mutually beneficial relationships.*

### **Alytus-Rochester Sister Cities Relationship Recommended by ISCOR Board**

The ISCOR Board of Trustees endorsed the recommendation of the Alytus, Lithuania, Friendship Committee that the Rochester City Council approve a sister cities relationship between Rochester and Alytus. At the May 4th Board meeting, Rimasa Chesonis and Chet Pieniezny reported on the activities of the friendship committee over the past three years and the development of a partner committee in Alytus. ISCOR's recommendation will be presented at the Rochester City Council's July 14th meeting and at a subsequent meeting of the Alytus City Council. We look forward to recognizing Alytus as Rochester's 12th sister city in Fall 2009.