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TAP committee with guest speaker Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel



Group bowling outing

I. Alumni Reunion January 2008 – What a great weekend!

This year's reunion turned out to be a great success. 35 students representing the program's last three years came from across the United States to Chicago. After a get-together and getting to know one another at the Grand Lux Café, small groups brainstormed about how to support the Transatlantic Program in the future. Former US Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel impressed the alumni with his insightful knowledge about the previous and current relationship between Germany and the US. He emphasized the importance of German-US businesses staying connected. In the evening the alumni enjoyed a group bowling outing. The reunion ended with a Sunday morning brunch at our GACCoM office. It was a great get-together and we are looking forward to the next reunion in 2009, where we will welcome the new TAP 2008 alumni to our growing network.

II. Help us building up an “unofficial survival guide” for the TAP group 2008



Sunday brunch at the GACCoM office

The participants have already been chosen and InWEnt has started to place them in their internships. Feel free to take a look at the profiles of the 2008 group recently posted on our website under www.transatlanticprogram.org.

Furthermore, some of you might have already been contacted and were able to answer participant's questions, especially regarding housing, living expenses or traveling throughout Germany. Since we are planning to hand out an “unofficial survival guide” to the students before they leave for Germany, we would like you to think about your personal experiences, either positive or negative, and provide us with information which you consider would have been helpful to have known beforehand. This info does not need to be long, but rather to the point. Please email your input to Ruth (deeken@gaccom.org).



Alumni Group at the Grand Lux Café in Chicago

“How exactly do I take the train? Where do I buy tickets and how do I get student discounts?”

“I forgot to close my bank account in Germany.”

Please feel free to brainstorm on your personal TAP experiences and help us to prepare our new participants. We thank you in advance for your input!

Your GACCoM Team!!!