



# Our Sister City

## *Zeitz...a small gem in Germany's crown.*

Zeitz is an historic city, dating back to the late 10<sup>th</sup> century. It is situated in east-central Germany, along the banks of the Weisse Elster River, renowned as an ideal location for its many vineyards. For nearly 600 years, Zeitz was known as a residence town of bishops. During that period, a number of architecturally significant buildings were constructed, among them the 500 year old Rathaus (city hall), the Church of St. Michael, the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul and the recently restored Franciscan Monastery, where Martin Luther spoke in 1542. Zeitz has approximately 40,000 inhabitants, similar in size to Prescott.

Zeitz is rich in arts and culture, dating back from its first mention in 967 to the present. Among the cultural treasures are the Martin Luther Library & Museum, the Mortizburg Castle, the "Old Market Place" and the Bavarian Beerhouse. Zeitz enjoys a history rich in industrial development, including the historic baby carriage factory, chemical and mining industries, wine production and one of the largest sugar beet factories in Europe with its affiliated bioethanol fuel production facility. With its annual festivals, Zeitz attracts artists from all over the world.

Excellent boutique hotels and unique restaurants welcome all to Zeitz's numerous cultural events and year-round tourism. A burgeoning economy is attracting new, world-wide investment with attractive and cooperative assistance between German and international businesses.



# Activities

Currently, we are seeking citizens interested in establishing and developing a committee to support the Zeitz Sister City relationship. This Sister City relationship affords Prescott area citizens and businesses an opportunity to share with, learn from, and grow with their Zeitz counterparts during an exciting period of development and exchange. We ask you to please join us in this unique, new Sister City venture. Your first activity should be to complete the attached application, detach and return it to the Prescott City Hall address.

Planned activities include:

- Hosting students during their educational exchange programs. No German required.
- Working on the various Prescott - Zeitz Sister City Committees:
  - o Fundraising Events
  - o Business Development
  - o Tourism
  - o Educational
  - o Social
- Enjoying monthly Committee meetings and social events with members, families and guests interested in furthering the relationship between Prescott and Zeitz.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**YES! I want to become a member of the Prescott - Zeitz Sister City Committee.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ { New Member • Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

{ Individual -- \$15.00 { Family -- \$25.00 { Business/Service Org. -- \$50.00  
 { \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for Zeitz Projects

Please mail this form, along with your check to:

**Prescott - Zeitz Sister City Committee,  
 Prescott City Hall, 201 S. Cortez, Prescott, AZ 86303**



## Opportunities

The Prescott - Zeitz Sister City Committee needs your help, ideas and creativity. To join this important and rewarding effort, simply fill out and return the membership panel of this brochure. Help prove that world brotherhood is more than words... make it a permanent way of life.

Our Committee has a wide variety of opportunities for members to become involved. You will find such opportunities to assist in the areas of: hosting German students during planned exchange visits (no German required), working with German and Zeitz businesses and tourism organizations to facilitate opportunities for both communities, or on one of our various committees (fundraising, social, education, newsletter, program).



## OUR PROGRAM

The national concept of a Sister City Program was launched at the White House in 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower called for personal exchanges between Americans and peoples of other lands. It was intended to be a program for ordinary citizens of different countries to exchange ideas and opinions and, hopefully, become friends.

Prescott's first Sister City affiliation: In 1972, after a trip to Caborca, Prescott Mayor Taylor T. Hicks, Sr. and the City Council invited Heroica Caborca, Sonora, Mexico to join Prescott, Arizona in a Sister City affiliation. In 2008, a relationship with Suchitoto, El Salvador was established. In 2013, the Prescott City Council approved a similar relationship with Zeitz, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany. Prescott is one of more than 200 American cities that have adopted "sisters" around the world.

The Sister City Association of Prescott is a charitable organization associated with Sister Cities International through the Town Affiliation Association. We are sponsored by the City of Prescott and the citizens of the greater Prescott area. We are in the process of identifying citizens interested in developing and working with the new Sister City of Zeitz, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany.

### **PRESCOTT - ZEITZ COMMITTEE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION OF PRESCOTT**

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## FACTS ABOUT THE SISTER CITY PROGRAM



### **PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, U.S.A. ZEITZ, SAXONY-ANHALT, GERMANY**

### ***INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURE***

### **VISION STATEMENT**

*To focus community interest in building a better climate toward world understanding by fulfilling the desire of the citizens of the Prescott area to learn about the people of Zeitz, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany through reciprocal visits, economic and tourism opportunities, educational exchange programs as well as social, cultural and charitable programs.*

Info at:  
[www.PrescottSisterCity.com](http://www.PrescottSisterCity.com)

