

BOSTON/STRASBOURG SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS OF FIFTY YEARS

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1956

- President Eisenhower launches the program “People to People” to establish friendly relations and greater understanding between American citizens and those of other nations by means of direct and personal contact.

4 December 1959

- *Strasbourg*: As a prelude to the twinning (*jumelage*), and in honor of the 10th anniversary of the American Cultural Center, Radio-Strasbourg Symphony Orchestra records a “Musical Salute to Boston,” conducted by Charles Bruck.
- *Boston*: A recording is made of “Salute to Strasbourg,” performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) and conducted by Charles Munch, as well as “A Pagan Poem,” by American composer Charles Loeffler, born in Mulhouse.

1960

- Mayors John F. Collins of Boston and Pierre Pflimlin of Strasbourg sign official declaration linking the two cities, an idea proposed by noted BSO conductor Charles Munch, born in Strasbourg.

21 March: Boston City Council deliberates the proposal that Strasbourg become its “sister city.”

2 May: The city of Strasbourg accepts Boston’s twinning proposal.

1962

27-31 March: Boston City Council delegation and Mayor John F. Collins visit Strasbourg. Delegation includes the president of the Twinning Committee Thomas Goorman, Richard Berenson and Bert Druker.

1963

- *Pierre Pflimlin serves as Mayor of Strasbourg from 1959 to 1983. (In 1958 he briefly served as Prime Minister of France; he was the 12th President of the European Parliament from 1984-1987.) Mayor Collins serves as Mayor of Boston from 1960 to 1968.*

- Boston Mayor John Collins and Chief Secretary Jack O’Neill host reception in Boston’s Old City Hall for Mayor Pflimlin of Strasbourg.

1968

- *Kevin H. White becomes Mayor of Boston and serves until 1984.*

1976

- Creation of the *Comité Alsace du bicentenaire de l'indépendance des États-Unis* (Alsace Bicentenary Committee) which in 1977 became the *Association Alsace-États-Unis* (Alsace-United States Association), presided over by Professor Louis F. Hollender. Gilbert Hadey leads numerous Strasbourg trips to Boston for the association; these visitors often enjoy lobster at Anthony's Pier Four, hosted by Anthony Athanas.

20 October: Official visit to Strasbourg by Boston delegation led by Kathryn White, wife of Mayor Kevin H. White, includes Vice-Mayor Edward Sullivan, Richard Berenson, Bert Druker, and Phyllis Nayor. Delegation hosted by Mayor Pierre Pflimlin and Madame Pflimlin. An article in *Les Dernières Nouvelles de Strasbourg* on the visit of the Boston delegation shows Kathryn White signing the *livre d'or* (Gold Book) of the city of Strasbourg.

1978

2-5 May: First official visit of Strasbourg Mayor Pierre Pflimlin to Boston.

1980's

- Artists Travel Grant Program: Boston artists study and work in Strasbourg: Michelle Samour (1983), Jessica Ferguson (1985), Elli Crocker (1985), Constance Jacobson (1987/1988). Artists are supported by the Boston-Strasbourg Sister City Association (BSSCA) and the city of Boston. The Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA), through its curator of contemporary art Elizabeth Sussman, administers five annual artist-in-residence grants for the five sister cities.
- Newton High School orchestra visits Strasbourg for two summers, organized by Raymond Fridmann (later BSSCA president 1996-1998) and Ida Fridmann.

1980

- Mayor Pflimlin and entourage represent Strasbourg at the Great Cities of the World Conference in October for Jubilee 350, the 350th anniversary of the founding of Boston in 1630, organized by Boston Deputy-Mayor Katharine Kane.
- Strasbourg presents a major exhibit detailing the architectural development of Strasbourg at the Boston Public Library. Thirty-five cities, led by their mayors and cultural and business leaders, participate in the five-day conference, attending meetings and events at Boston City Hall, Harvard University, MIT, Boston Symphony Hall, the Museum of Fine Arts, and in private homes. Each city delegation has a Boston "Ambassador"; Ann Collier, later the founding president of the Boston-Strasbourg Sister City Association, serves as ambassador for Strasbourg.

1983

17 May: Inaugural meeting for the Boston-Strasbourg Sister City Association. Ann Collier is named president. Officers include Andrew Hier as clerk, Katharine Kane as treasurer, and vice-presidents Madeleine Apffel, Lia Poorvu, Rebecca Valette, Elaine Uzan Leary, Helen Cummings and Margaret Collins Weitz. Meeting held in the mayor's office, attended by Mayor Kevin H. White, Consul-Général of France André Némo, Vice-Mayor Edward Sullivan, and Deputy-Mayor Katharine Kane. Recent activities with Strasbourg and exchange possibilities are discussed.

22 June: Incorporation meeting of the BSSCA. By-laws are reviewed, and board of trustees and board of directors named. Reception follows in the Main Gallery.

June: Ann Collier, Elaine Uzan Leary, Jean-Paul and Rebecca Valette, Joel Cohen, Ann Poulet (MFA curator of European Decorative Arts) visit Strasbourg and meet with Dr. Leissner and Gilbert Hadey to discuss music and art projects. The committee on education meets on 1 October 1983, chaired by Rebecca Valette (Boston College) and attended by visitors from Strasbourg: Deputy-Mayor Leissner and Robert Witt. Two sections are created: one on university level exchanges, and one at the secondary education level. Dr. Leissner offers *stages* at the Council of Europe, and the idea of internships from corporations is also discussed.

November: Dr. Leissner returns to Boston to attend the opening of Bloomingdale's "Salute to Strasbourg" and to discuss education and cultural projects.

19-22 November: Official Boston delegation led by Mayor Kevin White visits Strasbourg to participate in the 39th anniversary of the liberation of Strasbourg. The delegation includes Kathryn White; Vice-Mayor Edward Sullivan and Annie Sullivan; Deputy-Mayor Katharine Kane and Louis Kane (chairman of Au Bon Pain); Deputy-Mayor Lowell Richards and Karen Richards; Deputy-Mayor and director of the BRA Robert Ryan and Mary Lou Ryan; Deputy-Mayor Micho Spring; BSSCA president Ann Collier and Marvin Collier; Lia Poorvu (trustee of the BSSCA, lecturer at Tufts and chairman of the education committee) and William Poorvu (Harvard Business School); Charles E. Smith (trustee of the BSSCA and director of Au Bon Pain); city councilor Christopher Iannella; attorney Alford Rudnick; business and cultural leaders connected to the two other European sister cities of Barcelona and Padua. The trip is organized by JoDel Gaeth, Mayor's Office of International Relations.

19 November: Mayor Marcel Rudloff and Mme. Rudloff host the delegation at the Civic Center, and officiate at the opening of the exhibit of works by Boston artist Michelle Samour, the first Boston artist-in-residence in 1983, at the Musée d'Art Moderne. The official dinner at city hall follows.

- Marcel Rudloff becomes Mayor of Strasbourg in 1983 and serves until 1989. He also succeeds Pierre Pflimlin as president of the Communauté Urbaine. From 1980-1996, he serves as president of the Conseil Regional.

20 November: The ceremony of the liberation of Strasbourg at the Monument Leclerc, Place Broglie, takes place with special guest Madame Leclerc, followed by a mass at the cathedral with the homily by the Bishop of Strasbourg. The delegation visits a private collection of 17th century Italian paintings at the home of Otton Kaufmann and François Schlageter; these works were subsequently donated to the Musée des Beaux-arts of Strasbourg and to the Louvre. The group tours the Museum of the Cathedral of Notre Dame and the Alsatian Museum. Mayor White hosts dinner at the Auberge de l'Ill.

It was at this time that Mr. Hugh Beesley, directeur de la Presse et de l'Information at the Council of Europe, makes a concrete proposal to Lia Poorvu of internships to qualified Boston-area students. The offer is exceptional because of our *jumelage* status, as non-member nations do not qualify. Correspondence begins in earnest and eventually one hundred flyers are distributed to various departments in academic institutions throughout Boston. A committee (Madeleine Appfel, Ann Collier, Eglal Henein, Anne Slack, Margaret Collins Weitz, with the participation of Caroline Eades, Attachée culturel, chaired by Lia Poorvu) evaluates, interviews and selects the candidates. Ultimate decisions are made by the Council.

21 November: The BSSCA meets with its Strasbourg counterparts, and Mayor White addresses the Council of Europe on "Shaping the economy of an American city: an exercise of public power." Lunch is hosted by the Council of Europe in honor of the mayor of Boston. Reception is hosted by Mayor Rudloff and the president of the Association Alsace-États-Unis André Kirm at the Palais de la Musique et des Congrès, followed by the farewell dinner at the restaurant À l'Ancienne Douane.

1984

2 February: BSSCA benefit dinner at Le Méridien at which award-winning French sommelier Serge Dubs presents ten Alsatian wines donated by the Comité Interprofessionnel du Vin d'Alsace.

March: Visit of Strasbourg Deputy-Mayor Raymond Leissner, and city manager Daniel Adam, hosted at City Hall meeting by Rosemarie Sansone, director of Business and Cultural Development. The delegates meet with BSSCA committees and visit Newbury Culinary Institute, Harvard, the MFA, the Boston School Committee, and American Repertory Theatre, discussing possible exchanges.

Summer: Initiation of Boston High School Students Exchange Program, a three-week travel-study program, with Boston students alternating with their Strasbourg counterparts. The first summer Boston students go to Strasbourg. This Boston Public Schools program (now in its 26th year) becomes the BSSCA's most

successful academic exchange and serves as a model project for all U.S. sister cities. Organizers: Helen Cummings, Kathy Portle, Andrew Hier, Paulette Johnson. Madeleine Apffel and Lia Poorvu also participate in the interview/selection process. The twelve students in the first travel-study program present their individual projects to the association at City Hall in December.

Each succeeding summer between ten and twelve students from Boston Public Schools, accompanied by a chaperone (a teacher in the Boston Public Schools) visit Strasbourg for three weeks, staying with families and participating in educational and cultural events; they report on a project to their classmates the following fall. Strasbourg students visit Boston the next year, staying with Boston families and participating in cultural events and classes. Funds are raised for the student exchanges by the BSSCA and the Comité de Strasbourg-Boston and/or the city of Strasbourg.

27 June: Annual meeting of the BSSCA at City Hall.

- The Culture Committee reports that the American Repertory Theatre (ART) will perform at the Théâtre National de Strasbourg in 1985.
- The Jean Arp Retrospective, planned for 1986 in Strasbourg, will travel to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts (MFA).
- Jean-Michel Tuchscherer, newly installed curator of costumes and textiles at the MFA, anticipates having an exhibit of costumes from the Musée d'Alsace in Strasbourg.
- Elizabeth Sussman of the ICA reports that the second artist-in-residence, Jessica Ferguson, chosen in 1984, will travel to Strasbourg in spring 1985.
- Documentary filmmaker Fred Wiseman may have a showing of his films in Strasbourg in fall, 1984.
- Joel Cohen, musical director of the Boston Camerata, works on exchanges of musical groups and organists and reports that the Camerata may perform in Strasbourg in fall 1984.
- The Business and Development Committee reports that a mission to study high technology in Greater Boston headed by Strasbourg city manager Daniel Adam visits Boston in April 1984.
- A delegation from Alsace Development Agency (ADIRA) visits Boston 10-13 June 1984, headed by René Urich, president of the Chamber of Commerce; the delegation includes Bernard Higel, assistant director of ADIRA, and Iris Gelt. Boston organizers are Elaine Uzan Leary and Andrew Hier.

- Education exchanges – university level:
 - (1) January-February 1984: First exchange of visiting professors between the University of Strasbourg and Suffolk University—Jane Ives from Suffolk, Gabrielle Knecht from Strasbourg.
 - (2) January-June 1984: First graduate student exchange: a) students from Strasbourg to Suffolk University; b) Philippe Adam from Strasbourg comes to Boston to work at Shawmut Bank; c) April 1984: 23 Strasbourg graduate students in chemistry visit Boston; d) Council of Europe internships for Boston area graduate students established. Four internships to Boston area graduate students are offered, in law and human rights. Organizers are Lia Poorvu and Margaret Collins Weitz.
 - (3) Michael Nelson, Harvard University senior, under the auspices of BSSCA, receives a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Théâtre National de Strasbourg.

- Education exchanges – elementary and high school level:
 - March-April 1984: Exchange visits between Noble and Greenough School in Boston and l'École de Neudorf in Strasbourg.
 - Spring 1985: Belmont Hill students visit Strasbourg.
 - L'École Bilingue, Chestnut Hill School, and the Advent School contact schools in Strasbourg. Exchange between the Newbury Culinary Institute in Boston and the l'École Hôtelière in Strasbourg take place in fall, 1984. Note: L'École Hôtelière offers *stages/internships* to French-speaking young chefs from Boston for 1985-1986 academic year.

- *Raymond Flynn becomes Mayor of Boston and serves until 1993.*

16-19 October: Strasbourg Museum of Modern Art curator Nadine Lehni visits Boston. Meets with Boston artists Michelle Samour, Jessica Ferguson, Elli Crocker, with MFA curators Jean-Michel Tuchscherer (costumes and textiles) and Ann Poulet (European decorative arts), and with Elizabeth Sussman, head curator of the ICA. She visits Harvard and MIT and other museums. Hosted by Ann Collier and Evelyne Weyl.

December: Dr. A. Wackenheim, neuro-radiologist, visits Massachusetts General Hospital.

1985

February: Moncef Meddeb/L'Espalier and Ann and Lucien Robert/Maison Robert present a kitchen tour demonstration.

May: Dr. André Schreckenberg visits Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

June: Private tour by Jean-Michel Tuchscherer, curator of textiles at the MFA, of his exhibit "Dressed and Furnished in Flowers."

- Farewell party by BSSCA for Consul-Général André Némo.

Summer: Beginning of eight-year program of Council of Europe internships for Boston area students, principally from Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy whose student Mark Davidson is the first Bostonian accepted as an undergraduate intern in the field of law and human rights. Creation of Boston Committee within the Association Alsace-États-Unis, headed by Dr. Louis Hollender.

July: Boston Museum School summer class in painting under direction of Norman Keyes spends July in Strasbourg. Boston families host twelve Strasbourg high school students for three weeks.

July/August: Exchanges between Boston College and the Institut d'Études Commerciales Supérieures Strasbourg (IECS)/Robert Schumann University begin. Twelve internships in business are made available to Boston College students; twelve Boston businesses host twelve interns from Strasbourg.

- The Business Internship Exchange Project was initially organized by Rebecca Valette of Boston College, and later managed by Marion St. Onge, director of International Programs at BC. For six weeks each summer Boston College students work as interns in Strasbourg businesses, and IECS students work as interns in Boston businesses, living on the BC campus. The internships take place in a wide variety of settings, including banks, government agencies, manufacturing and service corporations, non-profit organizations, and cultural and educational institutions.
- The BSSCA and the Association Alsace-États-Unis support the program, develop the internships with local businesses and organizations, and raise the funds for student stipends. Students from each city pay their own travel expenses, and the host cities cover the cost of living expenses and pocket money for the student interns. Host Boston businesses make a \$2000 contribution to the BSSCA as a charitable gift. The program lasts for fifteen years, until 2000.

2-3 August: Visit of 200 master bakers from Strasbourg, guests of the association, includes a chorale that sings at Quincy Market and Au Bon Pain.

September: Boston participates in the European Trade Fair in Strasbourg.

October:

- Seth Kimmelman, Boston pianist, performs at the Council of Europe in honor of the International Year of Music.

- The 25th anniversary of the Boston-Strasbourg sister city twinning includes participation by the BSSCA in the first Boston French Film Festival, a two-week event at Sack Copley Place Theater showing seven films (October 25 to November 8); the opening night benefit for the BSSCA presents *Le Bon Plaisir* with Catherine Deneuve.
- Scientific Exchanges: During the Mayor's visit, professor of chemistry and city councilor Louis Hollender brings official greetings from Professor Mantz, dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the Université Louis Pasteur, to Professor Daniel Federman, dean of Harvard Medical School. He suggests an exchange project between the two faculties, to include both residents and faculty members. André Kirn, professor of biochemistry and president of the Association Alsace-États-Unis, is also part of the delegation and attends the Harvard Medical School meeting.
- The Strasbourg report on the visit notes that Dr. Charles Apffel, who died in March 1985, had been one of the foremost researchers of cancer in New England and the world. His friends at the Boston Cancer Research Association are creating a foundation in his honor, for an annual conference on cancer research; the first conference will take place in December 1985.
- Alsace Development Group visits Boston.

15 October: The month-long celebration of the anniversary at the Boston Public Library (BPL) opens with "Salute to Strasbourg: Strasbourg Cathedral - Symbol of Two Civilizations," a slide lecture presentation by Jean-Michel Tuchscherer, curator of costumes and textiles at the MFA.

7-31 October: The BPL presents an exhibit of 72 photographs of Alsace on 10 October, including an audio-visual show titled "Strasbourg: Three Artists' Views," of photographic slides of Strasbourg and artwork inspired by the city, created by Boston artists who have studied/worked in Strasbourg: Michelle Samour, Elli Crocker, and Jessica Ferguson.

26 October: The BPL presents a children's program with a bilingual story hour and four films on *Tomi Ungerer: Child of Strasbourg*, in cooperation with l'École Bilingue.

29-31 October: Strasbourg Mayor Marcel Rudloff and delegation visit Boston to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the *jumelage*.

29 October: Mayor Rudloff addresses the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, speaking in French on decentralization. Executive chefs Michel Pépin of Le Méridien and Richard Voegtling of Le Boeuf at Blaesheim (voted Best Chef of Alsace) present the 25th anniversary gala dinner at Le Méridien. The menu features *fricassée de homard* with *champignons sauvages* and *médallions de veau*, and, of course, Alsatian wines. The dinner honors Mayor Rudloff and the Association Alsace-États-Unis. Mayor Rudloff gives Strasbourg medals to BSSCA members who organized the visit.

The Strasbourg delegation visits Boston's Old State House, "*le bâtiment historique qui abritait autrefois les premiers gouvernements de la Nouvelle-Angleterre.*" (from "*Strasbourg – Boston: 25 ans d'amitié,*" the Strasbourg report of the Mayor Rudloff visit.)

30 October: Strasbourg Mayor Rudloff and Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn deliver addresses for the official reception (dessert and champagne) at the BPL entitled "Strasbourg: Our Sister City." The Boston Camerata led by Joel Cohen and Ann Azéma presents old French and Alsatian *chansons*, drawn from the Camerata's medieval repertory.

31 October: Mayor Rudloff speaks at Harvard University's Center for European Studies. Harvard librarian W.T. Feng arranges for books published in Strasbourg, as well as Harvard's Gutenberg Bible, to be shown to Mayor and Mrs. Rudloff in the Harry Elkins Widener Memorial Room. Harvard professor Franklin Ford presents Mayor Rudloff with his book on Strasbourg.

1986

March: Education Exchange between Lycée René Cassin (a commercial college) in Strasbourg and Bunker Hill Community College in Boston.

Spring: Strasbourg gardeners visit Boston.

June/July: Twelve Boston College students participate in internships in business in Strasbourg, and twelve interns from Strasbourg come to Boston. Boston companies receiving interns include: Bank of Boston, Bloomingdale's, city of Boston, Gillette, Legal Seafoods, Massport, Neiman Marcus, Pucker Safrai Art Gallery, Boston Edison, Royal Sonesta Hotel, Shawmut Bank, S.T. Dupont, and USA Cinemas. In Strasbourg, placements include several banks, city hall, two utility companies, a manufacturing firm, and a brewery.

July: Paul Bagatelas of the Fletcher School and Paul Barese of Boston University Department of European Studies are the second group of Bostonians accepted as undergraduate interns in the field of law and human rights at the Council of Europe.

- Ten Boston high school students participate in the third year of the on-going travel-study program. Schools represented include: Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, Copley High School, Jamaica Plain High School, and Madison Park High School
- Note: In 1986, both the Boston High School Education Exchange and the Boston College Business Internship Exchange were presented as model programs for the country at the Modern Languages Association Convention and at the Sister Cities International Convention.

Note: In 1988 Kathryn Portle of Boston Latin School, who served as chaperone for the Travel-Study High School Program in 1986, received a sabbatical from the Boston School Department to study at the Sorbonne in Paris; Mary Alice Hantout of Jamaica Plain High School, also a chaperone in 1986, was the first Boston high school teacher ever to receive a Rockefeller Grant to study the teaching of French, in Morocco, in 1988.

13 July: BSSCA participates in Liberté Sunday, for the Statue of Liberty Centennial, coordinated by the Alliance Française, to fund scholarships and sports exchanges with France.

21-22 July: First visit of Dr. Jean-Paul Jacque, president of the University of Strasbourg. Hosted by Madeleine Apffel, Lia Poorvu, Margaret Collins Weitz, Rebecca Valette, and Andrew Hier. Consul-Général of France Alain Briottet and Vice-Consul Hélène La Rose attend events. Dr. Jacque meets with the dean of the College of Communications at Boston University, Jim Thisell; Lia Poorvu hosts lunch at the Harvard Faculty Club with Margaret Collins Weitz and Harvard law professor Lloyd Weinreb; Dr. Jacque meets with faculty and administration leaders at Boston College, with Dean Salacuse of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and other faculty. The University of Strasbourg includes the Law School, School of Journalism, Institute of Political Science, and the Institute of Technology.

September: Second year of Boston's participation in the European Trade Fair in Strasbourg.

2 October: Harvard professor Oscar Handlin speaks at Boston Public Library (BPL) on “ The Meanings of Liberty” in conjunction with the BPL exhibit “Liberty: The French-American Statue in Art and History,” which marks the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty by Alsatian (Colmar) sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartoldi. The Liberty exhibition is on display from 11 September to 14 October 1986 at the BPL; BSSCA participates in the special opening on 11 September.

The exhibit is organized by the New York Public Library and the official French-American Committee for the Celebration of the Centennial of the Statue of Liberty. The Boston exhibit and lecture are co-sponsored by the BPL, the Boston-Strasbourg Sister City Association, the Alliance Française, and the French Library in Boston. The event includes a presentation by the Boston high school students who participated in the 1986 Summer Exchange Program.

16 October: BSSCA participates in opening benefit of the second annual Boston French Film Festival; films include Jean Renoir’s *Elena and her Men*; Alain Resnais’ *La Vie est un Roman*; Claude Lelouch’s *Edith and Marcel*, and more.

In 1986/1987, the BSSCA hosts the following physicians from Strasbourg: Dr. Jose Sahel, to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital, by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fridmann; Dr. Jean Francis Kempf by Madeleine Apffel; Dr. Koenig, to the Genetics Department of Children’s Hospital.

In 1986, Strasbourg firefighters visit Boston for the opening of Boston’s new Fire Department headquarters.

Gastronomy

- April: Liz Bishop of Julia Child Associates and the International Food and Wine Society visits Strasbourg.
 - June: Moncef Meddeb of L’Espalier hosts visiting chef from Alsace Michel Hussler of Hostellerie du Cerf restaurant.
 - September: L’École Hotelière of Strasbourg sends twelve students and faculty to Boston, sponsored by the Newbury Culinary Institute.
- Hospitality in 1986/1987: Mme Aimée Bleikasion of the University of Strasbourg and head of the Society Jean Arp; Mme. Florence During of the Council of Europe (fall 1986); Gabrielle Knecht, former exchange professor at Suffolk University, to Boston to work at the Pucker Safrai Gallery (summer 1986). A delegation from the Women’s City Club of Boston meets with their counterparts in Strasbourg (October 1987.)

1987

Spring: Massport hosts two journalists from *Le Figaro* on their first Boston visit at Le Meridien.

24 April to 10 May: MFA tour to Strasbourg and Alsace region organized by Jean-Michel Tuchscherer, MFA curator of textiles and costumes.

May: "Boston Artists Abroad" exhibition at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston features 13 artists who have studied and worked in Boston's six sister cities. Organized by artist Michelle Samour, who was the first Boston artist-in-residence in Strasbourg in 1983, this is the first shared project of all Boston's sister cities.

Summer:

- For the third summer of Boston student internships to the Council of Europe, the following schools award fellowships: Fletcher, 5; Harvard, 3; MIT, 2; Boston College, 1. Program is managed by BSSCA vice-president Lia Poorvu.
- Karen Norris of Boston Urban Gardeners visits Strasbourg and is hosted by the Deputy-Mayor for community gardens and the Strasbourg Community Gardens Association.
- The Business Intern Project continues with Bentley College as a first-time participant. Boston businesses welcoming Strasbourg interns are: Bank of Boston, Bloomingdale's, Boston Edison Company, *the Boston Herald*, Copley Travel, Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC), Le Méridien, Legal Seafoods, Leggatt McCall/Grubb and Ellis, Massport, Neiman Marcus, Ritz Carlton Hotel, and Shawmut Bank.

July: Harvard Glee Club presents two concerts at Strasbourg Cathedral. Hospitality for over 80 people provided by the Association Alsace-États- Unis. In the fourth year of the high school exchange Boston students host 13 students from Strasbourg.

July-September: BSSCA participation in the Jean (Hans)Arp Centennial Exhibit at the MFA. Exhibit mounted by Strasbourg Museum of Art. Special tour of exhibit by Anne Poulet, curator of European decorative arts, for BSSCA and Friends of Vieilles Maisons (VMF); proceeds of event benefit Chateau de Diedendorf, an historic monument near Strasbourg.

2 July: Performance of "Tristan and Isolde" by the Boston Camerata in Strasbourg.

September: City of Boston, as it did in September 1986, participates in the European Trade Fair in Strasbourg, which features Strasbourg's three sister cities.

October: Planning visit to Boston by Alsace Development Agency in preparation for the opening of ADIRA's east coast office in January, 1988.

27 November: BSSCA president Ann Collier receives the blue ribbon and medal of *Chevalier de l'Ordre National de Mérite* in recognition of her work with the Boston-Strasbourg Sister City Association and in promoting French culture in the United States. The award is presented by French Consul-Général Alain Briottet at the French Consulate in Boston. Ann Collier thanks former Mayor Kevin White, who attends the ceremony, for making Boston an international city.

November: Delegation from Strasbourg visits Boston, organized by Air France in conjunction with the French-American Chamber of Commerce. Delegation includes: Gilbert Hadey, director of promotion, ville de Strasbourg; Tony Schneider, owner of L'Arsenal restaurant; Jose Meidinger, press secretary to Mayor Rudloff; a reporter from *Les Dernieres Nouvelles d'Alsace*; and Air France officials.

1988

January: Bunker Hill Community College students visit Lycée René Cassin in Strasbourg.

31 January: Gala benefit dinner at Le Méridien to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of Strasbourg, in honor of the official visit of Mayor Marcel Rudloff and city officials (31 January-2 February). The delegation includes Madame Marguerite Rudloff; Daniel Hoeffel, president of the Conseil-Général; and René Urich, director of the Alsace Development Agency (ADIRA). Jean Louis and Tony Schneider, chef and owner of L'Arsenal restaurant in Strasbourg (one-star Michelin) present two weeks of Alsatian specialties at Le Méridien. Wines donated by the Comité Interprofessionel du Vin d'Alsace.

1 February: at a ceremony in the office of Mayor Raymond Flynn, Mayor Rudloff presents a \$3000 gift from the people of Strasbourg to their sister city Boston for a park bench in the redesigned Copley Square, in honor of the *Bimillenaire*. Mayor Flynn thanks Mayor Rudloff, saying, "This gesture of goodwill and friendship underscores the prosperity of the 28-year-old sister city relationship between Strasbourg and Boston."

Mayor Rudloff meets with Byron Battle, director of the Massachusetts Office of Economic Affairs, and with Congressman Joseph Kennedy. Later, Mayor Rudloff officiates with Joseph Ostermann, vice-president of the Conseil-Général, at the opening of the east coast office of the Alsace Development Agency. Mayor Rudloff then proceeds to Washington, where he urges the State Department to maintain the American Consulate in Strasbourg; the BSSCA helps develop support for this, and the Consulate is maintained.

Note: December 1988 thank you card is received with this message: “The members of the Association Alsace-Etats-Unis are very pleased that the Consulate-General of the United States is maintained in Strasbourg and want you to know how much they appreciate all you have done to bring this about.”

For the *Bimillenaire*, Strasbourg presents a yearlong celebration of exhibits and performances.

19 February: BSSCA co-sponsors a benefit performance at the French Library to celebrate the premiere of the Boston Camerata’s recording of “Tristan and Isolde,” a medieval romance in poetry and music, for Erato Records. This is the first 20th century production of “Tristan and Isolde,” directed by Joel Cohen. Recorded in September 1987, it premiered in New York on 18 February and in Boston at Sanders Theater on 21 February.

24 February: Opening night benefit premiere of *Au revoir, les enfants* at the third annual Boston French Film Festival. Director Louis Malle and actress Candice Bergen attend the pre-film dinner at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Benefit co-sponsored by the Boston Francophone institutions. The two-week festival runs through 8 March and presents eleven French films by directors including Claude Chabrol and Bertrand Tavernier.

6-18 April: Twenty students from the Lycée Kléber in Strasbourg visit Boston as guests of a French class at Boston Latin School, organized by Kathryn Portle. The students stay in Boston homes.

Spring: Constance Jacobson, recipient of the BSSCA artist travel grant for 1987-1988, works at the graphic workshop “Estampe du Rhin” in Strasbourg. Professor Margaret Collins Weitz of Suffolk University and associate of the Center for European Studies at Harvard University is professor-in-residence at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Note: From 1985 to 1992, 32 Boston area college and graduate students held internships at the Council of Europe. Recipients chosen through this program, directed by Professor Lia Poorvu of Tufts University, were placed in these divisions: human rights; economic, legal, and social affairs; health, education and culture; communications; and external relations. The program was discontinued in 1994 when the Council expanded to include Eastern European nations, resulting in fewer substantive opportunities.

BSSCA selected and sent over 30 graduate students, up to five per year (Harvard, Harvard Law School, Fletcher, MIT, Boston University, Boston College, Holy Cross, Tufts), the last one in 1993.

Madame Florence During, director of interns, writes in 1988, « *la qualité des étudiants qui sont venus et de ceux qui sont actuellement au Conseil de l'Europe nous encourage à poursuivre ce programme.* » Many of these men and women have gone on to have careers in government, academia and law.

June: In conjunction with the Strasbourg Festival of Music and the celebration of Strasbourg's 2000th anniversary (*the Bimillenaire*), the Boston Camerata presents the European premiere of "Tristan and Isolde", a medieval romance in poetry and music, directed by Joel Cohen.

July: Professor Margaret Collins Weitz addresses the American Association of Teachers of French at their 61st Annual Convention at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel (15-20), describing the Boston-Strasbourg Sister City relationship and the Council of Europe.

- As part of the *Bimillenaire*, twelve Boston high school students go to Strasbourg, the fourth year of the exchange.
- The fourth year of the Boston College Business Internship Program is again coordinated by Marion St. Onge, head of the Boston College French department. French students arrive in Boston for six weeks on 23 June.
- Note: On 1 February, Gilbert Hadey, former Cultural Attaché at the American Consulate, now coordinating conferences for the city of Strasbourg, leads a delegation of journalists to the Boston College campus to compile footage for a television program and to present the Louis Pasteur Award from the University of Strasbourg in recognition of the program, to BC dean of Arts and Sciences William Neenan, SJ. Also present: Rebecca Valette, and Marion St. Onge.

October: The Alliance Française and the Friends of VMF offer a ten-day trip to Strasbourg and Alsace with a visit to the Chateau de Diedendorf.

1989

- *Catherine Trautmann becomes Mayor of Strasbourg and serves until 1997.*

Spring: Two Boston gardeners, including Julie Stone, visit Strasbourg.

15 May: Alain Briottet, French Consul-Général in Boston, is awarded France's highest honor, the Legion of Honor, for his contributions to the French-American community in New England, by French President François Mitterrand. Briottet is a 20-year veteran of the French foreign service and a graduate of the Institut des Études Politiques and the University of Paris Law School. He works closely with the BSSCA and is a major supporter of the Boston-Strasbourg *jumelage*.

10-20 July: High School Exchange Program: students from Strasbourg stay with Boston host families and participate with Boston counterparts in courses at Boston Public Library and in tours of Boston neighborhoods and institutions: Harvard, Provincetown, and Salem.

17-21 July: Strasbourg Deputy-Mayor Roland Ries official visit to Boston. Activities include a luncheon on 19 July at John Hancock Company Observatory, hosted by John Hancock vice-president Sandra Willett and James Morton, chairman/CEO of John Hancock Financial Services.

Attendees include: First Deputy-Mayor of Strasbourg Roland Ries and Mme. Ries; Claude Truchot, deputy-mayor for International Affairs; Gilbert Hadey, director of Promotion and Events for the city of Strasbourg; Rosemary Sansone, director of the Mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Development, Boston; Alain Briottet, Consul-Général of France and Vice-Consul Christine Bolzan; Robert Cummings, president of the Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau; officers and directors of the BSSCA and Professor Marion St. Onge of Boston College, director of the Business Intern Project.

A working meeting held on 19 July at the Parkman House is attended by city officials and BSSCA officers and directors and Strasbourg Deputy-Mayors Ries and Truchot, Gilbert Hadey, and Marie Maurer, director of the Strasbourg High School Students Program. They discuss the various educational exchanges, as well as the upcoming Human Rights Conference, and plans for art exchanges and visits of chefs to Boston. Professor of English linguistics Claude Truchot of the University of Strasbourg has special meetings with professor of anthology Terrence Deacon of Harvard and MIT professor of linguistics Morris Halle.

Fall: Strasbourg community gardeners visit Boston, hosted by Julie Stone, Boston Urban Gardeners (BUG), and BSSC vice-president Madeleine Apffel.

17 September: Three Boston firefighters, including Paul Cook and John White, go to Strasbourg for the dedication of their new firehouse.

6-8 November: Bicentennial conference at Suffolk University in Boston marking the two hundredth anniversary of the "Declaration of the Rights of Man" and the two hundredth anniversary of the French Revolution, co-sponsored by Suffolk University and BSSCA. Conference is funded by Suffolk. Participants at the three-day conference, entitled "A Bicentennial Symposium on Human Rights," are academicians from Strasbourg, Harvard and Suffolk Universities, and the Council of Europe. The conference participants are: Professors Valerie Epps of Suffolk University, Stanley Hoffman of Harvard University, Yves Jeanclos and Elisabeth Zoller of the University Strasbourg; and Francis Rosenstiel, Council of Europe, Strasbourg.

Final round table discussion is at Boston City Hall with participants and local human rights activists, organized by James Williams, executive director of Mayor Raymond Flynn's Human Rights Commission. Conference organized by BSSCA vice-president Margaret Collins Weitz, assisted by BSSCA president Ann Collier and vice-president Lia Poorvu and Caroline Eades, Cultural and Scientific Attachée of the French Cultural Services in Boston.

The conference was developed from a suggestion of Jean-Paul Jacque, president, University of Strasbourg in 1988 to Professor Weitz, in response to her proposal for further academic exchanges between Boston and Strasbourg. Michael Ronayne, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Suffolk, supported the project and Suffolk was the major funder of the conference, including publication of 1000 copies of "Celebrating Human Rights" (1990), a collection of the conference papers.

1990's

- Delegations from the Centre Socio-culturel de l'Elsau (for young members of the Algerian community in Strasbourg) visit Boston several times; program organized by BSSCA member Jack Powers, assisted by Duggan Hill of Boston City Lights. First visit in 1991, then 1994 during the World Cup; twelve Boston youths visit the Centre in 1995. Both youth groups work on projects such as building benches, planting flowers, and creating a mural. In Boston, the young people tour Roxbury and meet with counterparts at various youth centers. The November 1994 official delegation to Strasbourg visits the Centre de l'Elsau.

1990

30th anniversary - Boston-Strasbourg *jumelage*.

30 April to 3 May: Visit of Mademoiselle Marie Thérèse Moras, co-ordinator of international affairs, city of Strasbourg. Greeted by BSSCA president Ann Collier and vice-president Madeleine Apffel.

30 April: Mlle. Moras meets with Rosemarie Sansone, director of the Office of Business and Cultural Development at City Hall; lunches at Maison Robert with members of the BSSCA and meets with the BSSCA directors; and attends the Monet exhibition at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, escorted by Raymond and Ida Fridmann.

1 May: Mlle. Moras meets with Seamus Malin, director of international students at Harvard; Professor Denise Dupres, director of Boston University School of Hotel Management/Culinary Arts; MIT professor of chemical engineering Edward Merrill; and Dr. Michel Rosen of the Harvard Dental School. She attends a dinner hosted by Professor Marian St. Onge at Boston College, which includes the 1990 business interns.

2 May: Mlle. Moras breakfasts with Susan Bowman of Sister Cities International, escorted by BSSCA vice-presidents Lia Poorvu and Margaret Collins Weitz; meets with Caroline Eades, Frenchcultural attachée; has lunch and tour at Suffolk University with Dean David Robbins and Dean Marguerite Dennis, arranged by Professor Weitz; meets with BSSCA members and attends dinner hosted by Roger Berkowitz, president of Legal Seafoods, in Cambridge.

3 May: Mlle. Moras meets with Elizabeth Sussman, head curator of the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA); Donald Ross, director of the International Student Office at Boston University; and Mark McDermott, executive vice-president of the Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau.

1991

13 February: Creation of the *Comité de Jumelage Strasbourg-Boston* in Strasbourg, presided over by Francis Hirn. Previously, the *jumelage* was managed by the joint efforts of the city of Strasbourg and the Alsace-United States Association, headed by Jean-Dominique Heyl and then Pierre Hugel.

13 March: Fifth BSSCA banquet at Le Méridien, in honor of Strasbourg Mayor Catherine Trautmann who visits Boston for the first time. BSSCA officers Helen Cummings, Lia Poorvu, and Margaret Collins Weitz honored for their contributions to the *jumelage* and to France.

5 April: Signature in Boston of a “Statement of Goals and Objectives” (agreement to cooperate in the fields of environment, youth, and tourism) by the mayors of both cities, Catherine Trautmann and Raymond Flynn.

1992

19-20 June: Council of Europe conference on “Europe and North America Solidarity: An Example of Twinned Cities.” Organized by the secretary-general of the Council of Europe, with the assistance of BSSCA vice-president Margaret Collins Weitz.

July: BSSCA officers Mary Louise Burke and Helen Cummings present paper at annual conference of AATF in Strasbourg.

1993

- *Thomas Menino becomes Mayor of Boston and is elected in 2009 to serve through 2013.*

23 November 1992 - 30 January 1993: Exhibition for the centenary of Charles Munch presented at the Bibliothèque Nationale and the Université de Strasbourg.

February: Exhibition moves to Boston’s Symphony Hall; programs organized by BSSCA vice-president Lia Poorvu.

19 February: Opening reception for “The Charles Munch Exhibition in Boston” at Symphony Hall honors BSO conductor Seiji Ozawa. Munch, a mentor of Ozawa, was instrumental in bringing him to the Boston Symphony.

Concert program includes Yo-Yo Ma on cello for Dvorak’s “Serenade for Strings,” and the Haydn “Symphony No 101: Clock.” Reception sponsored by Au Bon Pain, Ruby Wines, La Belle Strasbourgeoise and Perrier. Hosted by BSCCA volunteers. A complementary exhibition is shown at Boston City Hall.

The exhibition was curated by Geneviève Honegger and supported by the Society for Friends of Music in Strasbourg, represented by its president, René Geronimus. Speakers were Yo-Yo Ma, cello soloist, born in France; Ambassador Laurent Rapin, Consul-Général of France in Boston; Lia Poorvu, vice-president; and Thomas Perry, Jr., retired executive director of the BSO, trustee emeritus of the orchestra and close personal friend of Munch. BSO archivist Bridget Car curated and organized the team of volunteers who mounted the exhibit. Lia Poorvu and Margaret Collins Weitz translated the French labels. The event was underwritten by Bull NH Information Systems.

Born in 1891, Charles Munch succeeded Serge Koussevitzky as music director of the BSO from 1949 to 1962. He was the founder of the Boston-Strasbourg *jumelage* in 1960. Charles Munch died 6 November, 1968 in Richmond, Virginia. The “Exhibition Charles Munch” in Strasbourg is co-produced by the Bibliothèque Nationale and the Université de Strasbourg and the Service de la Culture de la ville de Strasbourg. It includes photographs, documents, posters, and correspondence of Munch’s musician friends, such as Roussel, Honegger, and Poulenc. Sponsored by Strasbourg Mayor Catherine Trautmann, president of the Alsace Regional Council Marcel Rudloff, and president of the General Council of the Bas-Rhin Daniel Hoeffel.

Article in 1 April issue of *French Review*: “The First Woman of Strasbourg: Interview with Catherine Trautmann,” by BSCCA vice-president Margaret Collins Weitz.

1994

- Exchanges between Berklee School of Music and jazz classes from the Conservatoire National de la Région de Strasbourg. American teachers, including saxophonist Jerry Bergonzi, visit Strasbourg; visit of Strasbourg teacher saxophonist Philippe Geiss planned for 1997.

5 November: Sister Cities International (SCI) first regional New England meeting at Burlington Marriott Inn. Discussion of fund-raising including SCI grants such as the Eisenhower scholarships of \$2000 per semester for post-secondary students. Plans commence for national conference 23-27 July 1996 in Boston at Park Plaza Hotel.

29 November: Executive Committee meeting of the BSSCA discusses music and dance projects; plans for Boston public high school teacher exchange in 1996; and art projects, including the visit of Strasbourg artist Suzanne Obrecht to Boston, and cooperation with the new Museum of Contemporary Art in Strasbourg.

Claude Lescure, a harpist from Strasbourg, discusses establishing a sister music school relationship with the École Rhenan/Strasbourg music school and a Boston music school such as Longy School of Music or the Boston Conservatory, and facilitating an exchange of composers.

13 to 16 December: Official Boston visit to Strasbourg headed by BSSCA president Ann Collier and BSSCA treasurer Katharine Kane; delegation consists of BSSCA vice-presidents Lia Poorvu, Madeleine Apffel, Helen Cummings, and Margaret Collins Weitz, and Marvin Collier. Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Kane meet with Nadine Lehni, director of the Museums of Strasbourg and visit the atelier of Suzanne Obrecht; dinner at the home of M. et Mme. Jean-Dominique Heyl, president of the Association Alsace-États-Unis. Meetings for Helen Cummings, Margaret Collins Weitz, and Lia Poorvu with education officials. City hall reception on 14 December, followed by dinner at Le Crocodile.

15 December: Visit to Colmar to see altarpiece, lunch hosted by Comité Boston at Maison des fêtes; reception at American Consulate hosted by Consul General Shirley Barnes; dinner at Restaurant Gurtlerhof.

16 December: Working meeting with the two *jumelage* committees; lunch hosted by Mayor Trautmann at city hall; visit to the Centre de l'Elsau; visit to the Caserne des Pompiers (firehouse); reception hosted by the Association Alsace-États-Unis. Delegation stays at Hotel Maison Rouge.

1995

- Strasbourg artist Suzanne Obrecht visits Boston for one year through an exchange of artists' studios; three Boston artists occupy her Strasbourg *atelier*; while she works in Boston she paints in studios lent by Boston artists. Suzanne is supported by the *jumelage* committees of Boston and Strasbourg and by the ville de Strasbourg. « *Je crois ne jamais avoir autant travaillé, j'ai d'ailleurs fait deux expositions sur place* » (from the December 1996 brochure *Strasbourg-Boston – deux villes jumelées*).

- Bridget Carr, archivist at the BSO, visits Strasbourg, co-sponsored by BSSCA.

22 January: The Boston Camerata presents a concert of “The Sacred Bridge” at the Église St. Aurélie, a 17th century protestant church, in Strasbourg, sponsored by Les Amis de Musique sur les Instruments anciens. This presentation of Jewish and Christian music was first presented in Israel. Joel Cohen and Anne Azéma of the Camerata teach master classes at the Strasbourg Conservatoire for a week after the concert.

Note: The Camerata’s “Tristan and Isolde,” which premiered in Strasbourg in June 1988, is to be presented in October 1995 at the new concert hall in Kyoto, Japan, which is also Boston’s sister city.

July: Strasbourg high school students visit Boston.

7 November: Meeting of the Comité Boston in Strasbourg. Report on the 20 October teleconference between 25 Boston high school students and their Strasbourg counterparts. The catalogue of the Charles Munch Exhibit is published. Discussion of possible exchange between Boston artist George Nick and Suzanne Obrecht. Education exchanges discussed. Notice that Monique de Luca, first year law student, has spent two months in Boston at the home of Madeleine Apffel, and wishes to join the Comité Boston.

27 November: Visit to Strasbourg of Jean Richardot, writer, and his two daughters, who are French teachers and BSSCA members; he will present “Recueil des Poèmes” by his grandfather, Émile Bleyfus, born in Strasbourg in 1838, at the Salon du Livre de Colmar. He is hosted by Christiane Roederer of the Society of Writers of Alsace and Lorraine.

December: Alsatian dance performance by Le Centre International de Mouvement.

1996

18 January: Meeting of the Comité Boston in Strasbourg.

Spring: Mary Katharine Holt: Strasbourg artist-in-residence.

11 June: Sixty members of the Radcliffe Choral Society perform at the Pavillon Joséphine in Strasbourg; Comité Boston organizes their lodging with families or at a university.

Summer:

- Sara Frances Egan and Ival Straftord-Kovner: Strasbourg artists-in-residence. Each artist spends about two months in Strasbourg.
- Ray Fridmann becomes president of BSSCA, serves until 1998; founding president Ann Collier retires after 14 years of service, becomes honorary president.

24 June: The Harvard “Din and Tonics” (15 students) perform at the Pavillon Joséphine, also staying with Strasbourg families. Organized by Geneviève Thomassin.

July: Boston high school students visit Strasbourg.

July/August: Meeting in Strasbourg of Conference of French Teachers for professional development credits, organized by Helen Cummings (Boston) and Marie Maurer (Strasbourg). Ten teachers from Boston spend three weeks in Strasbourg and are hosted by ten Strasbourg teachers of English. Courses on French contemporary literature in the morning, tours in the afternoon. The ten Strasbourg teachers visit Boston in 1997; they are hosted by their American French teacher counterparts. Organized by Mary Louise Burke and Kathryn Portle.

23-27 July: Participation by the BSSCA in the national convention and 40th anniversary of Sister Cities International (SCI) held in Boston.

- Since 1990, the ville de Strasbourg has given grants to graduate students in science to do research in Boston. The Laboratoire des Systèmes Photoniques of the École Nationale Supérieure de Physique de Strasbourg creates a committee of cooperation with Boston universities. For example, physicist Isabelle Kraus works four months at Brandeis University with professor Robert Meyer, physics expert on crystal liquids (brochure December 1996: “*Strasbourg-Boston – deux villes jumelées*”).

1997

- *Roland Ries becomes Mayor of Strasbourg in 1997 and serves until 2001.*
- BSSCA vice-president Helen Cummings, former director of world languages in the Boston Public Schools, is named Commander in the Order of *Les Palmes Académiques* by the French government. Ms. Cummings retires from her long service with the Boston Public Schools in summer 1996. Note: In 1983, she created the Boston High School Travel-Study Program, working with BSSCA president Ann Collier, and organized the 1996 teachers’ exchange in Strasbourg.

17 January - 2 February: Exhibition in Strasbourg of Boston artists at the Galerie Laiterie: “Les Artistes américaines à Strasbourg”. Organized by Sara Egan and Mary Katharine Holt, the nine participating artists are: Olga Anatonova, Elli Crocker, Sara Egan, Jesseca Ferguson, Mary Katharine Holt, Ival Stratford-Kovner, Michelle Samour, Sarah Slavick, Anna Strickland. In return for the Boston hosting of Strasbourg artist Suzanne Obrecht, Strasbourg pays for the rental of the Galerie Laiterie, the publicity, the invitations and posters, the reception, the hanging and management of the exhibition, and transportation of the works to and from the airport; BSSCA funds the shipping and framing of the works.

26-27 February: Professor Margaret Collins Weitz official visit to Strasbourg. Meets with the Comité Boston, attends presentation of “Combattantes de l’Ombre” at the Bibliothèque Nationale, and lectures on the “Role of Women in the Resistance” to Strasbourg *lycéens*.

Summer: Strasbourg high school students visit Boston.

1998

June: Official visit to Boston of Strasbourg Mayor Roland Ries and delegation.

Summer: Boston high school students visit Strasbourg.

1999

November: The American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) Congress held in Strasbourg.

- Daniel Apffel becomes BSSCA president, serves until 2001. Strasbourg students visit Boston.

2000

- Fortieth anniversary of the Boston-Strasbourg twinning.
- Boston high school students go to Strasbourg.

2001

- *Fabienne Keller becomes Mayor of Strasbourg and serves until 2008.*
- Mary Louise Burke becomes BSSCA president. Dominique Pradeau-Prisot becomes president of the Comité Boston in Strasbourg.

Spring/summer: Exchanges between Mount Ida College and Strasbourg Lycée René Cassin. Strasbourg high school students visit Boston.

15 September: The Association Alsace-États-Unis holds memorial ceremony for the victims of 11 September 2001 at the Cathédral of Strasbourg with the Orchestre Philharmonique.

October: BSO director Seiji Ozawa conducts the “Berlioz Requiem” as a September 11 memorial, in Boston and New York; Ozawa has dedicated earlier performances to his mentor Charles Munch.

2002

January: BSSCA assists with lectures introducing the American movies *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Showboat*, which were presented as previews at the Opéra du Rhin in Strasbourg.

22 June: Annual meeting at City Hall.

July: Annual Congress of American Association of Teachers of French in Boston; Comité Boston president Dominique Pradeau-Prisot lectures on Alsace. Twelve Boston high school students go to Strasbourg.

2003

March: BSSCA participation in “La Semaine de la Francophonie,” weeklong showcase of French activities in New England. Gastronomic events include dinners and wine tastings.

10 June: Annual meeting and dinner at Brasserie Jo.

Summer: Student exchanges from Lycée René Cassin and Lycée d’Erstein; 15 students from 12 Strasbourg schools hosted in Boston.

July: BSSCA participates in Boston French Film Festival presentation of Tony Gatlif’s movie *Swing*, which was shot in Strasbourg and features actors and musicians from Strasbourg.

29 October: Rendezvous Alsace at the French Library Alliance Française.

6 November: Concert by Josée Vachon at the Boston Public Library.

4-11 November: Official visit to Strasbourg of Boston delegation headed by BSSCA president Mary Louise Burke. Members include Maryellen Harrington; Diane Capozzoli; Karen Norton; MaryAnn Driscoll; Ellen Flatley; and Esther Kaplan, director, Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs. Hosted by Mayor Fabienne Keller. Meetings with teachers and city officials take place.

2004

14 January: Meeting of BSSCA trustees and directors at City Hall.

2 February: Dinner at Sandrine’s with chef Émile Jung of Le Crocodile (Strasbourg).

19 March: Francophonie celebration at l’École Bilingue.

22 March: Wine-tasting dinner at L’Espalier.

April: Recital at the French Library Alliance Française by three musicians from ensemble “Voix Point Comme.” BSSCA supports Strasbourg marathon runner Kolbec, who is ranked 189th out of 1051.

22 April: BSSCA president Mary Louise Burke serves on honorary committee for French-American Chamber of Commerce dinner honoring Millipore, which has supported the BSSCA.

1 May: Fête du Muguet concert: Alsatian chamber music group, at the French Library Alliance Française.

18 May: Official establishment of Comité Boston:
boston.strasbourg@worldonline.fr

30 June -19 July: Twelve Boston students one chaperone go to Strasbourg. Other student exchanges continue: Lycée René Cassin; Lycée Kléber; Boston Latin School. High school students present their research projects on 7 October.

June: Harvard “Din and Tonics” give concerts in Strasbourg.

7 June: Annual meeting at the Somerset Club fetes 20th year of the high school exchanges and honors Ann Collier’s years as BSSCA president. High school students detail the major impact of the program on their lives and the opportunities offered them. Joel Cohen of the Boston Camerata, master of ceremonies. Other speakers document the wide- ranging programs of the association, including Olga Vidisheva from the Mt. Ida College exchange and Jessica Ferguson who participated in the Artist Travel Program to Strasbourg in 1985:

- Fire Chief Paul Cook, one of three firefighters chosen to represent Boston, visited Strasbourg in 1989 for the dedication of the new firehouse. The trip was a highlight of his life. One room of the new firehouse was dedicated as the Boston Room, visitors welcome. Chief Cook also hosted Strasbourg firefighters during their subsequent visit to Boston in 1986.
- Jennifer Thomas-Starck speaks about the Boston College Business Internship Program and her work in Strasbourg for the 30th anniversary of the *jumelage*, and later at Boston College.
- Polly Lyman recalls the visit of Mayor Rudloff for the 25th anniversary of the *jumelage* in 1985, and praises of Ann Collier’s wonderful leadership.
- The new program of Boston College semester abroad is described by Kate Bartel, who has just returned from Strasbourg.
- Anne Azéma of the Boston Camerata discusses music projects.
- Mary Sullivan Morris, a French teacher in Boston since 1969, describes the teachers’ exchange in 1996, and the lasting relationships she made there.
- Julie Stone describes the visit of two gardeners to Strasbourg in the fall of 1989, noting that the Boston gardeners studied French gardening systems and brought back many useful ideas.

- Dermatologist John Strasswimmer describes his medical research in Strasbourg, thanks to the support of Lia Poorvu, at Tufts.
- Consul-Général Thierry Vankerk-Hoven praises the work of the BSSCA as essential to French-American relationships. *“I was really impressed by the diversity and range of projects and the dedication of the association members over the years. The work done by the BSSCA complements the work of diplomats done on an official level.”*
- Presentation by Mary Louise Burke to Ann Collier of the Lifetime Contributions Award.

October: Octoberfest at Sandrine’s.

5 November: Casual Friday at Globe Restaurant.

2005

27 January: Trustees meet.

14 March: Gala benefit dinner at Sandrine’s featuring Fernand Mischler, chef of Auberge du Cheval Blanc in Strasbourg.

29 March:

- Boston Camerata 50th anniversary concert in Strasbourg.
- Examples of sponsored educational exchange programs
- include: Pine Manor College/Lycée René Cassin;
- Commonwealth School/Lycée Marguerite Yourcenar; Andover High School/Lycée Kléber; North Andover High School/Lycée Marie-Curie.

8 April: Reception/Réunion at Boston College for university exchange students.

19 April: Jazz concert with saxophonists Jerry Bergonzi (Berklee, Boston) and Philippe Geiss (Conservatoire de Strasbourg) at Les Zygomates.

22 June: Annual meeting at City Hall.

30 June - 18 July: Twelve Strasbourg students come to Boston.

9 September: Rentrée Recovery at Eastern Standard Bistro.

5 November:

- Boston Lyric Opera presents *Lucia de Lammermoor*; dinner at Pigalle Restaurant.

Francophone events in 2005 in which BSSCA members participated: Meetings of the French Heritage Society; Marcel Marceau; Commonwealth School Halloween Party for exchange students; Francophonie dinner at Brasserie Jo; Lafayette Society reception for the Marquis de Lafayette; and reception to honor Ann and Lucien Robert/Maison Robert (BSSCA Trustees).

2006

10 January: Trustees reception hosted by François Gauthier, Consul- Général of France.

27 January: Arrival of Tomi Ungerer works; 27 Jan to 3 Feb – installation at Boston Public Library.

3 February: Student applications reviewed for the high school exchange. Students interviewed and selected 3 March. Four orientation sessions held at the Josiah Quincy School.

4 to 10 February: Visit of Dominique Pradeau-Prisot, president of Comité Boston.

6 February: Meeting with Stanley Smith concerning preservation projects; visit to Salem.

7 February: Opening of “The Human Comedy: Drawings and Posters by Tomi Ungerer” at the Boston Public Library (BPL). Exhibition takes place 7 February to 31 March 2006. Organized and curated by Stéphanie Molinard, supported by volunteers.

Strasbourg native Tomi Ungerer is regarded as Alsace’s best-known artist. This is the first major exhibition of this famous Alsatian illustrator in an American institution. Internationally renowned for his children’s books, Tomi Ungerer is also widely recognized for his political cartoons and posters, his graphic fables, and his magazine illustrations. The exhibit gathers 60 of these works and covers more than 30 years of a career that began in New York in 1957.

Honored guests at the opening include: the Consul Generals of France, Germany and Ireland; the director of the Goethe Institut Boston; press officer of the Consulate General of Israel; the president of the Irish Charitable Society; and the president of the Association Strasbourg- Boston. Guests are welcomed by Bernard Margolis, president of the BPL, and BSSCA president Mary Louise Burke. Exhibit sponsors also include Boston Public Library, the Goethe Institute Boston, Association Strasbourg-Boston, German Consulate General, the Cultural Service of the French Consulate in Boston, Les Musées de Strasbourg, the French Library Alliance Française, and the Mayor’s Office of Arts, Tourism, and Special Events.

9 March: Panel discussion with Richard Hunt, Marie-France Bunting (Harvard), Sol Gittleman, and Judith Wechster (Tufts); dinner for participants follows.

18 March: Gallery talk in English by Stéphanie Molinard.

21 March: Gallery talk in French by Stéphanie Molinard. Exhibit draws large audiences.

16 May: Reception for exchange families at French Library Alliance Française.

20 June: Reception for exchange families at the Consulate General of France.

26 June - 16 July: Ten Boston high school students go to Strasbourg, accompanied by teacher Kerri O’Keeffe, alumna of the 1988 BSSCA high school travel-study exchange.

15 September: Rentrée Recovery at Eastern Standard Bistro.

5-8 November: Official visit of Strasbourg Mayor Fabienne Keller and delegation.

5 November: Dinner chez François Gauthier, Consul-Général of France.

6 November: Parkman House luncheon hosted by Mayor Menino; Harvard University tour and discussion with Brock Reeve and Kevin Eggan, hosted by university marshal Jackie O’Neill; Mayor Keller speaks at Harvard Business School with consulate-hosted reception following.

7 November: Meetings for various members of the delegation with Mark Maloney, director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority; with Boston College museum and library officials; with Thomas Kinton, CEO of Massport; with Institute of Contemporary Art deputy-director Paul Bessire for a special pre-opening visit of the new ICA. November 7th reception with BSSCA members at the Colonnade Hotel, sponsored by Ron Druker, followed by BSO concert and post-concert meeting for Mayor Keller with BSO conductor James Levine and reception for the Strasbourg delegation and Boston committee with Christian Tetzlaff, violin soloist, organized by BSSCA vice-president Lia Poorvu.

8 November: Meeting with Broad Institute director Eric Lander; meeting with David Page, director of the Whitehead Institute, arranged by French Scientific Attaché Jean-Jacques Pierrac; tour of MIT led by Ed Ballo; and lunch at Sandrine’s with Consul-Général Gauthier, with presentation of Médaille d’Or du Tourisme to chef Raymond Ost.

The twelve-member delegation includes: Professeur Claude Kedinger, director of l'École Supérieure de Biotechnologie de Strasbourg; Professor Jean Louis Mandel, director of l'Institut de Génétique et Biologie moléculaire et cellulaire de Strasbourg; M. Pascal Mangin, Deputy-Mayor; Mme. Sophie Rohfritsch, Mayor of Lampertheim; Dominique Pradeau-Prisot, president of Comité Boston. Four members of the press: Yolande Baldeweck, editor of *Journal d'Alsace*; Chantal Grandgeorge, journalist with *Dernieres Nouvelles d'Alsace*; Claire Peyrot and Vincent Roy, with TV France 3 Alsace. Two Strasbourg city hall staff: Delphine Gougeon, chef de service; Michèle Henry, chargée de mission.

2007

21-24 January: Boston visit to Strasbourg by Angela Menino, wife of Boston Mayor Thomas Menino; BSSCA president Mary Louise Burke; and Julie Burns, director of the Office of Arts, Tourism, and Special Events.

21 January: Dinner for Mary Louise Burke and Julie Burns chez Dominique Pradeau-Prisot.

22 January: Angela Menino meets with Mayor Keller at City Hall; dinner hosted by Comité Boston at l'Ancienne Douane.

23 January: Meeting with Patrice Guy, director of the Office of Tourism, walking tour of the city; luncheon at Maison Kamerzell with U.S. Consul Frankie Reed and Anne Schumann, Deputy-Mayor; visit to the Chalet des Mères à l'École maternelle Reuss at Neuhof.

24 January: Visit to the European Court and European Parliament; official luncheon at city hall; tour of the Musée d'Art moderne et contemporain de Strasbourg (MAMCS) and of the Roualt exposition; meeting with Emmanuel Guigon, chief curator of the musée and Patrick Javault, curator of contemporary art; farewell *tarte flambée* dinner hosted by the Association Alsace-États-Unis with Gilbert Hadey.

26-29 January: BPL Vattermare exhibit events: attended by Mary Louise Burke and Dominique Pradeau-Prisot.

29 June -15 July: Strasbourg students arrive in Boston. Classes at the Boston Public Library; visits to MFA, Salem, Gloucester, ICA, Freedom Trail, JFK Museum, Harvard, Museum of African Heritage, Museum of Science, Duck Tour; meeting with Mayor Menino at City Hall.

12 July: Reception for Anne-Marie Kastner, teacher/chaperone from Strasbourg.

18 -31 August: Visit of Strasbourg artist Fredd Croizer, arranged by BSSCA trustee Christophe Egles. Meetings with local artists and galleries; Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs; tour Hingham and South Shore. BSSCA dinner at 224 Boston Restaurant.

29 September: Rentrée Recovery at Les Zygomates.

16 November: Meeting of Art Committee: Christophe Egles, Ann Collier.

December: Meeting of BSSCA officers and directors.

2008

• *Roland Ries becomes Mayor of Strasbourg for a second term and is serving at present (2010).*

January: Meeting of BSSCA trustees.

7 February: Interviews of high school exchange candidates.

March through June: Orientation program for exchange students.

14 March: BSSCA participates in Francophonie dinner.

11 April: Dinner at Sandrine's and Boston Camerata concert.

7 May: Reception at French Library Alliance Française for exchange students and parents.

28 June - 18 July: Ten Boston high school students go to Strasbourg.

24 July: University of Strasbourg professors Murielle Matt and Catherine Grosdemange-Billard visit.

August: L'Orchestre des Jeunes de Strasbourg gives several very successful concerts:

- 14 August: BPL Rabb Auditorium, with reception at Trinity Church
- 18 August: Salem Willows Shell, Salem
- 19 August: Christopher Columbus Park
- 20 August: First United Methodist Church, Chatham

4 November: Presentation of high school students' research projects at Boston Latin School. Special guests Dr. Carol Johnson, superintendent of Boston Public Schools; François Gauthier, Consul-Général of France; Lynn Mooney-Teta, headmaster of Boston Latin School

9 November: Boston Lyric Opera offers seats for BSSCA members; dinner at Jacob Wirth.

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•Planning starts for gala celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the BSSCA next year, including permanent location of archives, exchange visits and related events.

18 February: Meeting of trustees at *Résidence de France*, hosted by Consul-Général François Gauthier.

20 March: BSSCA participation in Francophonie gala dinner at Langham Hotel.

2 June - 31 July: Exhibit of Strasbourg artist Alain Eschenlauer at Aidekman Arts Center, Tufts University, opening reception June 4th. Artist's visit to Boston and exhibition organized by chair of the BSSCA Art Committee Christophe Egles.

June/July: Strasbourg students come to Boston; selection of host families and orientation meetings for host families start in March.

23 June: Annual meeting at Gaslight Brasserie. Planning starts for 50th anniversary.

9 September: Executive Committee meets at 10 Chestnut Street to establish 50th anniversary Steering Committee. Members are: Ann Collier, honorary president; Mary Louise Burke, president; Cathy Campbell and Katharine Kane, co-chairs; Paulette Boudrot; Margaret Collins Weitz; Christophe Egles; Mary Alice Hantout; Raymond Ost; Lia Poorvu; Kathryn Portle; Jennifer Thomas-Starck; Helen Cummings. Committees to work on include artists' projects, education, gastronomy, special events, honors and awards, fund-raising. Honorary chairs of the 50th anniversary to be invited. A *Taste of Alsace* event in November is planned. Committee decides to meet monthly.