

**Mayor Joan Foster's Speech for the official signing  
of the  
Sister city certificates between the cities of  
Lynchburg  
and Glauchau on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

**Thank you John, (John Malec, President of Sister  
Cities)**

To our esteemed guests from Glauchau, Mr.  
Thomas Schreiter, Mr. Stephan Naumann, Mr. Andreas  
Weber, and Mr. Flex Schmidt,

To President Malec, the members, and officials  
with the Sister Cities organization,

To everyone assembled, good evening.

On behalf of the citizens of Lynchburg and the  
members of Lynchburg City Council, I bring you  
greetings.

I am extremely pleased to be with you this evening  
for the official signing of our Sister City proclamation  
with Glauchau, Germany. Earlier today, I had the  
distinct pleasure of meeting with our new friends from  
Glauchau and was pleased to be able to give them a  
glimpse of our City government.

I was sorry to learn of The Lord Mayor's bereavement and please let him know that he and his family are in our prayers.

We are very proud that Lynchburg is a part of this program. The Sister City Program has provided groups and individuals from this area with the opportunity to learn about other cultures and fosters friendships and understanding with others across the world. Its mission, promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation - one individual, one community at a time is a worthy endeavor.

I have not had the privilege of visiting Glauchau but I have heard that it is a beautiful city and I hope to be able to visit one day soon. Many thanks to everyone who have worked so diligently to make this partnership between Glauchau and Lynchburg possible. I am sure that it will be a long and prosperous partnership.

I also want to thank Mr. Helmut Mangold with the Hermle Black Forest Clock Company in Amherst, for the beautiful grandfather clock that was presented to the City on Friday. It is standing in the City Manager/City

Council offices in City Hall. The next time any of you are downtown, please stop in to see it. It is a handsome addition to the office and we deeply appreciate the gift.

Before I sign the official proclamation I would like to present the Glauchau delegation with a gift commemorating the creation of this Sister City partnership. This is a framed print created from a painting commissioned for Lynchburg's bicentennial in 1986. The painting was done by noted artist David Heath. It is our gift to Glauchau and we hope it will hold fond memories of your visit here with us.