

Good Afternoon,

My name is Manfred Mibus, former President of Sister City of Lynchburg .Let me give you a short background history, how we found Glauchau in the State of Saxony.

In October of 2001 I started out looking for a Sister City in Germany. I approached Erlangen ,a city close to Nuernberg. It seemed a good choice, since Erlangen is the headquarter of Siemens and Siemens is part owner of AREVA.However, after talking with representatives for more than a year, I could not get a positive response from Erlangen, so I turned my attention in 2002 to Darmstadt ,a city south of Frankfurt. This seemed to be a good choice, since the Meredith/Burda Corporation began in Lynchburg in 1970 and American Hofmann, headquartered in a suburb of Darmstadt. Again, for various reasons, this did not work out.

In Spring of 2003 I turned my attention to Bad Soden a city north of Frankfurt and in summer of 2003 I approached the city of Dessau in the former East Germany. While I was still considering Dessau, the city of Glauchau came into the picture.

While visiting the town of Glauchau in Saxony, Mr. Fletcher Burton, Consul General of the United States took part in a discussion with local business people and students. Mr. Burton was asked by students of the local High School if he could be of assistance in finding a Sister City in the United States.

In an instant they got the promised support.

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