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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Austrian Delegation Visits Dubuque

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A delegation from Dornbirn, Austria, will visit Dubuque this weekend. Dubuque's Sister City Committee will host the six-person delegation, which includes Dornbirn Mayor Wolfgang Rümmele, Vice Mayor Martin Ruepp, and Dornbirn Public Relations Director Ralf Hämmerle.

Dubuque was one of the most common destinations for the immigrants coming from Dornbirn during the 19th century, including several prominent early Dubuque families, including the Rhomberts. L.A., Joseph, and Francis Rhomberg were born in Dornbirn before coming to Dubuque and finding success in the distilling/brewing, wholesale liquors, railroad, and tanning/fur industries.

Dornbirn is the largest city in the Austrian state of Vorarlberg and has a population of nearly 46,000. The city benefits from its location among diverse cultural and natural settings in the four-country area of Austria, the Principality of Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Germany.

The Dornbirn group will arrive tomorrow (Friday) and leave Sunday. Their Dubuque itinerary includes visits to many local attractions, including the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, the Star Brewery, and Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Before coming to Dubuque, they visited Philadelphia (home of Drexel University, founded by the son of Francis Martin Drexel, a Dornbirn native and Philadelphia banker and artist) and New York.

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**NOTE TO MEDIA:** If you would like to cover the visit or interview members of the delegation, please contact Public Information Officer Randy Gehl at 563.589.4151, 563.599.2448, or [rgehl@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:rgehl@cityofdubuque.org).