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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dornbirn Delegation to Return to Dubuque

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A delegation from Dubuque’s sister city, Dornbirn, Austria, will visit Dubuque from May 16-19. Dubuque’s Sister City Committee will host the 12-person delegation, which includes newly elected Mayor Andrea Kaufmann, former Mayor Wolfgang Rümmele, Vice Mayor Martin Ruepp, City Manager Hanno Ledermüllner, and Councilor of International Contacts Guntram Mäser.

The Dornbirn group’s Dubuque itinerary includes a Friday-night reception with city officials, tours of the Historic Millwork District and the Roshek Building, lunch at Eagle Point Park, and visits to St. Mary’s Church and Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

During the 19th century, Dubuque was one of the most common destinations for immigrants coming from Dornbirn, including several prominent early Dubuque families such as the Schwendingers and 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.

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