



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy St. Patrick's Day

March Newsletter 2018

Unique Show and Tell Program should be fun on March 8

Because last year's "Show and Tell" program was so well received, the board decided to do it again for the March meeting. We are still looking for more volunteers who have purchased (or received) an item on a trip to another country that has a story behind it. If you have something to share, please call Jon Keckonen at 457-4318 to set up an appointment to have it photographed between Feb. 27 and March 5. By doing that, he will be able to show the item on the big screen for everyone to see as you hold it up and talk about it at the meeting. It will be up to several members to make this program a success – as it was last year!

The menu for the evening will be our annual pizza night. A salad bar will also be included. Dessert will be supplied by Char Gumm. Social hour begins at 5:30; dinner at 6:30; program at 7:30.

The cost of the dinner is \$16.00 per person. Please mail your checks to **Char Gumm, N6222 Woodland Rd., Sheboygan, 53083**. The deadline for reservations is **February 26**.

The board will meet at 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 8th at the Elks Club. Please call Bob Quasius at 451-8565 if you need to be excused from the meeting.

Coming Events



- Mar. 8, '18** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar. 11** **Brat Fry at RCS Building**
- Apr. 12** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- May 10** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Aug. 16** 5:30-8 PM – Thursday night picnic at the Howards Grove Community Center
- Sept. 13** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Oct. 11** Chapter meeting at Elks Club

Have you made your basket?

Remember that all families are asked to make at least one basket for our raffle at the brat fry on March 11. If you need advice on how to fill a basket, please call Anna Schoen at 912-1468. The basket can be any theme you wish, but be sure to list the items in it and its approximate value on an attached sheet. You may bring your basket EARLY on the 11th, OR if you would like your basket picked up on Saturday, the 10th, please call **Margaret Voorhans** at 452-1150.



We are also grateful to **Keith and Vicki Herd** for agreeing to chair the bake sale table. You can help make their first year a big success by bringing lots of homemade goodies to the RCS building early on March 11, or you can bring them on Saturday between 9 and 10:00 a.m.



If you have not already signed up for a work shift at the brat fry, please call **Henry Schoen** at 946-2868. The brat fry will be lots of work, but it is also a day of fun for all members who participate.

If you are unable to participate on that day for any reason, your donation to the event will be gladly accepted. Just mail a check to Rich Miesfeld at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083.

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4 students studying in Germany

Our four high school students who left for Esslingen on February 5 have enjoyed the Fasching holidays with their host families and now are attending “class” with Beth Hejl to learn some more basics in German communication before they start school. We are grateful to Susan Kirchner for giving them some German lessons before they left, and we hope they are finding that to be helpful as they begin to adjust to their new lives in Germany. Amber, Adam, Ben, and Reilly will have some interesting stories to relate to us when they return in July.



Kris Hancock in Nicaragua

Kris Hancock is down in Managua, Nicaragua, working with special needs students at Tesoros de Dios, a school that one of her former students from Oostburg Christian School started 13 years ago. Kris is a terrific role model for all People to People members, both in her active role in the Sheboygan Chapter as well as making her annual trips down to Nicaragua to help this school succeed.



SSE Students selected for 2018



The eight students pictured here have been selected to participate in the SSE program (Short Stay Exchange) this summer with Renee Zenk (back left) as their chaperone. They have all been matched with partners in Esslingen, and they are communicating with their partners via email, Snapchat, or other electronic means. They will all be working at the brat fry on March 8, and their nametags will identify them. We do not identify minors by name in our PTP newsletters, but you will be able to meet most of them at the brat fry on March 11.

Ken Hancock to the rescue

Ken Hancock was one of our PTP exchange students in 1987. For a number of years, he has been working in Budapest where he lives with his wife and son. A short while ago he was riding to work on his bicycle when he saw an elderly couple trying to cross the busy street. The woman was hit by another bicyclist and was obviously injured and in need of help. Ken stopped, and he soon discovered they could not speak Hungarian but were speaking German. He called for emergency assistance and then rode with them to the hospital in the ambulance so that he could translate for them. When the police officer took his report, the officer said, “You interest me. You speak fluent Hungarian, fluent German, you have an American passport, and you were born in Seoul, Korea.” It’s amazing how these international exchanges can prepare one for what lies ahead, even unexpected situations.



Exchange students keep in touch

Thom Nicla was a PTP exchange student back in 1986 and now his exchange partner, Christian Müller, is visiting in Sheboygan for two weeks. Christian’s daughter is studying at South High for this year and Christian came to visit both Thom and his daughter. They have stayed in touch for these last 32 years and now their friendship extends to the next generation.



Charter member is gone

One more of our charter members, Norm Minster, passed away on February 16 at the age of 95. Norm and his late wife Marilyn were founding members of our Sheboygan Chapter in 1965, and Norm was president from 1972-74. For those who wish to pay respects to this man, the visitation will be Wednesday evening from 4-7:00 p.m. at Ballhorn Funeral Chapels or at Luther Memorial Church on Thursday prior to the 2:00 p.m. service. For those who wish to read the obituary of Norm’s interesting life, it appeared in last Sunday’s Sheboygan Press. It is available online.



See you at the brat fry on Mar. 11

Remember to bring your baked goods and desserts early on the 11th so that they can be cut and priced by the Vicki, Keith, and their assistants. Since we have no flea market this year, let’s have LOTS of baskets for the raffle and goodies for the bake sale.