



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy Valentine's Day

February Newsletter 2019

Ed and Kristin Abell will speak at the February 14th meeting

Life-long travelers, Kristin and Ed Abell have always cultivated friendships with the people of countries they visit. On Valentine's Day they'll share some special connections made during a recent trip that included Australia and Tasmania. They write, "Come to the meeting on February 14th to find out the identity of our "incognito host in blue". Hint: Anton is related to one of our members.



The menu for the evening will be honey pecan chicken, baked ham, twice-baked potatoes, Wisconsin blend vegetables, salad bowl, rolls, and beverage. Dessert will be provided by Bob and Denise Quasius in honor of their anniversary. The 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 4**.

The board will meet at 5:00 pm on Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Elks Club. Please call Jon Keckonen at 457-4318 if you need to be excused from the meeting.

Coming Events



- Feb 14, '19** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar 10 '19** PTP Brat Fry at RCS Building
- Mar 14, '19** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Apr 11, '19** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- May 9, '19** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Aug. 8 '19** Chapter Picnic 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

More information about program

Ed and Kristin Abell were kind enough to send a longer description of their program than we usually get from our speakers. Here is what they shared: "Kristin's first overseas trip was a summer in Morocco as an AFS student. Ed's was a three-month tour of Japan as an Industrial Design college student. Being the foreigner in a different culture left a positive impression on both of them.

Ed's art school experience led to a 30-year design career at Frank Mayer and Associates in Grafton. Kristin owned the Sheboygan Company, Torginol, then ran the Center for Entrepreneurship at LTC. As careers settled in, they began to travel around the world. An opportunity through Rotary led to Kristin taking Ed back to Morocco. One of the ladies (Liz) on the tour was from Australia. They bonded, and that friendship ultimately aided in their decision to bag a sixth continent.

After their Overseas Adventure Travel tour of New Zealand and Australia ended, they stayed with Liz and her husband for ten days two hours west of Sydney. That experience included a drive through dust into the outback."

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Message from Tom Riemann

Thank you to those who picked up your brat fry tickets and to those who already paid for them. Remember that it is important to get these tickets into the hands of non-members so that we can increase our attendance at the brat fry. When paying for the tickets, please make checks out to PTP - Sheboygan chapter. You can mail the check to Tom or bring it to the February meeting or the day of the brat fry. For members who still need their tickets or those who need more, call Tom at 452-5053. This year our chapter will have 5 middle school exchanges with partners in Esslingen, Germany. We need each PTP member to support our exchange programs. Lets all of us do our share so the Sheboygan Chapter of PTP can continue to provide these truly remarkable opportunities. Tom Riemann, 4436 Tara Lane Sheboygan 53081. tomriemann63@gmail.com



Have you scheduled your shift?

This year Ann Keckonen is in charge of scheduling the workers at the brat fry, and sign up sheets will be available at the February meeting. You may also contact her directly to sign up by emailing her at akeckonen@charter.net. Each family member is asked to work at least one shift during the day.

Basket Raffle changed last year

Remember that last year we initiated a new kind of raffle, and it was a huge success. Each family is asked to assemble a basket of goodies for the raffle, and it can be any theme you choose. Please be sure to list the items in your basket and the approximate value on an attached sheet. Last year we had baskets valued all the way from \$25 to more than \$200. Margaret Voorhans and Denise Quasius will receive your baskets either at their homes after March 1 or at the RCS Building **early** on March 10. The raffle is a big part of our fundraiser, and every basket and donation is appreciated.



Bake sale - always a huge success

Please bring all of your bake sale donations to the RCS Building very early on March 10 – between 9:00 and 9:30 – so that they can be cut and priced before the brat fry opens at 10:00. Our customers love the large variety of special treats that we always have available at our fundraiser. Homemade breads are a big hit, as are pies, tortes, bars, cookies, and anything else you would like to prepare in your kitchen.



Kudos to our fryers & kitchen crew

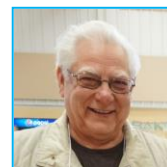
There are many people who work behind the scenes to make our brat fry a success. The men who are willing to stand outside in the cold (and sometimes snow) to prepare our brats and hamburgers arrive early and stay until all the meat is prepared. Most of our members and patrons never see them, but they work hard and are cheerful, even if the weather is bad that day. We appreciate them.



For the past several years, Char Gumm has been in charge of food service, and she does an excellent job of running a clean and efficient kitchen. Those who work with her have found it to be an enjoyable job and of course, we need lots of helpers for that area. For those who prefer not to be on their feet for a full shift, we have broken up the food service into shorter shifts this year. The picture shows Char on the right with helpers Nancy Weinberger and Mary Liz Towne.



Henry Schoen takes charge



We appreciate Henry Schoen's willingness to take charge of the entire brat fry again this year. If you have any questions about anything concerning the event, you can call Henry at 451-9160. Thanks, Henry!