



# Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy Valentines Day!

February Newsletter 2017

## Learn about China with Dr. Lisa Chen on February 9

The February 9<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting at the Elks Club will feature Dr. Lisa Chen, who came to the U.S. from China in 2000. She was a research scientist in hematology, and while working on her Ph.D. she had an opportunity to study at Yale University and to work



there as a researcher. During her 5 years in NYC, she worked at Albert Einstein Medical College, Weill Cornell Medical College in Manhattan and finished her medical Board examination. She then became an internal medicine resident in Amarillo, Texas. She continued her studies

with a hematology oncology fellowship at Oklahoma University. She is currently employed as the hematologist/oncologist at Aurora in Sheboygan. She has been here since August, 2013. In her presentation, she will compare her studies in China with her life here in the U.S.

The menu will include chicken alfredo, baked lasagna, crusty, buttered garlic bread, bread sticks, salad bowl, coffee and milk. Dessert will be provided by Anna Schoen.

**Social hour, 5:30; dinner, 6:30; program, 7:30 pm.**

The cost of the dinner is \$16.00 per person. To make reservations, please make out a check to PTP-Sheboygan and send it to Esther Weiss at 1426 N. 15th St., Sheboygan, 53081. **Deadline is January 30.**

**The board will meet at 5:00 pm on February 9 at the Elks Club. Please call Bob Quasius at 451-8565 if you need to be excused from the meeting.**

## Coming Events

- Feb. 9, '17** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar. 9, '17** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar. 12, '17** Brat Fry Fundraiser at RCS
- Apr. 12, '17** (Wed night) Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- May 11, '17** Chapter meeting at Elks Club



## Show and Tell for March

*from your program chair, Ed Clabots*

Last year your board decided to try something different for a program. The intent is to help us get to know about each other through the travels we have had. Each person who wants to participate should bring in one or two souvenirs of their travels and tell group members what the object is and why it is of special significance for you. At our January meeting I brought in and talked about a metal statue of the Hindu god Shiva from my trip to India. The significance for me is that Shiva was standing on an evil demon. The demon represented ignorance which for Hindus is evil. It was significant because I was a teacher trying to rid ignorance from students.



Since the statue was only eight inches high and black, I showed a slide of it on the screen to make it easier for everybody to see as I talked about it. Jon Keckonen has offered to take a picture of what you have so that we can do the same for the item that you decide to bring. Please contact Jon **by March 1<sup>st</sup>** so you can arrange for him to take the picture of your item. Call him at 920-457-4318. Start thinking now about what you might bring!

Thanks very much.

**PTP** This newsletter is produced monthly for members of the Sheboygan, WI People to People Chapter, which is affiliated with People to People International. Newsletter items should be submitted by the **15<sup>th</sup> of the month** to Ann Keckonen, 1542 Golf View Dr. E., Sheboygan, WI 53083 or by Email to [akeckonen@charter.net](mailto:akeckonen@charter.net). Our website is [www.ptpsheboygan.org](http://www.ptpsheboygan.org)

## Getting to know you



Bill and Diane Mikolyzk have been members of our chapter for 12 years. They traveled to Argentina in September of 2005 with the PTP-Sheboygan delegation to set up the initial exchange contacts with Córdoba. That began their

treasured friendship with John and Donna Webb and Carlos and Marta Gabetta and their family.

Bill and Diane met at Ripon College and both did their graduate work at Indiana University in Bloomington. Bill taught history and physical education at Plymouth High School for 36 years, as well as coaching varsity basketball and golf teams. Diane taught Spanish at Green Bay East, Plymouth, and Howards Grove high schools. They became active in People to People during their last year of teaching.

The Mikolyzks have three children and nine grandchildren ranging in age from 17 to 2. They love to golf, read, play duplicate bridge, hike, and, of course, travel. In addition to Argentina, they have traveled to Italy, Ireland, England, Scotland, Turkey, Eastern Europe, Croatia, Slovenia, Spain, France, Costa Rica, Mexico and Greece. Within the US they love to visit many of our National Parks. They have a winter home in Green Valley, AZ.

Diane is the coordinator for our high school exchange with Córdoba, and in that role she spends countless hours communicating with our board and also with Geno Gabetta in Córdoba as she makes arrangements for the Argentine students to study here in Sheboygan. Our next student to arrive will be Jeremias Meier on February 24th, and he will be spending 5 months with the Kittelson family while he attends South High School. Diane and Geno have worked hard to make this exchange happen.

## Travel to Esslingen?

There are still a few places left in the travel group going to Esslingen, Germany, with Mayor Vandersteen in May to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Sister City relationship. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Mary Rajer in the mayor's office at 459-3317. Esslingen is a beautiful city, and if you have never been there, this is your chance. The group is also going to Salzburg and Vienna after the celebration in Esslingen.



## PTP Brat Fry is March 12

Remember to attend our brat fry fundraiser at the RCS Building, 1607 Geele Avenue, on March 12 from 10:00 – 4:00. If you are a member of the Sheboygan Chapter, you will receive a separate newsletter with more details. If you live in the Sheboygan area and are reading this newsletter, we invite you to support our annual fundraiser. The proceeds from this event are used to support our student exchange programs.

## Size matters in America

(Excerpt from an early blog written by Beth Hejl)

I've written about German bread before, as most expat bloggers have, but today I want to write about American bread as Germans see it.

Toastbrot is the processed, packaged-in-plastic bread that has a shelf life of about three weeks and is really only good for making...well, toast. It comes in white or wheat varieties, the slices are 9 cm (about 3.5 inches) square, and they fit nicely into the toaster. No self-respecting German would eat that bread "raw", though this is the closest to what Americans normally use for sandwiches. Its quality is a bit better than Wonderbread®, but eaten raw it still sticks to the roof of your mouth.

Germans have this idea that everything in America is BIG. I wonder how they got that idea... Anyway, this is Toastbrot marketed for the benefit of visiting Americans, complete with American flag design on the packaging to draw us in:



Why is it American sandwich bread?

Because it's....50% bigger than regular German Toastbrot. These huge slices of squishy packaged bread are 11 cm by delicious 11 cm of good ol' processed American goodness. The package says a special dough is used to keep the bread extra soft - just like Americans like it. Here you can see a slice of the little German Toastbrot next to the big slice of American sandwich bread.



The whole bigger is better thing in America is widely known here, as seen in American movies and TV shows aired on German TV - SUVs and family vans, TVs, houses, garages, yards, hotels, beds, parking lots, super stores, garbage cans...

In trying to figure out what to do with all this Toastbrot I bought, I decided I could make French toast (Germans call that Armer Ritter, or "poor knight") for brunch this morning. I haven't made that in ages, and I have all the ingredients I need, including maple syrup, which is totally uncommon here (it's too sweet for the Germans). The only trouble is that I'll have to squish or cut the American sandwich bread to fit two pieces into my German pan.