



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy Halloween

October Newsletter 2018

October Program will feature pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain

Our speakers for the October 11th PTP meeting will be two of our chapter members, Bob Cline and Jon Keckonen. In April they went on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage from Sarria to Santiago, Spain, trekking a distance of 110 kilometers. Their presentation will include both fun and inspiring photos of their days of hiking while relaxing in pleasant accommodations at night. Organized by Fresco Tours, this is a pilgrimage that was featured in the movie *The Way*, although Bob and Jon traveled in a bit more luxury than was shown in the movie.



The menu for the evening will be chicken Cordon Bleu, BBQ pork roast, mashed potatoes, Wisconsin blend vegetables, salad bowl, rolls, and beverage. Dessert will be supplied by Tom and Ann Hammond. 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 **October 1**.

The board will meet at 5:00 pm on Thursday, Oct. 11th at the Elks Club. Please call Bob Quasius at 451-8565 if you need to be excused from the meeting.

Coming Events



- Oct. 11 Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Nov. 8 Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Dec. 13 Chapter Christmas party at Elks Club
- Jan 10, '19 Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- 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

Another member gone

Sadly, we lost a longtime chapter member on June 2. Norb Schreiber passed away at Harvest Home in Howards Grove. He and Ginny have been chapter members for 30 years, and they went on several chapter trips in earlier years. Because we didn't publish a summer newsletter, some members might not be aware of his passing. We send our belated condolences to Ginny and her family.



Exchange Chairperson needed

For the last 3 years Jon and Ann Keckonen have chaired the student exchange committee for both the high school and the middle school programs. They will be ending their commitment at the end of December, and a new volunteer is needed to take over this responsibility. The Keckonens will work with whoever volunteers to make sure there is a smooth transition. The future of our exchange program depends on some other member stepping up to take over. Anyone interested in this position should contact president Bob Quasius at 451-8565.

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Message from Christy Clabots

Christy Clabots participated in our high school exchange program in 1998, and she went back to visit her host parents in Esslingen this year, along with her husband and two daughters. She writes:

On Friday, we stopped & stayed overnight at my host family/German parents' house in Esslingen, the Hagmanns, where I lived for 6 months back in 1998... already 20 years ago. I haven't seen them in 8 years and they got to meet the girls for the first time. Time just flies by. But the view from my bedroom luckily remains the same... timeless & still amazing. That experience as a 17-year-old led me down the path to where I am today, and I am so glad to still have my family connection in Esslingen.

Photo on the right shows us around the dinner table.



Christy, Ulrike and Harold Hagmann, Isabelle and Eleanor Permentier (Matthieu took the picture)



Excellent September meeting

If you attended the September meeting, you must have felt very proud of our exchange students who presented an excellent program. Both high school students and all 8 middle school students did an outstanding job of showing us the benefits of our exchange programs.

We had one problem with the successful evening, and that is the number of people who made late or no reservations, but came for dinner. The Elks Club ran out of food. Char turned in 37 reservations, but 48 people came to dinner. All of us **MUST** show more respect for the Elks Club and be sure to get our reservation checks in on time. The next deadline is October 1.



A visit from the Gabettas

Submitted by Diane Mikolyzk

Many of our members will remember **Carlos Gabetta**, the first coordinator of our Argentina high school exchange program. Carlos and his wife Marta have visited our chapter on several occasions including the 50th anniversary celebration at Blue Harbor in 2015.



In early September Carlos and Marta surprised Carlos's AFS host mom, **Donna Webb**, with a visit. The Gabettas arrived from Córdoba on Friday, Sept. 7, to attend a retreat at the International Schoenstatt Center in Waukesha. From Waukesha the Gabettas traveled to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Koblenz, Germany, and from there they spent a week in the Holy Land. Before starting their Wisconsin retreat, however, Marta and Carlos drove directly from O'Hare to Sheboygan to spend two days with Donna.

Bill and Diane Mikolyzk hosted the Gabettas and Donna for a homemade Italian ravioli dinner on Friday evening. On Saturday Carlos had his mom's French toast, his favorite breakfast and then asked to go to the Charcoal Inn for a Sheboygan brat for lunch. After some shopping on Saturday, everyone was invited to Mark and Sandy Vollbrecht's home for dinner. The Gabettas' daughter, Geno, Argentine coordinator of the Córdoba high school exchange, was PTP-Sheboygan's first full semester Argentine exchange student in the fall of 2005 and was hosted by the Vollbrecht family. The Vollbrechts' daughter, Melissa, spent the spring semester of 2006 living with the Gabettas in Córdoba. The Vollbrecht family and Donna attended Geno's wedding in Córdoba in December of 2016.

Our exchange programs foster lifetime friendships. The bond between the Webbs, the Mikolyzks, the Vollbrechts and the Gabettas is a perfect example of how we change people's lives forever!



*Geno & Diane Mikolyzk
2005*

