



People to People Sheboygan

February Newsletter 2024

Feb. 8 Meeting at VFW Hall

We will be meeting at the VFW Hall, 552 S. Evans St. in Sheboygan for our next four PTP dinner meetings. They worked hard to please us in December, and the board decided to stay there through May. In May we will reevaluate the location for future meetings.

Ruth Gerstner will present a program on her trip to Morocco last fall. Ruth writes, "My trip to Morocco with Overseas Adventure Travel was an exciting cultural adventure which I will share with you. Morocco has a diverse geography from seashore to mountains and the Sahara Desert. The people were friendly and welcoming, sharing their cuisine, architecture, religion, art, and crafts. I look forward to showing you pictures and answering your questions."

The menu will include broasted chicken, corn, mashed potatoes and salad. Stacie and Thom Nicla have offered to bring dessert for the Feb. meeting.

The cost of the dinner is \$21.00 per person. Please mail your checks before the deadline of Feb. 1. Make checks out to People to People Sheboygan and mail them to Rich Miesfeld at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083. **You may also pay using PayPal.** Just enter @PTPISheboygan and tell Rich who is sending the money. Please add a little bit to cover the 3% that Paypal charges.

Coming Events

Feb. 8	Dinner meeting at VFW Hall
Mar. 14	Dinner meeting at VFW Hall
Apr. 11	Dinner meeting at VFW Hall
May 9	Dinner meeting at VFW Hall
June 14	Brat Fry at Miesfeld's
Aug 15	PTP picnic in Howards Grove

Mark Your Calendars now

In the middle of a winter blizzard, it is hard to look toward summer plans, but we have two events that need to go on your calendars now so that you will be able to participate in both. The first is our annual brat fry fundraiser at Miesfeld's on Friday, June 14. We need all members to participate in some way because this takes a lot of helpers to make it a success. We will have more information later, but for now just put June 14th on your calendars.



The second event is our always popular chapter picnic which includes delicious pulled pork made by Dale and Mitzi Stoltzman. The date is Thursday, August 15, from 6 - 9 p.m. and will be held at the air-conditioned Howards Grove Village Hall. This is always a fun event, and we are grateful that Dale and Mitzi continue to supply the main course for this meal. Mark August 15th on your calendars also.

The board will meet at 5:00 at the VFW Hall on Feb. 8, and the social period will begin at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30.



Remember that if the weather is bad, president Bob will not cancel the meeting until he is sure it is not safe to go out. If it does have to be cancelled, it will be announced on WHBL and we will send an email to all those who have registered for dinner.

PTP This newsletter is produced monthly for members of People to People Sheboygan. Newsletter items should be submitted by the **15th of the month** to aehtc42@gmail.com or mailed to Ann Keckonen, 1542 Golf View Dr. E., Sheboygan, WI 53083.

Friendships Continue

Anne van Deventer shared her thoughts about their “wonderful visit with Frida who was in Sheboygan for 9 days.” (You may remember that Frida was in Sheboygan in the fall of 2022 and Julianna van Deventer stayed with Frida’s family in Esslingen in the winter and spring of 2023.) Anne writes, “We picked her up from the Chicago airport, enjoyed Kopp’s, and had fun at the Appleton shopping mall, & Kohler Frozen Fairways. We went to Ebb Flo coffee shop with Julianna and friends, Sports Core, more shopping at Target mall, baked cookies with more friends, attended the North high school basketball game, and shadowed Julianna for a day at North and more!

Frida’s time was spent also with the Niclas as we were out of town with family for New Year’s. We are very grateful for the Nicla family.” The pictures surely show how these girls have bonded.



Homestay Requests 2024

Our chapter has had a request to host 5 or 6 adults from Nepal for 4 days in mid-May of 2024. If you are able and willing to host 1 or 2 of these people in your home, please contact Ann Keckonen at aektc42@gmail.com or call her at 920-946-3898. We will have more details about their visit before the next newsletter, but for now we have to know that we have enough homes for them.

Our second request is from the Mayor’s International Committee. They are looking for help to host 6 students (ages 13-15) and 4 adults from July 31 to Aug. 8. Since our summer Esslingen exchange students arrive on Aug. 6, we need some families who are not involved in this year’s exchange but would be willing to host some Japanese students or adults. Please call Mayor Sorenson’s office directly if you are able to host some of these Japanese visitors. The office number is 920-459-3317.

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Our People to People dues for 2024 were supposed to be paid by Dec. 31, 2023. If you forgot to do so, please mail your checks to Rich Miesfeld at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083. Dues have remained at \$35 per family; \$25 per single for many years. It is a good bargain, especially since the price of everything else is going up!



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Message from Ann Keckonen

Because of continuing problems with my Charter email account, I had to move all email addresses for People to People to my gmail account. I tried to make sure I typed everything correctly, but please let me know if you hear of someone who did not receive this newsletter. Also, if you are receiving the newsletters but prefer to be removed from this contact list, please let me know so that I can correct the list. The best email to use for me is aektc42@gmail.com.