



Sheboygan Area Chapter

November/December Newsletter 2023

New Location for Dec. 14

We will be meeting at the VFW Hall, 552 S. Evans St. in Sheboygan for our Christmas party on Dec. 14. Steve Dick continues to work hard to find a good location for our meetings, and it is possible this will be the one. They can seat over 100, and they will handle just our group for our meetings. They will have options for those who need gluten free or vegan meals, they have an audio system and a large screen TV, and they will use ceramic plates and tablecloths. The meal for December 14 will include ham, baby red potatoes, green beans, and salad bar.

Ladies, please bring a dozen Christmas cookies so we can have a nice assortment at each table. See page 2 for news about the entertainment.

The cost of the dinner is \$21.00 per person. Please mail your checks before the deadline of Dec. 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. It is SO EASY, but PTP does have to pay 3% to accept the money. If you choose, you may want to add a bit to cover that cost.

The board will meet at 5:00 at the VFW Hall on Dec. 14, and the social period will begin at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30.

Coming Events

Dec. 14	Christmas party at VFW Hall
January	No meeting
Feb. 8	Dinner meeting; location TBD
Mar. 14	Dinner meeting; location TBD



Inside photo of VFW Hall, 522 S. Evans St.

A Plea for Host Families

We need **every member's help** in locating some host families for Esslingen students who wish to come to the Sheboygan area for 5 months in 2024. Jasmine Thorn in Esslingen has quite a few interested students, but we need to find families who are willing and able to host some of them. They will arrive in mid-July or early August and stay through mid-December. Please contact Paula Dick at nabbey@charter.net or call her at 920-287-6410 if you know of anyone who can host. They do not have to be members of our chapter, but it would be preferable if they had children in middle school or high school.

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December Entertainment

The Sheboygan Falls Show Choir will perform at our December 14th meeting at the VFW Hall, and we will also hear a presentation from the four Esslingen boys who are currently attending North High School in Sheboygan. They will be returning home a few days after our December meeting. The December meeting is always one of our most popular events, and we look forward to seeing lots of people there. Exchange students do not have to pay for their dinner, but please make sure you tell Rich Miesfeld which ones will attend dinner.



Esslingen Hockey Star

The newest hockey star for Sheboygan North Red Raiders is Christopher Jain, from Esslingen. He is #30 and has thoroughly enjoyed participating in hockey while taking part in the high school exchange program. He took part in the SSE summer program and returned this year to stay with the Matt Quasius family for the long stay exchange. Michelle reports that “this has been an awesome experience for him. The coaches and players and parents have been wonderful!”



SSE Needs Host Families

In addition to our request on the first page for families to host high school students from Esslingen in 2024, we also need 2 host families for the summer exchange. This year we had 3 girls and 1 boy apply for the 2024 exchange, but Esslingen has 3 girls and 6 boys. Of those 6 boys, 3 of them are siblings of former exchange students, and their families are active in the Verein (the organization in Germany that handles the summer exchange program). They would like to send all 3 of those boys to Sheboygan when the summer program continues here from early August to approximately August 28. Please contact Thom Niela at thomas.niela1@gmail.com if you or someone you know can help with this request.

No Meeting in January

This will be the last newsletter until mid-January because the board decided not to have meetings in January due to the probable inclement weather. We encourage you to send your comments about the VFW Hall to Steve Dick after the December meeting. His email is dicksteve29@gmail.com. The votes after our October meeting showed a majority for Al n Al's and only 6 votes for Schuff's. We continue to look for the right place to meet.

Time to pay PTP dues

It's that time of year again. Dues for 2024 should be paid before Dec. 31 this year. Please mail your checks to Rich Miesfeld at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083. \$35 per family; \$25 per single.

Happy Holiday Season!



Enjoy your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with family and friends, and be sure to let PTP know if you have a story to include in the newsletter. Also, if you know of someone who needs a “Thinking of You” card, please call Gilda Becker at 920-458-1253.