



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy Valentine's Day

February Newsletter 2018

February 8th program will feature speaker from Nepal

Our guest speaker for February 8th will be Mr. Gowa Lama from Nepal. Born in a Tibetan Buddhist family in the Himalayan region of Nepal, Gowa worked as a trekking and mountaineering guide in the Himalayas. He completed his Trekking guide training in Kathmandu and his mountaineering training in India. He is now studying to become a Physical Therapy Assistant. His wife, Jule, is a Neuro-psychologist.



He says his background and experience in working as a trekking guide opened up a world view of people, and many other cultures, spiritual beliefs, and political and philosophical views, providing him with a sense of gratitude for diversity. He is looking forward to telling us about the people of his beautiful Nepal, a small, highly diverse country, and also about the culture of neighboring Tibet.

The menu for the evening will include Broccoli Cheese Chicken, baked ham, twice-baked potatoes, Wisconsin blend vegetables, salad, rolls, and beverage. Dessert will be supplied by Margaret Voorhans. 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 **January 29**.



Coming Events

- Feb. 8, '18** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar. 8, '18** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar. 11** **Brat Fry at RCS Building**
- Apr. 12** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- May 10** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- August 16** 5:30-8 PM – Thursday night picnic at the Howards Grove Community Center

Brat Fry news from the Schoens

Anna and I will be bringing baskets and other basket supplies to the February meeting for you to take home to make your raffle baskets for the Brat Fry. Help yourself while supplies last. You choose how many baskets you wish to make and donate. Please remember to include a list of contents for each basket donated.



The raffle is a big part of our moneymaker and every basket and donation is appreciated. In the past, theme baskets have been very popular. See Anna at the meeting with any questions or if you'd like some help with theme ideas.

Thank you all.

Henry Schoen, Brat Fry Chair

The board will meet at 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 8th at the Elks Club. Please call Bob Quasius at 451-8565 if you need to be excused from the meeting.

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Have you got your brat fry tickets?

Message from Tom Riemann:

Thank you to those that picked up your tickets and those that already paid for them. When paying for the tickets, please make check out to PTP - Sheboygan chapter. You can mail the check to me or bring it to the February meeting or the day of the brat fry. For members that still need their tickets or those that need more call Tom R. This year our chapter will have 8 middle school exchanges and 4 high school students studying in Germany. Think of it, 12 Sheboygan students will be learning about Esslingen, Germany and 10 German students living and learning about Sheboygan, WI, USA. We need each member to support our programs. Let all of us do our share so the Sheboygan chapter of PTP can continue to provide these truly remarkable opportunities. Tom Riemann 452-5053, 4436 Tara Lane Sheboygan 53081. tomriemann63@gmail.com



New chairpersons volunteered

Thanks to Vicki and Keith Herd for taking over the management of the bake sale for the Brat Fry and to Margaret Voorhans and Denise Quasius for taking charge of the basket raffle. Be thinking now of what you plan to make for the bake sale and also what theme you will use for your basket. We hope each family will supply at least one basket. They may contain whatever items you want (we are no longer calling them "Wine and Cheese Baskets") but be sure to supply a list of whatever items are in the basket.

Sunshine Chairperson wants calls

Gilda Becker has done a great job in sending out cards to members who are ill or who need "sunshine" in their lives. She requests once again that you call her if you know of someone who is ill, expecting surgery, or just needs a card to let that person know that chapter members are thinking of them. Gilda's phone is 920-458-1253.

Have you paid your 2018 dues?

All dues for the 2018 year were supposed to be paid by now to Rich Miesfeld. If you have not already sent him your check, please mail it now to Rich at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083. \$35.00 for a family membership, or \$25.00 for a single membership. If you choose not to pay your dues, sadly, this will be your final newsletter. We never like to lose members.

March program to be Show & Tell

Last year we tried something new for our March program, and it was very popular. Several members said they would have liked to take part and had something they could have shared, so we are repeating the program on March 8. Please look through your treasures that you have collected from your many trips to other countries, and select one or two items you would like to talk about. Jon Keckonen will photograph your items so we can put them on the big screen for all to see while you are talking about their significance. Be sure to call Jon between March 1-5 to set up an appointment to go to his house for the photograph. In the meantime, please send him a quick email to tell him you would like to be part of the program. We need to know now how much interest there will be so we can figure out how much time will be needed for each presentation. Jon's number is 920-457-4318 and his email is jkeckonen@charter.net.

Steinkäuze are adorable

Lack of time and space will preclude our usual excerpt from Beth Hejl's blogs this month, but you might be interested to know that her current fascination is with an animal that doesn't exist in the U.S. She loves the Steinkäuze, or little owls. She is seen here holding one at a Christmas Market, where they are often seen with Falconers who make them available for photographs or holding in return for a small donation to help with the care of these birds.



Although they are not found in the USA, Steinkäuze are fairly common in Europe, especially in the more temperate climates. In the wild they prefer to hunt by hanging out on branches for hours at a time waiting for a tasty field mouse to pass by unawares. They prefer not to fly if they can avoid it. Rain worms and insects are also on their preferred menu.

Beth's favorite Steinkäuz is Poldi, an adorable little owl she has only met through books and a website. Poldi's human (Tanya Brandt) is a well-known self-taught wildlife photographer who also owns a shepherd dog, Ingo, who is Poldi's best friend. When Poldi is scared or unsettled, he snuggles up with Ingo rather than seeking shelter with Tanya. Their story is available in an English book entitled *Unlikely Friendships: Dogs*, by J.S. Holland. If you just want to see some gorgeous photos of Poldi and his furred and feathered pals, check out this website: www.ingoundelse.de and click on "Ingo and friends".

