



# Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy Mothers' Day

May Newsletter 2018

## May 10<sup>th</sup> program to focus on Mission Trips in Honduras

Our speakers for the May 10<sup>th</sup> PTP meeting are Dave and Marty Whorrall, who will talk to us about starting and maintaining a mission in Honduras. Yes, I know you read about them last month, but they had to cancel at the last minute because of a family emergency. We are looking forward to their presentation on May 10. Marty and Dave say there are hundreds of empty shells in Honduras, buildings that were once medical clinics built by churches that meant well but failed to put in the energy to ensure the clinics survive over time. They will talk about the failures as well as the successes of their mission trips. In his travels for business, Dave finds and collects medical equipment for building clinics and supplying hospitals in North Central Honduras.



The menu for the evening will be a special Italian night. Come and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the new chef at the Elks Club. Dessert will be supplied by Henry Schoen. 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 **May 1**.

**The board will meet at 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Club. Please call Bob Quasius at 451-8565 if you need to be excused from the meeting.**

## Coming Events



- May 10** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Aug. 16** 5:30-8 PM – Thursday night picnic at the Howards Grove Community Center
- Sept. 13** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Oct. 11** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Nov. 8** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Dec. 13** Chapter Christmas party at Elks Club

## Brat fry results bring good news

Rich Miesfeld reports that we had another successful brat fry in March, and the income from each venue is listed below. Thank goodness we did not have the April snow storms on the day of our brat fry in March!

Bake Sale	\$ 660.00
Beverage Sales	\$ 467.00
Basket Raffle	\$1021.00
Silent Auction	\$ 955.00
Food Sales	\$2519.25
Donations	\$ 528.00

The total profit, after expenses, was \$5167.50 as of the April board meeting. That figure will go up as there were a few more checks still coming in. Thank you again to every chapter member who made this event a big success!



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## A great, easy job for members

Each year we need to find liaison families for our exchange students from Germany or Argentina who study here for a semester. Liaison families make a monthly contact with the student to see if he or she has any concerns that need to be talked about. It also gives the student a chance to get to know another family or couple in the chapter. Below is a nice email we received from Sharon and Arlan Schlundt, the liaison family for Silvia Schmidt who is studying in Plymouth on a one-way exchange. Please let us know if you could do this.

“We had the nicest time with Silvia this evening. I picked her up after school and we made Artisan bread together. She had never made bread before, and Artisan bread was a perfect match because it is easy and no knead.

I had the dough all made before she arrived. It has to rise in the bowl between 3-24 hours which allows a lot of flexibility. She then learned to shape the loaves which had to rise another hour before they were baked 30 minutes. During that time, we made a second batch of dough which I will bake in the morning.

Here is a picture of her with the loaves she took home. The remainder was included in the supper we had together. Our oldest daughter, Julie, who moved to town with her husband, joined us.



Thanks for opening the door to great new experiences for us.” Sharon Schlundt

## Chapter trip is planned for 2020

Jon Keckonen is planning a PTP chapter trip to visit Italy and Oberammergau in 2020 to see the Passion Play. If you have never heard of the Passion Play, look it up on the internet to read about it. It is put on by the townspeople who live in Oberammergau and is performed only every ten years. In addition to seeing the performance, the travelers will spend 3 days in Rome, 3 days in Venice, and 3 in Florence. Departure will be on June 27, 2020 with the return scheduled for July 11. The cost of the trip will be \$3915 for the land portion only. It is too early to know the price of the airline flights. Anyone interested in this trip should contact Jon Keckonen at [jkeckonen@charter.net](mailto:jkeckonen@charter.net) or call him at 920-457-4318. We will get more information out to those who have expressed interest in this trip.



## Summer picnic is Thurs., Aug. 16

As most of you know, the May meeting is our final event until September, except for the summer picnic which will be held on the evening of August 16, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Howards Grove Village Hall Community Center. The address is 913 S. Wisconsin Drive (Hwy 32). Please enter at the back door, lower level.

Once again, Dale and Mitzi Stoltzman have offered to prepare pulled pork sandwiches, and the chapter will pay for the cost of the hall rental, meat, rolls, paper goods, water, baked beans, etc. Each family is asked to bring a salad or dessert. If your last name begins in A through L, please bring a salad. If your last name begins in M through Z, please bring a dessert.



A picnic sign-up sheet will be placed on each table at the May 10<sup>th</sup>

People to People meeting. If you are not attending that meeting but wish to attend the picnic, please call Dale or Mitzi (after May 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 920-565-3756.



This picnic is always loads of fun, and because it is held in an indoor, air-conditioned facility, we don't have to worry about the weather or bugs. Please put the date on your calendars now so that we can all get together on August 16.

## Two members trek in Spain

As we are finally welcoming Spring in Sheboygan, two of our chapter members are making a pilgrimage in Spain this month. Jon Keckonen and Bob Cline are currently in Leon, preparing to leave for Camino de Santiago, or “The Way of St. James” on Thursday. They will walk from Rabanal to Santiago (121 kms or 77 miles) over the course of 9 days but will not be “roughing it” in the evenings. They will lodge in hotels and do not have to carry their sleeping quarters on their backs. This photo was taken in front of the Cathedral in Leon. They spent two days in Madrid and two days in Leon before beginning their trek. They will give the PTP program in October.





## An enjoyable Sunday afternoon



Beth Hejl, former exchange student living in Germany, continues to entertain us with her blogs. This one is long, but the pictures help to explain what she is writing.

I've often written about how much I like Sundays in Germany because stores are closed and in Swabia, at least, there's a *Sonntagsruhe*, meaning you basically need to be quiet. Sunday is a day of rest and for family.

So what on earth can you do if not yardwork or shopping?

One very enjoyable outing is driving to a *Burg* (castle or fortress), walking up to it - most fortresses were built on the tops of hills - exploring and learning about the fortress's and area's history. If you choose wisely, you might even be treated to a Falconry show! *Burg Hohen Neuffen* is a 50-minute drive from Esslingen. It's actually a *Burgruine* (ruins), which I find more interesting than fancy palaces. The walk from the parking area up to the castle takes probably 25 minutes.

We'd explored the *Burg* on previous visits, so this time we focused on the falcon show. *Falkner* Wolfgang Weller brings his beautiful birds here every Sunday and holiday between Easter and the end of November, and the shows are at 12:00, 14:00, and 16:00. Donations support the care of the birds and owls as well as the rehabilitation of injured birds that are nursed back to health and re-released into the wild - an important part of the world of *Falknerei*!



The show begins with dramatic music, and *Falkner* Weller announces to the crowd the purpose of the show: to demonstrate *die Kunst mit Vögeln zu jagen* (the art of hunting with birds). His assistants have the *Wüstenbussarde* (Harris Hawks) on their arms, and at his cue they let them loose one by one until all three or four are in the air. They fly right over the tops of the spectators' heads, up to the walls of the fortress, back to the glove, grab a treat and repeat. So impressive! You need to be a better photographer than I am to get great photos, and besides, I wanted to watch the show!

I cannot tell you how impressive and graceful these birds are. Before the show they rest tethered with *Langfessel* to their *Sprenkel* or *Block*, and sometimes they flutter around or squawk, looking impatient to get going while guests gawk at and photograph them.



If you're thinking they shouldn't be tied but rather allowed to fly free as birds love to do, don't worry. We've learned that birds and owls in the wild fly for only three reasons, and "for fun" isn't one of them. Either they need to hunt, or defend their territory, or find a mate. That's it. And why do the birds return to

the *Falkner* after being set free? Because they know a meal or snack provided by the *Falkner* is a sure thing, but hunting is hard work and often not successful. They are free when the *Falkner* takes them out, and they choose to come back.



*Falkner* Weller also showed us how he trains with the *Federspiel* - a feathered lure with fresh meat attached to a long rope. They released a *Lannerfalke*, a *Gerfalke*, and a *Wanderfalke* (Peregrine Falcon), and the last two



soared and swooped dramatically while the *Falkner* swung the *Federspiel*. They kept swooping and diving at it until he let them catch it one at a time to bring them in. Clearly this was hard work for the *Falkner* as well - he was huffing and puffing afterwards!

Then he pointed out that *Herzelinde* the *Lannerfalke* was the smartest of them - she had flown straight up to the top of a castle wall and just sat there watching the other two falcons burn themselves out.



Believe it or not, I could go on! *Falkner* Weller told funny anecdotes, gave us a lot of information, and told us what not to do if we find an injured *Greifvogel* in the wild. As with the other *Falkner* shows we've seen, it is obvious how passionate the *Falkner* and their assistants are about the birds and owls. *Falknerei* is serious and hard work; it is not just a hobby. I think we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to see these majestic birds and owls up close and to learn about them.



## Timing for exchange applications

If you know of any student in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade who is interested in applying for our high school exchange program with Esslingen, Germany, be sure to tell them about the change in schedule. Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 exchange, and the deadline to apply has been moved up to July 1. This change is necessary because of the extra time needed to obtain a Visa to study in Germany. The applications are available on our website, <http://www.ptpsheboygan.org> Under the youth tab, then click on High/Germany. An informational meeting about the high school exchange program will be held at Mead Public Library, Rocca Room, on Thursday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Applications for the Middle School program are still due by November 15. Anyone interested in the exchange with Córdoba, Argentina, should contact Jon Keckonen at 920-457-4318.