



# People to People Sheboygan

March 2025

## **Meeting and Program - 3/13**

**5:30 Social, 6:30 dinner, 7:15 program**

**P**lease join us for our next People to People meeting and program at the Elks Club on March 13.

The menu for this evening will be baked ham, California blend veggies, twice baked potatoes, sweet peas and carrots, salad and rolls. Dessert will be provided by Kris Hancock. **The cost of the dinner is \$21.00 per person.**

Checks can be made out to People to People Sheboygan and mailed to Rich Miesfeld at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083. **You may also pay using PayPal.** Enter @PTPISheboygan and inform Rich who is sending the money. Please add a bit more to cover the 3% that PayPal charges.

**REMINDER:** If you have not paid your 2025 dues, please make a payment of \$35/family or \$25/single membership to Rich Miesfeld.

The board meets at 5:00 at the Elks Club, prior to the social period. Board members please contact Bob Quasius at 920-698-0451 if you cannot attend.

## **Future Events**

Apr 10, 2025 Dinner meeting - Elk's Club  
May 8, 2025 Dinner meeting - Elk's Club  
Jun 29, 2025 Brat Fry - 3 Sheeps Brewing  
Aug 14, 2025 Annual Picnic/German  
Welcome Party - King's Park Pavilion

## **March Program Speaker**

**P**lease welcome Curt Hancock, our March program speaker. He will be presenting his experiences in China.

## **Spotlight: Leih Hibi**

**P**lease read about a former PTP Student Ambassador, now a current chapter member, Leih Hibi.



During the summer of 2005, I was privileged to be able to participate in People to People International's Student Ambassador program. I traveled to the British Isles—specifically to England, Ireland, and Wales with 38 other teens and several adult chaperones.

That experience changed my life. As a child, I was very shy. This trip opened me to new



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experiences, new people and new ways of living, and I could no longer be timid. It was the first time I felt I had found a place in a group. I will be grateful for that for the rest of my life. I made friends, one of whom I communicate with today, almost 20 years later. I also corresponded for several years with the host family I stayed with in Ireland.

The memories and inside jokes that we continue to share help me to re-live such a fond experience, and for that too, I am grateful.

My husband, Brian, and I joined People to People after hearing our good friend, Lisa Salgado, speak last March about her trip to Jordan. Although Brian and I stick close to home these days, I love being able to learn about the world and to live vicariously through the travel experiences of speakers and other members.

I enjoy that People to People is still part of my life decades after my time as a student ambassador, and that I've been able to find a place in the Sheboygan chapter. I look forward to the opportunity to learn and connect more during 2025's programs!



## ***Host a Guest from Japan!***

*by Lisa Solgado, Co-Vice Chair of MIC*

The Mayor's International Committee (MIC) is seeking host families to welcome 8 students and 3-5 adults for a delegation from Thursday July 31st through Wednesday August 6th, 2025 from Sheboygan's Sister City, Tsubame, Japan

The students' ages are between 13-16 and MIC is looking for host families with students around those ages.

MIC will plan an itinerary. There will most likely be family time on their arrival date of Thursday, July 31st and again on Sunday, August 3rd. They will be leaving on August 6th, tentatively spending the day in Chicago. MIC will assist in host family preparation and student contact coordination.



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If you know of a family that might be interested, please have them contact

Lisa Solgado, [trouvaillelovely@gmail.com](mailto:trouvaillelovely@gmail.com), 920-445-9333, or provide Lisa their contact information and she would be happy to contact them.



## SAVE THE BRAT FRY DATE

**June 29, 2025: 11-6**

**3 Sheeps Brewing**



## SAVE THE PICNIC/WELCOME DATE

**August 14, 2025: 4-8**

**King's Park Pavillion**



## St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in Germany

The celebrations in Germany are not as grand as those in Ireland or the US and UK, but are celebrated in small ways at home or with friends.

Many people choose to celebrate by cooking traditional Irish food and sharing it at home with friends and family, or simply by adding a green item of clothing to their outfits. There are also several organised St Patrick's Day events in Germany's bigger cities.

## Where to celebrate St Patrick's Day in Germany

The best places to celebrate St Patrick's Day in Germany are in the largest cities of Munich and Berlin. Even though Berlin is the capital city, Munich has more impressive celebrations.





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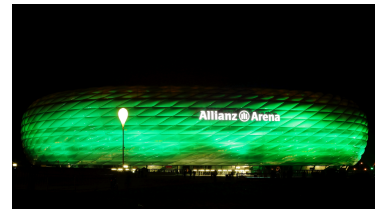
## Celebrations in Germany

Both cities hold a bright, beautiful and green parade to mark St Patrick's Day, with bagpipes, drummers and even an appearance from the mayor. Many people choose to dress up in traditional Irish costumes, but there are also others that simply decorate themselves in green glitter or wear an item of green clothing. And of course, there's plenty of Irish dancing!



## Monuments lit up green

Many of the celebrations such as parades and parties take place on the Sunday before St Patrick's Day, but on March 17 a number of monuments are lit up green to celebrate the day. Munich's Allianz Arena and Olympic Tower are traditionally the Bavarian landmarks that are illuminated in green and Berlin's Funkturm also joins in the green party.



## Happy St Patrick's Day in Irish

If you want to wish your Irish friends or family a happy St Patrick's Day, it's a nice touch to be able to say it in Irish Gaelic. The most popular way to wish someone a great St Patrick's Day is to say, "*Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit!*", which is pronounced "*Law leh Paw-drig suna ghít*".



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