



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy Thanksgiving!

November Newsletter 2022

Bob and Denise Quasius will present their trip on Nov. 10

A special program will be presented on November 10 by our president and his wife on their recent trip to Europe, which included visits with their former exchange students. They are pictured here with Kim, who stayed with them during the high school exchange in 2019. They were looking forward to meeting the families of all four of their Esslingen exchange students: Jakob Straeter, Lukas Gauch, Kim Schilling, and Malte Grutschnig.



The menu will include beef tips, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, and salad. Alan Redell has offered to bring the dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 per person. Please mail your checks to Rich Miesfeld, 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083 before Nov 1. All members please mail your checks before the deadline, as the Elks Club needs to order the right amount of food.

Coming events



Nov. 10	Chapter dinner at Elks Club
Dec. 8	Chapter Christmas party at Elks
Jan. 12, '23	No chapter meeting or board mtg
Feb. 9, '23	Chapter dinner at Elks Club
Mar. 9, '23	Chapter dinner at Elks Club
Apr. 13, '23	Chapter dinner at Elks Club
May 11, '23	Chapter dinner at Elks Club

Reception in Esslingen

In October Mayor Ryan Sorenson led a group of 19 people from Sheboygan to Esslingen, Germany, after several of them took a short cruise from Budapest to Vienna. When they arrived in Esslingen on October 3, they were treated to a welcome



dinner at a local restaurant. On October 5, they were honored at a reception in the Alte Rathaus. That evening Esslingen's Oberbürgermeister Matthias Klopfer presented Mayor Sorenson with an old plat map of Sheboygan County dating back to 1849. The map was found in an old farm in northern Germany, and the man who bought the farm did some research to find out that Esslingen's sister city was Sheboygan.



The board will meet at 5:00 on November 10, and the social period will begin at 5:30 with dinner served promptly at 6:30. Please contact Bob Quasius at bob.quasius@gmail.com if you need to be excused from the board meeting.

PTP This newsletter is produced monthly for members of the Sheboygan, WI People to People Chapter, which is affiliated with People to People International. Newsletter items should be submitted by the **15th of the month** to Ann Keckonen, 1542 Golf View Dr. E., Sheboygan, WI 53083 or by Email to akeckonen@charter.net.

Calling All Students!



Opportunity to Experience Germany
1st Hand - Staying with a German
Student and their Family
Options to consider:
High School 5 Month Reciprocal
Hybrid High School 4/2 Month
Reciprocal
Middle School Summer 3 Week
Reciprocal
Sign up to be a German Student Host
Family

**Applications due December 1,
2022**

Check out the website www.ptpsheboygan.org for more information or contact Jon at jkeckonen@charter.net

Applications for exchange

If you know any students who would be interested in any of our student exchange programs with Esslingen, Germany, be sure to tell them to apply now. Our usual deadline is November 15, but we have extended it to **December 1** for this year only.

** Students in 7th or 8th grade may apply for the 6-week summer exchange (3 weeks in Esslingen and 3 weeks in Sheboygan).

** High school students may apply for either the 5-month reciprocal exchange, through which they can receive credit for one semester toward graduation, or they may apply for our new hybrid program. With the 2nd option, they would spend 2 summer months in Esslingen and their exchange partners would come back with them in mid-August to attend high school in Sheboygan through mid-December. No credit toward graduation is given with the hybrid program, but it is better suited for those students who do not wish to miss the spring semester of either their sophomore or junior year.

All applications are available on our chapter website, www.ptpsheboygan.org. All applications and recommendations should be mailed to Jon Keckonen at 1542 Golf View Drive E., Sheboygan, 53083.

Remember to call Gilda Becker at 920-458-1253 if you are going to have surgery or are sick or would like a “thinking of you” card for any reason. She is our Sunshine Chairperson, and she wants to know when and to whom she should send out her cards.

It's time to pay dues again

Treasurer Rich Miesfeld is ready to start collecting dues from all members for the 2023 year. Dues remain at \$35.00 per family or \$25 for a single membership. Unlike everything else in this economy, the price of membership in our chapter has not changed for over 25 years. Please make out your check to People to People – Sheboygan and mail it to Rich Miesfeld at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, WI 53083. You may also bring your dues payment to the meeting on Nov. 10 or Dec. 8. Rich would like to have all dues paid before the end of the year.



PTP chapter has needs

We are happy to report that our chapter is financially sound, and we look forward to many more years of fellowship and fun together. Our exchange programs are strong, but we do need some volunteers to fill some key positions. Please let Bob Quasius know if you are willing and able to fill one of the following open positions: bob.quasius@gmail.com

- Social Chairman – responsible for setting the menus for our dinners and finding members who will bring dessert. Table decorations are entirely optional and definitely not necessary.
- Coordinator for the Summer Exchange Program
- Coordinator for the High School Exchange Program

Note: in past years we have had one chairperson in charge of all the exchange programs, but that requires too much of a time commitment from any one person. By dividing the duties between two people, we believe everything will run more smoothly.



Meet our newest PTP members. Deb Sabol-Williams and her husband Jim came to the October meeting as guests of Carolyn Miesfeld. They paid their 2023 dues before the end of the evening! Welcome, Deb and Jim. We are glad to have you join us.