



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Summer Newsletter 2023

Summer picnic Aug 17

Be sure to remember our August 17 picnic at the Howards Grove Village Hall. Hours are 6 – 9 pm but Mitzi and Dale Stoltzman would love to have help with set-up (5 pm) or clean-up (9 pm). Please let them know how many in your family will be attending. Call them at 920-287-1405 or email them at mitzidal@hotmail.com if you have not already done so. This is always such a fun event, and we hope to meet several of our Esslingen exchange students that evening. Remember to bring a dessert if your last name begins with A-L or a salad if your last name begins with M- Z. Enter at the back of Village Hall.



Another member gone

Most of you know that shortly after our May newsletter went out, Ed Clabots passed away. He and his wife Mary have been active members for many years, and his presence will surely be missed. He was a former president, served on the board for several terms, and attended the PTPI Worldwide Conference in Kansas City in 2002. He was a strong supporter of our student exchange opportunities and his daughter Christy was a PTP Esslingen exchange student in 1997.



Coming Events

July 18	Summer Exchange program begins
Aug. 8	Exchange students return to Wis.
Aug. 17	PTP picnic in Howards Grove
Sept. 14	Chapter dinner at Elks Club
Oct. 12	Chapter dinner at Elks Club

Impromptu exchange mtg.

At the 4th of July festivities at Deland Home, Paula Dick, Thom Niela, and Ann Keckonen were able to steal a few minutes for a meeting about our high school exchange program with Jasmine Thorn, the assistant to Esslingen's Lord Mayor. Jasmine has been very helpful in working out the details in Esslingen for our 5-month exchange students. On July 10 Anne van Deventer hosted a group of people at her home in order to encourage more applicants for the high school program.



Esslingen firefighters

If you attended the 4th of July parade, you saw that Esslingen, Germany, sent a contingent of firefighters to march in the parade. They enjoy this event because they have nothing like it in Germany.



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Visitors from Germany

Mayor Ryan Sorenson organized a busy but enjoyable visit to Sheboygan for the firefighters and friends who traveled with them to spend five days in their sister city during the week of July 4th. Oberbürgermeister Matthias Klopfer marched in the parade with the group, as did the German Deputy Consul General from Chicago, Christopher Fuchs. He is seen in the photo on the far right in a white shirt, behind Mayor Sorenson; Oberbürgermeister Klopfer is waving in the red shirt.



On July 3rd, the Esslingen group planted a tree in Esslingen Park. They wanted to do this since a group from Sheboygan planted a tree in Esslingen some years ago. Several

People to People members joined them for this tree planting. The photo below shows the entire group from Esslingen.



In addition to the above events, the group toured the JMK Art Preserve, Maywood, Mead Public Library, Kohler Andrae State Park, Bookworm Gardens, the police station, fire station, and John Michael Kohler Art Center. They also enjoyed an evening at Sheboygan's Biergarten and attended a Sheboygan A's baseball game. Meals were included at Field to Fork, Prohibition Bistro, the Kohler Café, and

Harry's Diner, just to name a few. Highlights of their busy week also included attending the Food Truck night at Vollrath Park, viewing the Venetian Night boat parade on July 3rd and a brat fry at Deland Home before watching the fireworks on July 4th. They went home tired, but pleased that they had seen so many things in Sheboygan. Mayor Sorenson and his staff did a terrific job of planning such a busy but enjoyable week for their Esslingen guests.



Ryan Sorenson & Matthias Klopfer

PTP brat fry was successful

Thank you to all chapter members who helped to make our brat fry a success. The bake sale table was full of delicious treats, and the brats were enjoyed by many customers who showed up at Miesfeld's on that day. This fundraiser requires a lot of help from everyone, and your participation was much appreciated.

