



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Summer Newsletter 2019

Come to our PTP Chapter Picnic on August 8 – 5:30-8:00pm

It is always fun to get together for a casual evening of fun and fellowship in August, and once again Dale and Mitzi Stoltzman have offered to prepare their famous pulled pork for the entire chapter. Be sure to come to the picnic on August 8. There is **NO CHARGE** to attend the picnic, but if your last name begins with A-L, please bring a dessert; if your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a salad. Be sure to let Dale and Mitzi know if you are coming, and what you are planning to bring. **They need to know how many are coming so they can plan the right amount of food. Please contact them directly at 920-565-3756 or email them at mitzidal@hotmail.com.** This is a really nice evening that you will not want to miss! Picnic is held at the Howards Grove Village Hall, 913 S. Wisconsin Drive (Hwy 32). Please enter at the back door, lower level.



Mayor's Committee needs help

Our People to People chapter has always worked closely with the Mayor's International Committee when guests from foreign countries are visiting Sheboygan. The committee has a number of special events coming up this summer, and they are asking for help from anyone in our chapter who is willing to put in some volunteer hours at these events. They especially need help on the day of the Esslingen Fest at 3 Sheeps Brewing Company on Sept. 15. Please contact Rich Miesfeld at 459-7084 if you can offer your help. He is chairman of the Mayor's International Committee.



Several of our guests from Esslingen will be preparing some specialty food from their region, including Maultaschen. You will surely want to attend this event on Sept 15, even if you are not able to pitch in to help.

Jutta Fahrion is pictured here with her husband, Rainer. Jutta will be in charge of the cooking for Esslingen Fest, along with several of the other visitors from Esslingen. They will be preparing food in the new commercial kitchen at First United Lutheran Church on Saturday, Sept. 14.



The board will have a special meeting on Thursday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. at First United Lutheran Church, 2401 Kohler Memorial Drive (across from Aurora Clinic). We will meet in the Genszler Room. Please call Jon Keckonen at 920-946-3899 if you cannot attend. **There will be no board meeting on Sept. 12.**

Esslingen guests on Sept. 12

Mark your calendars NOW for the chapter meeting on September 12. We will have 15 guests from Esslingen, including their Oberbürgermeister. The program will be given by our enthusiastic exchange students who will have just completed the summer exchange program. We expect a large attendance at this meeting, and it will be your chance to meet and greet our guests from Esslingen.



Coming Events

- Aug 8** Chapter Picnic 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sept 12** Chapter meeting with Esslingen guests

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PTP scholarship and grant awarded

Our PTP chapter is pleased to announce the two winners of our chapter scholarship and the new grant for overseas study, both of which were made possible because of a bequest from the Bob and Lorraine Beaver estate.

Nat Werth is the first high school senior to receive the scholarship, and Molly Zenk is the first college student to receive the grant for overseas study next year. Nat received the good news at the May PTP meeting at the Elks Club, and Molly will be awarded her grant at the chapter picnic on August 8.

Nat was one of the most outstanding exchange students on both the short and the long term exchanges with Esslingen. His exchange partner has come back to visit, and this summer Nat will return to Esslingen to spend time with Joern's family. He is also an Eagle Scout, had the lead in the spring musical at Lutheran High, and he was valedictorian of his class. In his application for the scholarship, Nat wrote "...in a blog post, I talked about how Joern's grandmother (Oma) would ceaselessly chatter at me, regardless of my comprehension. By the end of my time in Germany, we were able to chatter together about her childhood, my family, or daily items like Stuttgart's traffic problems. Thanks to the persistence and hospitality that Joern's family showed me, I will never forget that I have a family in Germany."

Nat will continue his education at Northeastern University in Boston this fall. He will receive a total of \$2500 from People to People-Sheboygan over the first two years of college. He is pictured



here with Bob Quasius, chairman of the Student Exchange Committee, when he received his certificate on May 9th.

Molly Zenk will study in Germany

Molly Zenk is the first recipient of a \$1500 grant available to past PTP exchange students who plan to study abroad for a semester or an academic year. Molly is attending Iowa State University and will be spending the next year studying in Marburg, Germany. She has been on the Dean's List for her first three semesters at ISU, where she is also in the German Club, the Golden Key International Honor Society, the Cantamus Choir, and is involved in a nonprofit protégé program.



This past May she spent two weeks on a mission trip to Vietnam.

Molly took part in the short term exchange program in the summer of 2013 and spent the spring semester in Esslingen, Germany, in 2015.

In her application for the grant, Molly wrote, "I have a fascination with other people and cultures. Studying abroad in Germany has been a huge part in fueling this interest. From as early as my middle school exchange, I've had the chance to immerse myself in a different culture...This coming year I will be studying abroad in Marburg, Germany. I am so excited to return to Germany. The people and culture have been so significant in my life. I look forward to the new challenges that returning will bring. I have never been abroad for a year, and I will no longer live with a host family. These challenges will require a new level of independence and self sufficiency...I am so grateful for the ways People to People exchanges have changed my life, and I am so excited to see how my future trips abroad continue to challenge me and spur growth."

Molly is the daughter of Joe and Renee Zenk, both of whom have been active in the chapter for a number of years. Renee was the chaperone for the middle school students last summer, and Joe serves on the PTP board of directors. They have had several children participate in both of our exchange programs.

Enjoy your summer!