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Sheboygan Area Chapter

Enjoy your summer!

Summer Newsletter 2017

Join PTP members for a Thursday night picnic on Aug. 17

The summer picnic will be held on the evening of Thursday, August 17th, from 5 PM to 8 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.

The cost is FREE! The menu will include smoked pulled pork sandwiches prepared by Dale and Mitzi Stoltzman. Each family is asked to bring a dessert if your last name begins with A through L, or a salad if your last name begins with M through Z.



If you have not already registered, please call Dale or Mitzi Stoltzman to let them know how many in your family will attend. Their phone is 920-565-3756.

We hope you can attend this picnic. We are trying a Thursday evening instead of a Sunday afternoon in the hope that more people will be able to attend. **Also, there will be a big announcement about our chapter at this picnic. You will want to be there!**

Welcome exchange students

We look forward to an exciting summer and fall with many exchange students coming to Sheboygan. Our chapter is hosting four high school students from Esslingen and one from Switzerland for the fall semester. Also, we will have five middle school students from Esslingen here during the last three weeks of summer. Hopefully we can meet all these students at the picnic.

Coming Events

- July 18** Middle School students leave for Germany
- Aug. 17** Chapter picnic in Howards Grove **5-8 PM**
- Sept. 14** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Oct. 12** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Nov. 9** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Dec. 14** Chapter Christmas party at Elks Club

2018 brat fry is scheduled for March 11

Students go to Berlin

Our three high school students who have studied in Esslingen this past semester were taken on a trip to Berlin in June, sponsored by the city of Esslingen. Their chaperones were Jon Keckonen and Beth Hejl. They learned a lot and were kept busy seeing as much as possible of Germany's capital during the four short days they were there. The chaperones report that the kids were well behaved and interested in what they learned. One of the boys impressed the chaperones by writing his thank-you note to the City of Esslingen in German!



Peeking out from behind part of the remaining Berlin Wall.

The Berliner Dom and Fernsehturm in the background.



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Tree planted in Sister City

Mayor Mike Vandersteen and his group of 34 travelers recognized the 50th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Sheboygan and Esslingen, Germany by planting a Sugar Maple Tree (Wisconsin's state tree) in Merkel Park in Esslingen on May 17th.



The representatives from Sheboygan were treated like visiting royalty, with a welcome luncheon, a trip to Rothenburg, and an elegant reception and dinner to mark the anniversary.



All guests were asked to sign Das Goldene Buch der Stadt Esslingen (The Golden Book of the City of Esslingen) - only special guests are invited to sign it!

On the final day of their visit they were hosted by the Esslingen Fire Department. After an afternoon spent with the firemen, Mike Romas, Sheboygan's fire chief, presented a fire helmet to the Esslingen chief at the dinner at the Firehouse that evening.



After spending four wonderful days in Esslingen, most of the group traveled by bus to Salzburg and Vienna. They visited a salt mine in Salzburg, took a chair lift to the top of a mountain for lunch, had a wine tasting lunch, and toured several historical sites in Vienna. Everyone agreed it was a great trip.

Another member gone

We are sad to report that Bob Shaffer passed away last Thursday, June 29, at the age of 85. We extend our sympathy to his wife Carol and to his family. Bob and Carol have been active members of the chapter since 1989 and have participated in several chapter trips to Europe. Both Bob and Carol are past board members of the PTP Chapter. Bob's memorial service will be held on Friday, July 7, at 11:00 a.m. at First United Lutheran Church, with visitation prior to the service.



For those who like Beth's blog

Our summer newsletter is short because your editor is up north on vacation. ☺ Many of you have commented on how much you like reading Beth Hejl's blogs about life in Germany. This summer she and her husband took her two children and her son's girlfriend to Scotland for almost two weeks, and she is writing a blog about that trip. For those who are interested., here is a link to the first installment of that blog (there are two more, one written in June and one in July):

<http://bhejl.blogspot.de/2017/06/family-trip-to-scotland-logistics.html>

They like to return to the Isle of Mull because of the following description of their preferred vacation activities:

"I cannot recommend the Isle of Mull enough. It's away from civilization (though the town of Tobermory has everything one could want on a rugged vacation), has wickedly wild weather, more places to hike than a person could hike in a lifetime, castles, castle ruins, ancient hilltop forts, standing stones, highland cattle, blackface sheep & adorable lambs, wildlife... It is truly our favorite place to vacation."

