



People to People Sheboygan

December Newsletter 2024

PTP Christmas party Dec. 12

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

Please join us for our always popular Christmas party at the Elks Club on Thursday, Dec. 12. Our musical entertainment will be provided by Sheboygan Falls High School, and our menu will include broasted chicken, mac 'n cheese, Normandy blend vegetables, salad, and rolls. Ladies, please bring one dozen Christmas cookies so that we can make dessert plates of assorted cookies.



The cost of the dinner is \$21.00 per person. Please mail your checks before the deadline of Dec. 2. Make checks out to People to People Sheboygan and mail them to Rich Miesfeld at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083.

Have you paid your dues for 2025? If not, please send a check now to Rich Miesfeld for \$35/family or \$25/single membership.

The board will meet at 5:00 at the Elks Club, and the social period will begin at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30. Board members should notify Bob Quasius at 920-698-0451 if they cannot attend.

Coming Events

Dec 12	Christmas party at Elks Club
Feb. 13, 2025	Dinner meeting at Elks Club
Mar. 13, 2025	Dinner meeting at Elks Club
Apr. 10, 2025	Dinner meeting at Elks Club
May 8, 2025	Dinner meeting at Elks Club

New Newsletter Editor

I am happy to report that Bev Altman has volunteered to take over the job of writing our chapter newsletters. Thank you, Bev! She has been a member of our chapter for many years, and both of her children have taken part in our exchange programs in the past. The next newsletter will come out in late January because the first meeting in 2025 is scheduled for Feb. 13. If you have articles to submit to Bev, please send them to her at baltman88@gmail.com.



Summer Exchange Program

Thom Nicla reports that we have 4 applicants for the 2025 middle school exchange – 3 boys and 1 girl. New chaperones for the German students have been selected, and more information about them is on page 2 of this newsletter. The Sheboygan chaperone will be Adria Van Asten. She has had two sons participate in the program in past years.

Happy Holidays

We wish Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all of our chapter members and friends. We hope you will stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you on Dec. 12 at the Elks Club.

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German Chaperones for SSE

Kim Schilling and Marius Hausmann will be the German chaperones for the next summer exchange. Kim did the short stay exchange in 2018, and the long stay exchange in 2019, when she stayed with Bob and Denise Quasius.

Her parents, Claudius and Carola, were the chaperones for the past couple of years. Kim and Marius are 21 and 22 years old, and both of them grew up in Esslingen. Kim is now a law student and living in Tübingen, and Marius is studying aerospace engineering in Stuttgart. He is currently doing an internship for his Bachelor's degree. This fall, Kim and Marius came to visit Sheboygan and her family and friends here. They are very much looking forward to being back again next summer.



Another Lasting Friendship

The Keckonens got into People to People in 1981 when their son Steve was accepted for the 6-month high school exchange program. They welcomed Stephan Hübner into their family in the summer of 1982, and he taught them much about Germany and how to host exchange students. In subsequent years, Jon and Ann visited the Hübner family in Esslingen several times, and they have stayed in touch with Stephan every year since then. They visited Stephan and his family in Teisendorf, Germany, in 2012. They recently got this message from Stephan:

“Thank you so much for your birthday greetings. I think of you too - not only because of your newsletter, which I really like to read - but mostly because in our feelings we are getting closer and closer to the states. Thomas married Leyah from Mississippi, we met her southerner parents twice already and since September 21 they have a little boy named Benjamin Paul Hübner. So I am now a proud grandpa of a citizen of the US. Isn't that something?”

I am still so thankful for the time I spent with you - who knows if Thomas would have gone to the states to meet his wife if we wouldn't have encouraged our children to get to know the world?

That is why you and Jon are somehow always with me, you really brought "people to people". All the best to you and Jon, Stephan



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