



Sheboygan Area Chapter

November Newsletter 2019

Travel to Israel with John and Martha Schott on Nov. 14

You will surely want to join us at the Elks Club for our November 14th PTP meeting. John and Martha Schott will share their slides and stories from two trips to Israel. The most recent trip, in spring of 2019, was highlighted by the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson on the mountain of Masada overlooking the Dead Sea. The Schotts were able to get an inside perspective on life in Israel through their visits to the Schott family AFS sister in Tel Aviv, a visit with friends who own a farm near the Gaza Strip, and through a visit to a Kibbutz near Jerusalem. The photo was taken below the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.



The menu for the evening will be Chicken Cordon Bleu, roast pork, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, salad, and soup. Dessert will be provided by Char and Ken Gumm. The social hour begins at 5:30; dinner at 6:30; program at 7:15.

The cost of the dinner is \$16.00 per person. Please mail your checks to **Char Gumm, N6222 Woodland Rd., Sheboygan, 53083**. The deadline for reservations is **Monday, November 4**.

Another member gone

Sadly, we lost another PTP member this past month. Carol Jean Schmidt had just joined our chapter last year, and she enjoyed attending meetings with her good friends, the Schoens. She passed away on September 27, and her



service was held on Friday, October 4. She was a member of the Gesangverein Concordia Singers, and they sang in her honor at both her service and the luncheon following.

The board will meet at 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 14 at the Elks Club. Please call Jon Keckonen at 457-4318 if you need to be excused from the meeting.

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Happy Thanksgiving!



We live in a small world

Capt. Mark Kloiber was one of our high school exchange students in Esslingen in 2003, and after graduation he received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. More recently,



Kitty Hoffman took part in both exchanges in 2013 and 2016. Now she is a cadet at West Point, where she is majoring in German and Arabic. Capt. Kloiber is her German teacher at the Academy!

Time to pay 2020 dues

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to pay our PTP dues for 2020. Rich Miesfeld would like to have all members paid by the time of our December 12th chapter meeting. Dues have not changed for many years – the cost is still \$35 for a family membership or \$25 for a single. You can bring your checks to Rich at the November meeting, or mail them to him at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, WI 53083.



Coming events



- Nov 14** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Dec 12** Chapter Christmas party at Elks Club
- Jan 9** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Feb 13** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar 12** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar 8** **PTP Brat Fry**
- Apr 9** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- May 14** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Aug 20** Chapter picnic in Howards Grove

It's application time

It is time to send in applications for either the high school or the middle school exchange program with Esslingen, Germany. If you know of any student who is interested in either program, please encourage them to get the application from our website and send it to Bob Quasius now. Bob has scheduled an informational meeting for the middle school program at Lake Country Academy at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 24 for anyone interested in learning more about the exchange programs.

Shaking hands in Germany



Beth Hejl, PTP exchange student in 1985-86, has been writing a blog comparing customs in the U.S. and Germany since she moved to Germany in 2012. Since people have said they missed her blog posts in recent issues, we decided to include some excerpts every now and then.

Social protocol (or Why Americans sometimes just don't fit in over here):

I was at a fancy party the other evening where I knew no one but the hostess. She and I became friends at our three-week summer hunting course, and she was celebrating both her birthday and her successful completion of the three-day, three-part hunting test (I will take – and hopefully pass – my test in May). I had a really nice time chatting with mainly hunters and some folks from Switzerland. The first couple I was introduced to was a *Schießlehrer* (shooting instructor), whom I hope to become a student of shortly, and his wife. Since it was the *Schießlehrer* the hostess wanted me to meet, I reached out my hand to him, having grasped long ago that this is the way to greet someone in Germany even during cold & flu season. He looked at me with gentle consternation and pointed to his wife. Right – When introduced to a couple, one must shake the woman's hand first!

I know this rule, but to be honest I thought it only applied to men, in the same way men are (were?) expected to take their hats off inside buildings but women are not. Now I know better.

Editor's note: Beth is involved in a hunting course because she wants to become a Falconer, and to do so, she is required to have a hunting license.