

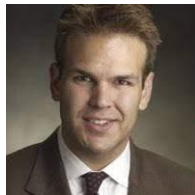


Sheboygan Area Chapter

Summer Newsletter 2021

In September we can meet again at the Elks Club

It seems that we are all ready to get back together again as a chapter. President Bob Quasius is calling our chapter together at the Elks Club on Thursday, September 9. The program will be given by Karl Hinkfuss from Kohler. He was the Asia/Pacific director of product marketing for the Kohler Co., and he worked as an ex-Pat in Shanghai for three years. He was there during COVID and he was moved to the Bangkok office right when COVID broke out. Then he went back to Shanghai after a while. One of our PTP members heard him speak and said his stories were great – it was nice to get the perspective of someone living overseas and how things happened. He lives back in Sheboygan now - at High Pointe condos. We look forward to a great program on Sept. 9. Make your reservations now.



The menu for Sept. 9 will include ham and chicken, along with the usual side dishes. Char Gumm will supply the dessert. Please make your reservations, by sending a check in the amount of \$16.00 per person, made out to PTP-Sheboygan, to **Char Gumm, N6222 Woodland Rd., Sheboygan, 53083**. Deadline for reservations is Monday, September 1. Please note that the deadline is BEFORE Labor Day.

Coming Events

September 9 Chapter dinner at the Elks Club

October 14 Chapter dinner at the Elks Club

December 9 Chapter Christmas party at Elks Club

High School Exchanges

We have two Esslingen exchange students who will be in Sheboygan for the fall semester, and both will be attending



North High School. They are Mara Steinbach and Nathanael Haug. Mara will be staying with the Redell family, and Nathanael arrived last week to stay with the Weinfurter family. Nathanael's brother, Felix, stayed with the Weinfurter family last year. Sarah Redell is spending 7 weeks in Esslingen and attending school with Mara as this newsletter is going to print. More pictures of the two girls in Germany are on the second page. Jonah Weinfurter will be studying in Esslingen during the spring semester, 2022. We are pleased that our five-month exchange program is still going on, even after some complications due to the pandemic. Early this fall we will be accepting application for the 2022-23 school year.

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Friendships rekindled

Submitted by Dolores Raeder

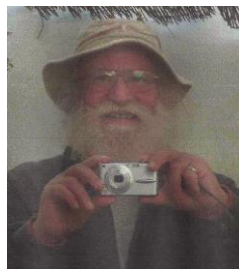
Back in 1988, Dolores and George Raeder hosted Edgar and Renate Widder from Esslingen who came to Sheboygan as part of the Philharmonic Choir. They stayed in touch for several years, but then lost touch with each other. Last Christmas Dolores got a new computer, and it was necessary for her to change her email address.



Before her 90th birthday in April, her grandson offered to send a message to all of her contacts in her old computer, and shortly after that, Dolores got a wonderful, friendly email from Edgar in Esslingen. She had not heard from him in almost 33 years! He also wrote to Gilda Becker, who befriended him back in 1988. One of the interesting comments he made in one of his emails to Dolores is, "It is a little bit wonderful that our contact that slept some years is awake for a new life. You and me we are older but remembering old days we spent together is still present." What a beautiful way to rekindle a friendship after so many years of no communication!



Edgar Widder in 1988



More recent photo of Edgar

PTP Scholarship awarded

Bob Quasius recently presented Gigi Gotzmer with the PTP scholarship which she earned after participating in one of our exchange programs a few years ago. Gigi will attend the U. of Colorado in Boulder and plans to major in biology and pre-med. Congratulations, Gigi!



Sarah and Mara in Germany



Girls in Berlin

Exchange programs kindle a lifetime of friendship. These two started communicating a year ago when they paired together for the summer exchange program. When Covid-19 prevented that exchange for two summers in a row, they decided to make it happen on their own. They will return to Sheboygan on August 7.

If you know of a student who would like to apply for either the 5-month exchange program or next summer's middle school program, please contact Paula Dick at nabbey@charter.net.