



# People to People Sheboygan

December - 2025

## ***Meeting and Program - Dec 11***

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

**P**lease join us for our meeting and Christmas program at the Elks Club on Dec 11.

The menu for this evening will be broasted chicken, mac 'n cheese, normandy blend vegetables, salad and dinner rolls. Members, we kindly ask to please provide a dessert of choice for the Christmas dinner. **The cost of the dinner is \$21.00 per person.**

Checks can be made out to People to People Sheboygan and mailed to Rich Miesfeld at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, 53083. **You may also pay using PayPal.** Enter @PTPISheboygan and inform Rich who is sending the money. Please add enough to cover the 3% that PayPal charges.

The board meets at 5:00 at the Elks Club, prior to the social period. Board members please contact Bob Quasius at 920-698-0451 if you cannot attend.

## ***Future Events***

Dec 11, 2025 Dinner/Christmas - Elk's Club

No meeting for January

Feb 12, 2026 Dinner meeting - Elk's Club

Mar 12, 2026 Dinner meeting - Elk's Club

Apr 9, 2026 Dinner meeting - Elk's Club

Apr 26, 2026 Brat Fry - 3 Sheeps Brewing

## ***Program Speakers***

Feb - TBD

Mar - TBD

Apr - TBD

May - TBD

**W**e are in the process of confirming program speakers for 2026. If you know of anyone who may provide a presentation, please contact a board member. Thank you kindly!

## ***Dessert***

Feb - Adria Van Asten

Mar - Nathan Stauber

Apr - Open

May - Tammy Schaefer

**W**e are still looking for someone to provide a dessert for April. If you are able, please contact Steve Dick (920) 476-2152. Thank you!



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## ***Kohler Madrigal Singers***

Please welcome the Kohler High School Madrigal Singers, our Christmas Program entertainment. They are an auditioned group of 16-20 vocal students that sing traditional Renaissance music and an assortment of holiday carols.



The group performs for various audiences in the Sheboygan area in November and December. Madrigals also sing at the winter concert, district solo & ensemble and at state music festivals. If anyone is interested in booking them for the 2026 holiday season, please reach out to Ms. Eva Stokes at Kohler High School in late summer 2026. Click on this link to experience a sneak peek of the [Kohler Madrigal Singers](#).

## ***Mayor's International Committee***

We are seeking someone who is willing to serve on the [Mayor's International Committee](#).

General requirements include being a citizen of Sheboygan who is



committed to representing the city and fostering international relations. Members serve as ambassadors to promote friendship and understanding, particularly with Sheboygan's sister cities, Esslingen, Germany, and Tsubame, Japan. While there are no specific academic or professional qualifications listed, the role requires a dedication to international relations and a commitment to the sister city relationship. The committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall. Please contact a board member if interested in filling this role.

## ***Changing of the Guard***

Our organization is preparing for the slate of officers and board members for 2026-27. If you feel you have



a calling and would like to apply your talent or skills by serving on the board or a committee, please contact a board member. We welcome fresh faces and new ideas. The slate of officers will be presented at our December board meeting.



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## Esslingen 1250th Anniversary

We have received some updated information regarding Esslingen's 1250th Anniversary Celebration in 2027.

**ESSLINGEN 2027 1250 JAHRE** **YES**

**Celebrate with us!**  
September 24th-26th 2027

We invite you to join us in celebrating our **1250th** city anniversary **September 24th - 26th 2027!**

Fun activities like a trip to the **Wasen** in Stuttgart, **Tübingen** and **get-togethers** are planned!

**We are looking forward to welcoming you and your loved ones!**

Cities: **Tübingen - Heidelberg - Munich**; Museums: **Mercedes Benz - Porsche**  
Folk Festival: **Wasen (Stuttgart) - Oktoberfest (Munich) ...and much more to see!**

## 2026 Exchange Candidates

Currently, we have four middle school student exchange candidates for 2026. Student summaries have been sent to Claudius in Esslingen. We are awaiting approval. Stay tuned for further updates.

## Enchantment Awaits

*Submitted by Katharina Drozdov, Esslingen Mayor's Office*

Always shortly before the first Sunday of Advent, Esslingen transforms and reinvents itself, as if the city had been enchanted overnight.

The Esslingen Medieval Market & Christmas Market begins



with its 180 booths and approximately 500 cultural program items. The market features a variety of performances, music, and spectacular fire shows, creating a wonderful festive atmosphere for everyone attending.

[Esslingen Medieval & Christmas Market](#)

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## Quirkiest German Christmas Traditions!



*Schornefeger*



*Räuchermann*



*Carp*



*Straw Ornaments*



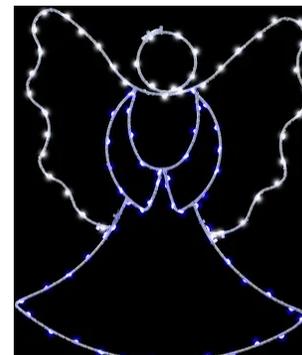
*Krampusläufe*



*Bleigessen*

## *Did You Know...*

Weihnachtsengel translates to "Christmas angel" and refers to a specific type of traditional German folk art, particularly from the Ore



Mountains (Erzgebirge). Weihnachtsengel is a common theme of German holiday decor. In anticipation of the holiday season, many people place small angel figurines and larger angel statues on sideboards, shelves, mantels, tables, and desks.

Angel decorations are also common for trees. Germans see the angel as a religious figure and a general symbol of peace, hope, joy, and togetherness.

Nuremberg boasts the largest "Feuerzangenbowle" (German Fire Tongs Punch Bowl) in the world.

A special recipe of red wine and rum punch is concocted which contains up to approximately 2,375 gallons of this intoxicating treat.



*Nuremberg's Feuerzangenbowle*



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This [mulled wine](#) (*Tip: **unmute** the TikTok clip, upper left corner, to hear it*) is flavored with rum-soaked caramelized sugar and spices for a comforting, seasonal drink. One-of-a-kind “punch bowls” are specially-constructed and take 48 hours and 40 kWh of electricity to properly warm the punch to the ideal temperature. The name comes from the tongs which holds a burning, rum-soaked sugar cone over the punch bowl. The sugar melts, is caramelized and drips into the wine below, giving the “Feuerzangenbowle” its special flavor!

***Frohe Weihnachten/Frohes Neues Jahr***  
***(Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!)***

Blessings and safe travels to all of our organization members, families and friends as we venture into the upcoming holiday seasons and launch into 2026!



[2025 Cologne Fireworks](#)

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