



# Sheboygan Area Chapter

May Newsletter 2010

## Mikolyzks will speak on Turkey at May 13 meeting

**T**ravel to Turkey with Bill and Diane Mikolyzk at our annual meeting on Thursday, May 13, at the Elks Club. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Istanbul and view some of its gorgeous mosques and monuments. You will see the “fairy chimneys” of Cappadocia, the beauty of the Turkish Riviera and the fabulous Greek and Roman ruins of the western coast of this fascinating country.

In addition, Fede Gordillo and Rober Zanvetor, our exchange students from Cordoba, Argentina, will share their exchange experiences with the chapter at the May meeting.

Remember that at our annual meeting we elect our new slate of officers and directors and approve the budget that has been recommended by the board. It will be mailed with this newsletter or sent to members in a separate e-mail this week. Please bring the budget with you to the meeting.

The social period will begin at 5:30, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu will include broasted chicken, Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, sweet peas/baby carrots, salad bowl, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Henry Schoen is providing dessert in honor of his birthday.

To make reservations for the dinner and program on May 13 at the Elks Club, please make out a check for \$14.00 per person, to ***People to People-Sheboygan***, and send it to **Esther Weiss, 1426 N. 15th St., Sheboygan, 53081**. Checks must be received by Monday, May 3. A \$2.00 per person late fee applies after the May 3 deadline.

The board will meet at 5:00 at the Elks Club on Thursday, May 13. Please bring your copy of the minutes along with you, and if you cannot attend the meeting, call Judy Slawny at 457-4258 to be excused.

## Coming Events

- May 13 Annual meeting at the Elks Club
- May 20 Student Exchange Program reunion in Esslingen, Germany
- July 18 Chapter picnic at Sheboygan Falls River Park Falls Shelter on Western Ave. & 2nd St.



## Reunion in Esslingen, Germany

The reunion of the Esslingen/Sheboygan exchange program will take place in Germany on May 20, with some of our chapter members in attendance. Mayor Bob Ryan, a 1980 exchange student, his mother Muriel, Anna Schoen, Don Haack, and Jon and Ann Keckonen will be traveling to Esslingen for this celebration as well as other members of the Mayor's International Committee.

In the 40 years since the exchange began in 1970, over 155 students from the Sheboygan area have lived and studied in our sister city. Several of those have become German teachers, have returned to work in Germany, have entered government service, and a host of other professions in which their exchange experience helped them to prepare for the future.

The largest number of students participating occurred in 1984, '85, '91, and '96, when we had 7 reciprocal matches in each of those years. Many families have maintained contact with their exchange partners and families in Germany, and lifelong friendships have been established.

The exchange committee hopes that the new summer program for middle school students will encourage more participation in the 5-month program when they get to high school.

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## Family brat fry dates announced

The Altman family will be holding two brat frys on consecutive Saturdays to help raise money for Eric and Rachel to attend their PTPI Student Ambassador and exchange trips this summer. Please stop in and have a brat with them if you can. The dates are May 29 and June 5, both held from 9:00 - 4:00 at the Pick and Save grocery store on Calumet Drive in Sheboygan. Thanks for your support!



## Results of chapter brat fry

Treasurer Jon Keckonen reports that we made a net profit of about \$3400 on the chapter fundraiser held on March 14 at the Elks Club. Listed below is the profit for each area of the event, after expenses. General expenses (music, advertising, etc.) are taken out of the gross revenue. If you still have ticket money to turn in, please do so ASAP. Thank you to the "snowbirds" who have sent contributions toward our fundraiser while they were out of town. We sincerely appreciate everyone who contributes time, money, and goodies to this fundraiser.

Food	\$1042.16
Drinks	\$196.39
Bake Sale	\$511.00
Flea Market	\$270.15
Wine/Cheese Raffle	\$533.00
Ticket Raffle	\$787.50

*The 2010-2011 slate of officers and budget proposal will be sent to all members in separate emails following this newsletter. Please bring these documents with you to the May 13 meeting. Discussion and voting will take place after dinner.*

We extend our sympathy to Tim Van Akkeren and his entire family on the death of his mother, Jan, on March 13.

## Chapter picnic set for July 18

Grace Zangara and Don Held have reserved the Sheboygan Falls River Park Shelter for the chapter picnic on Sunday July 18. It is the downtown Park at Western Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Details will be included in the June newsletter, but it is important for now to put the date of July 18 on your calendars. The earlier date was chosen because our special guests from Argentina will be with us at that time. They are Carlos and Marta Gabetta and their daughters, Vange, Sole, Geno and Sofi. Carlos is the Argentine coordinator of our Cordoba exchange program. As a teen, Carlos, himself, was an AFS student at Sheboygan South High School. His host parents were John and Donna Webb. Plan to attend the picnic and greet the Gabettas.

## Melting Pot Jam a huge success

*Message from Susan Copsey:*

The potluck with Lakeland College international students, "Champs" (Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success, sponsored by the NCAA) students and our PTP Sheboygan Chapter held on March 27 was a great success! We had over 80 people in attendance with about an even number of people from each of the 3 groups. Thank you to everyone who provided food for the event. The athletic students provided a fun ice breaker with Playdoh which was a great way to meet others. The delicious, home-cooked food was especially appreciated by the college students. I exchanged email addresses with two students and communicated with them before the International Night. Here is an email I received from my new friend Masami just after the potluck:

*Hello, this is Masami Ishida. I had really good time yesterday because I talked with many people and I could make good communication. Especially, I am glad to know you because you are so kind and friendly.*

The Melting Pot Jam was a wonderful opportunity for the Lakeland students to get off campus and meet some people in Sheboygan. It was great for our PTP members to make new friends and then connect at the International Night at Lakeland the following week. We will definitely plan on doing this again.



Thank you to Susan Copsey, Alicia Helion, and Judy Slawny for all their hard work in organizing this event.

