



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy Easter

April Newsletter 2010

International meeting at Lakeland College, April 8

We are trying something different for our April chapter meeting, and we hope lots of members will want to attend. Both the board meeting and the dinner will be held at Lakeland College, followed by a program of song and dance put on by the international students attending Lakeland. The program will be in Bradley Hall, and the dinner will be in Bossard Hall in the Campus Center (second floor). Please note the earlier time of the social hour and dinner.

The social period will begin at 5:00, followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The menu will include chicken breast supreme, mashed potatoes, pasta tossed with roasted tomatoes and thyme butter sauce, steamed broccoli, rolls, garden salad, beverage, and apple pie for dessert.

We will have a short walk to the Bradley Center after dinner for the song and dance program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

To make reservations for the dinner and program on April 8 at Lakeland College, 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 Wednesday, March 31.



This map shows both entrances into Lakeland. The social and dinner will be in Building #12, and the Bradley Center is Building #21. Parking is available in Lots E & F, both highlighted in blue.



Come to our Potluck Melting Pot Jam on Saturday, March 27

Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you. We encourage anyone who is interested in other cultures to attend.

Our People to People Sheboygan Chapter will be hosting a potluck for the Lakeland College international students, along with student athletes who participate in the CHAMPS (Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success) program on Saturday, March 27, from 6-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Sheboygan, 623 Ontario Ave. Please RSVP to Susan Copsey (459-0749) or Judy Slawny (457-4258), and plan to bring a main dish, salad or dessert and help with set up and/or clean up if you can. Our club will also be providing funding for transportation for the students.

Lakeland College is promoting this as the "Melting Pot Jam." Our goal is to build relationships with the international students which may possibly lead to our chapter members "friendship sharing" an international student and inviting them to their homes for dinner, holidays and other social events to enrich their cultural experience while pursuing their education at Lakeland College. This would also help to fulfill our By-Laws Section 4 (2) "Extension of the hand of fellowship to people from other lands living in our community."

Let's all plan to attend and make it a warm and welcoming event for the Lakeland students. It will also be a wonderful lead in to our regular meeting on April 8, when we will be dining at Lakeland College, followed by an "International Night" performance in the Bradley Fine Arts Building.

Coming Events

- Mar. 27 Potluck with Lakeland students, St. Luke Church
- Apr. 8 Chapter meeting at Lakeland College
- May 13 Annual meeting at the Elks Club

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Brat Fry at Elks Club worked!

Don Held should give himself a pat on the back for a successful brat fry in spite of the challenges of holding it at a new location this year. Thanks, Don, for doing a great job of getting us all there, getting us to work our shifts as promised, and selling tickets to bring in lots of hungry people. It was fun, and we were thankful to have none of the anticipated crises that might have come from finding our way through the logistics of the Elks Club rules and expectations. Thank you notes from Anna and Esther follow, and all of us thank Don for his hard work.



From Anna Schoen: A huge thank you to all our members for the generous donations of wine, cheese, sausage, crackers, and cash for this year's raffle. Your generosity allowed us to put together 45 baskets plus three Super Raffle baskets. What a wonderful assortment we had this year! Please save your medium-size baskets for next year (bring them to any meeting and give them to Anna).

From Esther Weiss: A very big thank you to our faithful bakers. You've done a great job once again. We had a generous, very generous supply of outstanding baked goods. One of the men I waited on made the comment, "This is really a big thing! I don't know what I should have." My answer, "Oh why not try them all?"

I was pleased to see several additional varieties of homemade herb and grain breads, along with the popular sweet breads. The dessert tortes and cakes are, of course, still favorites of which we had a good supply. The carrot cake was missed when asked for. We had a request if a sugar-free dessert was available. Having to say no, I pass this on to you for a suggestion for next year. It would truly be appreciated. I have found our loyal customers' tastes do change from time to time. The homemade jams were gone in the early afternoon again. Did you all know that our president Judy Slawny made 11 tortes and 5 loaves of bread for this fundraiser? Wow!



At the end of the day we made up a variety of sampler plates to sell and also raffled some off. Only the crumbs were leftover.

Also, my personal thank you to the volunteers that worked at the bake sale, made phone calls and wrote the e-mail reminders. Our two young students were an excellent help in our "corner." None of this could be done and be successful were it not for all of your help and support. For that I say "Thank you again."

Board meeting at Lakeland

The board will meet in Room 210 in the Laun Building (#14 on the map) at Lakeland College on Thursday, April 8, at 5:00 p.m. There is a second floor walkway that connects the Laun Building with the Campus Center. Please bring your copy of the March minutes with you, and call Judy Slawny at 457-4258 if you need to be excused from attending the meeting.

PTPI murals at Mead Library

Be sure to stop in at Mead Public Library to view the PTPI murals that are on display there this month. The murals will be taken down in time to have them at the "Potluck Meet and Greet" evening at St. Luke Church on March 27. After that they will be sent out to the New Jersey PTP chapter.



Grace Zangara admiring the PTPI murals

If you have any questions about the murals on display, please direct them to Sandy Loth at 565-3767.

We extend our sympathy to...

Donna Webb on the death of her brother and to

Ginny Schreiber on the death of her brother-in-law.

Colorful dancers were a treat

Those members who attended the March meeting at the Elks Club were treated to a fantastic performance by the Latin Dance Group at South High, directed by Leticia Genson, a former student of Lucy DallaValle. The colorful costumes were beautiful, and Leticia is grateful to Lucy for donating money to purchase them. It was a touching reunion to see Lucy with the dancers.



Getting to know you

by Diane Mikolyzk

Federico Gordillo and Roberto Zanvetor arrived in Wisconsin on a cold, wintery Saturday in January, having left sunny, hot Cordoba, Argentina, in the middle of summer. Our two most recent PTP exchange students have adapted readily to life in the U.S., and both say they are having a wonderful stay. To quote Fede: If you ask me to evaluate my experience from one to ten, it is a ten so far!"



Both Rober and Fede liked their first taste of fun in the snow and have tried a variety of winter activities, including sledding, cross country skiing, ice skating and ice fishing.



Rober has even tried snowboarding! The boys are also enjoying school at Plymouth and Oostburg High, respectively. Rober feels that school here is more interesting than in Argentina. He likes the variety of classes, the different age groups in his classes and all the activities that are connected with school life. He hopes to play tennis and help with the girls' soccer team this spring. Fede likes his classmates, the teachers, and all his subjects. He appreciates the small, family feel of OHS because he knows just about everyone and has made lots of friends. Fede is involved in the drama club and the school play and hopes to participate in a spring sport or activity as well.



For both Fede and Rober, the biggest difference between their lives in Wisconsin and Argentina is meal time. In Argentina, the main meal is served about 2:00 in the afternoon, so adjusting to evening dinner was hard at first. However, American food has been a big hit; they love the fast food, but both comment that the food in Argentina is much healthier. Cheeseburgers and donuts are among Fede's favorite, but he is not a fan of peanut butter. Rober likes the fact that you can eat whenever you want to; he says American food is one of the favorite things about his stay.

Rober and Fede both love their host families and in general feel they are getting along quite well. Their English is improving with each week, and they are adjusting well to the cultural differences. Rober sums it up well by saying, "This is a great experience, probably the best of my life. It opens your mind and you learn a lot. I strongly recommend it!" If you are interested in getting to know Fede or Rober on a more personal level, please contact their host families, Jeff and Jan Wierschke and Sam and Tonja Gierny to arrange a dinner or an outing. Rober and Fede will be in Sheboygan County until early July. They will share their experiences with the chapter at the May meeting, and they both worked at the brat fry last Sunday.

PTPI Worldwide Conference Scottsdale, Arizona Sept. 28-Oct. 3, 2010

If you plan to attend the PTPI Symposium on Peace and Conflict, the 19th Worldwide Conference, in Scottsdale, Arizona this fall, be sure to contact Judy Slawny at 457-4258. Registration is now open at www.ptpi.org. The theme for the conference this year is *Many Nations, One World*. This is the first time in eight years that the conference will be held in the U.S.

There will be interactive educational sessions on global sustainability, global peace and humanitarianism, keynote speakers, social and networking events, PTPI's Annual Awards Luncheon and Ceremony, hands-on community service project, cultural activities and optional sightseeing tours which will make this a rich and rewarding experience.

Registration is \$550 per person if paid before July 30. The hotel conference rate is \$149 for single or double occupancy at the Firesky Resort and Spa, 4925 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ.

Esslingen exchange students selected



Paige Wagner, left, and Daniele Neese have been selected as exchange students to Esslingen, Germany, on the five-month program. They will host their exchange partners this summer and will travel to Esslingen next February. Paige and her family, including her grandmother, sold 200 brat fry tickets this year in support of our fundraiser.

Student Ambassadors worked

We had four student ambassadors working at the brat fry this year, and all of them will receive a stipend from the chapter for their trips with PTPI this summer. Eric Altman, Matt Stokdyk, Max Nabbefeld, and Zachary Schwobe and their families all worked at the brat fry and sold tickets to the event. Max was especially proud that he sold 120 tickets, the second highest number in the club. Nice going, Max!



The Altman family has been involved in People to People for many years and all 4 of them worked all day long at the brat fry. Eric has taken 2 Student Ambassador trips and will be going to South Africa as a student ambassador this summer. Rachel has gone on one Student Ambassador trip and has been accepted for the new 3-week summer exchange program with Esslingen, Germany.

We had fun at the Brat Fry!



Brat Fry patrons enjoyed the food and the lively German music



The fryers - hard work and lots of smoke!



Delicious brats - mouthwatering!



Zimmer Funeral Home donated half the cost of the popular German band.



Don Held, our hard working chairman



Elvera's famous potato salad was a hit, as it is every year.



Picking the winning raffle tickets



A delicious corner!



The kitchen crew worked hard all day.



The Flea Market ladies always make attractive displays to bring in customers in search of a bargain on a "much-needed" treasure!

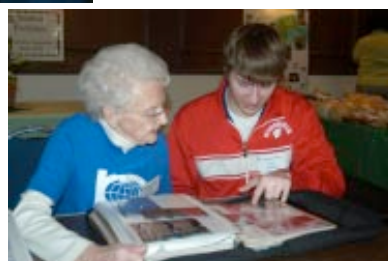


Carolyn Miesfeld and Karen Held are warming up the baked beans



Dick Schneider & Tony Lorenz sold tickets to customers as they came in. The winning \$100 ticket was purchased from them!

Eric Altman is showing his albums of his Student Ambassador trips to Elvera Dassow



Treasurer Jon Keckonen computerized the order-taking process