



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Happy New Year

January Newsletter 2012

We bid hello and goodbye to exchange students

Join us on January 12 at the Elks Club for our first chapter meeting of 2012. The program will include a presentation by Michaela Ludens on her exchange experience in Córdoba, Argentina, this past year. Micha returned home on December 16, after a scary experience on her return flight to the U.S.A. Micha worked through some difficult challenges on her exchange, and she will talk about how grateful she is for the experiences she had. Diane Mikolyzk reports that Micha now speaks fluent Spanish, and she has grown and matured through the People to People exchange opportunity.

We expect to have another speaker at the meeting also, but details are still being finalized. Our original program cancelled, and Mike Slawny is working on the replacement as this newsletter had to be sent out.

The buffet dinner will include baked chicken, beef tips, mashed red potatoes and gravy, salad bowl, rolls, and coffee or milk. Dessert will be provided by Gilda Becker and George and Dolores Raeder.

The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person, and checks should be made out to People to People, Sheboygan. Please send them to Esther Weiss at 1426 N. 15th St, Sheboygan, 53081. The deadline for reservations is Monday, Jan. 2. The social hour begins at 5:30 at the Elks Club; dinner at 6:30.



We said good-bye to our two exchange students from Esslingen at the December meeting. Julian Wüsteney and Nadine Haupt left for home two days after the PTP Christmas party, with many good memories of their five-month stay in Sheboygan. Their partners, Elyse Slimmer and Andrew Rothe, will join them in Esslingen in February to complete the second half of the exchange.

The board will meet at 5:00 on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Elks Club. Please bring along your copy of the December minutes. Call Judy Slawny at 457-4258 if you cannot attend.



Coming Events

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| Jan. 12 | Chapter meeting at Elks Club |
| Jan. 20 | Coffee with Lakeland students |
| Feb. 9 | Chapter meeting at Elks Club |
| Mar. 11 | PTP Brat Fry |
| Mar. 13 | Chapter meeting at Elks Club |
| Apr. 12 | Chapter meeting at Elks Club |
| May 10 | Annual meeting at Elks Club |

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We send our sympathy to...

Gene Eckardt on the loss of his wife and childhood sweetheart, Myrtle, who died unexpectedly on Dec. 9, the night of our last People to People meeting, just hours after returning home from our lovely Christmas party. Myrtle and Gene joined the chapter when it was only 2 years old, in 1967. We will miss her presence at our meetings – they attended almost every one, and she was a tireless worker at our chapter events.



When bad weather threatens

We try very hard not to be too quick to cancel a dinner meeting if the weather report is bad. Often the storm does not materialize, and travel is better than expected. President Judy Slawny will make a decision by 2:00 on the day of our meeting if the dinner has to be cancelled; please listen to WHBL on your radio to find out if our meeting is cancelled because of weather.



Call Judy for Brat Fry tickets

Our Brat Fry has been scheduled for March 11 at the Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building. This new location will give us more seating at less cost, and we hope this will make our fundraiser much more successful. Several members like to have their brat fry tickets to sell or give away to friends and relatives at Christmastime, so Judy Slawny has them available now. If you would like your tickets before the January meeting, please call Judy at 457-4258 to arrange a time to pick them up.

Middle School Exchange Program

We have 10 applications for the summer middle school exchange program with Esslingen, Germany! It is wonderful news that so many young people want to experience a short-term exchange. The interview and selection process will begin right after the holidays.

Photos from Melting Pot Jam

The Melting Pot Jam held in November with the Lakeland College students was lots of fun, and now we are looking forward to a Welcome Back and Conversation Coffee with these students on January 20. The students really enjoy these opportunities to interact with chapter members, as you can see from these photos.



Be sure to set aside January 20, from noon until 2:00 to meet and greet the Lakeland students. We need volunteers to help bake refreshments and to come out to Lakeland to have conversation with the students. Please call Susan Copsey at 459-0749 or Judy Slawny at 457-4258 if you would like to be a part of this fun event.

