



Sheboygan Area Chapter

Summer Newsletter 2010

Join us for a chapter picnic in Falls on July 18

Our chapter picnic will be held in a different month and at a different location this summer. Please join us on July 18 at Sheboygan Falls River Park shelter at Western Ave. and 2nd Street in downtown Sheboygan Falls.

Our guests from Argentina will be with us, and this is a great time to meet them. They are Carlos and Marta Gabetta and their four daughters. Carlos was an AFS student who stayed with John and Donna Webb when he was a teenager, and all of his daughters have participated in our Argentinian exchange program. The picnic will be a great time to give them all a good Sheboygan welcome!

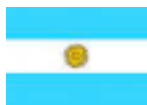
We will meet at the park at noon on July 18. The cost is only \$4.00 per person for brats or burgers. Soda will be provided, but if you prefer beer, bring your own.



Members whose last names begin with A-M should please bring a salad; those with last names beginning with N-Z, please bring a dessert.

Please make your reservations with Grace Zangara at 920-458-5201. She needs to know how many brats and hamburgers to order for your family. You can leave a message saying how many are coming, and how many want brats, how many hamburgers, etc. You may pay your \$4.00 per person at the picnic. This is a great time to invite a friend to join you to introduce them to People to People.

Do you have the Argentine flag? Diane Mikolyzk loaned it out for the brat fry and the event with the Lakeland students, but it is now missing. Please, if you have it, or know who has it, give Diane a call at 893-8830. Thanks!



Coming Events

July 17	Esslingen students arrive in Sheboygan
July 18	Picnic at Sheb. Falls River Park 12-3:00
Sept. 9	Chapter meeting at the Elks Club
Oct. 14	Chapter meeting at the Elks Club
Nov. 11	Chapter meeting at the Elks Club
Dec. 9	Chapter Christmas party at the Elks Club

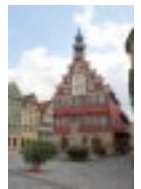


Members of the Mayor's International Committee and People to People delegation in Heidelberg, Germany

40th Anniversary in Esslingen



Members of the Mayor's International Committee and several PTP chapter members gathered in Sheboygan's sister city last month to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the student exchange program. See article on pg. 2 of this newsletter.



A large group of former exchange students gathered in Esslingen, Germany on May 20

Welcome new members

David and Linda Opitz from Plymouth joined our chapter at the May meeting, after being invited as guests by the Mikolyzks, and Jim and Yolanda Graf from Sheboygan joined the chapter after traveling to Esslingen with some of our PTP chapter members. Welcome to both of these couples!

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Thanks are in order to...

Jon Keckonen for 11 years of dedicated service to our chapter as treasurer. Jon took over from Dick Stolzenburg in July, 1999, and has continued in that role ever since. Although he is turning over the financial books to Mary Dalhaimer in July, Jon will continue as chairman of the Student Exchange Committee.



Thanks also to all board members and committee chairpersons who spend many extra hours making everything run smoothly at our chapter meetings and board meetings. As one of the largest PTP chapters, there is much work to do "behind the scenes" in order to keep our many projects alive and well.

Three students will come from Esslingen for 5-month exchange

The city of Esslingen will send 3 high school students to Sheboygan to begin their five-month homestay on July 17. They will remain with their host families until mid-December when they will return home to spend Christmas with their families and to catch up on the studies they missed during their absence. From left to right, they are Ophelia Klumpp, Kim Scheurenbrand, and Lena Schmitz. Ophelia will be staying with the Wagner/Pelto family; Kim will stay with The Langan family; and Lena will be with the Neese family.



Kris Hancock receives award

Kris Hancock received the prestigious Sylvia Weber Award for outstanding service, contributions, and dedication to the Sheboygan Chapter in the past year, and we congratulate her on receiving this honor.



Former recipients Al Loth (left) and Esther Weiss (center) presented the plaque to her at the annual meeting in May. Congratulations, Kris!

Middle school exchange begins

2010 marks the beginning of a new exchange program for our chapter, one that we hope will enhance the growth of our senior high exchange program. Kris Hancock will



lead 5 girls to Esslingen for a 3-week exchange beginning on July 18. Following their stay in Esslingen, five German students who are about the same age and a teacher from Esslingen will spend 3 weeks in Sheboygan. Pictured above are the Sheboygan contingent, left to right:

Alexis Neese, Allison Kappers, Kris Hancock, Rachel Altman, Jessica Walvoort, and Jessica Pittner. The Esslingen group is on the picture to the left: Emely Nann, Theresa Breuning, Annalena Fink, Stephanie Adams, Leonie Roos, and leader Melanie Knauer.



International Committee & PTP representatives enjoy trip to Germany

The City of Esslingen planned an amazing celebration in honor of the 40th anniversary of our PTP exchange program. The event was held on May 20, with over 50 former exchange students in attendance plus 100 more dignitaries, parents, council members, and even the Vice-Consul from the U.S. Embassy in Frankfurt. Two former students gave emotional presentations about how much the exchange has meant to them and how it has changed their lives. In addition, Mayor Bob Ryan spoke, both as the official representative of Sheboygan and also as a former exchange student. It was the first time he had returned to Esslingen since he took part in the exchange 30 years ago. The former Sheboygan student who spoke was Kate Meyer-Olsen, who participated in the 1975-76 exchange, and the former Esslingen student who spoke was Martin Hertkorn, who stayed with Bob and Margaret Voorhans in 1973. In addition, Emily Kletzien attended from Stuttgart, Christy Clabots came from Utrecht and Ken Hancock came from Budapest.



Mayor Ryan

Jon and Ann Keckonen had a special thrill when their first exchange student, Stephan Hufner, drove 5 hours from his home to be at the celebration even though he had to return home that same evening. This was the first time the Keckonens had seen Stephan in 24 years.

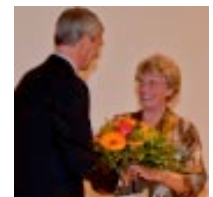
Pauline Hejl has been the coordinator of the exchange program in Esslingen since 1985, and the Oberburgermeister presented her with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for many years of dedication to the success of the program.



The Keckonens & Stephan



Meyer-Olsen Hertkorn



Thank you, Frau Hejl!