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**Happy
Easter**



April's

Gemütlichkeit

Pam and Ed Rapp have volunteered to host April's Gemütlichkeit. Their address is 235 Timberwind Lane, Vandalia.

Gemütlichkeit is held immediately following the monthly membership meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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Lichtenfels

Vandalia

Prestwick



Meet the Exchange Students

Four Lichtenfels exchange students will be arriving at the Dayton airport at 8:30 P.M. on Saturday, April 9th. The host families will be there to welcome them to Vandalia but wouldn't it be great to have members there too?

On Sunday, April 10th at 6:00 P.M. there will be a Pizza Party at Christy's. Everyone is invited to welcome the youth to Vandalia.



Let's have a huge turnout for the next General Membership meeting and the Gemütlichkeit following the meeting. The German students will be our guest speakers at the meeting.



On Thursday, April 28th at 6:00 P.M. there will be a Farewell party at Julia Ware's house. Her address is 7725 Claude Street, Dayton. If you have not met the students by now, this may be your last chance.

Come join the fun!

And finally, on Saturday, April 30th at 1:30

P.M., the German students will be arriving at the Dayton airport to start their journey home. It is always a very sad day when they leave and many tears will be shed but life-time friendships will have been formed.



As always, there will be many pictures on our web site of all of their activities. Check it out starting with their arrival on April 10th thru their farewell on April 30th.

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Check out Vandalia Sister Cities online at www.Vandaliasistercities.org

Harvey's Gedanken

I want to begin by giving thanks to the following committees: the Youth Exchange Committee, the Official Visit Committee, the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra Committee and the Oktoberfest Committee for all of the hours that they have been putting in. They have been meeting every month plus many emails and phone calls between meetings.

If you would like to be-

come a member of one of these committees please call Julia Ware at 416-2799 for the Youth Exchange Committee, Lizz Kunz at 890-0887 or Wayne Wright at 898-4518 for the Official Visit Committee or Lizz Kunz at 890-0887 for the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra Committee and Jeff Jordan at 898-2703 for the Oktoberfest Committee.

Part of the Youth Exchange itinerary is on the front page of the newsletter. I urge all of you to attend the events that are open to the members. Come out and meet this new group of young people from Lichtenfels, Germany. The Youth Exchange Committee has been meeting with the host students and their families and they have created a good itinerary for our guests. We wish to thank our hosts for hosting the youth from Lichtenfels, George and Jacol

Davell and son Cooper, David and Faith Salyer and daughter Katie, Eric and Carmina Towe and daughter Emma and John and Swee Chin Lee Dixon and their daughter Samantha.

The Official Visit Committee is finalizing the activities for the visit in June. Of course, I cannot mention all of the activities here in the newsletter for we do have eyes in Germany and Scotland who actually read the newsletter. All I can say is that I do not feel anyone will be disappointed in the activities.

Mark your Calendar – July 5th, 7:30 PM - the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra will be giving a free concert at St. Chris. Tell your family and friends to mark their calendar for this great event. You can check the Orchestra out on their web page at www.fiddleorchestra.com.

HARVEY

Important Dates

April 9th—30th
Youth Exchange

June 18th—25
Official Visit

July 3rd—7th
Ayrshire Fiddle
Orchestra

July 5th—Concert at St.
Chris

Gemütlichkeit 2011

There are host and co-host openings on the 2011 Gemütlichkeit signup for October. Please call Ellen at 667-6558 or sign up at the April General Membership meeting if you are interested in hosting a Gemütlichkeit.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members to our organization:

Tony and Ginger Ross, 2656 Wood Bluff Lane, Centerville, OH 45458, 937-885-2232, gingerkilianross@woh.rr.com.

Scotland Week 2011

Scotland Week 2011 runs from 3 - 10 April, and includes Tartan Day on 6 April.

New York has celebrated Tartan Day since 1999 in a variety of events, including the Scotland Run and the Tartan Day Parade, highlighting the vibrancy of Scottish culture past and present. This year the honorary Grand Marshal for the parade is Lord Provost of Glasgow, Bob Winter.

Another highlight this year includes the US premiere of award-winning playwright Douglas Maxwell's production The Promise at New York's 59E59 Theater.

And the celebrations are not confined to New York; people all over North America will be opening the malt and decking the walls with all shades of Tartan! In Arkansas they've been celebrating Tartan Day since 1997. And from San Diego, California to Dunedin, Florida, and from Calgary to Houston, Tartan Day will be commemorated.

Closer to home the Cincinnati Caledonian Pipes and Drums will be hosting the Annual Tartan Day Ceilidh on Saturday April 9th. in Blue Ash. Please call Lizz Kunz at 890-0887 or email at ekunz29@aol.com if you would like to attend. We can arrange a car pool down. Tickets are \$8. Please see the website for ordering information and directions. <http://www.cincypipesanddrums.org/>

Lizz

Boy Scouts of Vandalia, Prestwick, Lichtenfels, & Arrica to Correspond

A meeting was held in Prestwick during our official trip last year with representatives from Vandalia, Ohio, Prestwick, Scotland, Lichtenfels, Germany and Arrica, Italy. Part of the discussion was on how we can get the young people from the different countries together. One of the ideas was to have the Boy Scouts from the different countries get together via email, Facebook, Skype, or any other means.

Bob Schaffner supplied Sister Cities of Vandalia with seven names of Boy Scouts and that information has been forwarded on to the representatives in Scotland, Germany and Italy. It is the hope of the committee that we can get the young people of the world communicating with each other, sharing their lives with each other, learning each other's culture and forming lifelong friendships.

Save the Dates

Board Meeting:

April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting:

April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Vandalia Senior Citizens Center located at 21 Tionda Drive S.

Deadline for May's Scoop articles is April 25th.

Happy April Birthdays!

Micha Lastoskie	1
Nate Hibner.....	3
Ann Kimmel	3
Tanya Jackson.....	3
Roger Pratt	6
Bernhard Lastoskie.....	10
Marvin Link	12
Rick Schieltz	17
Tom Lastoskie	23
Stan Terebinski.....	29
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Suzanne's Sunshine Report

Gary Eggleston had emergency surgery.

Helen Duncan's brother-in-law (Lizz Kunz's uncle) passed away.

Please report news on our membership to Suzanne at 898-2703.