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January's Gemütlichkeit

Wayne and Susie Wright have volunteered to host January's Gemütlichkeit. Their address is 1006 Crestwood Hills Rd., Vandalia. Bob and Tracy Schaffner are co-hosts.

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

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Prestwick



Visitor from Lichtenfels

During our youth visit in Lichtenfels this past summer, our young people were befriended by many young people in Lichtenfels. One young man, Andreas Hoch, was so taken by our young people that he decided to visit Vandalia during the Christmas Holidays to strengthen their friendship.

Andreas arrived in Vandalia on December 14th (a couple of hours after our Christmas Party) and will be visiting until after the 1st of the year. During his visit in Vandalia, he will be staying with the different young people who were in Lichtenfels this past summer.



Christmas Party 2011

Sister Cities of Vandalia held their annual Christmas Party on December 14th at the Buckeye Banquet Center (formerly F & S Harley Davidson) on North Dixie Drive. There was plenty of food, drink and fellowship for the approximately 60 guests.

The entertainment was provided by the 52nd Street Jazz Group.

Our thanks go out to Pat Kammer and her committee for a great job of planning the event.

Thanks to all who donated food for the food pantry. The extra food from the party was donated to Gospel Mission in Dayton to feed the homeless. To check out some pictures from the Christmas Party, go to www.vandaliasistercities.org, click on Photo Gallery, click on 2011 Christmas Party.



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

Historian Needed

After many years of service, Jim Wagner is giving up his post as historian. Since all of the pictures from 1975 to present have been scanned and are currently on the computer, we are looking for someone who is computer literate and has the equipment to continue to scan pictures and newspaper articles to take over this important position. If you are interested, please call Harvey Kimmel at 901-6032 to volunteer. Thanks Jim for all your time and effort!

Gemütlichkeit 2012

There are host and co-host openings on the 2012 Gemütlichkeit signup for March and April. Please call Ellen at 667-6558 or sign up at the January membership meeting if you are interested in hosting a Gemütlichkeit.

Board Member Appointed

Since current board member Jodi Tinney was elected as secretary of Sister Cities, the Board appointed Joyce Orange to serve out Jodi's term on the Board. Joyce has accepted the offer and will start her service in January.

Harvey's Gedanken

As we close out the year, we can be proud of what was accomplished this year. We had a very successful "Official Visit" with our friends from Lichtenfels and Prestwick and who can forget the visit from the Aryshire Fiddle Orchestra and the look on the faces of the people attending the concert when they started to play. Another successful Oktoberfest is behind us and we ended the year with a very nice Christmas Party. Oh yes, we even participated in the Air Show Parade.

The schedule for the year 2012 will not be a repeat of year 2011. Of course we will have our Oktoberfest, the Air Show Parade and our Christmas Party.

Like any organization, we are always looking for new mem-

bers. If you know someone who would be interested in joining, please go to our web page, print out a membership form and give it to them. Invite them to our January meeting where our program will consist of a review of the year 2011.

If anyone is receiving our newsletter by mail and have the ability to receive it via email or by reading it on our web page, please let Ann Kimmel know. She will make the arrangement for you to receive it via email and have you removed from the mailing list. It does save our organization some money.

Again, thanks for your hard work this year. It has not gone unnoticed. The Board and all of the chairpersons appreciate your accomplishments.

Harvey

Membership Reminder

It is time to renew memberships for 2012. Dues for 2012 are to be paid by December 31st. However, with this busy time of the year, we are extending the deadline to **JANUARY 15**. If you want to be included in the 2012 membership list, we **must** receive your dues by that date.

Dues are \$20.00 for a family with children up to age 18; \$10.00 for anyone 18 or older. You may send a check payable to Sister Cities of Vandalia to: Thea Chiles, 1037 Marcellus Dr., Vandalia OH 45377. Save a stamp - Thea will take dues at the January meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you. You are important to Sister Cities and we hope you will continue your membership.

Thea

Oktoberfest 2012 Steering Committee Meeting

We will have our first monthly Steering Committee meeting of 2012 on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Kunz's. The address is 2515 Little York Road.

If you would like to help plan the Oktoberfest or get more involved, please attend. We need lots of people and ideas to continue making the Oktoberfest a success. It's not all business though. We have a really good time at these meetings, so please come and join the fun!! Refreshments will be served!!

Lizzy Kunz

Social Director Needed

Since Rick Schieltz has moved to Beavercreek, it has become more difficult for him to organize the social activities for our organization. Therefore, we are in need of a Social Director. If you would like to volunteer, please call Harvey Kimmel at 901-6031. Thanks Rick for all your hard work!

Use Your Kroger Gift Cards

Many of our members have a Kroger gift card and use it when shopping at Kroger's. Others have a card but forget to use it. Remember to use your gift card. This is a great fund raiser for our organization.

For new members or members who have not used their card, here's how it works: A value of \$10 is already on the card and will cost you \$10 to purchase. Reload your card with any amount at the Customer Service counter or at the register before you purchase your groceries. You may pay for your reloaded card with cash, check or major credit card. The balance on your card will show on your receipt. The card will not expire unless there is a remaining balance of zero for 90 days or more.

Sister Cities receives a percentage of each dollar that you load onto your card. So help us raise money for our organization by using the cards yourself or giving the cards as gifts to your family and friends. Call Ann Kimmel at 901-6031 to get your card(s).

Pictures on our Web Site

To check out pictures of the 35 Year Celebration Party in Lichtenfels, go to <http://www.vandaliasistercities.org>, click on Photo Gallery, click on 35 Year Celebration Party.

Save the Dates

Board Meeting:

January 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting:

January 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Deadline for February's Scoop articles is January 23rd.

Happy January Birthdays!

Joe Kissel 1
Carla Clark..... 6
Brenda Windel 8
Nancy Pratt..... 9
Joe Tracy..... 19
Mark Shaner 28
Sharon Starline 30

Suzanne's Sunshine Report

Thanks to Suzanne Jordan, a little sunshine was sent to brighten someone's day:

Mark Weisenborn is ill.

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