

July, 2011
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**July's
Gemütlichkeit**

Brenda Windell has volunteered to host July's Gemütlichkeit. Her address is 185 Ginghamburg-Frederick, Tipp City. Anna Mae Daum is co-host.

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

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Sister Cities of Vandalia

Presents

The Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra From Ayrshire, Scotland



USA TOUR 2011

St Chris Catholic Church — Vandalia, Ohio

July 5th — 7:30 PM

Free Concert — Donations will be accepted

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

Harvey's Gedanken

First I wish to apologize to some of the members of the "Visit Committee" when I failed to recognize them at the farewell dinner. It was not intended and again I apologize.

What a week!! Where do I begin and how do I thank everyone who was involved with the outstanding week that we had with our friends from Lichtenfels and Prestwick. The "Visit Committee", the host families, our guests, the City of Vandalia all did an outstanding job. We are receiving nothing but positive comments from everyone. From the Lion King to bluegrass music and ending the week with the "This Side Up" band, all

programs were outstanding. What a week!!

During the first meetings, it was decided to keep the visit "low key". But as the brainstorming began, great ideas came forth and plans were put in action which resulted in an outstanding program for our friends.

Upon arrival back in Lichtenfels, our guest Christa Drenkard was given the sad news that her brother, Josef Oppel, had passed away on the Friday prior to their arriving home. We wish to tell Christa that we are thinking of her and her family during this time.

It is now time to turn our attention to the Ayrshire Fiddle Or-

chestra. From reading all the email and the comments on Facebook, they are packed and ready to come to America. Yes, they arrive this Sunday. Please do not forget the picnic on the 4th.

With all of the activities going on, we were going back and forth as to if we would have a general membership meeting this month. It was decided to have the meeting so come out and give us your pros and cons on our recent week with our friends from Germany and Scotland and the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra.

Harvey

Candidates for Officers & Board Members Needed

The following positions are being vacated on January 1, 2012: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two positions on the board. Officers serve a term of 2 years and board members serve for 3 years. Elections will be held at the Membership meeting in November. Get involved by becoming an officer or member of the board. Please contact Paul Reinman at 552-9340 if you are interested in one of these positions.

VB Food Pantry Dedication & Ribbon Cutting

Join the Food Pantry as they celebrate their addition on Tuesday, July 12th @ 5 pm. Please bring one non-perishable food item.

Scholarships Awarded at the June Picnic

Three Vandalia Butler High School graduates received scholarships thanks to Sister Cities of Vandalia.

At the annual picnic, Sister Cities awarded Drew Madison the \$2,000 Walter Lakin Scholarship. He plans attend the University of Dayton to study mechanical engineering and pre-medicine.

Lauren Tharp received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Lauren plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study business management.

Jasmine Hunsberger received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Jasmine plans to attend the University of Dayton for international studies.

Sister Cities of Vandalia congratulates each of these students as well as the Vandalia Butler Class of 2011 for all of their achievements.

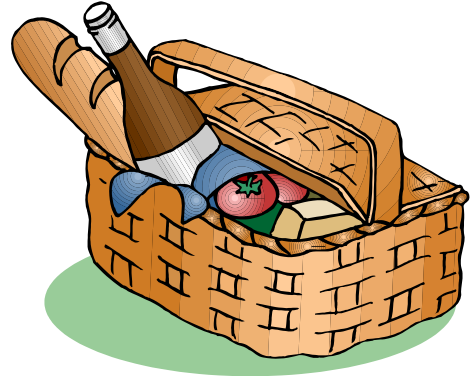
Peace thru People

Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra Visit July 3rd through 7th

The Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra will be stopping by Vandalia July 3rd through the 7th on their North American Tour. We will be hosting 65 kids and 14 adults this year.

You can follow them on Facebook or at www.fiddleorchestra.com.

Sister Cities will be holding a 4th of July picnic for the group at Helke park in Vandalia beginning at 4:00. We expect to eat at 5:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Lizz Kunz at 890-0887 or ekunz29@aol.com. Please bring a side dish and a lawn chair. Everything else will be provided.



We will be treated to a FREE concert at St. Chris on Tuesday July 5th at 7:30. Please tell all your family and friends about the concert. The concert will be open to the public and promises to be a very good time.

Please try to attend the picnic and concert to meet these wonderfully talented kids.

Lizz

Air Show Parade Friday, July 22nd

We will again have a float in the Air Show Parade this year so you can ride or walk either way. Please let us know if you would like to participate. Please RSVP to Lizz Kunz at 890-0887 or ekunz29@aol.com.

The setup is the same as last year. Park at the Delphi/Inteva parking lot on Northwoods Blvd. at Engle Road and a shuttle will take you to the beginning of the parade route. Please be there no later than 6:15.

Lizz

Save the Dates

Here are several important dates for you to note on your calendars:

Board Meeting:

July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting:

July 13 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Deadline for August's Scoop articles is July 25th.

Happy July Birthdays!

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Suzanne's Sunshine Report

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

Linda McGuire and Jo Seiter's Mother passed away.

Hans Späth (Germany) passed away.

Christa Drenkard's brother (Josef Oppel, 53 years old) passed away.

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