

July, 2010
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**July's
Gemütlichkeit**

Bob and Tracy Schaffner have volunteered to host July's Gemütlichkeit. Wayne and Susie Wright are co-hosts. Their address is 5529 Fair Valley Road.

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

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Air Show Parade

The Air Show parade will be on Friday, July 16th. We are currently putting together a parade float so if you don't feel like walking the entire way, you can RIDE! Please call Lizz Kunz at 890-0887 or email ekunz29@aol.com if you will be participating. If you have German or Scottish outfits, please wear them. We need lots of people for the parade. This shows our support of Sister Cities and Vandalia and is a great chance to advertise the Oktoberfest. Everyone is invited to Lizz and Lee's house afterwards for Gemütlichkeit.

As of this writing, the city is not sure about the length of the parade, parking, etc. so make sure to let Lizz know you will be participating so you can get all the latest information.

Scholarships Awarded at June Picnic

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



At the annual picnic, Sister Cities awarded Madison Elliott the \$2,000.00 Walter Lakin Scholarship. Madison will be attending Ohio State majoring in medical science with thoughts of attending medical school.

John Griffith received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. John plans to attend Ohio State and will major in Finance to become a tax accountant.

Hannah Schaefer received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Hannah plans to attend Southern Adventist University and will major in Business with plans of writing business-related articles for newspapers and magazines.

Sister Cities of Vandalia congratulates each of these students as well as the Vandalia Butler Class of 2010 for all of their achievements.

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

Scotland

For those attending the official visit to Prestwick in August, we will be having a meeting on Wednesday, July 14th at 6:30 p.m. before the general meeting.



Harvey's Gedanken

I have just been on Facebook talking to Aya Watanabe. They are safe and sound back in Japan with their families. As a matter of fact, they had only been at their parents home two hours when I was talking to her. She wishes to thank Vandalia Sister Cities for their kindness and the great times that they

had with us while they were in the States.

Wagon Storage Needed

If you, or anyone you know, has a barn that is not full, we need a place to store our new wagon during the year. The wagon is 6' x 16'. Please call Wayne Wright at 898-4518.

Summer is flying by which means only one thing, **Oktoberfest**. The Steering Committee has been planning this thing since the one last year. As always, workers are needed. If you do not have an assigned job for the Oktoberfest and have not been contacted, please give Jeff Jordan a call at 898-2703 to volunteer. He will guarantee you two things: one, you will work hard and two, you will have a blast.

I am often asked 'What does Sister Cities do with the profits from the Oktoberfest?' I am very proud to tell them that we give out \$7,000.00 a year in scholarships and help support many local activities. You can be proud of this and let's blow our own horn. Tell people when they ask.

Following is the link to the new web page for the youth group in Lichtenfels: <http://www.staedtepartnerschaftskomitee-lichtenfels.de/jugendgruppe/>
Harvey

Oktoberfest Security Detail

The Oktoberfest Steering Committee is looking for volunteers for Security Detail for the week prior to the Oktoberfest. The security person will sleep in the trailer located on the grounds. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Jordan @ 898-2703.

Art Gallery in the Municipal Building

The Vandalia Cultural Arts Commission is featuring one or two artists each month in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

July's artist is Jennie Dranschak. Jennie's art is hand-woven baskets. The main weaving methods she enjoys are Shaker, Nantucket and Native American basketry. She prefers over-under weaving and twill. Adding color and different patterns creates a whole new look. Her baskets are usable for both decorative purposes and everyday usage such as storing items, gathering herbs and flowers, etc. All through history, baskets were used for many purposes. Jennie has made a basket to display which will represent Sister Cities.

Jennie's baskets will be on display for the entire month of July. There will be a reception on July 12th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. where you can meet the artist and converse with her about her art. The exhibit will be available for viewing during regular business hours Monday thru Friday, 8 to 5. Stop in anytime.

Whisperings

This time of year, things are pretty slow, and it is difficult to come up with any newsworthy fun stuff. HOWEVER.....We did have a PSEUDOSCANDAL if you will, last month..... It seems that our illustrious, faultless, and infallible PRESIDENT HARVEY KIMMEL was accused of being a LECHEROUS (no, I didn't say dirty) OLD MAN!!! Yes, that's right.... You know, JULIA recently moved into some new digs that needed yard work, painting, building of storage cabinets, unpacking stuff, etc, that always goes with 'new digs'. So, HARVEY, being the GREAT DAD that he is, was spending a lot of time over there doing all these odd-jobs that poor hardworking JULIA didn't have time for, AND, OF COURSE, HARVEY is retired, you know, and 'loving it'. Well..... it also seems that JULIA has a 'nosey old lady' living in the neighborhood who showed up one day and began questioning JULIA about 'her friend' and suggesting that she was 'young and beautiful' and that she should try for something maybe a little younger [and better looking] (writer's comment here). Well, JULIA looked at this woman with a totally clueless look on her face, and started questioning HER as to what or who she was referring to. When she asked for a description of said 'friend' and was told he was bald and too old for her, it dawned on JULIA... 'OH MY GOD... THAT'S MY DAD!' I thought she should have just said demurely that, 'Well, I kinda like older guys' and let it go at that. THEN.... have asked all us OLD FARTS on the STEERING COMMITTEE.... BUD, RICK, JEFF, BOB, SKIP, AND ME, to stop by on different days and really got this old biddy worked up! So, it goes..... *Wayne*

City of Vandalia and Butler Township

Star Spangled Celebration

Saturday, July 3rd at 3 p.m. at the Vandalia Sports Complex, 2201 Stonequarry Road. Fireworks at 10 p.m. Featuring Family Activities—Food Vendors—Fun for Everyone! Support Vandalia!

Save the Dates

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

Board Meeting:

July 7 at 7:15 p.m.

Membership Meeting:

July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Air Show Parade:

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Time to be Announced

Happy July Birthdays!

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Freida's Sunshine Report

Thanks to Freida Sippel, a little sunshine was sent to brighten someone's day:

Luise Hofmann (Germany) broke her leg and has been in the hospital.

Please report news on our membership to Freida at 898-4754.

Deadline for August's Scoop articles is July 26th.