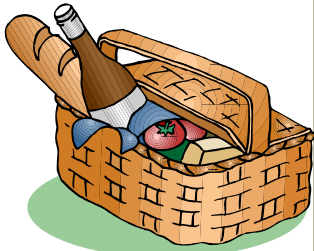


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**June's
Gemütlichkeit**

The annual membership picnic will be held at Helke Park in lieu of June's Gemütlichkeit.



Madison Elliott receiving her Walter Lakin Scholarship Certificate

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Sister Cities Family Picnic—Helke Park

Who: Sister Cities members and their families. (Feel free to bring guests to introduce them to our organization in a casual setting.) The three 2010 scholarship winners will be in attendance to receive their well-deserved checks and to meet and greet members.

When: Wednesday, June 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

Where: Helke Park

What: Please bring a dish to share based on your last name:

- A-I Desserts
- J-O Appetizers
- P-Z Salads

Details: Sister Cities will provide beverages and the entrée. **Please bring your own table cloth, plates and silverware.**

Contact: Contact Lizz Kunz with any questions at ekunz29@aol.com or 937-890-0887.

Scholarships Awarded to 3 BHS Students

Three scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors by President Harvey Kimmel on May 27 during the annual Butler High School awards program. The \$2000 Walter Lakin scholarship went to Madison Elliott, who intends to be a pre-medicine major at The Ohio State University. Two other scholarships for \$1000 each were presented to John Griffith and Hanna Schaefer. John plans to study Finance at OSU or Wright State and Hannah is headed to Southern Adventist University in Tennessee to study Business.

The scholarship committee (Bev Schieltz, Tracy Schaffner and Elaine Johnson) independently reviewed 35 scholarship applications – a record number! Students were evaluated on their grades and test scores, work experience, extracurricular activities, financial need and essay about the importance of global friendship and understanding. Scores from the three reviewers are totaled to determine the winners.

The three scholarship recipients and their families will be invited to attend our June picnic to receive their check. Plan to attend to meet these accomplished students and wish them well as they begin the next phase of their education. Bev

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Harvey's Gedanken

It was my honor to represent Sister Cities of Vandalia at the Vandalia-Butler High School Awards Ceremony to give out our three scholarships. The Walt Lakin scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 went to Madison Elliott. John Griffith and Hanna Schaefer each received a \$1,000 scholarship. We wish to extend our congratulations to these young people as well to the graduating class. Come to our picnic to meet these scholarship winners and their families as they receive their scholarship money.

We have several committees working hard on our upcoming events. The planning for our annual picnic, the Air Fair Parade and the Oktoberfest is in full swing and some help will be needed in order for all of these events to be successful. If you are asked to help out, please do so. I will guarantee that you will work hard, but you will also have a lot of fun.

We have received emails from the parents of our German Exchange Students thanking Sister Cities for hosting their children during the recent exchange. I wish to thank everyone who was involved. Vandalia does not have a lot of things to show the students but we do have some great people who get involved with the students and show them what Sister Cities is all about.

I wish to thank Ralf Kuchlbauer for all of his hard work during his time as President of Vandalia-Lichtenfels Sister Cities. Ralf is a good friend and it was a pleasure working with him. Stefan Gerstner was elected the new President and we are looking forward to working with him in the future.

Harvey

Hawthorn Hill Tour

On Saturday, May 15th, thirteen members of Sister Cities of Vandalia enjoyed a tour of Hawthorn Hill and Carillon Historic Park. Hawthorn Hill was the home of Orville Wright. Visit our web site for additional pictures of the tour.



Whisperings...

Well.....it seems that there is this WAGON. A little history.... JOHN SIPPEL showed up at my door a couple of weeks ago and started in about this WAGON he had found. He was REAL EXCITED.... you all know how JOHN gets.... and he went on and on about the thing and how we GOTTA HAVE IT for the stage at the OKTOBERFEST. At some point I stopped him and said.... Wait a minute, how much does it cost? He got even more excited.... that's the best part.... the guy only wants \$250!!!!

So....went to see it, agreed that it was a terrific deal, floated the idea to the STEERING COMMITTEE, and all decided, YES, WE GOTTA HAVE IT!!!

Next question.....where do we store the damned thing? It is 8 ft by 16 ft!!! First thought of THELMA.... nope, barn is full of tractors, other farm implements, and LONG HORN CATTLE!!!! Next stop.... BRENDA.....after due consideration, it was determined that BRENDA is already harboring untold amounts of Sister City / Oktoberfest stuff, plus way too much of her own stuff, in that little garage/barn she has. JEFF suggested she have an emergency garage sale so we could fit the WAGON in, but BRENDA really wanted to keep her stuff. Couldn't even bribe her with a FASCHING QUEENSHIP FOR LIFE offer, to which, I might add, QUEEN MARY strenuously objected.

I should say here that JEFF thought we must store the WAGON inside somewhere because it is WAY TOO COOL to risk leaving it outside in the

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Peace thru People

Whisperings... (Continued from page 2)

Ohio Winter Weather. So, JOHN and I became somewhat despondent, until the GEMÜTLICHKEIT after the May Meeting. I was approached by an absolutely giddy LIZZ who somehow had gotten wind of the WAGON, and was now in the 'GOTTA HAVE IT' group because she is, as Vice President, saddled with putting together the AIR FAIR FLOAT, and the WAGON would be PERFECT!!!! When I explained to LIZZ that 'yes, we were going to get it, but we needed a place to store it' she immediately fingered LEE, who was cluelessly sitting at JEFF'S bar nursing his second or third beer. After some initial resistance, and a tag-team effort by JEFF and ME, good ol' LEE caved and said, OK, but only until the Parade in July.

So, we thought all was well. BUT NO!!! On Friday, I went out to the seller's place, took SUSIE along to drive behind with flashers on, paid the guy \$250, and hooked up the WAGON. The seller commented that he had just greased it up, and put NEW LUG NUTS ON ALL FOUR WHEELS for us, all at no extra charge! I noted that there were NO SAFETY CHAINS, but figured that if I was VERY CAREFUL I could get the WAGON to LEE'S safely, and off we went. Did fine for the first quarter mile. Then the thing got all squirrely. Started whipping around like a WILD THING behind my truck. SUSIE, following behind, told me later that the wheels seemed to be 'wobbly' with each doing its own thing. I got it back under control by nearly coming to a stop, and then proceeding on. Each time I reached 26.5 mph it got real squirrely AGAIN! SUSIE said I was a slow learner, but I finally realized I needed to stay below 26! We took a round-about route across the north side of the airport in an attempt to avoid being noticed by VANDALIA'S FINEST. However, we thought we were BUSTED when sneaking along Old Springfield Rd. we spotted a BUTLER TWP POLICE car trying to be unobtrusive in the old Wolohan parking lot. SUSIE snugged up close behind the WAGON so as to prevent the cop from noticing that it had no license plate. Apparently it worked, or he was sleeping.

When we finally got to LEE'S PLACE, he was checking it over with a very disapproving look, when he said.... 'Hey, the lug nuts are all LOOSE!!!!'

Seems like the guy who gave us the new lug nuts failed to use anything but his arthritic fingers to tighten them! NO WONDER IT WAS SQUIRRELLY!

Anyway, we have a NEW WAGON FOR THE AIR FAIR AND OKTOBERFEST STAGE. If you want to see it, go down to LIZZ & LEE'S.....they (especially LEE) will be happy to show it off. LIZZ is also expecting a HOARD of people to help turn it into a ROLLING BIER STUBE for the parade.

Wayne

Save the Dates

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

Board Meeting:

June 2 at 7:15 p.m.

Membership Meeting:

June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Picnic at Helke Park

Deadline for July's Scoop articles is June 28th.

Happy June Birthdays!

- Don Steck4
- Anna Mae Daum6
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- Allison Hibner 10
- Opal Terebinski 10
- Annabel Zimmers 19
- Joan Galloway 19
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Freida's Sunshine Report

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

- Bob Treiber (Becky Wells father) passed away.
- Catherine Treiber (Becky Wells mother) fell and was in the hospital.
- Rudy Wells mother (Shirley) fell and was in the hospital.
- Annabel Zimmers turns 98 on June 19th.

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