

November, 2011

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**November's
Gemütlichkeit**

Wayne and Susie Wright have volunteered to host November's Gemütlichkeit. Their address is 1006 Crestwood Hills Road, Vandalia.

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

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The Sister Cities Scoop

Lichtenfels

Vandalia

Prestwick



Join us for the Annual
Sister Cities

Christmas Party



Wednesday, December 14, 2011

6:00 p.m. Appetizers, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Buckeye Banquet Center (formerly F & S Harley Davidson)
7220 N. Dixie Drive

Price \$20.00 per person

Includes appetizers, dinner & dessert
Beer, wine and soft drinks provided

Entertainment by 52nd Street Jazz Group

Carved Roast Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu
Several side dishes with salad, rolls & butter,
assorted desserts

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Vandalia Food Pantry

RSVP Pat Kammer by December 7th at 898-0375
With Entrée Choice

Make checks payable to:

Sister Cities of Vandalia and mail to Pat Kammer
3522 Meadow Green Ct., Dayton, Ohio 45414

Or pay at the door if you have RSVP'd



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

Harvey's Gedanken

As we come to the close of another year, I just wish to thank everyone for their support of Sister Cities of Vandalia. We have had a very busy but a very rewarding year. We had four young people from Lichtenfels participate in the Youth Exchange, we had twenty-five friends from Lichtenfels and Prestwick in Vandalia for a visit, we had eighty friends from Scotland as part of the Aryshire Fiddle Orchestra who provided an outstanding concert for the community and we had five young people from Vandalia participate in the Youth Exchange going to Lichtenfels. Yes, it was a lot of work but I think we would all do it

again.

Julia and I will be attending the "Celebrating 35 Years of Friendship" celebration in Lichtenfels on November 12th. We all have many stories of our friendships with our friends in Lichtenfels. It will be an evening of joy celebrating our friendship. Walt Lakin and Dr. Hauptmann did an excellent job starting our relationship and we thank them. Never in their wildest dreams could they have visualized what they started.

Oktoberfest!!! We will go over the Oktoberfest at our next general meeting. I think I can give

everyone a heads up on this, Marcie was correct, the coffee booth was the only booth that showed an improvement on Sunday over last year. We hope to have all of the bills in by then and will be able to report our profit for the event.

Pat Kammer and her committee are doing an excellent job setting up our Christmas Party and I urge everyone to come out for an evening of good fellowship, good food and good music to get you in the Christmas spirit. Please, no gifts for me.

Harvey

Social Trip Ideas

Following are several ideas for social trips. If you are interested in any, please contact Rick Schieltz (raschieltz@aol.com or 902-7530). If enough people are interested, we can plan a group trip and car pooling. Also do you have an ideas for other places to visit after these places?

Sausage buffet & mustard tasting Nov. 12, 11:00 am

Mecklenburg Gardens, 302 East University Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

The mustard buffet is \$11 per person. It is a full buffet of several varieties of sausages, mashed potatoes, soft pretzels and rolls, German salads, cheeses, cold cuts, pickled vegetables, and, of course, a nice variety of mustards. Drinks are extra.

Christkindlmarkt Nov. 18, 19 & 20

Germania Park, 3529 West Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45251

<http://www.germaniasociety.com/christkindlmarkt/christkindlmarkt.html>

Entertainment, German Music, German Foods, Club House Dinners, German Beers, Gluhwein (Hot Mulled Wine), Pastry Shop, Heated Tent, German Cookies and Pastries, Imported Candy, Ornaments, Steins and Glassware, Nutcrackers and Smokers, Crafts, Cuckoo Clocks, Petting Zoo, German Linens

Lebanon Carriage Parade

Dec. 3, 2011

Times 1 & 7 PM

<http://www.ohioslargestplayground.com/lebanon-antique-horse-drawn-carriage-parade/>

Election of Officers & Board Members

In the Membership meeting on November 9, a vote will be taken for new officers and board members.

The following positions are being vacated: 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.

The following members will be on the ballot:

President:	Harvey Kimmel	Treasurer:	Julia Kimmel
Vice President:	Lizz Kunz	Board Members:	Kristen Blakesly
Secretary:	Jodi Tinney		Sara Lambdin

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Soup Party held Saturday, October 15

The day was a little cool and windy but sunny and dry for the revived 2nd annual Soup Party. The “Soup Chefs” began their recipe on Friday as Bill Case helped skin potatoes. Chuck Geiger and Len Tinney helped prepare the cooking area and helped with the soup kettle and the wood fire. Jeff Tinney began cooking about 4:30AM on Saturday and the soup was ready to serve by 1PM. Julia Kimmel was the chair for this event with several members bringing a dish to share, helping with table setup, and assisting with serving and cleanup. Members and guests seemed to enjoy the conversation as much as food with the day wrapping up about 4:30PM.

From Joe D.

Just wanted to thank all who helped out and came out to enjoy the day with us. The donations to the building fund were also greatly appreciated. See you all next year – sincere thanks – from the chef and Julia.

2012 Gemütlichkeit

A signup sheet will be passed around at the November Membership meeting for the 2012 Gemütlichkeits. For your first choice of months, call Don and Ellen Hazel, 667-6558 to host Gemütlichkeit next year.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members Dennis and Erin Mauro, children Ava, Lily and Claire, 863 Gearhardt Lane, Troy OH 45373, phone 904-477-1730, e-mail denmauro@gmail.com.

November Membership Meeting

The results of the 2011 Oktoberfest will be reported at the November membership meeting.

Save the Dates

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

Board Meeting:

November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting:

November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Deadline for December's Scoop articles is November 28th.

Happy November Birthdays!

Louis Almasy.....	6
Thea Chiles.....	9
Christine Hawley	10
Bill Hibner	18
Joni Trick	18

Suzanne's Sunshine Report

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

No report this month.

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