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October's Gemütlichkeit

Harvey and Ann Kimmel have volunteered to host October's Gemütlichkeit. Their address is 7530 Gardenside Drive. Roger and Nancy Pratt will co-host.

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

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2009 OKTOBERFEST

Hmmm, Seems we had this Oktoberfest

There cannot be enough praise for all you wonderful people who make this thing happen every year!!!! You are all a very special group of dedicated people... dedicated to the idea of Sister Cities and all it stands for.

There are essentially two separate groups involved with the Oktoberfest, neither of which can work without the other. First is the incredible Steering Committee who meet monthly all year long, and worry and struggle to put things together so that the Vandalia Oktoberfest is the most beautiful and traditional of all the area Oktoberfests, bar none! These people, Brenda, Jeff, Bob, Tracy, Rick, Bud, Sharon, Susie, Julia, Harvey, Ann, Mary, and myself, (whose primary job is to just encourage the others to hang in there), deserve our utmost appreciation. Second, are ALL THE REST OF YOU, who are too numerous to name, but who show up in droves each September and actually create the Oktoberfest from the plans that the Steering Committee has made.

You are the real heroes and heroines of our efforts.



As time keeps passing, the Steering Committee needs to have some of you very dedicated "worker bees" to step up and replace us. We stay on at this level simply because we love Sister Cities, and, we have a lot of fun together, but not because we want to do this the rest of our lives!!!! Please consider volunteering for a

slot on this year's Oktoberfest Steering Committee. *Wayne*

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

Oktoberfest Expenses

When turning in Oktoberfest expenses, please use the expense form on our website. The deadline for all expenses is September 30, 2009. Please help us by being timely with your expense forms.

Sweater left in Sister Cities Booth

A white sweater was left in the Sister Cities Booth at the Oktoberfest. If you lost your sweater, contact Jean Wagner at 890-5858.

Return Oktoberfest Name Badges

Please return the Oktoberfest staff badges to Rick Schieltz at the next membership meeting.

Return Oktoberfest Yard Signs

Please bring your Oktoberfest yard signs to the October membership meeting so that they can be inventoried and the dates changed for next year's Oktoberfest. Thanks.

Harvey's Gedanken

Where do we start?? It has been a very busy time for us and our members. Since returning from our fabulous trip to Lichtenfels, we have been very busy getting ready for the Oktoberfest. Many of our members spent countless hours at the "site" during the week prior to the Oktoberfest making sure that we would have another successful Oktoberfest. Our thanks goes out to everyone who helped make this another successful Oktoberfest.

We are planning to go over all the numbers at the November meeting.

The Steering Committee has already met, critiquing the Oktoberfest and planning for a better one next year. Again, I wish to extend our thanks to the committee for the hours that they spend planning our only major money maker.

To our new members, I wish to extend an invitation for you to attend our monthly meetings and to get involved. There is some work involved but there is also a lot of fun socializing. You can check out our web site www.vandaliasistercities.org. Click on Photo Gallery and you can see our different activities.

Harvey

Sausage Buffet, Winery Visit

On Saturday, October 10, a group of Sister Cities members will be visiting a German restaurant in Cincinnati, Mecklenburg Gardens (www.mecklenburgs.net). The restaurant has a sausage buffet (Weisswurstessen) on the second Saturday of every month beginning at 11:00 am. Mecklenburg Gardens is located a few blocks east of the University of Cincinnati. The buffet costs \$10.00 (drinks are extra). The buffet has a variety of sausages - usually the German mettwurst, bratwurst plus a variety of other sausages, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, soft pretzels and a few other side items depending on what they have on hand. After eating, we will visit a winery or two. If you are not interested in wine, you could visit Jungle Jim's or the new outlet mall north of Cincinnati.

Please RSVP to Rick Schieltz (890-1321 or raschieltz@aol.com) before Thursday, October 8. We need to make reservations with the restaurant.

We will leave the Senior Citizen Center at 10:00 am (so be there before 10:00) to car pool to the restaurant in Cincinnati.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members who signed up at the Oktoberfest:

William and Jo Seiter, 5902 Mount Royal Dr., Clayton OH 45315, 771-4442, j9seiter@mindspring.com.

Gary and Gayle Ford, 7571 Glenhurst Dr., Dayton, 890-3768. egford@woh.rr.com.

Also - Welcome back Jim Metzler, 313 Bearcreek Cr. Englewood OH 45322, 836-5451. bearclaw@woh.rr.com.

Ohio State Football Winner!



Member Sharon Werling was the lucky winner of the Ohio State football which was raffled off during the Oktoberfest. The ball was signed by coach Jim Tressel. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle. Congratulations Sharon!

Oktoberfest Sponsors

Following is a list of local companies who help sponsor our Oktoberfest. We wish to extend our thanks to them for their support and to urge our members to support them.

Abbey Credit Union	Arbogast RV
Beau Townsend Ford	Cork & Vine
Evans Motorworks	The Expedite Co.
F&S Harley Davidson/Buell	Hocks Pharmacy
Wings Sports Bar & Grille	The Kroger Corp.
Steven Reed Insurance Agency Inc.	
Just for Looks Hair & Tanning	

We also wish to thank Mr. Bush and the Vandalia-Butler Football team for their help in tearing down the Oktoberfest site on Sunday evening.

Pancake Breakfast

Another pancake breakfast is being tentatively scheduled on November 7th. Please check our web site for more details.

Candidates for Officers & Board Members Needed

In the Membership meeting on November 11, a vote will be taken for new officers and board members. Candidates will be announced at the Membership meeting on October 14.

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. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, contact Sandy Hibner at 890-4078 no later than October 12th.

New Visitor from Lichtenfels

Ann-Sophie Bock, Youth Coordinator in Lichtenfels, spent three weeks in Vandalia in August. She spent some of her time job shadowing at the Courtyard Marriott on Miller Lane.

Trips to the Air Force Museum, Neil Armstrong Museum, Windsor Canada, Chicago, meeting with State Coordinator Shari Spearman, and visiting many local restaurants were all part of her activities.

Ann-Sophie is the older sister of Nico who was in Vandalia in the spring as part of the youth exchange.

Save the Dates

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

**Board Meeting:
October 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

**General Meeting:
October 14 at 7:30 p.m.**
Meetings are held at the Vandalia Senior
Citizens Center located at
21 Tionda Drive S.

**Deadline for November's
Scoop articles is October 26th.**

Happy October Birthdays!

Anne Burke	.....3
Shari Spearman	.....3
Bill Harrah	.....3
Barbara Link	.....5
Jim Young	.....6
Sharon Werling	.....13
Judy Thomison	.....21
Jim Beimly	.....23
Nancy Mountjoy	.....25
Barbara Metzler	.....25
Jim Wagner	.....28
Elata Everhart	.....31
Leo McNamara	.....31
Frieda Sippel	.....31

Freida's Sunshine Report

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

Harry Clark had knee replacement surgery.
Jim Wagner's brother passed away.
Ruth Mueller (Germany) celebrated her 90th birthday (Harvey, Ann & Julia attended her party).
Nancy Pratt was in the hospital.

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