

September, 2009

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**September's
Gemütlichkeit**

September's Gemütlichkeit will be held at the Vandalia Rec. Center on Sept. 9th. Socializing will come with a little elbow grease as we set the stage for **Oktoberfest 2009!**

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Lichtenfels

Vandalia

Prestwick



Sister Cities of Vandalia

Oktoberfest

September 11-12-13

Hours

Friday - 6 pm to midnight

Saturday - noon to midnight

Sunday - noon to 6 pm

**OSU Game - Sat. evening
on 18' X 28' HDTV**



German Bands

Friday, Sept 11

Frank Moravcik - 7:00 to 12:00

Saturday, Sept 12

Frank Moravcik - 2:00 to 6:00

The Bier band - 7:00 to 12:00

Sunday, Sept 13

US Air Force "Systems Go"

Band - 1:00 to 3:00

(Free Admission on Sunday)

Location

Vandalia Sports Complex

Stonequarry Road, Vandalia

Website: www.vandaliasistercities.org

Bratwurst and Mettwurst
 Hamburgers and Hotdogs
 Cabbage rolls and Sauerkraut
 German Potato Salad
 Chicken Dinners (Fri & Sat)
 Pretzels and Popcorn
 Funnel Cakes
 Beer and Wine
 \$3.00 Entry fee
 Wrist band good all weekend
 Children under 12 free
 Free Parking
 (Free admission on Sunday)

Sister Cities would like to thank the community for support of our annual fundraiser for our non profit organization.

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2009 Oktoberfest Booth Chairperson(s) Looking for Volunteers

Following is a list of the Oktoberfest booths and their chairperson(s). If you are not working at one of the booths and would like to volunteer at one, please give the chairperson a call. This is a great way to meet new people and have a lot of fun.

Arts & Crafts	Skip & Jan Pratt	667-0123	Kitchen	Dave Starline	898-6462
Bakerei	Liz Kunz	890-0887	Pretzels	Jim Everhart	890-9734
Bands	Jeff Jordan	898-2703		Elata Everhart	890-9734
Beer	Larry Ryan	454-0710	Popcorn	Roger Pratt	898-1287
Coffee	Julia Ware	416-2799		Nancy Pratt	898-1287
Decorations	Susie Wright	898-4518	Publicity	Mary Blakesly	898-6748
Electrical	Bud Werling	748-4727	Scottish	Lee & Liz Kunz	890-0887
	Rick Schieltz	890-1321	Site Layout	Rick Schieltz	890-1321
Finance	Brenda Windel	667-3627	Sister Cities	Jean Wagner	890-5858
Food Line	Nancy Reinman	898-8314		Freida Sippel	898-4754
	Paul Reinman	898-8314	Soft Drinks	Michael Garrison	
Food Order	Tracy Schaffner	890-0696		Ashley Boedeker	
	Bob Schaffner	890-0696		Kelly Blakesly	
Front Gate	Bill Hibner	890-4078	Sponsorships	Tracy Schaffner	890-0696
	Sandy Hibner	890-4078	Tents	Jeff Jordan	898-2703
Funnel Cake	Debbie Beverly	216-9092	Tickets	Charlotte Thomison	890-5786
	Dave Starline	898-6462		Eric Thomison	890-5786
Gambling	Knights of Columbus		Trash	Octagon Club	
Gophers	Bud Werling	748-4727	Wagonmaster	Mark Shaner	890-4407
	Sharon Werling	748-4727	Wine	Suzanne Jordan	898-2703
Grill	Mike Blakesly	898-6748	Wrist Bands	Don Hazel	667-6558
Kids Corner	Vicki Perkins			Ellen Hazel	667-6558

Oktoberfest Setup—Workers Needed

Saturday - Sept. 5, 1:00 p.m. - Need work party to unload trailer of electrical supplies.

Sunday - Sept. 6, Noon - Need work party to help string wire, install lights, unload trailers and start on decorations.

Monday - Sept. 7, 9:00 a.m. - Need work party to continue the electrical, decorations and other misc. work. The ladies will fry bacon and cut up onions for the potato salad.

Tuesday - Sept. 8, 6:00 p.m. - Need a crew to unload trailers, finish electrical and decorations.

Wednesday - Sept. 9 - Workers have been called for the Potato Salad crew - if you have any questions,

call Susie Wright at 898-4518 or Sharon Werling at 748-4727.

Wednesday - Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m. - Big booth set up night - **EVERYBODY SHOW UP!** General meeting. **Ladies & Gents - Please bring any extra German clothing you have to share.**

Thursday - Sept. 10, 6:00 p.m. - Need people to help tie up loose ends.

Friday - Sept. 11, 6:00 p.m. - **OKTOBERFEST BEGINS!** Wear your German clothing!

Monday - Sept. 14, 9:00 a.m. - Need many workers for a cleanup crew.

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Following is the speech given by Harvey at the farewell dinner in Lichtenfels, Germany:

It's Good to be Home Again

It is good to be home again.

Ralf, as always, you and the committee did a wonderful job of showing us the beauty of Germany and the beauty of Lichtenfels.

The beauty of Germany and the beauty of Lichtenfels is nothing compared to the beauty that is in this room tonight, the people of our two cities. As I look over this room tonight, I see friendship that goes back many years. This year we have eleven new visitors to Lichtenfels and I am sure that new friendships will be created from this visit. I also see new friendships with the young people, friendship that started this year and previous years and I am confident that these friendships will only grow in the years to come.

When Lichtenfels and Vandalia started as Sister Cities, we had delegates coming to Lichtenfels or going to Vandalia. Today, we have friends traveling to see other friends.

I wish to give thanks to the two people who started this relationship, Mr. Walt Lakin and Dr. Hauptman. In 1975 Dr. Hauptman in a letter to Mr. Lakin, expressed his desire that "the relationship between citizens of our cities stay alive at all times in friendship" and urged people "not to get tired of the friendship not only in these first years, but also later on."

He went on to say that "He hopes new people will be introduced, especially the young people, so they can learn from each other and understand each other better. So we can contribute our part to assure Peace in the World." At the end of the letter, Dr. Hauptman suggests that "we keep the faith which we sealed forever."

As they look down on us tonight, they can see that the friendship is still going strong; they can see the love that these young people have for each other. We have seen and we have experienced the tears of sadness when it is time to say goodbye. Again, thank you Mr. Walt Lakin and Dr. Hauptman.

May we always work together so that the generations to come will experience the love and friendship that we have for each other. By doing this, we will be doing our share toward Peace in the World. People to People.

Thank you.... _____



Autographed Football Signed by Jim Tressel

A football signed by Ohio State Head Football coach Jim Tressel will be raffled off at the Oktoberfest. The raffle tickets are on sale for one dollar each and the drawing will be held at the end of the Ohio State vs USC game on September 12.

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Why the Oktoberfest?

Oh My – Oh My

As I was walking thru Vierzehnheiligen with some of our visitors from Vandalia, I kept hearing a first time visitor say, "Oh My, Oh My". When I inquired if something was wrong, he told me that he has traveled many places in this world and Vierzehnheiligen is one of the most beautiful buildings he has ever seen in his life. Since he had just stepped in the door, I told him that he hasn't seen anything yet. As he walked further into the Church, I kept hearing "Oh My, Oh My". He would stop and absorb the beauty and kept on saying "Oh My, Oh My".

It Just Doesn't Get Any Better Than This

We were attending one of the many parties in Lichtenfels. Some of us were getting to know our new friends and many of us were just enjoying being with our friends of many years. There was German music and of course German food and most of all there was friendship. If a stranger would have walked into the party, they would have had a hard time distinguishing between the Americans and the Germans. As I was standing looking over the crowd, a visitor from Vandalia walked up to me and said, "It just doesn't get any better than this". People to People

New Sister

Another first time visitor from Vandalia left Lichtenfels with a new family and a new sister. Even though she has heard us talking about how you become a part of a family, she never expected it to happen to her. Now she knows why we get excited when we start talking about our friends and family, you see, she has a new sister. People to People

Chance of a Life Time—Youth Exchange Student

I had the chance of a life time. I was able to go to Germany. Before I went I made sure that no matter what, I was going to have an open mind of what was going to be different. I was not only given a chance that very few people get, but I was also able to see some of my close friends. In school you get books and in these books there are pictures. The one thing I learned over there is that no matter how many pictures you look at or how long you look at them, seeing and experiencing it in real life changes everything. You cannot learn things from books that I was able to learn while I was in Germany. I was able, in the three weeks while I was there, to learn about their culture and at the same time share some of mine.

Oktoberfest Expenses

When purchasing items for the Oktoberfest, please use a tax exempt form. We also have a GFS account.

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.

Harvey's Gedanken

There are many people to thank. We wish to thank Ralf and his committee in Lichtenfels for another outstanding job. Everyone had a great time and the eleven new visitors were impressed and are ready to return for another visit.

Thanks to the Oktoberfest Steering Committee for doing another great job planning this year's Oktoberfest. Also, thanks in advance, to the many volunteers who will be helping with the Oktoberfest. We can maintain our involvement in our community only through the hard work of many people.

The feedback from the Youth Exchange is very positive. They had a great time and I know there are great stories to be told by them.

A major decision was made between our Board and the Lichtenfels Committee. We will no longer exchange official gifts between the two Sister Cities. This does not affect our friendship, we were just running out of room to store them.

Harvey

Whisperings

It seems that some people from Sister Cities went on a JUNKET to our Sister City of LICHTENFELS last month. Some funny things happened along the way.....

BRAD & CHRISTINE HAWLEY had airplane problems... going AND coming! Seems that as they pushed back from the gate in Atlanta, one engine, ON A TWO ENGINE PLANE FLYING THE ATLANTIC, seized up and they had to replane, getting to Numberg way late and leaving RALF in a tizzy. Then on the way back, ALSO IN ATLANTA, their flight to Dayton was summarily canceled, and they spent the night following the long flight back in a Motel 6!

Then there was a WILD BIER FEST in BUCH am FORST where some German came up to BOB SCHAFFNER, slapped him on the back, and shouted above the POLKA MUSIK, are you MARK SHANER??? BOB was horrified and said, "No, HELL NO!!!" The guy was somewhat taken aback, apologizing and explaining that he had heard SCHRAM'S were hosting an American, and just assumed it had to be SHANER. He wanted some BALLOONS for his Bier Stube.

A date with the HOBBY COOKERS in RUENDORF has become a standard event for the last several Visits to Lichtenfels. You may remember four years ago when our own RICK SCHIELTZ (traveling alone without BEV) got pretty SCHNOCKERED on SCHNAPPS and was photographed in somewhat compromising poses with some YOUNG LADIES. Well this year..... SCHNAPPS again played a roll.... It seems that the HOBBY COOKERS passed out some cute BLUE OVEN MITS that when put on the hands of SCHNAPPS-SCHNOCKERED BRENDA & PAT became PUPPETS who got into a shouting / giggling match that brought the house down.

Then there was the INTREPID SIX (BOB & TRACY, WAYNE & SUSIE, JEFF & SUZANNE), who squeezed all six AND THEIR LUGGAGE, into two rental cars and headed off to ITALY....MEIN GOTT!!!! as they so aptly say in LICHTENFELS.

Italy is a land of charming countryside, lousy road signage, very friendly and helpful people, EXCEPT THEY SPEAK ITALIAN, and CURVY ROADS OVER THE TUSCAN HILLS. Seems that as we were trying to extricate ourselves from this paradise and return NORTH TO GERMANY, we got on a very curvy, hilly, patch of road (112 kilometers worth). JEFF AND SUZANNE were alone in the rear car (a SKODA which is a Czech VW) trying to keep up with BOB who was piloting a high powered German VW Passat through all these twists and turns. WELL, JEFF GOT CAR SICK DRIVING HIS OWN CAR!!!! SUZANNE managed to slip a plastic bag in front of his face just before he would have hurled all over the dash. Needless to say, SUZANNE was pretty GROSSED OUT.

I'm sure there are a lot more stories out there that haven't surfaced. So, more later as they continue to seep out.

Save the Dates

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

Board Meeting:

September 2 at 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting:

September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

This will be a very short meeting at the booth building party.

Deadline for October's Scoop articles is September 28th.

Happy September Birthdays!

Cheryl Beimly.....	2
Nancy Reinman	2
Wanda Clark	5
Michael Kimberley.....	5
Al Behnken.....	15
Ellen Hazel	15
Marcia Ryan.....	15
Ann-Charlott Slade.....	15
Edgar Rapp.....	16
Bill Case.....	21
David Thomison.....	25
Donna Berger.....	26
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Welcome New Member

Please welcome new member Mark Schertzinger, 295 Gabriel St., Vandalia, OH 45377, 937-241-4425, schert40@yahoo.com. Please add his name and information to your membership list and say hello when you see him at upcoming meetings and events.