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SISTER CITIES ORGANIZATION
June, 2018

Youth Ambassadors Exchange

Millstadt Youth Ambassadors, Erica Gruenewald, Alyssa Riley, Katherine (KC) Stedman, Madeline Trinity and Reily Wills, arrived in Gross-Bieberau on June 14 for a month-long stay.



In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of Judith Buessink on May 15, 2018. Judy was a valued member and cheerful volunteer at our Weihnachtsfest Cookie Walk and other community events.

Sympathy is extended to her husband, Ed, and sons, Brett and Joe (2015 Youth Ambassador).



News About our Members



Harry Wolf is known today for the 73 years — and counting — he's been entertaining around the country and across the ocean in the Waterloo German Band.

Thanks to "My Life in Stories," an autobiography Wolf wrote, he will soon be known for so much more. "I wrote the whole thing by longhand and gave it to (longtime friend) Barbara (Johnson), who typed it. It took three years," Wolf said.

He's also a retired junior high school teacher of 35 years. He's a world traveler; he's been to every country in South America, the Pacific Ocean's Ring of Fire, Germany more times than he can keep track of, the Arctic Circle — twice — and even more exotic locales.

Copies of the book are available for \$20 at the Republic-Times newspaper office or Stubborn German Brewing in Waterloo. All proceeds will be donated to Camp Wartburg for a building fund.

{Excerpt from Waterloo Republic-Times article May 23, 2018}



Alex Araiza (2007 Youth Ambassador) was honored to have his Gross-Bieberau host parents, Dorit & Christian Boehm, attend his wedding to Mary Clare in May.

Glenn and Lisa Logan enjoyed taking the Boehms to area attractions during their visit.

Photo: Glenn Logan, Alex Araiza, Lisa Logan, Christian Boehm and Dorit Boehm.

Annual Raffle

It's time to start preparing for our annual raffle, and interesting items are needed for prizes. Contact any Board member if you wish to contribute a prize. Tickets will be distributed to members at the August BBQ and sold at the Millstadt Homecoming and Weihnachtsfest. The drawing will take place at the Weihnachtsfest.

For information and photos visit:

Millstadt Sister Cities Organization website:

<https://www.millstadtsistercities.org>

Gross-Bieberau website:

<http://www.gross-bieberau.de>

Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2018

Members Present – Linda Lehr, Jim Klein, Marlou Eckert, Charlene Faulbaum, Traci Juhas, Richard Rist, Kara Rosenkranz, Doris Steiger and Patty Taylor.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Rist

\$35,932.83 balance in all accounts as of April 30, 2018

Bills presented:

\$511.00 Specialty Risk of America – general liability insurance

\$ 13.87 Charlene Faulbaum – plates for dinner @ Quail Club

\$130.00 Checks for checking account

Motion made to accept treasurer's report and bills presented. Motion made by Doris Steiger and seconded by Traci Juhas; motion carried.

Reimbursements for hosts for Gross-Bieberau guests' admissions to the Lincoln Presidential Museum, Old Capital and lunches were discussed. Motion made by Charlene Faulbaum and seconded by Jim Klein to make reimbursement to the host families as in past adult visits; motion carried.

Youth Ambassadors Exchange Committee - Becky Watson

Travel letters for Millstadt and Gross-Bieberau youth have been prepared and were signed.

Letters to area businesses for donations are in progress and will be distributed shortly.

Millstadt youth will depart June 13 and return July 13. Becky will be meeting with host families this week to discuss final issues.

Gross-Bieberau youth arrive July 18 (our regular meeting night) and return August 16. A welcome party with pizza and salad will be held prior to membership meeting for youth and host families.

Adult delegation visit – Marlou Eckert

Hosts and members have received e-mails from our Gross-Bieberau adult guests, thanking them for hosting and assisting with their trip to New Orleans.

Bürgermeister Buchwald invited a Millstadt adult delegation to visit Gross-Bieberau and proposed May, 2020 during the visit of their French partnership city and prior to his retirement at the end of the month. However, it was noted that Millstadt members and families who are attending or employed by a school may have a schedule conflict at that time.

Annual raffle

Correspondence was received from Millstadt Commercial Club re: Homecoming stand to sell raffle tickets.

A new source is needed to print approximately 2500 raffle tickets and 5-6 prizes are needed for raffle. Discussed purchase of HDTV and will request members to donate prizes. August 1 is the deadline to have prizes and forward to printer.

Motion made by Richard Rist and seconded by Doris Steiger to have raffle tickets printed, request prizes from members and seek source to have raffle tickets printed; motion carried.

June Election of Trustee (3-year term)

The trustee position now held by Patty Taylor expires June 30, 2018. Patty will accept the nomination for election to a new term for Trustee until June 30, 2021.

Membership meeting programs-

Members are encouraged to volunteer make a brief presentation at the June meeting on their experiences in Germany or hosting during the recent Gross-Bieberau adult delegation visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlou Eckert, Recording Secretary



Madeline Trinity, Alyssa Riley, Reily Wills



Members enjoy socializing and desserts following the May meeting.

Membership Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Lehr. This evening many members' families are involved in the graduation ceremony at Belleville West and other end-of-school activities.

Minutes of the April 18, 2018 membership meeting were distributed to all members. Motion made by Ned Brubeck and seconded by John Riley to approve minutes; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Lehr for Richard Rist

\$35,932.83 balance in all accounts as of April 30, 2018

An itemized list of expenses incurred during the Gross-Bieberau adult delegation visit is available.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and file it for audit was made by Gary Schaefer and seconded by Traci Juhas; motion carried.

Youth Ambassadors Exchange Committee – Linda Lehr for Becky Watson

Plans are being finalized for our Millstadt youth, Erica Gruenewald, Alyssa Riley, Katherine Stedman, Madeline Trinity and Reily Wills, to depart June 13. They will return July 13.

Host families will meet on Saturday, May 19, at Zion to discuss and finalize activities during the July 18-August 16 visit.

Gross-Bieberau youth arrive July 18, our regular meeting night, and the tentative plan is to have a pizza party reception for them and their host families when they arrive in Millstadt approximately 6:30 / 7:00, then introduce them at the start of the membership meeting.

The farewell potluck BBQ with Youth Ambassadors and members will be August 15, and the Gross-Bieberau students will return to Germany on August 16.

Adult delegation visit – Marlou Eckert

The recent Gross-Bieberau adult visit received good publicity on Facebook, in the *Gross-Bieberauer Anzeigblatt*, the online Millstadt News & Events, Monroe County Independent, Millstadt Chamber newsletter and Millstadt Senior Talk newsletter.

Bürgermeister Buchwald has extended an invitation for a Millstadt adult delegation to visit Gross-Bieberau in 2020. While the month of May was proposed, no specific dates have been set, and the timing of this visit will be influenced by the schedules of the participants in the Millstadt delegation. This will be the 20th anniversary of our official Sister City partnership with Gross-Bieberau. Members are encouraged to consider taking part in this special experience.

Host families were asked to volunteer to make a presentation at the June 20 meeting of experiences during the recent adult exchange.

Annual raffle

The Board discussed the annual raffle and requests prize suggestions and donations. Suggestion made to request Hofbräuhaus make a donation for the raffle. Possibly purchase a HDTV for first prize again this year. Members requested to make donations in addition to Schubert's Smokehouse and IGA gift cards. Record Printing suggested as source for printing raffle tickets.

As in past years, tickets will be distributed to members at the August BBQ and sold at the Millstadt Homecoming and Weihnachtsfest.

June Election of Trustee (3-year term)

The trustee position now held by Patty Taylor expires June 30, 2018. Patty has agreed to accept the nomination for election to the 3-year term which begins July 1, 2018.

Desserts provided by Charlene and Traci Juhas.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Marlou Eckert, Recording Secretary

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

June 19, 2018 (Tuesday) – Waterloo Sister Cities’ Porta Westfalica Festival – Parade at 6:00 pm; German bier, food and music featuring the Waterloo German Band

June 20, 2018; 7:30 pm - Membership meeting at Community Center

July 4, 2018 (Wednesday); 11:00 am – ?? - Boy Scout Troop 622 BBQ at the Millstadt Community Center featuring Championship Carolina-style pulled pork, pork steaks, brats and hamburgers.

July 4, 2018 (Wednesday); approx. 9:00 pm - Display of Independence Fireworks at Millstadt Village Park

July 9, 2018; 8:00 pm - Board meeting at Community Center

July 13, 2018 – Millstadt Youth Ambassadors return from Germany

July 13 & 14, 2018 (Friday & Saturday) - Millstadt Union Fire Department Picnic at Liederkrantz Park

July 18, 2018 – Gross-Bieberau Youth Ambassadors arrive in Millstadt

July 18, 2018; 7:30 pm - Membership meeting at Community Center

July 20 - 22, 2018; Youth Ambassadors in Chicago

August 5, 2018 (Sunday); 6:05 pm – Youth Ambassadors at Gateway Grizzlies baseball game

August 13, 2018; 7:30 pm - Board meeting at Community Center

August 15, 2018; 6:00 pm - Potluck BBQ with Youth Ambassadors at Millstadt Park

Membership Dues

Annual dues for 2018-2019 will be payable July 1, 2018. Dues can be paid at any membership meeting or mail a check payable to "Millstadt Sister Cities" to P.O. Box 35, Millstadt, IL 62260 with the form below. If you have any questions about the status of your membership dues, please contact Doris Steiger, Membership Chair, at 618/444-1133 or email: willdoris61@gmail.com

2018 – 2019 DUES NOTICE

Membership dues for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 are now payable:

\$15.00 Family (includes children under age 18)

\$ 8.00 Individual

\$ 5.00 Student (full-time elementary, secondary or college)

Lifetime memberships are available for a one-time fee of \$100 for a single life membership and \$180 for a family life membership.

_____ Check enclosed for \$ _____ for 2018 – 2019 dues.

or

_____ Please remove my name from the membership list.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Please return to:

Attn: Doris Steiger
Millstadt Sister Cities Organization
P.O. Box 35
Millstadt, Illinois 62260



Ned Brubeck, Diane Germann and Tracy Brubeck at our May membership meeting

2018 Youth Ambassador Exchange- The adventure begins



Becky Watson gives final instructions



Ready to leave Millstadt in the Otto-mobile



"Oma" Charlene gives last minute advice



Alyssa, K.C., Reily, Erica and Madeline checking in at Chicago O'Hare airport