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**June's
Gemütlichkeit**

June's Gemütlichkeit will be held at the Senior Citizens Center. The address is 21 Tionda Dr. S. Drinks will be provided. Please bring snacks to share.

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

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Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra Visit July 4th through 8th



The Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra will be visiting Vandalia July 4th through the 8th on their North American Tour. The group consists of extremely talented kids ranging in age from 12 to 21.

We are still in need of host families for the kids. If you will be in town and available to host, please contact Harvey Kimmel at 901

-6032 or harkim@woh.rr.com.

Sister Cities will be hosting a picnic on July 5th for the group. The orchestra will treat us to a FREE concert at Christian Life Center on Little York Road on Friday, July 7th at 7:30. Please tell all your family and friends about the concert. The concert will be open to the public and promises to be a very good time.

2017 Airshow Parade

The 2017 Air Show Parade will be held on Friday, June 23rd. Parking will again be at Delphi off Northwoods Boulevard and a shuttle bus will take you to the parade. Please be in place no later than 6:30. The parade will start at 7:00. Let's all show our pride in Sister Cities by representing our great organization in the parade. See you there!

June's Meeting Guest Speaker

At June's General Membership meeting, the three scholarship winners will be introduced and presented with their scholarship checks. Come congratulate them and wish them well in their future accomplishments.

Also, Wayne Wright will present a slide presentation of Sister Cities memories. Come reminisce with us!

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President's Corner

This summer will be a very busy and exciting time for Sister Cities. We have four big activities going on so be sure to get involved. We are in need of host families for the Ayrshire adults and students. If you or a friend or a relative can host 2 students, please let me know. Please tell everyone about the great concert on July 7th at the Christian Life Center.

In the Where Are They Now article, Vanessa failed to say that her 5 year program at Penn State is a free ride. Congratulations to Vanessa on a great job.

Again, I wish to thank all of the new members who have stepped up to restore our Oktoberfest. Most of the money raised from this event goes back into Vandalia and helps make Vandalia a great place to live.

Harvey

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members into our organization:

Paul & Cheryl Wilkey, 480 Farrell Rd., Vandalia, Paul's phone is 937-902-1883, pwilkey61@gmail.com, Cheryl's phone is 937-698-2463, cfwilkey61@gmail.com.

Membership Updates

Anessa Snapp's name was misspelled.

Add Mark Shaner, 220 Scott Ave., Vandalia, 937-313-2693, fireshaner@yahoo.com.

Add Richard & Marla Wagner, 914 Pool Ave., Vandalia, 937-890-5506.

Correct Renee Brusman's phone # to 937-947-1091.

Where Are They Now?



Hi, I am Vanessa Burke and I visited Lichtenfels, Germany in the Summer of 2012 through the Vandalia student exchange! I graduated from Vandalia Butler High School back in the Spring of 2013 and wanted to give an update

on what I have been up to since and where I will be going this upcoming Fall!

I have been attending Bowling Green State University for the last four years and will be graduating with honors in just a couple weeks with a B.S. in Psychology. The last four years have been an academic and cultural adventure! I have decided to focus on Industrial and Organizational (I/O) Psychology and have helped with a lot of research on workplace satisfaction, gossip, incivility, and job commitment, as well as people who work from home and other stigmatized populations in the workplace. I have managed to travel a lot with friends and colleagues within the U.S. throughout college for research and for leisure to places like Chicago,

Orlando, Salt Lake City, Grand Rapids, New Orleans and many other places. Last Summer, I had two amazing opportunities: 1) I received a research grant that allowed me to conduct my own study to gather data for my honors thesis, and 2) I went to China for about 3 weeks. My experience in China was amazing as I tried many new and unfamiliar foods, learned about a very different culture, and traveled to Beijing, Nanjing, Wuhan, and Haimen. Since getting back from China, I have been finishing up my senior year of college, working on research, running the BGSU Club Tennis team and writing my thesis. As of March 15th, I have accepted an offer from Penn State to attend a Ph.D. program for the next 5 years to earn my masters and Ph.D in I/O Psychology, starting this Fall. I hope to return to Lichtenfels, Germany to see my dear old friends in a couple of years!



Sister Cities of Vandalia Awards Three Scholarships

At the Butler High School Awards Program on Thursday, May 18, 2017, Sister Cities of Vandalia awarded scholarships to three outstanding students. Presenters were Bob Schaffner and Tracy Schaffner, a member of the Scholarship Committee. Recipients were as follows: Madison Norman. \$2000. Walter Lakin Scholarship for Nursing at Wright State University; Caroline Miller, \$1000. Scholarship for Biomedical Engineering at The Ohio State University; and Jillian Sugden, \$1000. Scholarship for Business at Ohio Northern University.

Students will be introduced and checks presented at our next Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Please plan to attend to honor these students for their past achievements and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Ed Rapp, Chairperson

Long Time Member Wanda Clark Passed Away

Wanda passed away May 3, 2017 at Hearth and Home Assisted Living in Vandalia at the age of 89. She was born Sept. 5, 1927 in Kent, Ohio.

Wanda was a retired secretary from the Vandalia Parks and Recreation Department. She was a past Matron of Utica Chapter, Ohio Eastern Star; a past member of the Presbyterian Church of Utica and was currently a member of the United Methodist Church of Vandalia. She was also a long-time member of Sister Cities of Vandalia and the Vandalia Senior Citizens.

Via Sister Cities, Wanda took her first trips abroad, to Lichtenfels, Germany and later to England where she finally met in person, her longtime pen pal, Iris Whitfield, who she had corresponded with regularly since she was a teenager.

Her daughter, Dr. Carla Clark of Vandalia is also a member of Sister Cities of Vandalia.

Sister Cities T-Shirts Needed

Don't throw away your old Sister City T-shirts! Bring your seldom worn T-shirts to the next membership meeting or call Brenda Windel at 901-1510 for pickup or drop off. The shirts will be used to make a quilt for display at the Oktoberfest.

Save the Dates

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

Board Meeting:

June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting:

June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Deadline for July's Scoop articles is June 24th.

Happy June Birthdays!

Jill Walko	12
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Suzanne's Sunshine Report

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

Long time member Wanda Clark passed away.

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