



Saline - Lindenberg Freundschaftsverein

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September 2007 Newsletter

Summerfest Sizzles

SLFC food sales at the Saline Summerfest were brisk on Friday evening and steady on Saturday during Saline's Summerfest on August 10 & 11. We took in over \$1,100, and our net profit was just shy of \$900 thanks to many welcome food donations and lots of volunteer help. We also sold 44 raffle tickets for the Charm quilt made by Dee Taylor and MaryJo Nehring to be raffled at Oktoberfest (tickets \$5/each - photo on website). A big "Thank You" to all who helped during the two-day Summerfest event.

German October Visit Nears

Twenty-five visitors from Lindenberg will arrive in Saline on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 3. Many activities are planned for our guests and the host families, however all SLF members are invited to attend the Welcome Ceremony at City Hall on October 4 (6:00 pm); Oktoberfest on October 6 (\$20/person - Tri-County), and the Farewell Dinner on October 12 at 6 pm (\$10/person - American Legion).

Activities include an informal welcome at Mac's the evening of their arrival; tours of *Liebherr*, *Scherer-Trier*, the new high school & other Saline sites; day-trip to Grand Rapids for lunch & to visit *Frederik Meijer Gardens*; an evening at the harness races in Toledo; a day in Detroit to tour *Detroit Opera House* and *Fox Theater* (or *Comerica Park* and/or *Ford Field*); and a 2-day trip to *Niagara Falls* on October 9 & 10, which includes a *Maid of the Mist* ride. We hope you can join us at the *Welcome Ceremony*, *Oktoberfest*, and/or the *Farewell Dinner*.

Oktoberfest 2007

Plans are being finalized for *Oktoberfest* to be held Saturday, October 6, at the *Tri-County Sportsman's Club*. Seating will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served from 6 - 8 p.m. Entertainment will be *The Fiddlers Restrung* from 6:15-7:00 p.m., and *The Vagabonds* from 8:00 p.m. to midnight for everyone's dancing pleasure. The quilt raffle - tickets are still available - and a *Live Auction* will be held between 7 and 8 p.m. We are in need of appropriate items for the auction: please contact Audrey Barkel (429-2328) asap to donate an auction item.

Only 250 dinner tickets are available, including those reserved for our German guests. Dinner tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased from any Board member.

2007 Christkindlmarket

This year's Christkindlmarket will be held December 1st, and will again feature vendors selling Christmas-related merchandise. Along with the JC Glühwein tent, a SLFC food booth and bake sale will be held throughout the day, with the Saline Holiday Parade taking place that evening. *Marianne Kozma* (429-7225) and *Audrey* (429-2328) are taking the lead on this event. To HELP PLAN or PARTICIPATE in this event, or if you know any vendors who might be interested in joining us, contact either Marianne or Audrey asap. The next planning committee meeting is September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Audrey's house.

GAPP

Sixteen Saline High School Students traveled to Lindenberg from June 15 - July 10 for this year's

GAPP exchange. SHS German teacher Bettina Hoops and her husband Peter Beardsley, with their daughter Katharina, led the visit, and Jim Roth went along to help keep tabs on the students. It was a successful and memorable trip for all. Students from Lindenberg will visit here next in October 2008.

SLFC Website

Be sure to check our website, which is updated frequently by Bruce Westlake. Photos of recent events and activities are regularly posted, as well as information about upcoming events. (You do have to sign up for a no-cost membership in order view photos.) The website is: <http://salinesistercity.org/>

Saline Fair Info Booth

Look for us at the Saline Fair! Plans are being made to set up an information booth about SLFC at this year's Saline Fair in September.

Stammtisch

Remember: Stammtisch meets the third Thursday of every month at *Mac's Restaurant* in Saline at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Next Stammtisch will be September 20.

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