

WELCOME ESSLINGEN STUDENTS

The Mayors International Committee recently held a welcome dinner for the students involved in the Esslingen, Germany Middle School Exchange program. Each summer Sheboygan middle school students are paired with students from our Sister City Esslingen. This year there are five pairs of students participating in the exchange organized by the Sheboygan People to People Chapter. There are two chaperones, one from each city, who direct the activities of the students.

The first three weeks of the exchange are spent in Esslingen. Each pair of students are housed at the home of the hosting family in each city. There are group trips to see the different sites in each city as well as time spent with the host family. The final three weeks are spent in Sheboygan. This program allows the students to both be a tourist and experience everyday life in another country.

As the study of the German language in Sheboygan schools has waned, this program has allowed the City to keep its commitment to conduct high school student exchanges with Esslingen. The middle school exchange serves as a feeder program for the year-long high school exchange. The high school exchange conducted by People to People, will peak this year with five students from each city participating in the exchange program. The first semester is spent in Sheboygan and second semester in Esslingen. Students are paired and live with their partner's family. For more information on the exchange program contact Ann Keckonen at 457-4318.

On May 19 of 2017, Sheboygan and Esslingen celebrated the 50 year anniversary of their sister city relationship. A delegation of city officials, the Mayor's International Committee and People to People and residents attended this event. The Mayor's International Committee members are residents who are empowered to represent and further the City's commitment to understanding and friendship between our Sister Cities and Sheboygan. Each year the committee hosts a variety of events for the foreign exchange students visiting our city. The MIC will be participating in two upcoming fundraisers to help fund these activities. Come Together, a Festival Celebrating Unity in our Community, will be held on Saturday, September 9 from noon to 5: 00 p.m. The committee will operate a beverage stand at Fountain Park. The second annual Esslingen Fest will be held on Sunday, October 1 at the 3 Sheeps Taproom from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Front row: Amelia Redell, Ada von Winterfeld, Rika Scherer, Natasha Rammer

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