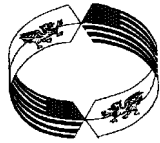


Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the large meeting room at Brecon Village. (Please park behind the building.) This meeting is open to all members. The agenda will include electing new board members, reporting on Guild activities over the past year, planning for future fund raisers, and adopting the revised by-laws. We hope you can join us.

By Linda Duvall



**January 6, 2004
at 7:00 pm at
Brecon Village**

Board Positions Open

Every year three positions become available on the board of directors. Any member can nominate themselves for one of these seats. The Board meets from September to June on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at Brecon Village. Directors help to organize fundraisers, parties and other activities that promote the connection between Saline and Brecon. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact a current board member by January 1, 2004 for further details.

By Linda Duvall

Soccer Exchange Continues

In July 2003 Kim Bowley and three other coaches from Brecon brought a team of 16 boys to Saline. They stayed with the families of local high school soccer players and had ten days to learn what life is like in the United States. The visit started with a welcome party around the pool at Bob and Dottie Barnes' home for the team and their host families. The boys enjoyed visits to Cedar Point, Zap Zone laser tag, Rolling Hills Water Park, and skating at Jeffrey Arena. One of the high points was going to the fire works in Manchester on the Fourth of July. (The adults thought the fireworks were the best part. The boys thought the girls they met were the highlight.) The visit ended with a farewell party at Ted and Sharon Douglas' home where gifts were exchanged and Don Shelton presented an amazing slide show of photos of the visit.

In between all the fun (and in the hottest weather the boys had ever experienced) the team played three soccer games. With the help of Brian Lampman the games with

Pub Night — FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2004

Plans are in the works for Pub Night 2004. Please mark your calendars to attend our primary annual fundraiser. There will be both a silent auction and mini live auction. The Arthur Bowley bust will leave the Tracy and Clay Colson household and go to another household. Some auction items have already been contributed. **Please consider donating items for auction and contact Sheila Little at 429-2037 or through e-mail, sheilittle1@aol.com by February 14, 2004.** Jesse Mason and his friends will provide the musical entertainment. Joann Straub will provide the catered meal. This year the menu is as follows:

- Marinated Pork Roast
 - Vegetable Lasagna
 - Potatoes
 - Glazed Carrots
 - Green Beans Almondine
 - Peas w/Mushrooms and Pearl Onions
 - Tossed Salad
 - Relish Plate
 - Texas Sheet Cake
 - Cherry Cheesecake
 - Coffee, Tea, Milk
- As always there is a cash bar.

We hope that you all will consider coming and bringing family and friends with you for an enjoyable

evening. Enjoy a wonderful evening of fun, entertainment, delicious food, AND contribute to our organization which gives us an opportunity to give our Brecon friends a wonderful time when they come to Saline. The revenues from our sustaining memberships, Pub Night, and other fundraisers (the Wine Tasting in conjunction with Tippins Market) allows us to defray some costs for the group transportation and other group activities. Doug and Rochelle Bird from The British Pantry in Tecumseh will be with us again and will have U.K. merchandise to sell as well.

This year was a special year for Saline folks to visit Brecon. It was great to have some new Saline friends experience the wonderful homestays and personally feel the special friendship connections. We plan a special program for Pub Night with the help of all of you who went on the 2003 trip to Brecon. We are asking you to provide photographs that help depict the special friendships we share with our Brecon friends. Please send those photographs to Barry Barkel at 8075 Fostick Rd., Saline, MI 48176 or e-mail them to ABBarkel@aol.com. Please see Barry's request elsewhere in this newsletter. Let's fill the UAW hall by inviting your friends, relatives, and neighbors to join you.

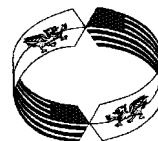
As in the past advance reservations will be made with walk-ins certainly welcome! The advance reservations give us a better estimate of number of people planning to attend for catering purposes.

FOR ADVANCE RESERVATIONS: Joan Roth, 429-4063, e-mail roth@bignet (please give number in your party, preferences for pork or vegetable lasagna)

Cost for Pub Night:
\$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door,
\$6 Children 12 & under

I look forward to seeing all of you at Pub Night 2004 on March 5 at the Saline UAW Hall on March 5, 2004 and thank you for supporting this fundraising activity for your Saline-Brecon Friendship Guild!

By Joan Roth, Chairperson



**2004 Pub Night
March 5, 2004
6:00 PM
UAW Hall**

The team is looking for sponsors to help fund uniforms and other expenses. The parents are paying the travel costs. If you can help, please contact Bill Theiss at 944-1721.

By Linda Duvall

Wine Tasting Party

The Saline Brecon Friendship Guild decided to try another fund raising project to increase our coffers for our Brecon visitors in 2006. We partnered with Tippin's Market to have a wine tasting party. The Guild provided hors d'oeuvres and some desserts, Tippin's Market provided cheese and desserts and arranged for the wine distributors. Gerald Staton from Concepts Insurance provided his office space, free for the party which is next door to the market. We had 68 party goers and made over \$700. From everyone's perspective, the party was a success! Tippin's Market, the wine distributors and the Guild were very happy with the outcome. Tippin's Market is requesting that we partner with them again next year, maybe on a little larger scale. This party was organized in less than 8 weeks by Kathy Chapin, so just think how successful it can be if we have all year to plan.

By Betsey Hubbard

Pub Night 2003 Wrap Up

The snow stayed away for the annual fund-raising event. Thank heavens! As always the tables looked like spring with the wonderful daffodils graciously donated by John & Peg Long of Saline Flowerland. There were 98 of us altogether celebrating our friendship ties to our wonderful sister city, Brecon, Wales. The catered meal was delicious as usual and there was plenty left over for people to take home for yet another meal. Jesse and Kelly Mason and Brad Phillips blew us away with their music adding to the ambiance of the pub atmosphere. The live and silent auction revenue totaled \$1642 just slightly over \$100 less than last year's auction total. Net revenue from Pub Night 2003 was \$1060.50. The bust of Arthur Bowley went to Clay, Tracy, and Elizabeth Colson (Don & Margie Shelton's daughter and her family) at \$235 (\$25 more than last year).

Thirteen businesses either contributed auction items, money contributions, or services to the Guild:

Bachman Embroidery & Design
Express Tire Saline
Borer Family Chiropractic
Saline Flowerland
British Pantry
Quickprint
Cobblestone Rose
Great Harvest Bread
Distinctive Creations
Rustic Glen Golf Course
First Design Cabinetry
Saline Picture Frame
Waggles 'N' Whiskers

Individuals who contributed auction items and/or services included:

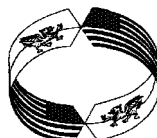
Mr. Barkel
Doris Kraushaar
Brook Courchaine
Steve & Kathy Chapin
Jim & Joan Roth
Jerry Janeczek
Mary Martin
Ginger Winter
Ted Toth
Jim & Susan Keezer
Rolf Amsler
Earl & Edna Laughrey
Pat & Sheila Little
Linda Duvall
Betsey Hubbard
Barry Barkel

On behalf of the Saline-Brecon Friendship Guild I want to thank you all for your contributions/services and your presence in keeping the wonderful spirit alive. We hope those of you who missed this year's event will be able to attend next year, **Friday, March 5, 2004!**

I sincerely thank the Guild members and workers in making this event a success. A special thanks again to Sheila Little for coordinating the silent and live auctions. She received assistance from Della Read. Kathy Chapin joyfully assists me in purchasing the beverages, table covers, etc. needed. Thanks to Shiela Blough for the new leek posters and history along with her help in selecting the beautiful Welsh pictures which surround us in the hall for the evening. Don Shelton, Pat Little, and Gretchen Driskell pulled the live auction together with nice results. Thank you. Harold Tinsey, Steve & Mike Chapin who manned the cash bar and always do a wonderful job. Sandy and Gerry Wingate are always happy to share the beautiful quilted leek hanging for the evening along with the "real money exchange information" posters which Sandy updates each year. And, thank you Sandy and Shiela Blough for greeting the guests and handing out leek pins. Jim & Sue Keezer took care of the £ Exchange table along with taking orders for the attractive tote bags with our Guild logo on it. Rolf Amsler, Rose Toth, and Linda Duvall took care of the reservation table and collecting the money.

Remember to put Friday, March 5, 2004 on your calendars for next year's event!

By Joan Roth, Chairperson Pub Night 2003



Pub Night 2004
March 5, 2004
6:00 PM
UAW Hall

ATTENTION: Travelers & Hosts

Have you made the pilgrimage to Brecon? Have you had the opportunity to have the Welsh stay in your home? In either case, I'll bet you got pictures! And we want them!

One of the hardest things to convey to people is the spirit of a cultural exchange. Words just don't express the experience. But pictures can. The Guild is going to put together about a 10-15 minute slide presentation illustrating the cultural exchange experience. It'll be shown on Pub Night and possibly on the local TV channel. We're interested in photos that show the "spirit" that exists between Saline and Brecon. Some can show the scenery or posed pictures, but most will be candid shots of people just enjoying each other's company.

We're asking every Guild Member who has visited Brecon or has hosted the folks from Wales to lend us five (5) of you most treasured pictures from the experience to include in the slide show. The photos can be from ANY visit, not just the recent ones. All photos will be returned.

Please: Select 5 photos (couples may select 10)

Write your name and phone number on the back of each photo

Put them in an sealed envelope with your name and address on the front

And then,

A. Bring them to the Guild annual meeting

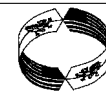
or B. Mail them to

Barry Barkel
8075 Fosdick
Saline MI 48176

They will be returned by the end of February.

Please help us in sharing the spirit of cultural exchange with people who have not experienced it.

By Barry M Barkel



Your Support Is Needed!

- Come to Pub Night
- Bring others with you
- Buy auction items
- Donate items to be auctioned — contact Sheila Little at 429-2037 or through e-mail, sheilittle1@aol.com by February 14, 2004.

Sustaining Membership Information

We are again offering a Sustaining Membership to the Guild. These members will be invited to seasonal parties and other activities throughout the year. Sustaining members will get a ticket (held) for a drawing at a Spring Fling Party May 7, 2004. The cost is \$25 for an individual and \$50 for a couple.

Please make your check payable to the Saline- Brecon Friendship Guild and mail as soon as possible and not later than May 1, 2004 to address above. Memberships may also be purchased on Pub Night, March 5, 2004. Numeric tickets for the sustaining membership drawing will be held for the drawing (not mailed) as Sustaining Membership pay-

ments are received.

This year the Board has decided to have three (3) prizes for the drawing. The First Place winner will receive \$250.00 in cash, the second place winner will receive \$150 in cash and the third place winner will receive \$100 cash. The winning tickets will be drawn at a Spring Fling Party to be held on Friday May 7, 2003 at The Rolling Hills Club House. You do not need to be present to win.

The net proceeds (beyond the cost of 3 drawing items) will be used for general purpose of the Guild. These funds will further the sister city relationship between Saline and Brecon Wales.

We look forward to seeing you at Pub Night. By Kathy Chapin



Support your Guild!

- Come to Pub Night
- Bring others with you
- Buy auction items
- Donate items
- Be a sustaining member
- Join the Board of Directors
- Participate in all Activities

Saline-Brecon Twinning Association Directory - Second Edition

Dear Members;

We are updating our mailing list and the Saline-Brecon Twinning Association Directory: If you want to be in the Directory and on the mailing list please complete the following information:

Please clip or Mail to: S.B.F.G., PO Box 182, Saline, MI 48176 or e-Mail Kathy Chapin at Chapinstev@aol .com

Please Print:

Name: First _____, Spouse (Significant other) _____

Last _____, Last (If different) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number/Area Code _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Yes or No (Please circle) I want updates and information by E-Mail

If you have a winter address and would like that to be known please add it to the list.

We need this information on or before January 15, 2004.

Otherwise we will remove you from our mailing list and directory.

Thank you.

Guild Members Visit Brecon, Wales In Visit 2003

44 Guild members enjoyed another trip to the UK this past summer. (The previous trip was in 1998.) Most of us began our journey July 22 at City Hall where a motor coach picked us up for the brief ride to Metro Airport. About 6pm we left Detroit on British Airways for the night-time flight across the Atlantic. In the morning, around 7, Linda Duvall met us at Heathrow. After picking up our luggage and going through customs & immigration, it was back onto a motor coach for the 4.5 - hour ride to Brecon. As in the past, we were taken to the Brecon Guild Hall where we were welcomed by our hosts to begin our visit in earnest.

Our Brecon hosts did a superb job of planning & organising activities, both indoors & out, with just about the right amount of free time, so we could visit with our host families & rest up for the next adventure. Trips were made by many or most of us to the following:

- The Brecon Golf Club.
- Aberglasney, where one can see on-going restoration of buildings & centuries-old gardens.
- The Garden of Wales, with its Great Glasshouse (a large domed greenhouse) and many botanical exhibits and experimental outdoor gardens.

- The Hereford Cathedral, portions dating from the 12th century, with its Mappa Mundi display (showing the world from a medieval perspective) and the Chained Library (where rare books & manuscripts are literally chained to the shelves).

- Hampton Court (in Herefordshire), "a late medieval castle surrounded by magnificent gardens and a thousand acres of parkland." A number of us struggled through the maze.

- The Brecon Show, with its many agricultural exhibits.

Right in the middle of our nearly-2-week stay in the UK we took a 5-day trip to Ireland. Because quite a few host-family members & friends came along, there were about 60 of us all together, requiring 2 motor coaches. On Monday the 28th, after the 4-hour bus ride from Brecon to Fishguard, we had a 3.5-hour ferry ride to Rosslare. Soon after arriving in Ireland we picked up our 2 tour guides and made our way to the hotel in Thurles where we spent 3 nights. With help from our very able guides, we enjoyed trips to Dublin (about 1/3 of us made that side trip), Kilkenny (St. Canices's Cathedral, the Castle), Holy Cross Abbey, Blarney Castle (some of us

even kissed the famous stone), and the huge Blarney Woolen Mills store.

On Thursday we made our way through the Irish countryside to Waterford. After a tour of the crystal factory and some time in the gift shop, we went on to our hotels, more conveniently located near Rosslare, to expedite our return to the ferry back to Fishguard the following morning. From Fishguard we drove to St. David's where we enjoyed some really fine weather along the Pembrokeshire Coast.

Our last 2 full days in the UK, Sunday & Monday, were spent returning to London and touring various sights in that city. We were all on our own. Early Tuesday it was back to Heathrow to catch our flight home.

It has to be noted that the weather was really quite cooperative. During a summer that was hot & dry almost without exception, we enjoyed 2 weeks of agreeable temperatures, lots of clouds but some sun when it could most be appreciated, and rain, generally, when we were on the bus between destinations. When it HAD to be nice, it was; I only remember running for cover once - in Haye on Wye on the second day.

By Rolf Amsler

Calendar

- Annual Meeting -
January 6, 2004
- Directory information due -
January 15, 2004
- Auction items due -
February 14, 2004
- Pub Night -
March 5, 2004
- Spring Fling -
May 7, 2004
- Celtic Festival -
July 10, 2004



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