



German Boy Scouts at the Pow Wow Festival in Salamanca, NY.

Smithtown New York, is where the Steubenites from the Long Island region and other guests enjoy themselves with fine dining and great music. Another highlight of this event is the authentic dance performance of a local traditional German folklore group (The Original Enzian Schuhplattler Dancers). During the event guests have the chance to win great prizes from a rich array of donated gifts and services from local merchants. This event takes place again this year on February 13 from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. If you are interested in joining this extraordinary gala, please contact Betty Mondelli at (516) 578-1679.

The Bremervoerder Chorus invites all to their annual 'Fasching' Spring Dance on March 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant, 1032 Hempstead Tpke. Franklin Square, NY. Music will be by Bud & Linda Gramer. Dinner includes Schlachtplatte, dessert, coffee, tea and unlimited beer, wine & soda. Admission: \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call Fred Kunzmann @ 347-756-4167 or Elsie Bulgrin @ 718-746-8862 for reservations. Cash door prizes, raffle and prizes for best costumes."

The Bremervoerder Annual Concert benefiting the Plattduetsche Home Society takes place on May 1, 2011 in the Jaeger Halle in Plattduetsche Park at 3:00 PM."

Gemuettlichen Enzianer – New York 80th Anniversary

The Gemuettlichen Enzianer cordially invites you to join us in celebrating our 80th Anniversary on Saturday, April 9, 2011, with a gala Dinner Dance to be held at Plattduetsche Park Restaurant, 1132 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, NY. Festivities will include music by the Heimat Klaenge Orchestra for your dancing and listening pleasure and performances by many Schuhplattler groups. The ticket price of \$48 in advance (or \$55 at the door if available), includes a Schlachtplatte Dinner and unlimited domestic and imported beer, wine and soda. Children 14 and under are \$25. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and music will follow. For tickets or information, call Richard Killian at (516) 599-0789 or Rosemarie Hein at (516) 488-6551. We would be very pleased to welcome you to our celebration.

Boy Scouts Build Bridges

Translated by Ilse Hoffmann from Reports in the Flensburger Tageblatt, Aug 15, 2010; and in the Evangelische Zeitung, Aug 23, 2010 and published here at the request of Alexander Fick and the German Scouts. This is meant to be a special note of thanks to the people in the Buffalo, NY area who treated the visitors with incredible generosity and friendship gestures.

Thirty-five boyscouts (and girl scouts) of the congregations Harrislee (near Flensburg; ed) and Schoebuell (near Husum, ed) in Northern Germany saw the fulfillment of their big dream when they traveled for two weeks to the USA and Canada after nearly two years of planning and preparation. They had sacrificed many a weekend to earn the money for this overseas adventure: they had held flea markets and they distributed flyers to advertise their operation "Rent a Scout" wherein they made themselves available to do garden work, including lawn mowing, to clean up properties, to hold car washes, and to remove stones from farmland. They even painted fences for the farmers.

Finally, they departed early one morning from Harrislee, then met up in Schleswig with the scouts from Schoebuell, and flew from Hamburg via London to Toronto. Their first destination was the boyscout place "Stonehaven" near the city of Buffalo in the state of New York.

Driving there afforded a glimpse at the breathtaking Niagara Falls with waters cascading down as much as 52 meters in some cases. Thus, the scouts began to look forward to their scheduled visits of the The Falls later on in their program.

At Stonehaven, they met with American and Canadian scouts, they set up camp and pitched their tents. Their intensive interaction here transcended all borders and language barriers. Outings took them to the Niagara Falls, the city of Buffalo, a festival (Pow Wow) among Native Americans, an overnight stay in Olde Fort Niagara, a visit of the Lutheran congregation St. James in Bergholz,* and to a baseball game with fireworks, and many other activities.

Ed note: Readers may want to know that Bergholz was founded by German immigrants in the 1840s. The students had a chance to visit Das Haus, a

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German-American museum in Bergholz. The Historical Society celebrated Luther's 527th birthday with a historic dinner at St James Church Fellowship Hall as was described in a forward looking report: <http://www.medievalarchives.com/2010/11/10/historical-society-will-celebrate-martin-luther-%281483-birthday-with-medieval-dinner#more-3002>

The American and Canadian Boy Scouts were most hospitable to their German visitors. They had created special group decals and T-shirts, and they prepared meals and featured entertainment. A group of bag pipers played various popular songs and hymns including a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace" that caused a few tears to flow here and there. Evenings at the camp fire ended with games and singing.

At the end of the meeting the German Scouts left for Toronto. Again they were hosted by a church group. Two days provided time for the sightseeing of downtown Toronto and for ascending the CN-Towers, the second highest structure in the world, affording a panoramic view from the Sky Pod at 447 m.

Upon getting some souvenirs at the last minute it was time to depart. The scouts arrived at home tired but happy and satisfied and expressed the desire to return overseas some day. Reflecting on their most impressive memories from this experience they cited not the Niagara Falls or the sights of Toronto but the warm hospitality and fellowship they had been blessed to receive so far from home.



German Boy Scouts in front of the Boy Scouts of America Headquarter in Buffalo showing also German Consul Christian Koelb III (left) and Steubenite Solveigh Klemens-Bensons (rechts mit Hut). The latter gave a presentation on Germans in New York. She related many interesting facts and spoke to the scouts also of Steuben News, which is why this article and its pictures have reached us.

Washington in 1777 to train inexperienced American revolutionary troops at Valley Forge. His regulations for the order and discipline of the colonials became the army's standard drill manual, the Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States, which remained the official military manual until 1814.

Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center has not always been known by that name. In fact, the facade of the building refers to the building as home to Von Steuben Senior High School. That was true from 1933 to 1982. Von Steuben originally opened its doors at the corner of Kimball and Carmen avenues in the Albany Park community as a junior high school in September 1930, with a capacity of 2,500 students. In September 1933, it was designated as a senior high school with a portion of the building to be used as an elementary school.

Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center was established in September 1982 as part of the student assignment phase of the desegregation agreement between the Chicago Board of Education and the U.S. Department of

Education. Von Steuben is a high school within Chicago Public Schools (CPS). Von Steuben draws its students from many of the 500+ elementaries in the city of Chicago. The student body is, therefore, a microcosm of the racial, ethnic, social and economic diversity found in the population of America's third largest city. For more info: www.vonsteuben.org/

New Book – The German Element in the Northeast

Gustav Koerner's *The German Element in the Northeast*, translated and edited by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, has just been published by the Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, Maryland, and provides a wealth of information about German-Americans in the northeastern states of the U.S. In 1880 Gustav Koerner (1809-96), one-time Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois and confidant of Abraham Lincoln, published a comprehensive history of Germans in America entitled *Das deutsche Element in den Vereinigten Staaten von Nordamerika, 1818-48*. For the work at hand, *The German*