



Partnerstadtfreunde



German guests with their host families visiting the Peoria Zoo.

Annual adult trips with Germany? *It's about time!*

Peoria and Friedrichshafen have a long history of exchanging teenagers. Frequently, parents and other adults asked (only half-jokingly), "Can I go, too?"

We are happy to announce that we can finally say "Yes!" The Friends of Friedrichshafen and the Peoria Club (our sister organization in Friedrichshafen) have teamed to offer a program very similar to the youth exchange. But this program is for adults only! The first trip will take place in 2014.

Every five years, the cities sponsor "official" adult trips to celebrate the sister city relationship. These excursions include city-funded events and entertainment. Our new adult trips will complement, not replace, these events, and will be less formal, more intimate experiences.

To learn more about the proposed adult trips between our sister cities, please attend the Friends of Friedrichshafen annual meeting.

Friends of Friedrichshafen Annual Meeting

Please join your fellow FOF members at the 2014 annual meeting. In addition to a recap of the year just passed, the agenda includes:

- Election of officers
- Adult trip information
- Youth exchange information

LOCATION:

Peoria Public Library
Lakeview Branch
1137 W. Lake Ave.
Peoria, Ill. 61614

DATE: March 3, 2014

TIME: 6:30–7:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!



Long-time relationships are forged and fostered when friends break bread in each others' homes.

Teens invited to travel to Germany this year

Friends of Friedrichshafen is busy planning our next great adventure for teenagers! If you know a teenager 16 to 19 years old — or know someone who has a teenager — they can apply NOW for this summer's trip to Germany.

The dates are July 16 – August 8, 2014. The exact cost will not be known until we purchase airline tickets, but we expect it to be around \$2,000. Not bad for three weeks in Europe!

Applications can be downloaded from the Friends of Friedrichshafen website and returned to the address listed on the form. A \$250 deposit is required with your application.

Please help us spread the word about a fantastic, unforgettable opportunity! For additional questions, please call FOF Youth Exchange Chaperones Tammie and Patrick Roesler at 309-689-0069.



Students from Friedrichshafen and Peoria visit Chicago during the 2013 exchange program.

Memberships keep FOF going

The Friends of Friedrichshafen receives no support from the City of Peoria. Only through memberships and donations of individuals and organizations can we carry on our mission of promoting friendship and understanding across cultures. Without the financial support of members, FOF would soon cease to exist.

If you have been a member, thank you for your support! Would you please consider renewing your membership today? If you have never been a

Getting to know our Sister City...

Fasnet begins in Friedrichshafen

Fasnet, the pre-Lent celebrations in Southern Germany, has kicked off in the Friedrichshafen area. This ancient tradition dispels the gloom of winter and encourage the coming Spring.

The celebrations take many forms. Most prominent among the festivities are outdoor parades featuring grotesque costumes of fantastic medieval creatures, and parties. Fasnet would be a very interesting time to visit Friedrichshafen!



A schalmay band performs at the first Fasnet party of the season in Ailingen. This four-valve, multi-bell instrument creates a unique sound and is used to play both traditional and contemporary music.

member, please consider supporting the work we do to make this world a better place in which to live.

A membership form is included with this newsletter. **Please fill it out completely**, so that we have your most current email and other contact information.



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