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## SWISS SINGERS

After performing at the Swiss Fest on June 24, the Singers will be taking a break until the German American Festival in August. Our first rehearsal will be September 6 at 7:30 pm at Oak Shade Grove. Come join us!

We will be taking a road trip to Two Rivers, Wisconsin to perform in a festival there on September 16. Our first concert of the season will be Sunday November 19, then the Murder Mystery Theater on February 17 and 18, and our May concert, date to be determined.

We are also hard at work planning the 42<sup>nd</sup> Swiss Sangerfest to be held in Toledo on June 28-30 and July 1, 2018. Choirs from the US and Canada are coming! Watch the Siebenerlei for more details.

Please keep these dates in mind!

Also, if you are looking for a

fun time, don't forget the making of the potato salad for the German American Festival on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Come at 9am and bring a knife and a bowl to peel and slice into. Many hands make light work. Lunch is also provided and beverages! Thank you in advance!

Barb Carr



On Thursday, June 8, the Toledo / German Sister City Committee joined the Bavarian Sports Club Schuhplattler Gruppe and the Teutonia Manner- und Damenchor at German Heritage Night first at Hensville, where we were entertained by some of our local German singing and dancing groups. Afterwards we crossed the street to the Mudhens' Stadium to watch the game.

During the first half of June Dave and Rogene Kohler traveled to Germany, where part of their time was spent in

Coburg in northern Bayern getting acquainted with the town and some of its citizens. Tim Greenwood contacted O-I and Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce who provided informative materials and gifts for Oberburgermeister Norbert Tessmer and our main contacts there, Rainer & Jutta Kalwait and Jurgen & Petra Heeb. Stadtrat Jurgen Heeb and his wife Petra will be visiting us August 8 – 11. We visited many castles and churches there, plus wandered through their very old town where Luther spent some of his time 500 years ago. Coburg, like Toledo, is also a glass area. We visited their factory's glass shop and the European Museum of Modern Glass while we were there. They were really impressive. We also had some time during one of our stops at a Biergarten to discuss things here in Toledo that would be of interest to them. Besides a visit with Mayor Hicks-Hudson, we're putting together a program that will at least include

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O-I, the Art Museum, the port, UT, some churches and schools and anything else we can squeeze in. We invite anyone who is interested to join us at any of the events during their visit here. There will probably be a meal at the Docks that might be an ideal meet-and-greet occasion. We, of course, want to make a very positive Toledo welcome and impression while the Heebs are here. It's important that they see the support for this connection – business-, culture-, and education wise – that exists in the Toledo area.

Our next meeting that will take place on Thursday, June 29, at 7:30 at Dave and Rogene Kohler's house, will be to learn about our visit there and to plan for their visit here. To get involved at this exciting time or for more information about our group please contact Rogene Kohler at [dkohler376@aol.com](mailto:dkohler376@aol.com) or 734-856-2913. We're always looking for new faces and new ideas.

Rogene Kohler

I'll bet you are wondering why all the blank space. Well, the Swiss Singers and Sister Cities were the only articles received. If we were still physically printing the Siebenerlei we would not have published an issue this time, This is your vehicle to spread the news. Flyers will no longer cost to include it in the Siebenerlei.

I hope the next issue is not as anemic...

Mel Arndt

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ISSUE  
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