



B/MSSCA

spring focus

SISTER CITIES MAKE CELEBRATION PLANS FOR 2006

As winter winds down the B/MSSCA Board has been working hard to make 2006 a special year

2006 Committees Established

Maria Skrilec and Mary Karol will chair the next Heritage Day to be held on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at St. John's.

Steve Antalics is going on the trip to Slovenia, so he will not be available to chair the flag-raising ceremony at City Hall. Discussion followed whether or not to hold the ceremony, as a number of members will be in Slovenia.

The Board decided in the March meeting to still hold the flag-raising ceremony this year as many members will still be in the area, able to attend.

Joe Boligitz will inquire as to the possibility of holding the October Heritage Day at St. Joe's.

No new information is available regarding an exchange student through the B/MSSCA. (Nine exchange students, ages 13-19 years, will be visiting from Slovenia through the Lutheran Synod, staying with host families in the region. The Board decided to have a get-together for the students; Charlie offered the use of Saucon Valley Acres. Details to follow.)

B/MSSCA Reaches Out to Bethlehem's other Sister Cities



Gene and Kathy Novak attended the Winterfest Celebration on Jan. 20th. The event offered a chance for the B/MSSCA Board and members to meet and learn about the various activities of Bethlehem's other Sister City organizations. Gene recommended it would be beneficial to meet with Bruce Johnson, President of the 80-member Bethlehem Schwabisch Gmund Association, to discuss the possibility of holding a joint event in the future.



Annual Picnic at Saucon Valley Acres

The annual picnic will be held Sunday, September 17, 2006, at Saucon Valley Acres. Charlie Moretz will chair the event, assisted by Ernie Josar and Maria Skrilec.



BMSSCA Website Doing Well!

The B/MSSCA website has sustained interest. The website cost is covered for 2006. The B/MSSCA website, www.bmssca.org, has been listed on the City of Bethlehem, Bethlehem PA Online, and St. John's websites. It was suggested that an article about the website be submitted to the Ameriška Domovina. (The website had 220+ "hits" so far!)

Join Us For the 10th Anniversary Sister City Celebration in Murska Sobota !

Over 20 members, and their families have expressed interest

Gene contacted those who indicated an interested so far, in the trip to Slovenia; prices were made available. Planning is complicated, as some want to stay with their families rather than at the Hotel Diana. Different airlines/routes were discussed.

A meeting will be held for those going

on the trip. Maria Skrilec and Irena Brunec are corresponding regarding side trips. Gene and Kathy Novak won't be traveling with the group and will depart Murska Sobota earlier due to a family commitment.

Be sure to contact Gene Novak if interested.

B/MSSCA Board Solidifies Plans for Trip to Murska Sobota

B/MSSCA 10th Anniversary Commemorative Pins



The B/MSSCA has decided to create a circular pin with flags of the U.S. and Slovenia including the text "Sister Cities", "Bethlehem, PA", and "Murska Sobota" as part of commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the B/MSSCA. The Pins will be made available for the trip to Slovenia. The Board also recommended ordering 300 pins, 1 for each Association member. The rest will be available for purchase at \$2.00 per pin.



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