



# **S.B.F.G.**

Saline Brecon Friendship Guild, Ltd.

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## **JOIN THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

On September 6, 2006, our friends from Brecon, Wales will be coming for their visit to Saline. 2006 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City relationship of Saline and Brecon. Our guests will be here from September 6 - September 20. There will be about 36 adults and 2 children, of which about 20 will be new visitors. We hope that all of you will join in the fun with our visitors.

The Saline-Brecon Friendship Guild is looking for ideas on how we can entertain the visitors. So if you have a favorite place to visit or have other ideas, please let the Board know. Also, we will be looking for hosts during the visit. You can host for the whole visit or split the time with someone else. The group will be going to Niagara Falls and Toronto the first week of the visit. We would like new people to host, so if you have never done it, this may be your year. It is fun to get to know the people from Wales.

We will be having an annual meeting in January, so come and help us plan for the visit.

## **Theodore E. "Ted" Toth**

November 23, 1936 — September 28, 2005

We feel the loss of a friend and active member of the Saline community. We extend our deepest sympathy to Rose Carol and her family.

Ted has contributed several of his master piece paintings as auction items.

## **Annual Meeting**

The Saline-Brecon Friendship Guild is required by our charter to have an Annual meeting for all members (this is for all persons who show an interest in the relationship of Sister City Program with Brecon Wales and Saline Michigan).

The Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday January 17, 2006 at Brecon Village in the Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. Besides the SBFSG business and information this meeting will be the kick off meeting for planning the September visit. We invite everyone who wishes to host a family and/or volunteer to help with planning or hosting events for the September visit to attend.

## **Board Opening**

Three (3) board member positions will expire at the end of '05. We invite anyone interested in joining the board to contact Linda Duvall at 429-9301.

## **SISTER CITY REPRESENTATION IN THE SALINE CHRISTMAS PARADE & 2 LITER BOTTLE REQUEST**

The opportunity to walk in the Saline Christmas Parade and share our two sister cities (Brecon, Wales and Lindenberg, Germany) friendships can happen in Saline. We invite anyone interested in walking in the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3, to assemble at the Saline City Hall parking lot closest to the Davenport street entrance to city hall at 4:30 p.m. (this is an approximate location for us per the Saline Chamber of Commerce plan). We will be walking with Saline-Lindenberg Friendship members behind a banner for our sister cities and carrying lanterns (you received an e-mail earlier from Linda Duvall asking people to save their clear plastic 2 liter bottles so the children at Christkindlmarket activities can make the lanterns). Please contact Joan Roth (429-4063) if you have bottles and she will arrange to pick them up from you prior to December 1. It would be great to have a bunch of sister city friends walking with the lanterns...what a sight it could be!!

## **Sustaining Memberships**

Sustaining Membership letters will be mailed after the first of the year but for those "Snow Birds" that would like to send your check early make your check payable to SBFSG and send to SBFSG, P.O. Box 182, Saline, MI 48176..... \$25.00 per person and \$50 for a couple). All membership dues collected help fund expenses for the visit in September '06.

Saline Brecon Friendship Guild, Ltd.  
Celebrates the 40th Anniversary  
of the twinning of  
Saline and Brecon, Wales

## **Pub Night 2006**

**Saline UAW Hall  
Friday, March 3, 2006**

**Tickets: \$16 per person  
\$6 children 12 and under  
429-4063  
Join the FUN!**

*Many opportunities to share Saline through friendships, hosting, etc.*

## PUB NIGHT 2006 — FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2006

Pub Night 2006 is the last Pub Night fund raiser prior to the visit from our Brecon friends in September. ***Let's make it a particularly special event with a record breaking attendance and net revenue.*** As many of you are aware the net revenue from the annual Pub Nights and Sustaining Membership dues are the primary sources for funding the bus transportation costs, welcome and farewell parties and other miscellaneous expenses incurred such as admissions to sight-seeing attractions. Since 1999 attendance has fluctuated between 82 and 116 people. Let's break the record **BIG TIME!!** Despite meticulous management of expenses for these visits and depending upon how many Brecon friends come to Saline and what the basic costs are (transportation being a significant one) budgeting \$11,000 to \$14,000 is a reasonable estimate for the visit.

THEREFORE, I, as chairperson, and the SBFG board encourage EVERYONE to attend the event and bring friends and neighbors to have fun!! ***We would love to have those of you who go to warmer climates for the winter to make a contribution to the SBFG since you won't be able to attend.*** This lets us know you support the twinning and the fundraiser event. We'd love to fill the Saline UAW hall on March 3 and make the biggest revenue to date. The evening will include a tasty dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions, 50/50 draw-

ing (200 ticket limit), cash bar, and most importantly visiting with friends. Not everyone feels comfortable when silent and live auctions are mentioned so they don't attend the event at all. Let's encourage our friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the many other parts of the evening and what the twinning really means! Who knows if someone will really get excited about an item on the auction table!

### Minor changes are in store for Pub Night 2006:

- Because of the death of Joann Straub, we will have a new caterer.
- One price for the dinner.....\$16 per person and \$6 children under 12
- Use of tickets for the event - Reservations will be taken and tickets reserved in your name to be picked up at the door upon arrival. SBFG will reserve the right to bill those who "no show" since the catering expenses are based on the number of reservations.

You will receive a Pub Night 2006 flyer in the mail along with the Sustaining Membership letter in January. Pub Night 2006 tickets will be available to purchase at the SBFG Annual meeting on January 17, 2006 as well. I will also have volunteer sign up sheets for the Pub Night event. I look forward to seeing you all!

Joan Roth  
Chairperson

### Calendar

January 17, 2006  
Annual Meeting  
March 3, 2006  
Pub Night  
6:00 PM UAW Hall  
July 15, 2006  
Celtic Festival  
September 6- 20, 2006  
Brecon Visitors

### Guild Board Members:

Mayor Gretchen Driskell	429-2347
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