



The derelict bandstand in the Schacky Park, Diessen. The Munich 5Ws are waving you all a greeting.

Munich Local Group

In what has almost become an annual tradition, the Munich 5Ws went on a little outing last Saturday to Utting, on Lake Ammersee, near Munich, to visit our hostess, Christiane. Each of us contributed vegetables which we concocted into a Bavarian wok lunch, contrary to the saying that many cooks spoil the broth. Later we drove to the semi-derelict Schacky Park in Diessen for a walk and light-hearted chats or serious conversations. Back at Christiane's, we indulged in coffee and cake on her pretty terrace. **Catherine, Munich, Germany**

A guest from the UK Lesley visited Toronto recently and met up with a few 5W's for a luncheon. A great time was had by all, with much sharing and laughter. And when they say the world is small they must mean 5W's world as Lesley had met Elizabeth & Maureen last March in Adelaide, Australia while visiting other 5W members. More to celebrate! **Maureen, Canada**



I had not been to Austria in many years but being a fairly new member of 5W, I decided to email Margarethe, in Vienna, to see if she might be available for coffee. Margarethe responded promptly and said she would love to meet for lunch, give me a tour and arrange a dinner with other 5W members. She met me outside the Spanish Riding School holding a 5W sign.



Another 5W member, Veronika, also met us for lunch. That evening we had dinner with four additional 5W members. Altogether, there were seven 5W members who had a wonderful time. It was terrific getting acquainted with Christina, Wilma and Janice while continuing conversations with Margarethe and Veronika. Of course they are all invited to visit me in the US and I look forward to seeing them again.

Linda, San Clements, California, USA

P.S. I had another positive experience a few months ago in England and Wales when I was welcomed by 5W members Donna, Robin and Tina in London and Jan in Wales. I've already given Donna and Robin's names to a US 5W member who will be in London soon. Thank you 5W for making travelling solo so much fun!

Great Lakes, USA Get-Together Eleven 5W members got together last week for 3 days of exploring Michiana (SW Michigan and NW Indiana). Thanks to the new For Your Interest



feature our group included members from North Carolina, Georgia, Iowa and even London. Member Lynne provided background and guidance to the Berrien County Fair where we watched young boys and girls demonstrate their showmanship of small animals - dogs, cats, chickens and rabbits. Heavy rain didn't dampen our spirits as we checked out the champion pies, etc. Then on to a pool party at Jeanne's. Earlier we explored tourist town St Joseph where we enjoyed a spin on the Silver Beach carousel. The South Bend museum was a revelation with a tour of the Oliver mansion but the big hit was the visit to a house on the Underground Railroad where runaway slaves from the South were helped to escape to Canada. Before we knew it, Sunday arrived and we left for home knowing we each had made new friends.

Mary, USA



New Local Group in San Diego!

My thanks to everyone who attended our first local 5W meeting! It was a real success and everyone seems enthusiastic to meet again and frequently. I think we have determined that we are a fascinating group of courageous and adventuresome women with many extraordinary tales to tell! I only wish I could have taped it all for everyone to hear. We have decided to meet every two months and make it a pot-luck, hosting it in our homes where it will be quieter than a restaurant and easier to hear each other. Lynn has graciously volunteered to host our next meeting in September in her home and cook us some Vietnamese food. **Connie, California, USA**



New 5W Local Group in Blue Moutains, Australia

In June I organised a lunch for twelve of the sixteen Blue Mountains members. We decided that this was our inaugural meeting of the Blue Mountains group and agreed to meet again in October. It was a good get-together as for many members it was the first time they had met each other. Before we departed arrangements were being made to meet as individuals for coffee and a chat between now and the next group meeting.

Marina, Australia