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Upcoming Events

May 20-21 Maifest

at the **DKV Donau Park**Saturday, 12:00-11:00 pm | Sunday, 12:00-5:00 pm

July 16 Wiener'n'Schnitzl Dinner

12:00-3:00 pm at the **DKV Donau Park**See page 16 for details

August 20 **Kirchweihfest**

11:00 am at the **DKV Hall**German Church Consecration **See page 18 for details**

September 9-10 October 7-8 **Oktoberfest**

at the **DKV Donau Park**Saturday, 12:00-11:00 pm | Sunday, 12:00-5:00 pm
See page 14 for details

October 28 Liederabend und Tanz

6:00 pm at the **DKV Hall**Ladies Choir Concert, Dinner & Dance
See page 30 for details

November 5 **Totengedenkfeier**

2:00 pm at Sunset Memorial Park

Memorial Tribute

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German Cultural Society Newsletter

Published by the German Cultural Society of St. Louis three times each year, and delivered to our members. If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter, please contact us for details.

Members please send submissions of articles and photographs by:

- · March 1 for the Spring issue
- · July 1 for the Summer issue
- · November 1 for the Winter issue

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Meetings: General membership meetings are on odd months (JAN, MAR, MAY, JULY, SEPT, NOV) and the Executive Board meets on even months (FEB, APR, JUNE, AUG, OCT, DEC) on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Interested in becoming a member of the German Cultural Society?

Please call us at 314.771.8368 to request an application.

2017 Membership Dues

Each Member Dues	Annual
Senior (62 and over)	\$15.00
Adult	\$25.00
Youth Group Dancers*	\$10.00
Middle Group Dancers*	\$ 5.00
Kinder Group Dancers*	\$ 5.00

^{*} A parent must be a member with children.

Please note the increase in dues for the year 2018. It's a good time to think about paying dues this year!

2018 Membership Dues

Senior (62+)	\$25.00
Adult (18-61)	\$35.00
Dancer (1-17)	\$20.00

Youth, Middle, Kinder Dance Groups
Dues may be paid in person or by check made out to
"German Cultural Society" and mailed to:

Kathy Stark, Membership 9533 Donalds Ct St. Louis, MO 63126

Thank you for your support which is always appreciated.

(from the opening of the 2016 Weihnachtsfeier program)

Seasons Greetings from Monika Lorenz and Terry Ficken, President and Vice President of the German Cultural Society;

Welcome to our traditional Christmas celebration presented together with the German School Association. I am certain that this year will prove to be another wonderful program. More than 50 years have passed since this event was first celebrated in 1962. We are proud that this long standing tradition continues with the strength of the German School students and German Cultural Society participants through the cultural atmosphere fostered by both organizations. As the participants share their words, songs, and music of the season, I imagine the audience will certainly reminisce in their memories as I did with every Weihachtsfeier I have attended in the past. We look forward to hearing some favorites from the "Old Country" and also know that there is always a little something new to keep our interest.

On behalf of the members of the German Cultural Society we extend best wishes and a joyous and blessed holiday season.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gesegnetes Neues Jahr 2017 wuenscht Ihnen der Deutsche Kulturverein

Deutsche Kulturverein
Damenchor
Deutschmeister Blaskapelle
Kindertanzgruppe
Mittlere Tanzgruppe
Jugendgruppe
Volkstanzgruppe

Seniorengruppe

Executive Committee

To all those who help with these things and more, thanks for all of your efforts toward the success of the *German Cultural Society*,

from the President and Vice President

Moniha Lorenz and Terry Fichen



The purpose of the German Cultural Society
"To foster and practice our culture,
customs and folklore in all its forms...
meaning language, music, song, dance,
crafts, sports and good fellowship
—Gemütlichkeit."

To do this as good citizens of the country we live in and to promote understanding with other ethnic groups.

The German Cultural Society is a cultural, charitable, not for profit and non-political organization.

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Contact John Unterreiner at 314-771-8368 or e-mail at hall@germanstl.org

Volunteers always appreciated at the German Cultural Society. Contact Terry Ficken to be contacted about helping at furture events. terry@germanstl.org

Worte sind gut, wenn Werke folgen.



Groups

Bastelgruppe Arts & Crafts Group

Coordinator: Käthe Tullmann .. 314-842-6798 Ktullmann@charter.net Please call for information and schedule.

Seniorengruppe Seniors Group

Coordinators: Rose Lengenfelder 314-631-4364 Becky Haas 314-487-7852

Senioren Gathering Afternoons: 2nd Tuesday each month, weather permitting, from 1-4pm at the DKV Hall. Please call for information.

Performance Groups

Deutschmeister Blaskapelle Deutschmeister Brass Band

President: Helmuth Glatt 314-566-9557 Secretary/Treasurer: Terri Gudowicz Members at Large: Norbert Glassl and Becky Fischer Band Practice: Wednesdays @ 8:00 p.m. at DKV Hall

Damenchor Ladies' Chorus

Coordinator: Käthe Tullmann 314-842-6798 Music Director: Peggy Pancella

Choir Practice: Monday @ 7:30 p.m. at DKV Hall

Tanzgruppen **Dance Groups**

Kindertanzgruppe Children's Dance Group (ages 3-9)

Coordinator: Birgit Sterzl McMullen 618-654-1340 Practice: at DKV Hall 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Call Birgit for schedules.

Mittlere Tanzgruppe Middle Dance Group (ages 10-14)

Coordinator: Ruth VanderPluym 618-538-9975 Practice: at DKV Hall. See website/call Ruth for practice schedule.

Jugendgruppe Youth Dance Group (Ages 13-26)

Coordinator: Rosemarie Ficken 314-487-3969 Instructors: Jessica Romvari, Jennifer Taylor Practice: at DKV Hall, See website/call Rosemarie for practice schedules.

Wir Tanzen Tanzgruppe Young Adult Dance Group

Coordinator: Jessica Romvari 314-221-4661 Practice: at DKV Hall, For practice & performance schedules contact Jessica.

Volkstanzgruppe **Adult Dance Group**

Coordinator: Monika Lorenz......314-894-5561 Practice: at DKV Hall. For schedules contact Monika.

Service Groups

Bar Committee

Bar Managers: Hans Lengenfelder 314-631-4364

lan Romvari 314-393-5889

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Bar Co-Manager: Steve Ballew

Bartenders

Group 1: Denise Ballew, John Lasinski, Brian Schaffer

Group 3: Hans Lengenfelder, Steve Meinberg, Matt Stark

Group 4: Matt Potje, Steve Potje, Joe Vaughan

Group 5: Steve Ballew, Susan Bauer, Marilyn Heidbrink,

Christian Hoefke, Liz Young

Group 6: James Provo, Rudi Sterzl

Reserves: Ralph Hoffarth, Monika Lorenz, John Haas, Herbert Lorenz, lan Romvari, Helga Thalheimer

Donau Park Development Group

- The Wednesday Group -

Meets every Wednesday to develop and maintain our Donau Park in Jefferson County on a year-round basis.

Members

Herbert Fritz, Ralph Hoffarth, Frank Irovic, Hans Lengenfelder, Sepp Messmer, John Mueller, Sepp Neulinger, Matt Potje, Frank Rohatsch, Rudi Sterzl, Willy Tullmann, Marvin Young

Donau Park Expansion Project Committee

Coordinator: Fred Goebel

Frank Irovic, Klemens Wolf, John Romvari, Ted Mayer

Gartenverein

Maintains plants and flowers at both locations.

Coordinator: Becky Haas

Intermediary for Jugendgruppe: Rosemarie Ficken

Members

Denise Ballew, Rose Hoh, Rose Lengenfelder, Monika Lorenz, Karola & Ted Mayer, Mistti Ritter,

Lucille Schweiss, Kathy & Matt Stark, Joe Wagoner

Festkomitee

Responsible for the planning and executing of all menus for DKV-sponsored events, including ordering and receiving of the required supplies, the preparing and serving of food, and the workman-like maintenance of our kitchen facilities and related equipment.

Members: Denise Ballew, Lou Eder, Anna Eder, Chuck Jackels, Monika Lorenz, Matt Potje, Barb Potje, Steve Potje, Ruth Vanderpluym, Sarah Birtwistle, Steve Witeka. Lisa and Charles Younger, Erin Stumpf

The Festkomitee could not function without the numerous helpers who volunteer every time, either in the preparation or the serving of food. We need your help! To help the Festkomitee, please call the Hall.

Hall Maintenance Organization

- The Thursday Group -

Meets every Thursday year-round to maintain our hall on Jefferson Avenue.

Members

Henry Erk, Hans Fischer, Nick Glasz, John Haas, Mike Wendl, Frank Irovic, Hans Lengenfelder, Joe Wagner

For information about volunteering for the Thursday Group, please contact Terry Ficken, Coordinator, at 314-566-2080.

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A thank you to all!

Named and unnamed--we appreciate all who help throughout the year to make the German Cultural Society the success that it is today.

Die Donauschwaebische Stiftung der USA, Inc.



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Unser Sommerverein ist unterwegs!

Sommerverein is on the move with new dates: July 10-14, 2017 and new improved interactive activities.

Hallo Kinder und Liebe Mitglieder:

Guten Morgen! The German Cultural Society is spreading the word regarding our 2017 DKV Sommerverein! Please see attached for any families that might be interested. Our club invites your children and grandchildren to participate in a week of fun-filled summer camp activities! Sommerverein will run July 10th-14th 2017 at our beautiful Donau Park

Our German-style camp, for kinder ages 4-12 features a variety of activities including: Natur (brief nature walks), planting/gardening, cooking, Fussball (instructional soccer), Wasserspiel (water-play), crafts and more!

Our Sommerverein is currently undergoing some re-structuring. This year, we are pleased to announce that we will have a larger parents committee spearheading our upcoming camp. As you might imagine, it is truly a team effort. I will continue to serve as coordinator, and am grateful and excited to be backed by some of our enthusiastic parents and grandparents!

Thanks to all for the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of kinder! We are looking forward to this year's camp! Please feel free to share with those in the German-American community who may be interested.

We are excited and hope that your kinder are too!!!

Alles Gutes! Bis Bald, Susie Gallagher

Please contact Susie Gallagher to express interest or with any questions: sewg@sbcglobal.net



German Speaker Opportunity!

Please consider taking the lead as the teacher of the Saturday German Cultural Society Kindergarten. The job runs from September through May about 2 Saturdays per month at 9:30 am. It includes playing games, singing and finger-play songs and story books with those youngest members up to 6 years old.

Please contact Moni Lorenz at 314.771.8368 or Monika@GermanSTL.org

Senioren

Hello to everyone from the Senioren Group. We are happy to see all of our friends on the Second Tuesday of every month.

I want to thank all the Ladies for all the help every month: they are Becky Haas, Anni Rohatsch, Caroline Messmer, Anni Ruppe, Anni Pappert and Hilde Frank. Also our husbands.

Below is the Schedule for this Year for the Senioren Afternoon. Everyone is welcome, hope to see you then.

May 9	Mother's Day	1:00 p.m.
June 13	Father's Day	1:00 p.m.
July 11	Independence Day	1:00 p.m.
August	None	-
September	None	-
October 10	Fall Season	1:00 p.m.
November 14	Thanksgiving	1:00 p.m.
December 12	Christmas Lunch	12:00 p.m.
Thanks,		

Rose Lengenfelder



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Why Germans Can Say Things No One Else Can

The German language is unique for inventing some of the longest words. But creative compounding a word can elegantly express an emotion we all know, but other languages would take a whole sentence or even paragraphs. Here are a few examples of the best of German words:

1. Erklärungsnot [Explanation-Distress]

Literally, a distress at not having an explanation. The perfect way to define what a partner might feel when they're caught watching porn or are spotted in a restaurant with a hand they shouldn't be holding. More grandly, Erklärungsnot is something we feel when we realize we don't have any explanations for the big questions of life. It's a word that defines existential angst as much as shame.

2. Futterneid [Food-Envy]

The feeling when you're eating with other people and realize that they've ordered something better off the menu that you'd be dying to eat yourself. Perhaps you were trying to be abstemious; now you're just in agony. The word recognizes that we spend most of our lives feeling we've ordered the wrong thing. And not just in restaurants.

3. Backpfeifengesicht [Slapping-face]

A face that's begging to be slapped. Generosity towards others is key, but German is bracing and frank enough to acknowledge that there are also moments when it is simply more honest to realize we may have come face to face with a BLEEP.

4. Fremdschämen [External-Shame]

A word full of empathy that captures the agony one can feel at somebody else's embarrassing misfortune or failure. A capacity to feel Fremdschamen is a high moral achievement and is at the root of kindness.

5. Luftschloss [Air-Castle]

Literally, a castle in the air; a dream that's unattainable – a word suggesting that German culture is deeply indulgent about big dreams but also gently realistic about how hard it can be to bring them off.

6. Ruinenlust [Ruin-Excitement]

This word shows German at its most delightfully fetishistic and particular: meaning the delight one can feel at seeing ruins. Collapsed palaces and the rubble of temples put anxieties about the present into perspective and induces a pleasing melancholy at the passage of all things.

7. Kummerspeck [Sorrow-Fat]

A word that frankly recognizes how often, when one is deeply sad, there is simply nothing more consoling to do than to head for the kitchen and eat.

8. Weltschmerz [World-Sadness]

A word that acknowledges that we are sometimes sad not about this or that thing, but about the whole basis of existence. The presence of the word indicates a culture that isn't falsely cheerful but takes tragedy as a given. It is immensely reassuring to be able to tell a friend that one is presently lying under the duvet, suffering from Weltschmertz.

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9. Schadenfreude [Harm-Happiness]

We're meant to be sad when others fail, but German more wisely accepts that we often feel happiness (freude) at the Schaden or misfortunes of others. That isn't because we're mean; we just feel deeply reassured when we see confirmation that life is as hard for other people as it is for us.

10. Verschlimmbesserung [Worsening Improvement] So many of our attempts to improve things bring unforeseen problems in their wake. The word modestly admits how seldom progress moves in a linear manner.

11. Fernweh [Distance-pain]

The distress of always being in familiar surroundings - and the longing to go faraway, beyond the Alps, perhaps to the South, where no one knows our name, and the smells are different in the market place and one is woken up by the sounds of strange bells from the temples. An acknowledgement that we'll always suspect that life is a bit 'elsewhere'.

12. Lebensmüde [Life-Tired]

We believe ourselves to be firmly attached to life, but a lot of our behaviour attests to something more interesting and troubling; an occasional longing to give up our hold on existence. It is deeply useful to have this word to hand on gloomy days when it feels like nothing will ever work out.

13. Treppenwitz [Stair-Joke]

Our best lines always come to us, not in the heat of a witty discussion, but as we descend the stairs on our way home.

14. Sitzfleisch [Sitting-meat]

Describes a character trait of endurance; literally a capacity to sit and put up with what is boring, arduous or painful over long periods.

15. Schnappsidee [Schnapps-idea]

An idea you had while drunk. It sounded amazing at the time. It probably wasn't...

16. Kopfkino [Head-cinema]

We are inveterate cinemas in our own minds. We shoot little movies in which we say exactly what we mean and seize the advantage when we can. The word knows though that very few of us ever know how to be efficient and skilled directors outside our own heads.

17. Schattenparker [Shade-parker]

Most of us have our cowardly moments. The shade parker is an inveterate hider in the gloom. German has a word to throw a spotlight on him.

18. Drachenfutter [Dragon-food]

Dragon food is a gift that one has to offer to one's spouse to appease their fury for a wrong one has committed. If an affair is discovered, one may have to cook up an enormous meal of Drachenfutter.

19. Frühjahrsmüdigkeit [Spring-tiredness] We're all meant to rejoice at the onset of spring. But of course, for some of us, there is something dispiriting about the return of life and hopes - which we may well not be able to honour. The word gracefully acknowledges how hard an optimistic time of year may prove.

20. Bildungsroman [Education-novel]

German literature is full of a distinctive kind of novel in which we follow the maturation of a central character, normally in relation to love and work. This genre and the word that crowns it presents a particular answer to the vexed question of what a novel should be for. For a great German tradition, the point of novels is to teach us how to live.

21. Traumneustartversuch [Dream-Restart-Experience] Desperately trying to continue the dream you were having just before you woke up.

22. Witzbeharrsamkeit [Joke-Insistence] Telling the same joke over and over again until there is no one left in the world who haven't heard it from you.

23. Erkenntnisspaziergang [Cognition-Stroll] Going out, in order to gain deeper insights while walking.

24. Flughafenbegrussungsfreude

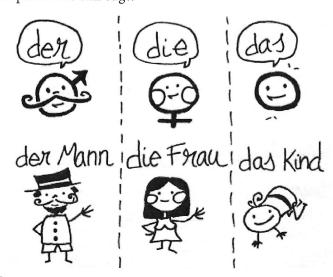
[Airport-Greeting-Joy]

The happiness you feel when someone picks you up at the airport.

25. Sontagsleere [Sunday-Emptiness] The melancholy emptiness of Sundays.

26. Ringrichterscham [Boxing-Referee-Shame] The embarrassment you feel, when you are next to a couple having a fight.

27. Abgrundanziehung [Abyss-Attraction] The pull of the cliff edge.



Donauschwäbische Stiftung USA Weihnachten 2016



"If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share." W. Clement Stone (American businessman, author & philanthropist)

I have been inspired by several quotes lately that I wish to share with you. Gratitude is one of the most powerful emotions that you can practice in your everyday life. However, in some peoples mind's, being kind and showing appreciation toward others seems to fall short or is often not practiced with sincerity. I can assure you this is furthest from the truth. I have had the privilege for the past 9 years to sit as your Foundation president and in this position I have had the good fortune of receiving countless cards, letters, pictures and stories from groups and individuals who were beneficiaries of the stipends awarded by The Danube Swabian Foundation. In letters and cards from German schools, children and teachers, dance groups and their leaders, soccer tournament leaders, Jugendlager participants and the host city organizers ,youth groups traveling to Europe, Oma Abt award recipients, Kultur prize winners and most recently from Blaskapelle leaders – the recipients take a moment to thank the Foundation for it's support. What I feel is lost in the process is the thanks you should receive. It is your donations that drive these activities. It is your

"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." Albert Pine (American author, member of the Pulitzer Prize Committee)

Our relationships with others are the greatest determinant of our happiness. So it makes sense to think of other people as we build our gratitude. Giving of your time, a big smile, a gesture of acknowledgement and yes sometimes a cash donation goes a long way. The Foundation has a group of dedicated Directors and Officers whose mission it is to make wise decisions with these donated monies. Investments are made and a budget is set to ensure that all the activities listed above are maintained. Once again, I want to share a Thank You to those who are entrusted in the duties and functioning of the Foundation. I hope it is obvious that money donated by you and fellow Donauschwaben are well spent. We can work together, share in gratitude for the past and future efforts and by doing so I am confident our Donauschwaben culture will continue for years to come. Please consider a donation however large or small to The Danube Swabian Foundation of the U.S.A., Inc. It is money well spent. Thank You for your continued love and support!

"We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love."

Mother Teresa (Catholic nun and missionary. Known in the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr von uns allen in Die Donauschwäbische Stiftung The Danube Swabian Foundation of the U.S.A., Inc.

Eddie Tullius, Stiftungspräsident

Please send donations to: Danube Swabian Foundation, USA

c/o William Kolbow, Treasurer

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As in previous years, we are pleased to share with you the several youth oriented events which the Stiftung helped to sponsor in 2016



Danube-Swabian Association of the USA, Inc. Verband der Donauschwaben in den USA. e.V.

December 2016

Liebe Landsleut,

It is my privilege, as chairman of the Danube Swabian Foundation, to solicit your contributions on behalf of our younger generation. A few years back my wife and I were guests in Babarcz(Bawatz), Hungary. There we saw the following words painted on a wall next to their clubhouse:

"Tradition ist nicht das Halten der Asche, sondern das Weitergeben der Flamme" Thomas Morus

"Tradition is not the holding of the ashes, but rather the passing of the flame"

Our foundation has been charged with the passing of the flame! So far, we have been good stewards of this mission. We've spent a sizeable portion of our funds supporting youth groups of all sorts: dancers, students, musicians, and soccer players.

Earlier this year we supported both the Akron Jugendgruppe's trip and that of the attendees of the 3. Welttreffen der Donauschwäbische Jugend as they went to Europe. My wife and I were honored to witness Akron's wonderful performance in the "Haus der Donauschwaben" in Sindelfingen. All throughout Germany and Hungary, Akron's young people made us proud. The participants of the "Welttreffen" did likewise! Our national youth group leader, Kathleen Martini, was joined by her Canadian counterpart, Cheyenne Kertes, in leading the youth contingent. Monika Lorenz, president of the St. Louis Verein, and Rose Hauer, national "Verband" secretary, spearheaded our involvement in this event. Aside from attending the 20th anniversary of the Hungarian-German Landesrat in Veszprem, a true milestone event for the German-Hungarians, our participants visited Klein Turwall(Biatorbagy), Schaumar(Solymar), Budapest, Taks(Taksony), Werischwar(Pilisverischvar), and Saar(Szar).

Stiftung financial support enables many things in the "passing of the flame!" I ask for your continued financial support. Please include our foundation in your year-end giving! I ask you to also consider including our foundation in your estate planning. Charitable remainder trusts are just one of many financial tools to accomplish that goal. Should you have any questions on how to handle such a donation, don't hesitate to call one of our officers. Frohe Weihnachten!

Robert F. Filippi President, Landesverband der Donauschwaben Chairman, Danube Swabian Foundation

Akron Youth Group Trip to Europe 2016

For many years the youth group got together, practiced dances, performed at events, had sausage making fundraisers (twice a year, each time making 3000-4000 lbs. of brats) the hard work paid off. We finally got to go to Europe.

In the morning of July 21, 2016 we had 29 youth group members (18 girls and 11 boys), two youth group leaders and three chaperons meeting at the club, to get on the bus to Toronto/Canada. With a little hassle at the London airport, and almost missing our next flight, we made it to destination Frankfurt. Members of the Speyer club met us and brought us to our Hungarian tour bus, with a surprise. Instead of going south to their club we went north to see the beautiful Rhine river at Bacharach, where we had a nice dinner at a youth hostel, overlooking the river and wines.

Afterwards we went to our youth hostel in Speyer, where we stayed two nights. The next day was planned to see the mayor and the city in the morning, go to the outside swimming pool in the afternoon and performance in the evening. From Speyer we drove to Mosbach where we spent two nights in the clubs dorms. The club took us to a tour at dairy farm for horses. We had never heard or thought that horses get milked like cows, very interesting. Also, we met the mayor in his office and the group performed some dances and sang some songs in front of the town hall.

Crailsheim was our next stop and we had a blast at their clubhouse. We stayed there as well in a youth hostel. The club took us to Rothenburg op der Tauber and for the performance the group danced downtown Crailsheim, what was probably the most remarkable performance. We also got to see the Hohenzollern Castle, where the group was allowed to dance in a big ball room. That was pretty amazing!

On the way to Spaichingen we stopped at the Haus der Donauschwaben in Sindelfingen, where we had a performance and a tour. Spaichingen was the first club where we got housed by members of the club and we all were looking forward to have this experience !We didn't know about Spaichingen before and were amazed, when the mayor of the city told us that over 1000 Banaterschwaben living in the city. That was breathtaking!

Next city on our tour was Ulm, and we had a great time at their old clubhouse, or should we better say castle? We went to see the Danube river, where a lot of our forefathers history started and as well we did a tour of downtown Ulm. We also had a side trip to Mad King Ludwig's castle Neuschwanstein. This castle is just amazing.

Munich was the next city we went, and our first stop there was a tour of the castle Nymphenburg. From there we went to experience a typical Munich beer garden. On the next day we got to go into the mayors office and standing on the balcony greeting all the Munich people and visitors in front of the town hall! For lunch we went to the Hofbrauhaus, where we first were not very welcomed, because they forgot that the Munich group booked for about 50 people. But, when Carri, one of our group leaders, helped with getting the orders, we were very welcomed. Carri did a great job being a waitress at the Hofbrauhaus. She got her food for free and got asked if she needs a job.

On the way to Vienna we did a side trip to Innsbruck. The bus driver had a hard time finding the way around, because there were so much construction in the city, everywhere!!! Finally we got to go on the cable car and went up into the mountains, to take some great pictures. If that wasn't enough, we had lost so much time because of the construction, our bus broke down halfway to Vienna. After 3 hours waiting we got a new bus, which brought us to the youth hostel. It was about midnight when we checked in. The next day we had a performance at the club in Vienna and they had a special treat for us afterwards - Spanferkel! I have a friend in Vienna who took our group for half a day on a fast tour through Vienna, before we left for Biartobagy, near Budapest. We came to their clubhouse and they welcomed us with a Blaskapelle and Schnaps, a lot of Schnaps! We got to see Budapest in the morning and in the afternoon we went to the Donauschwaben Hochzeit in Szar, which was probably one of the most amazing things we did on our tour through Europe. After we all got some good rest we went for a whole day touring and shopping in Budapest. Too bad we had to leave Europe the next day! We will all remember the good times we had during our trip and more important the friends we made overseas!

Michael Rodesheim

Welttreffen 2016- By: Rose-Marie Hauer

On behalf of the attendees from Chicago Donauschwaben, The German Cultural Society of St. Louis, Trenton Donauschwaben, Vice President of the Stiftung Monika Lorenz, Landesverband President Robert Fillipi and his wife, we were privileged to have attended the third Welttreffen in Werischwar/Pilisvörösvár-Ungarn, from July 29, to August 10, 2016. We also were very fortunate to share this trip with our Canadian Donauschwaben groups. The camaraderie between both groups made the trip even more successful. As a group we explored the history of our ancestors. Now we can better understand why we continue to be proud, and celebrate our Donauschwaben culture and traditions. We met so many friendly and welcoming people, and they shared many traditional experiences that will stay with us for a lifetime.

One of the events we attended was the 20th Anniversary of the Landesrat, which included many Ungarndeutschen choirs, dance groups and bands. It was miraculous to hear such beautiful singing, see the elegance of the dance groups performing, and different groups of bands playing music. Our group was very fortunate to have dance leaders from Baitirbágy, Romania, Solymár, Taks, and Werischwar to teach us dances and songs.

Another special event was watching the Donauschwäbischen Blaskapelle from Entre Rios Brasilien perform a special concert. The young group of teenagers had a special concert and played beautiful music for our group.

Josef Jerger, Vice President of the Weltdachverband, shared a touching history of his youth during the years 1944 to 1950 during the genocide period of the Donauschwaben. Our group was grateful to him for taking his time to share this heart-breaking part of history. We have heard all these stories from family members and friends. However, it was truly important to share these stories to remember our ancestors and what they have achieved for us today. After the presentation, Franz Heilig joined our group for an afternoon, and sang traditional Donauschwaben songs with us.

Our trip to Budapest included a trip to the Parliament. It was amazing to see all the statues and gold decor displayed throughout the building. The design and beauty of this building and all of Budapest left us breathless.

One afternoon, we walked to the cemetery to present flowers in memory of Jozsef Wenczl, and meet his family. Mr. Wenczl was a famous and talented dance choreographer. He wrote many dances that Donauschwaben dance groups perform all over the world. Many of us were truly blessed to meet him in 2011, when he traveled with the Saar dance group to the USA. It was an honor to pay tribute to him at this memorial.

We wish to provide a special thank you to Peter Schweininger and the Saar Club/Dance Group for the reenactment of a Schwowische wedding, traditional dinner, reception and all the friendly hospitality they provided.

Another morning was spent learning all about trachten. We learned about various types of trachten made in different towns and what the different styles meant relating to the town. Several of our ladies tried on trachten and modeled for the group. We saw different kinds of material, trims, hats, and crowns.

Stefan Ihas, President of Weltdachverband also planned a scavenger hunt around the area. Each team had to follow arrows, find questions, and answer them correctly. The questions were challenging because they all were related to Donauschwaben history.

One can never forget and thank all the clubs that hosted us during our visit. Upon arrival, we were greeted with a band playing music. The hosts were friendly and generous and had receptions that included drinks and delicious traditional foods. The clubs were so proud to show us their towns, museums and tell us stories from the past and future.

lf you have not attended a Welttreffen, you are missing an experience of a lifetime. We want to thank Stefan Ihas, President of Weltdachverband, Josef Jerger, Vice President of Weltdachverband, Manfred Mayrhofer, Press Coordinator of Weltdachverband, Anna Fernbach, and all the people who planned to make this event special and life changing for many of us. This is not something you would experience in the USA. The heart of the Donauschwaben is in Europe. This is so much deeper because this trip brings you into the heartland of your roots where your Oma, Opa and parents came from, and lived the true lifestyle of a Schwob.

We would like to thank our Stiftung President Ed Tullius, Landesverband President Robert Filippi, board members, and all the members for supporting our USA Donauschwaben groups to participate in this event. We look forward to attending another Welttreffen in the future.

Oh, Canada!

Oh, Canada! Our home one July weekend, True Freundschaft abounded, with everything we did! Our Donauschwaben culture was a source of pride for all From far and wide. Oh Canada, we came to visit thee Music, food and dance, friends from everywhere Oh Canada, we say, "What fun we had." Oh Canada, we say, "Thank you to thee."

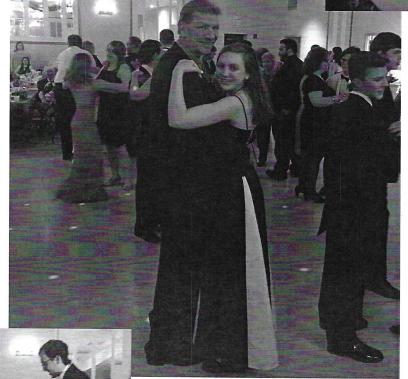
(Try singing to the Canadian National Anthem)

Five cities, representing 2 countries and involving 50+ Jugendgruppe members, spent a lovely long weekend at Park Waldheim in Blackstock, Canada this summer. We were treated not only to beautiful surroundings and perfect weather, but also to memorable activities and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Yes, we had fun sightseeing all day Friday in Toronto, as we were treated to the Aquarium, took a long self-quided tour in small groups and enjoyed a Blue Jays game. We were impressed by the vastness of the city, the cleanliness of the streets and the spirit of everyone we met that day Saturday found us diving into our cultural roots. We started with a welcome from the Park Waldheim president and the Toronto president as well as the Donauschwabische Foundation presidents from both Canada and the U.S. of A. We continued by making several delicious traditional recipes: Wurst, Kartoffelsalat and Krapfle which were consumed at dinnertime. The Jugend were split into groups and each group had to choreograph its own dance to present in the evening.....and might I say that each group displayed its own personality and uniqueness with 4 very different and clever versions to the same music. There was also time for volleyball, a dip in the pond and a ride around the park on the various golf carts owned by the residents. Saturday evening continued well into Sunday morning as no one wanted to be the first to say good-night, (and goodbye). Sunday, found everyone packing up and moving out early, but not before the final hugs and promises of attending the Landestrachtenfest in Chicago over Labor Day. (Written by a Jugendlager participant of many years)











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he Jugendgruppe's annual *Rosenball* was held this year on March 4th. The group performed multiple ballroom dances such as the landler, the waltz, and the tango. For the past couple months, the group spent hours relearning and teaching these dances in preparation for the night. Over the years the group has grown and now has 39 members. We are so happy to see our group continue to grow year after year.

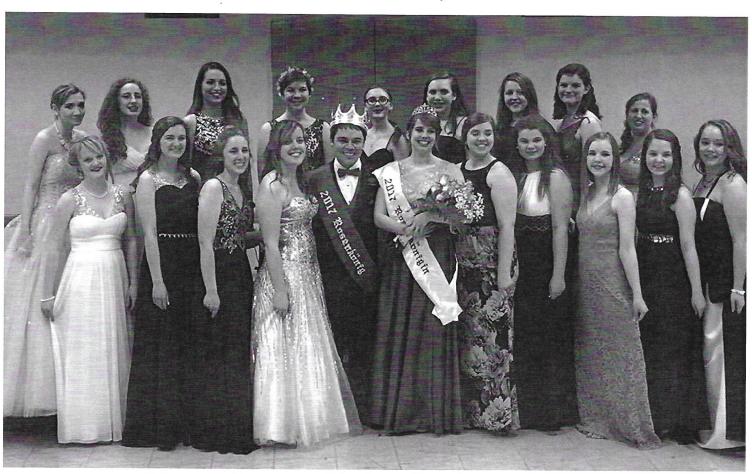
Throughout the evening the group enjoyed dancing to the music of **Die Spitzbuam**. The band played a variety of fun songs to dance and sing to. Later in the evening, the crowns were passed on to the new *Rosenkönig*, Joey Wendl, and the new *Rosenkönigin*, Leah Stock.

The Jugendgruppe would like to thank everyone who made the event a success. We would like to thank the people who spent hours preparing the food, working the bar, and setting up the raffle. The food was delicious. The dinners consisted of either wurst or chicken marsala with sides of green beans and mashed potatoes. To finish the meal, cheesecake was served for dessert.

As the 2017 König and Königin, we are extremely excited to help lead the Jugendgruppe into another great year. Our duties include implementing culture nights, helping with dance practices and performances, attending various club meetings, representing the DKV at other festivals and events, and much more. Another thing we will be helping with is supporting our new point system. This system will reward our fellow members who attend and are active within our Jugendgruppe.

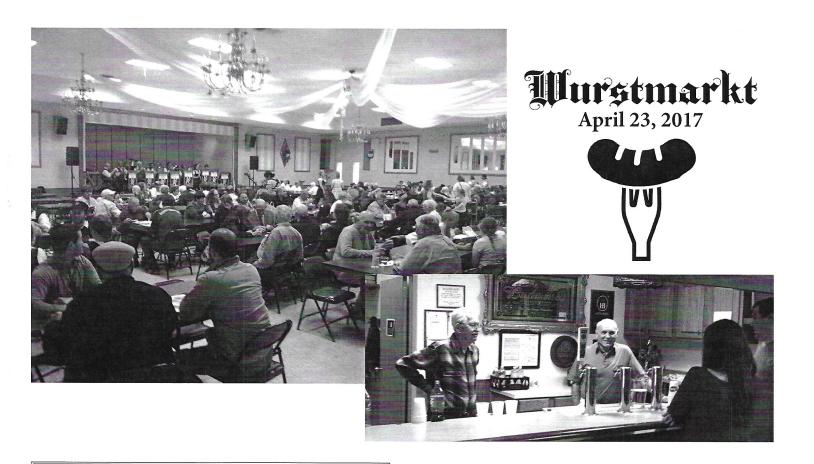
We look forward to this upcoming year as your new Rosenball König and Königin!

Joey Wendl and Leah Stock



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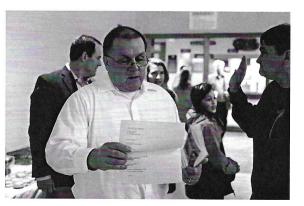
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The German School Association and the German Cultural Society held their annual Weihnachtsfeier the afternoon of December 18, 2016. The entertainment included poetry and songs by the groups' children, cookies to share, a skit by the teachers and administration of the German School, and of course, the most important ending of a visit by the genuine Weihnachtsmann after a couple of carols sung by all of our members and participants.

Thanks to all for a lovely afternoon, and next year look for the same event at an earlier date with a few changes to the program!





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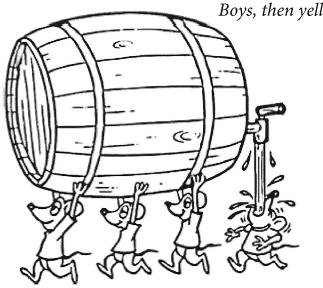
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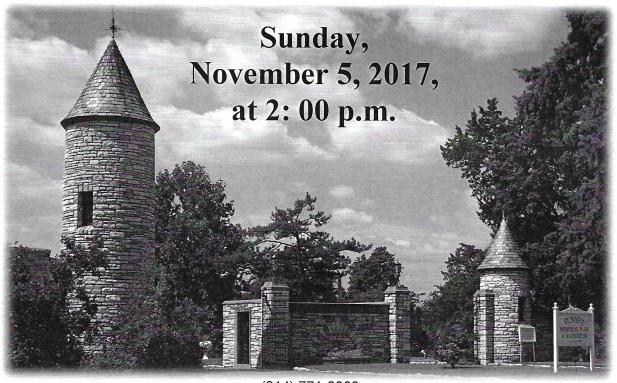
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die Molke

Paarweck

Pieze

Erdkohlraben Birnensorte

Birne für die Säue die Stachelbeere

Ober(auf der Erde)kohlraben

Donauschwäbische

dialect words and

translations

Grauäpfel (Apfelsorte) Iohannistrauben Heidelbeere Erdbeere Vogelskirsche

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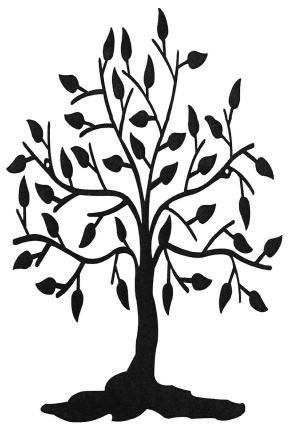
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It really was the Best Trivia Nite in St. Louis! Prizes were awarded, door prizes dispensed and the Silent Auction was a hit! In the meantime, all of our guests seemed to have a good time, whether they had the answers or not! The Jugendgruppe dancers and workers thank all of those who participated in the evening. See you again next year!



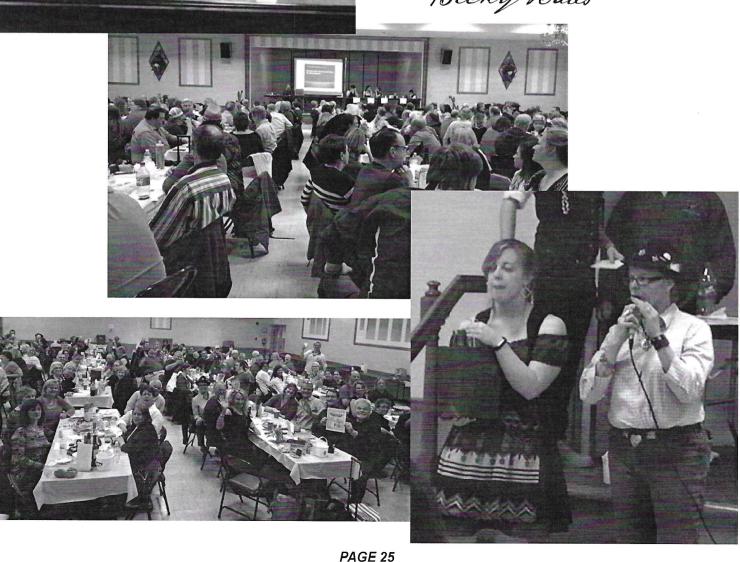


Spring 2017

This should really read "Monsoon News." It's been raining so much getting to the Donau park is a major challenge. First of all from what I've been told it's a circuitous route and would take too long to bother. You'd have to pack for an overnight stay and I doubt Ralph has the means to put anyone up. If we actually managed to get there, we'd just be working in the trenches and believe me, we'd be muddy up to our eyeballs. Hence the gardeners are at a standstill. Now, if we stood still too long, it could become like quicksand and we'd slowly sink and become part of the terrain forevermore.

Enough about that. So Maifest you ask? The will, the will, yes there is a will or three. (1) Will we have it? (2) Will it stop raining? (3) Will the gardens even look like anything except bedraggled as a drowned rat? I hope we'll have better news when the Summer edition of the newsletter comes around. To be continued...







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Das Jahr 2017 bringt uns bereits die zweite Ausgabe des LandesratForums Jahrgang XVI. Februar 2017.

Der Inhalt beschäftigt sich dieses mal mit der XXI. Gala der LdU,dem Rückblick auf die Adventszeit in und um Budapest, den 25. Geburtstag des Schorokscharer Männerchores. Wir berichten über "20 Jahre Kulturzentrum Haus der Heimat" in Wien und über Maria Theresia, deren 300. Geburtstag gefeiert wird. Personalnachrichten und viele Bilder bereichern diese Ausgabe.

Wir hoffen das Ihnen die Ausgabe gefällt und würden uns auf Ihre Rückmeldungen freuen.

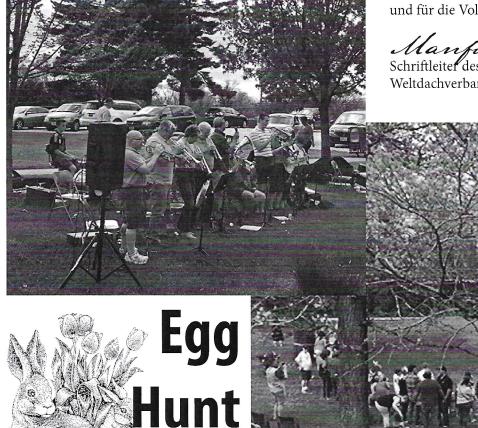
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Manfied Mayrhofer, Schriftleiter des LandesratForums und Pressereferent des Weltdachverbandes der Donauschwaben



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am Jahrestag der Gründung der 1994 zum ersten Mal gewählten deutschen Nationalitätenselbstverwaltungen.



Die Landesselbstverwaltung der Ungarndeutschen veranstaltete aus diesem Anlass ihr traditionelles Galaprogramm am 8, 01. 2017 im Kongresszentrum Budapest. Die Festansprache hielt Dr. GERGELY GULYÁS, Vizepräsident der Ungarischen Nationalversammlung. Im Rahmen der Gala wurde die höchste Auszeichnung der Ungarndeutschen, die "EHRENNADEL IN GOLD FÜR DAS UNGARNDEUTSCHTUM" an drei Persönlichkeiten überreicht. Der Valeria-Koch-Preis wurde zum vierzehnten Mal an ungarndeutsche Mittelschüler für ihre außergewöhnlichen schulischen Leistungen und ihre Tätigkeit im Nationalitätenbereich. Das Galaprogramm gestalteten auch heuer niveauvolle Solisten und

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Vor der Gala und in der Pause spielte die Freude Kapelle aus Berzel.

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DAS FESTLICHEN PROGRAMM.

Die Ungarische Nationalhymne und die Volkshymne der Ungarndeutschen wurde vom Gannaer Frauenchor und dem Gemischtchor des Evangelischen Gymnasiums "Sandor Petöfi" gesungen, musikalisch begleitet von den Großturwaller Musikanten und der Petschwarer Jugendblaskapelle.

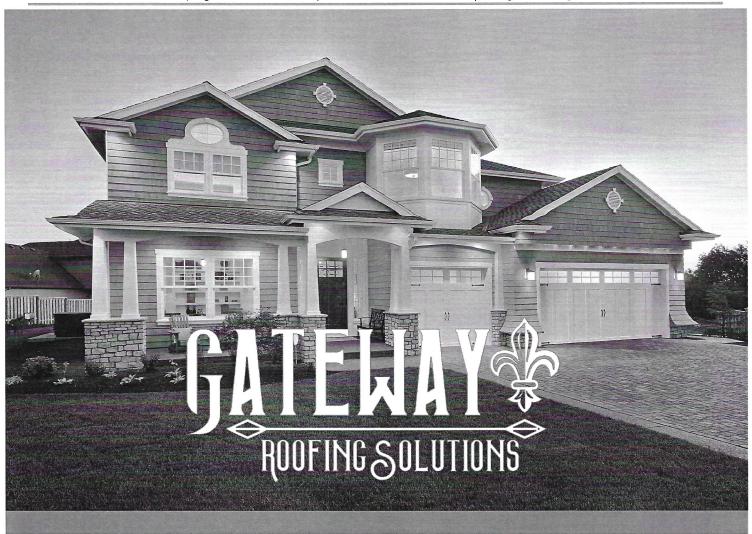
Anschließend darauf der Auftritt der Petschwarer Jugendblaskapelle. Die Petschwarer Jugendblaskapelle spielt seit beinahe -10 Jahren ungarndeutsche Blasmusik auf hohem Niveau. Auf den Landes- und Komitatswettbewerben der ungarndeutschen Jugendblaskapellen hat sie mehrmals hervorragende Qualifizierungen erworben, im Jahr 2016 wurde sie erneut mit Gold ausgezeichnet. Der Dirigent der Kapelle ist seit 1983 JOSEF WAGNER. Auf dem Programm stand die "Brautschau Polka" und der Marsch "Junge Musikanten" von JOHANN GALLI.

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20-21 Mai	Maifest at the <i>DKV Donau Park</i> Saturday, 12:00-11:00 pm Sunday, 12:00-5:00 pm	MAY 20- 21
So 16 Juli	Wiener'n'Schnitzl Dinner 12:00-3:00 pm at the DKV Donau Park	Sun JUL 16
So 20 Aug.	Kirchweihfest 11:00 am at the <i>DKV Hall</i> German Church Consecration	Sun AUG 20
9-10 Sept. 7-8 Okt.	Oktoberfest at the <i>DKV Donau Park</i> Saturday, 12:00-11:00 pm Sunday, 12:00-5:00 pm	SEPT 9-10 OCT 7-8
Sa 28 Okt.	Liederabend und Tanz * 6:00 pm at the DKV Hall Ladies Choir Concert, Dinner & Dance	Sat OCT 28
So 5 Nov.	Totengedenkfeier 2:00 pm at Sunset Memorial Park Memorial Tribute	Sun NOV 5
Sa 2 Dez.	Tag des Deutschen Kulturvereins 6:00 pm at the <i>DKV Hall</i> Membership Appreciation Dinner	Sat DEC 2
Sa 9 Dez.	Weihnachtsfeier at the DKV Hall German Cultural Society & German School Assoc. Christmas Celebration	Sat DEC 9
So 10 Dez.	Weihnachtsgottesdienst 2:30 pm at <i>Peace Lutheran Church</i> German Christmas Service	Sun DEC 10
So 31 Dez.	Silvesterfeier * 7:00 pm at the DKV Hall New Years Eve	Sun DEC 31

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