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# Deutscher Kulturverein

GERMAN CULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
Rundschreiben



### **Upcoming Events**

## June 12th 75th Anniversary Celebration\*\*

at Donau Park

## July 18th Wiener n' Schnitzel Dinner\*\*

at Donau Park

## August 22nd Kirchweihfest\*\*

at Donau Park

## September 3rd-5th Landestreffen der Donauschwaben\*\*

at Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center Cleveland, Ohio

## September 11th, 12th, 18th, & 19th \*\*Oktoberfest\*\*\*

at Donau Park

## October 3rd **German American Day**\*\*

TBA

\*\* Please note that all events are subject to change due to the coronavirus. Please check our website for updated information.

For more information about our events, go to www.germanstl.org

Meetings: General membership meetings are held on specific Sundays at 1:00 p.m. at the DKV Hall on Jefferson Ave., unless otherwise noted. The next general board meeting is scheduled for May 23rd, 2021. It will be held on Zoom.

### **Deutscher Kulturverein Rundschreiben**

### German Cultural Society Newsletter

Published by the German Cultural Society of St. Louis 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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# Interested in becoming a member of the German Cultural Society?

Please call us at 314.771.8368 to request an application.

### 2021 Membership Dues

Senior (62+)	\$25.00
Adult (18-61)	\$45.00
Dancer (3-17)	\$20.00
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Family (2 Adults and 2 Children\*) \$100.00

\*Up to 2 Adults & 2 children/2 Youth Dancers in the same household

### 2022 Membership Dues

Senior (62+)	\$25.00
Adult (18-61)	\$45.00
Adult Dancer	\$35.00
Die Heimatgruppe and Wir	Tanzen
Youth Dancer	\$20.00
Kindertanzgruppe and Jug	endgruppe
Family (2 Adults and 2 Children*)	\$100.00

\*Up to 2 Adults & 2 children/2 Youth Dancers in the same household

Dues may be paid in person or by check payable to "German Cultural Society" and mailed to:

German Cultural Society PO BOX 190486 St. Louis, MO 63119

Thank you for your support, which is always appreciated.

### Liebe Mitglieder,

We have all heard people say that 2020 was a year like no other. Just as we were starting to reap the benefits of the 2019 focused efforts to continue re-energizing festivals with increased participation, sustaining assets, and increasing income, the pandemic struck. Until recently, we have not had the joy of seeing each other, family, and friends.

We are all looking forward to be able to continue our traditions including events and festivals surrounded by family and friends. By the time you read this we will have had our first in-person event – Maifest at Donau Park. We are also preparing for re-opening both the park and the hall for rentals- both of which will be following a Covid-19 plan. Thanks to those who worked so hard to design the plan which was approved by St. Louis City. Many volunteers are needed to help re-open. Activities include painting, cleaning (before re-opening and continuing to take care of the Covid-19 plan), encouraging mask wearing, frequent hand washing and temperature checks, and sanitizing high touch surfaces. Please contact John Unterreiner by leaving a message at 314-771-8368 or by emailing Kathy Stark at germanstlmail@gmail.com if you are willing to help be a part of this historic re-opening.

Terry and I would also personally like to thank the Executive Board for their dedication and commitment as many have worked diligently to get the organization in a position to be able to re-open.

The DKV was impacted both financially and with decreased membership (2019 just under 300 to 200 in 2021). We are also focusing efforts on increasing membership. If you have family or friends who have been away for a while, please invite them to join us at an event and consider membership. The Society is more than a place we go to practice our culture. It is a place that serves many purposes and offers a true cultural experience. All members have something to add to the organization. There are many subgroups that offer a personal connection with the German culture, some of which include dancing, singing, music, fellowship, gardening, and

This year is a special one in our history as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of this organization. A special committee has been working on several activities to help us celebrate throughout this year. As a reminder, the purpose of the DKV is "to foster and practice our culture, customs and folklore in all its forms... meaning language, music, song, dance, crafts, sports and good fellowship - Gemütlichkeit."

Please join us for a celebration of 75 years on Saturday, June 12th at Donau Park. We have so many memories we would like to share with you! We hope to see you there and can't wait to celebrate our 75 years with you.

Special thanks to all those who have provided photos, video recordings, or information about our history.

We hope to see you soon!

Monika Lorenz & Terry Ficken

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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### **Executive Committee**

President Monika Lorenz Vice-President Terry Ficken Treasurer Heidi Warren Recording & Correspondence **Becky Wendl** Membership **Kathy Stark** Controller Lisa Hoffmann Co-Controller Susan Bauer Members at Large Rosemarie Ficken Donna Marlette Michael Wendl

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### Newsletter

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This newsletter can also be found on our website,

### www.germanstl.org

On the cover: Flat Fritz gnomes with the German Cultural Society 75th Anniversary Sign!



### We Are a Volunteer **Organization**

Every now and then, a request is made to the German Cultural Society for a translation from German to English. We have a wealth of German speakers and are looking for a volunteer to translate texts, often old letters from family and ancestors. Please let us know if you are available for this service to our community! Call the office or find Moni Lorenz or Terry Ficken at any event and let them know! Thank you!

John Unterreiner is looking for club members to help on Saturday afternoons for several hours to open the hall for caterers, bakeries, and music to set up before the events start that evenina.

Contact John Unterreiner at 314-771-8368 or e-mail at jjunterreiner@aol.com

### Seniorengruppe Seniors Group

Coordinators:

Liz Young.......314-583-3053.....lizy681@gmail.com Rose Hoh.......314-660-9028.....rphoh2@gmail.com

Kathy Stark......germanstlnews@gmail.com Gathering Afternoons: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday / DKV hall

### Grün Weiß Soccer Team

Coordinators:

Neal Thompson....314-398-8893....nmthompsoniii@hotmail.com Steve Ballew......314-486-2220....ballewfam@aol.com

## **Performance Groups**

### **Deutschmeister Blaskapelle Deutschmeister Brass Band**

Leader: Helmuth Glatt ....... 314-566-9557

Assistant: Adam Glassl Music Director: Peter Krege

Email: germanbandstl@gmail.com

Band Practice: Wednesdays @ 8:00 p.m. at DKV Hall

### **Damenchor**

### Ladies' Chorus

Coordinator: Käthe Tullmann ......... 314-842-6798

Music Director: Peggy Pancella

### **Tanzgruppen Dance Groups**

### *Kindertanzgruppe*

### Children's Dance Group (Ages 3-12)

Coordinator: Stephanie Sharp ..... electricsjg@aol.com

phone: 636-212-3728

Practice: at DKV Donau Park. For schedules, contact Stephanie.

### Jugendgruppe

### Youth Dance Group (Ages 13-26)

Coordinator: Liz Young ...... 314-583-3053

Instructor: Jennifer Taylor

Practice: at DKV Hall. For schedules, contact Liz.

### Die Heimatgruppe

### Young Adult Dance Group (Ages 18-30)

Coordinator: Joey Wendl .....stlheimatgruppe@gmail.com

Practice: at DKV Hall. For schedules, contact Joev. Facebook: Die Heimatgruppe of St. Louis

Facebook Messenger: @stlheimatgruppe

### Wir Tanzen

### Adult Dance Group (Ages 21 and older)

Coordinator: Eric Wallace ...... wirtanzenstl@gmail.com

Practice: at DKV Hall. For schedules, contact Eric.

### Volkstanzgruppe

### **Adult Dance Group**

Coordinator: Monika Lorenz ...... 314-402-0679

Practice: at DKV Hall. For schedules, contact Monika.

## **Service Groups**

### **Bar Committee**

Bar Managers: John Lasinski ...... 314-313-9802

Herbert Lorenz ...... 314-717-5303

Bar Co-Manager: Steve Ballew

**Bartenders** 

**Group 1:** Matt Potje, Joe Vaughan, John Haas

**Group 2:** Susan Bauer, Marilyn Heidbrink, Dave Marlette

**Group 3:** Lisa Hoffmann, Hank Young, Matt Stark

Group 4: John & Kitty Lasinski, Rose Hoh, Gary Korte

**Group 5:** Charles Tate, Donna Marlette, Steve Hoffmann

**Group 6:** Steve Ballew, Christian Hoefke, Nancy Plunk

**Reserves:** Steve Ballew, Nancy Plunk, Monika Lorenz,

Charles Tate, Roger Gansmann

### **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, 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: Kathy Stark ....germanstlnews@gmail.com

**Intermediary for Jugendgruppe:** Liz Young

**List of Garden Volunteers:** 

Vicky Boncek, Frank Breitenstein, Stephanie Goetzmann, Becky Haas, Barb Potje, Kathy Stark, Joe Wagner, David Witte, Gabi Wolf

### **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.

The Festkomitee could not function without the numerous helpers who volunteer every time!

**We need your help!** To help the Festkomitee **per** event or every event, please join our Sign-up Genius online OR call Terry 314.566.2080 to volunteer.

### **Hall Maintenance Organization**

- The Thursday Group -

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

### **Members**

Frank Irovic, Hans Lengenfelder, Mike Wendl

### **Emeritus Members**

John Haas

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

### **Newsletter Staff**

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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.

## Report from the Jugendgruppe

Many months have passed the Jugend by without a good dance practice—since the Rosenball 2020, in fact. Since then we have decided to extend the duties of the 2020 Rosenball Royalty to serve for another year.

So far not much has happened. We did have a Virtual Auction. We auctioned off two baskets, pictured below. We also had a Virtual Rosenball by sharing a couple of videos on YouTube. For now, we are planning for the Maifest and the Landestreffen. Each holiday, we thought about online gathering, which is rough with grade school, jobs, high school, and college. We hope to spend this pent up energy in the coming months with a little safe and socially-distanced dancing!

As we're all nested at home, at least two of our youth, the König and Königen reports on what seems like a busy young life:

Tyler has kept busy since being crowned König at Rosenball 2020. He is finishing up his senior year and was able to play a season of Varsity soccer. He continues to work at Nazareth Living Center, and in the fall, he will attend Westminster College and play soccer. There, he will also be a member of the Blue Jays Jazz band as a percussionist.









Rebecca was very grateful to be crowned 2020 Rosenball Queen at the German Cultural Society Hall on Saturday, March 7 and that she was able to be crowned with parents and grandparents there.

She says: It has been over a year since we were crowned and were last able to perform with Die Jugendgruppe. I am regretful that we were not able to fulfill the royal duties during the last year due to the pandemic. Post-pandemic, we plan to represent the German Cultural Society at as many events as possible!

While the world was put on pause for a year, my life has been truly busy. I graduated from Kirkwood High School with high honors during the pandemic at a delayed graduation ceremony. During the summer, I worked as a nanny.

I was lucky enough to be able to visit my Oma and Opa (Renate and Gunter Feibel) in their backyard during lockdown. My Oma would regularly cook traditional German meals like Rouladen and Spätzle. We would sit at socially-distanced tables and enjoy a meal together. Both my Oma and Opa were vaccinated in early March and are ready to get back into the world!

In August, I began my college career at the University of Missouri in Columbia. I am majoring in Strategic Communications at the School of Journalism and have made the Dean's List my first two semesters. I rushed Greek Life at Mizzou and joined Phi Mu Sorority. In May, I will be moving back to St. Louis and will work at Lifetime Fitness.

I hope to see you at an upcoming, Covid-safe event soon! I cannot wait until we are all back together dancing.

Rebecca Bayer

Rosenball Königen,

So take heart, friends of our youth dancers, we will be practicing and enjoying our cultural roots once again soon!

Please contact us if you are or know someone interested in dancing (and a little singing) and perhaps performing with us. Those 13-21 years of age are welcome. Auf Wiedersehen!

Liz Young

Jugendgruppe Leiterin

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## 75th Anniversary Time Capsule

Dear DKV Members.

As you know, this year marks 75 years since the founding of the Society and part of the celebration will be the assembly and burial of a time capsule. I have volunteered to make this capsule as part of my Eagle Scout project for Troop 645 (Our Lady of Providence, Crestwood MO) and I am reaching out to ask if anyone might have any ideas of small items or tokens relevant to the Society that might be considered by the Anniversary Committee to be included in the capsule. If you have something of interest that you would be willing to donate or just an idea, please contact germanstl.fb@gmail.com.

Some ideas from the Anniversary Committee include history information, photos, pins, copy of founding charter/501C3, copy of bylaws, copy of proclamation, list of current exec board/ anniversary committee, copy of flyers from 2021, list of groups we currently have, and the 2nd place in competition picture.

Thank you very much,

Thomas Wendl

Troop 645





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# 75th Anniversary Celebration of the German Cultural Society of St. Louis

Join us on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

The park will be open from Noon-10 PM



### Donau Park

5020 West Four Ridge Rd., House Springs, MO 63051



### In Person Event!



Noon-2:00 PM: Rouladen Dinner served (\$20) 2:30 PM: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony Begins Bratwurst Sandwiches served in the evening (\$5)

### Live Music by:

The Deutschmeister Brass Band (afternoon)
The Wendl Band (evening)

**COVID** Guidelines followed

Go to <a href="www.germanstl.org">www.germanstl.org</a> for meal pre-orders & table reservations.

Seating is limited & first come, first served.

No coolers or dogs allowed in the park. Service animals are permitted. For more information, please call (314) 771-8368

## You've been Fritz'ed!

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we wanted a way to boost morale and bring people together again. So, we started the "You've been Fritz'ed" fundraiser as a fun way to raise money for the DKV Club.

Check out the pictures, and you will see some of the people who have been "Fritz'ed". Maybe you'll see it in your yard soon (and then you'll get the chance to Fritz someone else)!

If you get "Fritz'ed", please feel free to take a picture with you and your sign and send to germanstl.fb@gmail.com! We would greatly appreciate it! If you send us your picture, we may use it to promote this fundraiser on Social Media and in our next newsletter.

Interested in having your own yard sign to keep? Please email germanstl.fb@gmail.com with your interest. We will be placing an order of yard signs. They will cost \$25!

Thank you for your support!

Becky Wendl

On behalf of the 75th Anniversary Committee

















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Deceased Members from January 1st, 2021-April 30th, 2021

Eva Fischer February 2, 2021

Irene McWhorter February 19, 2021

February 27, 2021 Martin Kleiber

Irene Wuertz March 12, 2021

Henry Erk April 10, 2021



## **HELP US FILL IN THE BLANKS!**

Help us fill in the blanks to figure out all of our Jugendgruppe Royalty! Please email me at germanstl.fb@gmail.com with any additions or corrections. I am also looking for a picture of each of the Jugendgruppe Royalty. Our focus right now is on Kirchweih, because that is our next event with royalty. So, please send information or pictures if you have them.



Year	Maifest Prinz	Maifest Prinzessin	
2012	Christoph Lorenz	Luci Bertke	
2013	Max Meinberg	Katarina Meinberg Lester	
2014	Mathias Young	Britta Glassl	
2015	Kai Hoffmann	Veronica VanderPluym	
2016	Mark Young	Sophia Sterzl McMullen	
2017	Nick Wendl Sydney Ballew		
2018	Tyler Ballew Mattie Marlette		
2019	Carter Henry	Henry Sabina Lasinski	
2020	Maifest Cancelled Due To Coronavirus		

Year	Ms. German Cultural Society			
1972	Ingrid Wendland Soraghan			
1973	Anneliese Pelech Vanston			
1974	Marianne Glatt Freiling			
1983	Margaret Siegmund Mastrian			
1987	Cathy Haake Brinkley			
1988	Stephanie Heitzmann Wendl			
1989				
1990	Sandy Romvari Christian			
1991				
1992				
1993	Julie Kaiser			
1994	Stephanie Schiro			
1995				
1996				

Year	Rosenball König	Rosenball Königin	Year	Rosenball König	Rosenball Königin
1981	Richard Kiparski	Linde Thalheimer Fincher	2002	None. Everyone in group had received it.	
1982	Dieter Bareiss	Sigrid Tullmann Koenigs	2003	None. Trachten	gruppe hosted Rosenball
1983	Marty Wild	Monika Fischer Krisanic	2004	Matt Kloster	Katrina Ficken Barlow
1984	Mike Kump	Kris Schwartz	2005	Steve Perkins	Vicki Fox Basler
1985	Victor Wendl	Heidi Nemeth Youtsler	2006	Kevin Schubert	Erin Stumpf Kersting
1986	Steve Wendl	Annette Wittendorfer Murano	2007	Ryan Stumpf	Christi Heddell Mueller
1987	Herbert Fischer	Monika Goetz Lorenz	2008	Brian Lihs	Stephanie Ficken Schaper
1988	Mike Schweiss	Jeanne Jackson	2009	Greg Braun	Tricia Heddell Jabouri
1989	Mike Wendl	Stephanie Heitzmann Wendl	2010	Gavin McMullen	Laura Ficken
1990	Norman Wendl	Monika Schneider	2011	Carson Box	Emily VanderPluym Box
1991	Erich Sterzl	Sandy Romvari Christian	2012	Alex Eder	Lisa Stark
1992	Kevin Weber	Susan Wendl Gallagher	2013	Joe Furrer	Becky Warren Wendl
1993	Kenny Klotz	Erika Klotz Hawkins	2014	Christoph Lorenz	Ashley Mitchell
1994	Mike Kaiser	Stephanie Schiro	2015	Max Meinberg	Corinne Palmer
1995	lan Romvari	Liz Mathes Schunzel	2016	Eric Heidbrink	Kaitlyn Desnoyer
1996	Tim Winkelmann	Marissa Cantrell Kuhlman	2017	Joey Wendl	Leah Stock
1997	Andy Remes	Paula Gmeiner Wright	2018	Mark Young	Stephanie Stock
1998	None	Victoria Unterreiner	2019	Josiah Webb	Olivia Heidbrink
1999	Ryan Taylor	Jennifer Taylor	2020	Tyler Ballew	Rebecca Bauer
2000	Hector Herrera	Jessica Von Der Haar	2021	None. Cancelle	d due to the Coronavirus
2001	None. Everyone in group had received it.				

Year	Kirchweih Vortänzer	Kirchweih Vortänzerin	Year	Kirchweih Vortänzer	Kirchweih Vortänzerin	
1951	Jacob Potje	Anna Stein Potje	1986	Mike Wendl	Heidi Nemeth Youtsler	
1952			1987	Steve Wendl	Monika Schneider	
1953			1988			
1954			1989			
1955	George Ruppe	Trude Vogel Lasinski	1990	Norman Wendl	Stephanie Heitzmann Wendl	
1956			1991	Erich Sterzl	Sandy Romvari Christian	
1957	Michael Wendl		1992	Kevin Weber	Susan Wendl Gallagher	
1958	John Pappert	Catherine Stein McCarthy	1993	lan Romvari	Erika Klotz Hawkins	
1959			1994	Kenny Klotz	Liz Mathes Schunzel	
1960			1995	Mike Kaiser	Stephanie Schiro	
1961			1996			
1962			1997	Mike Kaiser	Marissa Cantrell Kuhlman	
1963	Walter Schoenherr	Tina Konradi Schoenherr	1998	Ryan Taylor	Jessica Taylor	
1964	John Haas	Becky Becker Haas	1999	Kenny Klotz	Victoria Unterreiner	
1965			2000			
1966			2001	Frank Rohatsch	Anne Rohatsch	
1967			2002			
1968	Tony Jost	Anne Maus Flaherty	2003	Tom Heddell	Erin Stumpf Kersting	
1969	Charlie Noll	Regina Wilhelm Vaughn	2004	Brian Manning	Christi Heddell Mueller	
1970			2005	Ryan Stumpf	Stephanie Ficken Schaper	
1971	Peter Glatt	Elfriede Thalheimer Jerry	2006	Brian Lihs	Katrina Ficken Barlow	
1972	Rolf Mann	Gerda Kreiner Wilson	2007	Brad Morrison	Tricia Heddell Jabouri	
1973	Eddie Kiparski	Helga Thalheimer	2008	Gavin McMullen	Laura Ficken	
1974			2009			
1975	Jack Pelech	Gerda Thalheimer	2010			
1976			2011	Tom Means	Becky Warren Wendl	
1977			2012	Sean Birtwistle	Emily VanderPluym Box	
1978	Norbert Glassl	Chris Kwiatkowski Sitzes	2013	Carson Box	Corinne Palmer	
1979	Ricky Kiparski	Barb Sigmund Powers	2014	Joey Wendl	Jenny Stock	
1980	George Oberkirsch	Barb Fox Enger	2015	Reiner Lorenz	Jessica Konradt Drake	
1981	Greg Reinbold	Sue Hummel Nekula	2016	Alex Wendl	Olivia Schaffer	
1982	Helmuth Glatt	Robin Wolf Glassl	2017	Josiah Webb	Olivia Heidbrink	
1983	Mark Reinbold	Lisa Unterreiner Stroup	2018	Alex Young	Grace Webb	
1984	Vince Eisenreich	Monika Goetz Lorenz			Kayleigh Stroup	
1985			2020	Kirchweih Cancelled Due To Coronaviru		



Ms. German Cultural Society 1990: Sandy Romvari Christian



2004 Kirchweih Vortänzerin: Christi Heddell Mueller and former President John Pappert

## Report from the Deutschmeister Brass Band

Gott sei Dank: We're back!!!

After a 14-month hiatus, the Deutschmeister held its first rehearsal for the 2021 season on April 28. During the hiatus, we held a couple happy hours, also known as a "virtual camaraderie event". We also held our annual meeting where we decided to keep things unchaged, as if 2020 never happened. The "management" team remains the same: Pete Krege as Musical Director, Helmuth Glatt as Group Leader, and Adam Glassl as Co-Leader.

The band continues to have strong membership. There are 22 members on the roster. Every one of them can hardly wait to get the performance schedule firmed up and started. We hope that many of you are also anticipating sharing in the Gemütlichkeit with us this year. By the way, we all have our shots!

From what we can tell, it looks like many of our usual events will take place this year. Stubborn German Brewing (Waterloo, IL), Das Bevo, Soulard, and Recess Brewing have all confirmed that they intend to move forward with their Oktoberfests. Stubborn German Brewing is even holding their Porta Westfalica event in June. And of course, we are really looking forward to kicking off the season with the GCS Maifest! For the latest information regarding our performance schedule, please visit us at germanband.com to confirm date, time, and location.

The DBB's mission is very closely aligned that of the GCS: we exist to educate and promote our history, culture and traditions. And we all have a great time doing it...you know, Gemütlichkeit. One of those traditions happens to be a Ständchen. For a special event such as a birthday or anniversary, a small group of musicians will arrive to serenade the person(s) of honor with 5-10 songs and, of course, a toast or two or...! If you would like to surprise someone on their special day, please contact us via germanbandstl@gmail.com to arrange that special visit.

Finally, (in the accent of that most famous Austrian / California governor), "It's good to be baaack baby! I'll zee you at Maifest!"

Alles Beste,

Helmuth Glatt

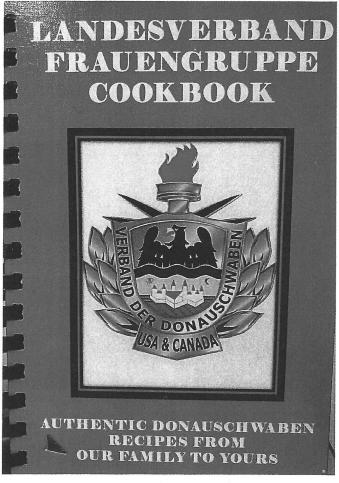


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The proceeds from these cookbooks benefit German Cultural Society in the preservation of the German culture and heritage in our community.

Dankeschoen

### Please check website for updates on the status of this event.

# WIENERN SCHNITZEL DINNER\*

### SUNDAY \* JULY 18

NOON TIL 3:00 PM



5020 West Four Ridge Rd. House Springs, MO 63051



Live Music! Family Friendly Event!

\*This event may be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please check our website for updates! \*\*COVID Guidelines will be followed.



# ADMISSION

**German Cultural Society** 

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No Dogs At The Park, Please.

## Report from Die Heimatgruppe

On behalf of Die Heimatgruppe, we hope all is going well with everyone! We are doing well but we cannot wait to get back to dancing! At the end of April, we had a zoom group meet where we were able to catch up with each other as well as start discussing future plans for our group - like starting up dance practices again! At the beginning of May, we started having practices and it was great to see fellow dancers as well as do something we love. We are looking forward to getting back to some normal.

Since the last newsletter, we have also continued to post monthly cultural posts on our Facebook Page, "Die Heimatgruppe of Saint Louis." Each month, one of our members writes about a cultural topic. This gives us an opportunity to share our culture with fellow members as well as others interested in learning about the German and Donauschwaben culture. Some recent posts include: German New Year's traditions, history about our club in honor of the 75th Anniversary, German Blasmusik, traditional German Easter traditions, and Maifest. Follow us on Facebook to stay updated on our posts as well as events since we are slowly getting back to normal.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Die Heimatgruppe



Ostereierbaum Eggshell Art made by Jenny Stock featured on our Easter Facebook post



## Reopening the German Cultural Society!

Hello everyone,

I am happy to report that we are very close to being able to reopen the hall and Donau Park for events and rentals to generate income. St. Louis City approved the Covid operating plan and is just pending an occupancy permit approval. This approval is expected after a certified plumber will be fixing minor violations at the hall as soon as the end of May/beginning of June.

We will start by having an in-person Maifest on May 15 & 16 at Donau Park with the following Covid protocol in place: social distancing, encouraging attendees to wear masks, handwashing and hand sanitizing stations, and limiting attendees as needed to meet Jefferson County Covid guidelines.

With no income-generating events or festivals from March 9, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and including necessary repairs, insurance and utility expenses while closed, our Verein ended fiscal year 2020 with a financial loss. However, we survived with Verein assets substantially intact and look forward to opening soon!



Therefore, there are currently 2 high priority requests:

1. In order to prepare the park, we are looking for volunteers to pick up rocks so we do not ruin the lawn mower blades. Please reply to germanstlmail@gmail.com with a phone contact number if you are available starting immediately anytime during the day, on any day. The area includes the newly filled extended soccer field (flat) area. Rocks should be added to the pile closest to the lodge a little way down the slope. Please bring a bucket or a wheelbarrow. No restrooms will be available unless we have a larger group of people at a time and will open a lodge and sanitize.

New flat fill area - pick up rocks to right of top fence (not area between two fences)

2. In addition, in order to have rentals to generate income, we need people to help perform Covid plans at both the Hall and Donau Park rentals. Training, PPE, and cleaning equipment will be provided. The following is what is needed for 2-4 hours at a rental:

A. performing temperature checks of attendees

B. frequent sanitizing of high touch surfaces

C. cleaning/sanitizing using electrostatic sprayer at the end of an event

It was communicated, at the General Annual Meeting that it is absolutely necessary to have volunteers to perform the Covid plan in order for us to re-open. If we do not have the volunteers, we will not be able to open.

Two people from every subgroup are needed to be trained and responsible for when groups use either facility for practices once we re-open. Multiple training sessions will be available and will take no more than 30 minutes.

Please reply to germanstlmail@gmail.com with your contact phone number and a good day/time available and someone will contact you.

We need to be a community, and all help out with a commitment of time to be successful.

Thanks in advance for any support you can give, so we can continue operations and have events to generate income needed to maintain our facilities and support our mission.

Monika Lorenz and Terry Ficken

On behalf of the Executive Board, we look forward to seeing you soon!

### BREAKING NEWS.....

It's a "GO" for the Landestreffen Labor Day Weekend 2021!

Where? German-American Cultural Center - Cleveland, Ohio!

When: September 3 - 5, 2021!



The Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center - Cleveland has graciously agreed to host this year's Landestreffen, in accordance with the COVID-19 regulations put in place by the State of Ohio, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the City of Olmsted Falls at that time. They are looking forward to (safely) seeing their fellow "Schoweleit" in a few months! Further details to follow!

## **New Members!**

We would like to welcome our new members in 2021:

Tina Robtoy

Frank Tisdorff

Gwen Schuelten

# Opening of the DKV Hall

The Covid-19 Team consisting of Kathy Stark, John Unterreiner, and myself met numerous times to develop a proposal/plan for approval by the City of St. Louis to allow opening of the DKV Hall.

Covid-19 precautions were defined, supplies were purchased, hall modifications were identified, and training procedures were defined for implementation.

Subsequently, the DKV planning was approved by the City of St. Louis. Current activities are focused on accomplishing the stated objectives. Volunteer help from membership is desperately needed to have a successful opening of the DKV Hall. (Please contact Kathy Stark (314-596-7466) if you can provide assistance for this effort.)

Thanks,

Mike Wendl

## 75th Anniversary Merchandise

A 75th Anniversary Committee has been established, which includes Becky and Joey Wendl, Monika Lorenz, Terry and Rosemarie Ficken, Mike Wendl Sr and Mike Wendl Jr.

As a part of the 75th Anniversary celebrations, we have created a 75th Anniversary logo and some merchandise. Please see the pictures and prices below.

Pins: \$7.50 Masks: \$12

1/2 Liter Stein: \$10

Liter Stein: \$15

Shot Glasses: \$10

Yard Signs: \$25

We will be selling our 75th Anniversary merchandise at all

upcoming events.

I want to thank you in advance for your support!

Becky and Joey Wendl

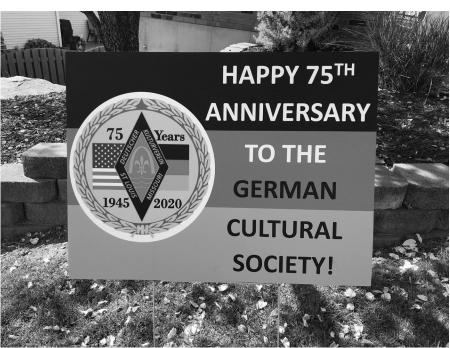
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## **Check Out Our Youtube Channel**

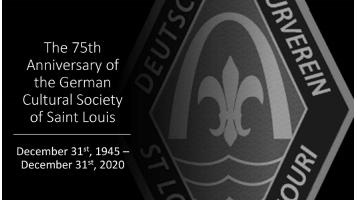
In honor of the 75th anniversary and in order to archive and preserve videos, we have started a YouTube Channel, German Cultural Society of Saint Louis.

For our 75th anniversary, we have been posting a video every Thursday. Our first video featured history of our club. There are a few historical videos and also videos of our many subgroups at different events.

If you have any videos on DVD or VHS that you would like to share with us, please email germanstl.fb@gmail.com.

Joey and Becky Wendl

On behalf of the 75th Anniversary Committee



Above: German Cultural Society 75th **Anniversary History Video** 

Week	Date	Video Title
Week 1	12/31/2020	German Cultural Society 75th Anniversary History Video
Week 2	1/7/2021	St. Louis German Americans (Shared on Facebook Only)
Week 3	1/14/2021	Strassenfest 2002 - Kindertanzgruppe Performance & DKV Booth
Week 4	1/21/2021	GCS Oktoberfest 2002 - Trachtengruppe Performance
Week 5	1/28/2021	Kirchweih 1997 - Jugendgruppe Performance
Week 6	2/4/2021	Rosenball 1988 Part 1 - Jugendgruppe Performance & Coronation
Week 7	2/11/2021	Rosenball 1994 Part 1 - Jugendgruppe Performance
Week 8	2/18/2021	Rosenball 2009 - Jugendgruppe & Mittlertanzgruppe Performances & Coronation
Week 9	2/25/2021	Rosenball 2012 - Jugendgruppe Coronation & Music by Die Spitzbuam
Week 10	3/4/2021	Rosenball Memories Part 1 - Rosenball Royalty
Week 10	3/6/2021	Rosenball Memories Part 2 - Dancing Through the Years (2009-2020)
Week 11	3/11/2021	Rosenball 2008 - Jugendgruppe & Mittleretanzgruppe Performances & Coronation
Week 12	3/18/2021	Rosenball 1988 Part 2 - Jugendgruppe Performance & Music by Die Sterne der Heimat
Week 13	3/25/2021	Rosenball 1994 Part 2 - Jugendgruppe Performance & Coronation
Week 14	4/1/2021	Easter Egg Hunt 2002 (Featuring the Deutschmeister Brass Band) & Kindertanzgruppe Dance Practice
Week 15	4/8/2021	Rosenball 2003 Part 1 - Trachtengruppe Performance
Week 16	4/15/2021	Rosenball 2003 Part 2 - Kindertanzgruppe Performance
Week 17	4/22/2021	Maifest 2002 Part 1 - GCS Schuhplattler Performance
Week 18	4/29/2021	Maifest 2011 Part 1 - Middle Dance Group Performance
Week 19	5/6/2021	Maifest 2001 - Trachtengruppe Performance
Week 20	5/13/2021	Maifest Royalty/Maipole Dance Video
Week 21	5/20/2021	Maifest 2011 Part 2 - Jugendgruppe Performance



On the left: The Mittleretanzgruppe at the 2011 Maifest





On the left: The Jugendgruppe at the 1988 Rosenball

**Below: Our Virtual Rosenball Video Part 1: Rosenball Royalty** 

Rosenball Royalty of the German Cultural Society of Saint Louis

2009-2020

Rosenball

Dancing Through the Years

On the left: Our Virtual Rosenball Video Part 2: **Dancing Through the Years** 



**Above: The Deutschmeister Brass** Band playing at the Easter Egg Hunt at Donau Park in 2002

On the left: The Kindertanzgruppe at Strassenfest 2002

## **Drive-Through Dinners**

I am so excited that the German Cultural Society was able to open again for Wurstmarkt on March 28th, 2021. While it wasn't the typical Wurstmarkt, we had a great turn out! Even though it was only a drive-through pick up dinner, I think people were just excited to see each other again, as we figure out the new normal!

Because of the success of our first drive-through dinner pickup, we decided to have another one on April 18th, 2021 and we sold Leberkäse dinners.

At both events, we had dinner pick-ups, live music, and bonfires! It was really nice to start gathering again-being COVID-safe and socially distanced, of course!

Becky Wendl











### Please check website for updates on the status of this event.



The German Church Consecration Festival\*



Sunday, August 22, 2021 From Noon til 5:00 P.M.

## New Location! German Cultural Society Donau Park

5020 West Four Ridge Rd., House Springs Mo, 63051

Catholic Mass in German will be celebrated at 11:00 AM.
The Damenchor will sing to the accompaniment
of the Deutschmeister Brass Band







\*This event may be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Please check our website for updates! COVID Guidelines will be followed!

www.germanstl.org

(314) 771-8368

The Jefferson Avenue Hall parking lot and perimeter mulched gardens are looking much better than Spring 2020. Thanks to Helmuth Glatt for helping to keep the fence line of the Winnebago Ave. side of the building weed free. Landscape fabric and mulch installed in May 2020 are containing the weed growth in front of the building. Occasional spraying for weeds is keeping the area clean.

A new bridal garden was installed in the meadow at Donau Park. The dirt for the berm, mulch, and the plants were all donated. Also twenty-five free pine tree seedlings were donated and planted at Donau Park. Thanks to Forestry ReLeaf of Missouri for the donation of tree and bush seedlings. Thanks to Frank Breitenstein and Terry Ficken for their help in mulching and planting at Donau Park. Thanks to Frank Breitenstein, Stephanie Goetzmann, Klemens and Gabi Wolf, and Rose Hoh for help with weeding. Thanks to Ralph Hoffarth for cutting the grass, watering as needed, and for the general care and grounds maintenance at Donau Park.

Do you like to Garden?? We are looking for volunteers to help with gardening at both the Hall and at the Donau Park. Work at Hall is minimal. Just spot checking to keep weed under control. There are no plans now for planting at Hall. The bushes are all mature and will need triming in the Fall.

At Donau Park, we are looking for monthly help weeding. In the hot summer months, watering is needed weekly, unless Mother Nature waters for us. We are still looking for a Garden Club Coordinator to organize dates to work at both locations to plant or weed. If interested, please email Kathy Stark at germanstl.news@gmail.com.

Kathy Stark

## Letter of Thanks from the St. Anthony's Food **Pantry for our Donation**

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against the virus, nearly 100% of our volunteers are fully vaccinated. We offer a special thanks to Winkelman's Pharmacy for holding a vaccination clinic at the pantry on Good Friday! We pray that the peace and hope of this Easter season will remain in your hearts throughout the year! Jour donation help us serve

Love,

The poor in the City of St. Locis!

Rob and Sr. Marie

We are very grateful!

# German Cultural Society China for Sale Thanks to Facebook Marketplace, the German Cultural Society was able to sell many beautiful, sturdy restau-

rantware dishes. So far, we've made over \$500 in sales. We still have several sets of the White Buffalo for sale. Please call or text 314-677-8249 if interested in purchasing.



## **Report from Wir Tanzen**

Wir Tanzen has been working on trying to keep in touch and planning to get together soon to touch base as a group. Recently we have had some developments in members' personal lives. The Wallaces are now less than 2 months away from welcoming their son into the world. They are pictured together at the baby shower from February. Jakob Braun and family will be celebrating the first birthday of his niece. He is pictured with her on his birthday on April 12th. Long standing club member Yenna Taylor and fiance Neal Thompson are expecting their first child together due at the end of September. They are pictured on Easter. Jennelle Owens is pictured with her USO Camp show cast performing at the WWII Weekend at Jefferson Barracks this April. Jennelle is a singer and reenactor who produces 1940s USO shows around the country at different reenactments, and locally. The Schultes have recently brought home 14 chicks who are growing and exploring and will soon be trying to figure out what to do with all of those eggs. Several of our members will be attending a soccer tournament Memorial Day weekend, and others are continuing with other hobbies and looking forward to future German events.

Kat Schulte











## Deutscher Männerchor St. Louis **German Male Chorus**

This is just a short status report of the Männerchor. When I started as President, in 2002, we had 45 members. And of this writing, we are down to 16. Just in the last year, we have lost 5 singers. We would like to continue German song and Gemütlichkeit, but we need new singers to fill the 4-part harmony needed for a great sounding chorus. We are planning a concert for this Fall, and I hope this will not be the last performance of the Deutscher Männerchor St Louis. I know there are many good voices out there who could sing with us. As soon as the Hall opens, we intend to start rehearsals to prepare for our future performance(s). Our Music Director, Mr. Bierwirth, promised to be ready and willing. We have rehearsals every Wednesday at 8:00pm at the German Cultural Society Hall, 3652 South Jefferson Avenue.

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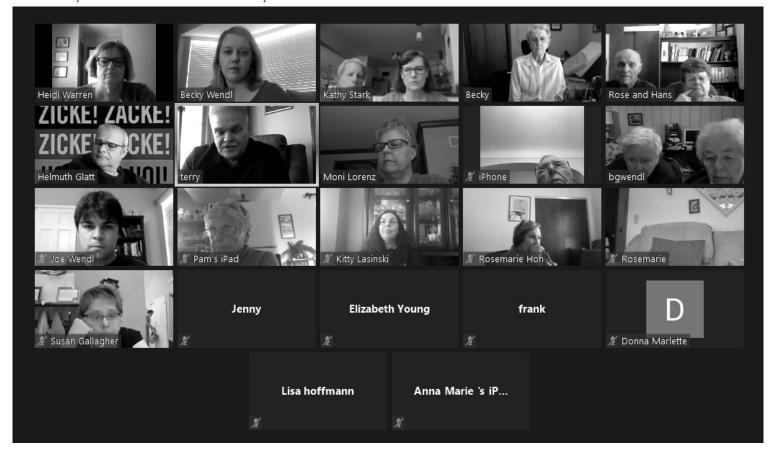


## **GCS Annual Meeting on Zoom!**

On April 25, 2021, we had our Generalversammlung (Annual Meeting). We had 28 people attend this meeting through Zoom. We discussed the past year, as well as plans for opening in the near future. This past year was tough on our club, financially and in decreased membership. However, we are excited that we have begun having events again! At the meeting, we discussed how important it is for us all to stick together and work together, to allow us to open again and make this year better than last year. To stay up-to-date on finances, events, and more, please attend the General Board meetings. We would love to have more people attend the meetings to stay informed on what is happening with our club and help in making some decisions. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting!

Becky Wendl

Secretary of the German Cultural Society



## How to donate through Amazon Smile

The Amazon Smile account has been set up for the German Cultural Society. When you shop on Amazon with us, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products.

Here's how to shop AmazonSmile:

- 1. Visit smile.amazon.com and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
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Vereinskalender		202	21 Event Cale		ndar	
Jan.	General Mee	ting at th	e DKV Hall P	ostponed	Jan.	
6 Feb.	Virtual Aucti	on from th	ne comfort of yo	our home	Feb. 6	
6 März	Rosenball Mem	ories fro	m the comfort	of your home	Mar. 6	
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22 Aug.	Kirchw	eihfest	at Donau Park		Aug. 22	
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24 Okt.	Musikalischer	Nachm	ittag* at th	e DKV Hall	Oct. 24	
7 Nov.	Totengeden	kfeier a	t Sunset Memo	rial Park	Nov. 7	
13 Nov.	Winze	rfest* a	t the DKV Hall		Nov. 13	
5 Dez.	Tag des Deutsche	en Kultu	rvereins at t	the DKV Hall	Dec. 5	
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12 Dez.	Weihnachtsgo	ttesdie	<b>nst</b> at Peace Lut	heran Church	Dec. 12	
31 Dez.	Silveste	rfeier*	at the DKV Ha		Dec. 31	

\*\*All events are subject to change due to the coronavirus. Please

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check our website for updated

information.\*\*

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Check out our Facebook page German Cultural Society of St. Louis



**German Cultural Society's Hall & Offices** 

3652 South Jefferson Avenue St. Louis, MO 63118

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Or from I-55, turn north at the 4500 Broadway exit. Proceed to Jefferson Ave. and the hall is on the right.



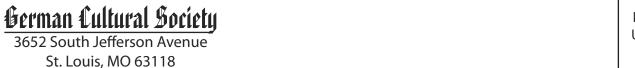
German Cultural Society's Donau-Park 5020 West Four Ridge Road House Springs, MO 63051



Directions: From I-270. take *HWY 21* south past HWY 141 to the exit at **Old Route 21**-Shady Valley and turn left (south). Turn Right on West Four Ridge Rd and the entrance to the Donau Park is on the right.

### To rent these locations for your event...

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## Welcome Back! - Wurstmarkt 2021

Participants gathered around firepits at our first socially-distanced event. Check out page 24 for more details!

