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NEWSLETTER OF BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS, WESTCHESTER, NY



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President's Message

Three storms thus far but Punxatony Phil made an appearance reminding us that we have six more weeks left of winter. Meanwhile our snowbirds down in Florida are basking in 70 degree weather.....enjoy the heat Irma and Fritz, Rosemarie and Dieter!



Our 2017 Board remains pretty much as last year. We thank Veronica Archul for her commitment and dedication on being our Vortaenzerin for the past eight years and welcome Ingrid Wittmann as our new Vortaenzerin. Ingrid, along with Jennifer Johanson, was Kindervortreterin for six years (2007-2012). Thank you Sonya Kall, our Editor, for putting together an informative newsletter. And thank you Alexander Kall, our Junior Reporter, for writing great articles!

Gloria Mayer McSweeney
President

EVENTS CALENDAR 2017

KAFFEE KLATSCH Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Legion Hall from 3-4:pm. Coffee and milk will be provided by Peter and Peggy Greges and members are asked to bring baked goods to share on a rotating basis. Bring your own cup and saucer so it tastes more like you're at Oma's and not Starbucks!

PLATTLER PRACTICE meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at the American Legion Hall in Thornwood. 7.00pm Jugendgruppe and 7.30pm Adult group

VOLKSTANZGRUPPE meets first, second and third Tuesday of the month from 4:30-6pm at the Legion Hall.

MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING third Thursday of the month at the American Legion Hall in Thornwood

84th STIFTUNGSFEST, Sunday, May 7, at The Stone Manor, Hawthorne

SUMMERFEST ON THE HUDSON, Saturday, June 10, at Kolping on Hudson, 11am-6pm

GAUFEST, June 29-July 2, Buffalo, NY

VB FAMILY PICNIC, July 29, Kolping-on-Hudson

69th STEUBEN PARADE, September 16, NYC

OKTOBERFEST, Sunday, October 8, at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne

MAGNANINI WINERY, October 15

CHRISTKINDLMARKT, Saturday, November 11, at Holy Name of Jesus Auditorium, Valhalla, 10am-4pm **NEW**

LOCATION!

CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 3

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



To our own

ALEXANDER KALL!

on his acceptance to Manhattanville College and receipt of their Presidential Merit Scholarship in the amount of \$19,000 a year for 4 years!!!!

Alexander will be attending the school located in Purchase, NY following his graduation this coming June from Harrison H.S.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR VETS!

Clothing and monetary donations as well as acrylic yarn and homemade knitted or crocheted lap blankets are accepted on a regular basis at the monthly member meetings

At present there is an urgent need for medium size t-shirts and medium size boxer shorts.

The returning vets are slimmer, according to Castle Point VA. They also need winter weight socks.

MEMBER INFORMATION

TRACHT: As always, any questions about Tracht and how to wear it please call Veronica at 914-584-4408. 'Sitt und Tracht der Alten, wollen wir erhalten.'

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR MEMBERS:

MARCH...Lotte Gaa, Gloria Mayer McSweeney, Christopher Rodrick, Gregory Wagner, Ernst Leschke, Franz Wiesholler

APRIL...Louise Brescia, Ali Caico, Victoria Haag, Hans Lechner, Monika Link Phillips, Rosemarie Link, Lisa Caico, Florian Hille

MAY...Gregory Dougall, Margaret Koch Essig, Sonya Kall, Alexander Kall, Amanda Lechner, Doris Lechner, John McSweeney, Thomas Urian, Monika Wolf

JUNE...Christine Blume, Thomas Dangl, David Dougall, Helmut Kraft, Hildegard Kren, John Mezic, Margaret Mezic, Waldemar Stoppacher

GET WELL WISHES: Angela Leschke, Victoria Haag, Rosa Seidler

MEMBER DEATHS: We remember and pray for those we recently lost: Dawn Longo Rowe, daughter of our deceased honorary members Nancy Long and step-father Ray Long and Helmut Seidler

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:None at this time

THANKS FOR REMEMBERING OUR VETS!

.....9 scarves, 3 blankets, 4 baby hats!



Thank you Marie Karnbaum (also gift card), Susan Ackerly, Margaret Mezic, Phyllis Froebrich and to Peter Blume, who made a cash donation, with which socks were purchased.

A Special Thank you to Veronica Archul!!!



We thank Veronica for her years of dedication as Vortaenzerin. Veronica's job was to work with the female trachtlers in their dance emphasizing timing and spacing, posture, twirling, rotation speed, balance, coordinating foot movements and then putting it all together to look smooth and graceful! Veronica also taught Chiemgau style of dancing: dancing on your toes, heels off the ground and twirling double time.....a feat in itself. She taught the girls to twirl within a circle and at the same time keeping weight distribution so that the skirt had a better bell. These are the basics, thought it was easy?



A trip to Grabenstaett to visit our Founder's family

Rosemarie Link, daughter of our founder Franz Stein, and her husband Dieter visit the Stein family on their recent visit to Germany this past fall.



The BCE Volkstaenzers performed at The Wartburg, Mt. Vernon on September 24th. This was the second year we had danced there.

History of the Wartburg: Named after the town near Eisenach Germany. This home was established in 1866. Lutheran minister, Rev. Wm Passavant began an orphans Farm School on the property in Mt. Vernon. Later in 1899 it evolved to become a community dedicated to helping older adults live with dignity.

- courtesy P. Dougall

Pictured from left to right are: Sue Ackerly, Louise Brescia, Hilde Sachse, Elfriede Frankenberry, Helmut Kraft-Volkstanzleiter, Monica Luedke-Volkstanzleiterin, Ernie Wieting.

Shout Out to **Greg Wagner** for sponsoring our club calendar this year!!



Our recipe this time comes courtesy of Phyllis Froebrich!

Sakrisch quat!

Lentil Soup (Linsensuppe)

— to warm you on those cold winter evenings!

- 2 (1 lb.) pkgs. brown lentils
- 12-14 c. water
- 1 small smoked pork tenderloin (pork butt)
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 c. carrot, chopped
- 1 c. celery, chopped
- 1 c. onion, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. pepper salt, to taste
- chicken broth, if needed
- cider vinegar, optional

Rinse and pick through lentils. Place lentils in water; add pork and bay leaves. Cook at medium heat for 1 hour. Add chopped carrots, celery, onion, pepper and salt to taste. Continue cooking until vegetables are tender. Remove the pork; cut into bite size pieces; add to the soup. If the soup is too thick, add chicken broth. Garnish with cider vinegar, if desired.

NOTE: Phyllis makes this every year for our Christkindmarkt!



CULTURE CORNER



The Bavarian Coat of Arms

Das Bayerische Staatswappen

Everybody has seen it and loves how regal it looks, but how much do you really know about it? It's time for a quick course in the make-up of the coat of arms of Freistaat Bayern!

“Bayern ist ein Freistaat. Die Landesfarben sind Weiß und Blau. Das Landeswappen wird durch Gesetz bestimmt.” Translated – “Bavaria is a free state. It's colors are white and blue. It's coat of arms is proclaimed by law.” It officially became Bavaria's coat of arms on June 5, 1950 through the “law governing Bavaria's coat of arms”.



The individual parts of the coat of arms all have meaning. We begin with the state of Bavaria being divided into seven districts or “Regierungsbezirke”. They include: Upper Bavaria (Oberbayern); Lower Bavaria (Niederbayern); Swabia (Schwaben); Upper Palatinate (Oberpfalz); Middle Franconia (Mittelfranken); Lower Franconia (Unter-franken); and Upper Franconia (Oberfranken). An eighth district, “Palatinate” which is now part of “Rhineland-Pfalz” (the Rhineland) belonged to Bavaria in historical times and was the official name encompassing both that historical area and Upper Palatinate (Oberpfalz).

These seven (or in earlier history – eight) districts are represented through the four individual crests within the coat of arms. The golden lion on the top left quarter represented the Palatinate district, or today's Upper Palatinate. This was the official lion of the Wittelsbach family which ruled Bavaria from around 1000 to 1918.

The red and white “rake” or “Fraenkische Rechen” on the top right represents the three Franconian districts and began to appear around 1350 during the times of the Bishopdom of Wuerzburg. The lower crest of the three black lions on gold (yellow) were the official sign of the Stauffer family (Hohenstauffen) who ruled Swabia. Their most notable family member is emperor Friedrich Barbarossa. The lower left blue panther on white (or silver) represents Upper and Lower Bavaria. It was the sign of the palgrave of Ortenburg, part of who's family lived in Upper Bavaria. The Wittelsbach family took over the sign in later years.



The white and blue “Herzschild” which overlays the four quarters was originally the coat of arms of the Counts of Bogen and adopted by the Wittelsbach family in 1247 as their crest to their family tree. The white and blue “fusils” are the indisputable emblem of Bavaria today and the shield represents Bavaria as a whole.

All four quarters and the heartshield are topped by the “people's crown” since 1923 to symbolize Bavaria's freedom from the monarchy. It represents its status as a ‘free state’ and sovereignty by the people.

Lastly we have the two golden lions that flank either side holding the coat of arms. Though there is no clear meaning of their origin, the Bavarian Inner Ministry explains officially – “The lions resume an old tradition coming from the 14th century”. Back then, wild animals were used often in flags and coats of arms. Bavaria went with lions while Prussia went with the eagle. Looks like a great decision!

Munich Airport's new Satellite Terminal mixes high tech with Bavarian character

by Alexander Kall



Our recent family trip to Germany for our Christmas break ended on high note for me. We got to go through the new "satellite terminal" to Terminal 2 (Lufthansa) that opened at the end of April this past year at Munich airport, Europe's only 5 star airport. I had watched the construction from the outside over the past few years on our trips to and from the airport so it was interesting to finally see it from inside. This is the first "midfield" terminal to be built in Germany.



Construction of the terminal started back in 2012. It eliminates many planes that used to stay on the tarmac when they arrived and from which passengers would disembark onto buses that drove them back to the main terminal. It has 27 gate positions and serves about 11 million passengers a year, increasing Terminal 2's overall yearly passenger capacity from 25 to 36 million people. The existing airport control tower was integrated into the building.

Passengers can only reach the terminal through the PTS – people transport system – which is a driverless train. After passing through check-in and security in Terminal 2, they head downstairs. There, they board one of three PTS trains that make the less than a minute trip at a speed of 25km/h out to the satellite terminal. For me it was similar to the monorail out at Newark airport, but underground and much quieter and newer. This train can move up to 9000 people in an hour in either direction!



The new terminal was built to be very environmentally friendly with "clean and green" features including a glass facade that allows sunlight to come in but keeps the heat out. It also has many amenities including free wi-fi (always a hit with me!) play areas for kids, three duty free areas and even public (pay) showers!

But this is still Bavaria and as high-tech and futuristic this new terminal is, its worth noting that even USA Today newspaper wrote "the 15 retail areas and seven cafes and restaurants reflect Munich and the Bavarian lifestyle, most notably the central marketplace area where themed market stands around a central tower are a tribute to Viktualienmarkt, Munich's renowned open-air market in the city center." *Mia san no in Bayern - host mi?*

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR OWN CHARLES RUPPMANN

The following article chronicles the life and work of Charlie Ruppman, many of who you know to be one of our club members and photographer of many of our events. An exhibition of his works was recently open to the public.

(TAKEN FROM THE NEW CITY PATCH BY ALICIA MORGEN, December 2016)

Unseen New York: Rare Works by Charles Ruppman

1960 — 1980

December 10, 2016 — January 22, 2017

Opening Reception: Saturday, December 10th 2 — 5 pm

The Field Gallery is proud to bring back celebrated New York Daily News photographer Charles Ruppman in Unseen New York: Rare Works 1960 — 1980. In this new exhibit — carefully curated from over 3,000 archival photos, many seen here for the first time — Ruppman captures the citizens of New York in a series of portraits unmatched in their striking complexity, clarity and mystery. His varying subjects — dissolute and gritty, glorious and glamorous, striking and resolute— are perfectly realized in their singular moments in time. Many of the photos are shown in their original, unedited formats with the News' editors grease-pencil mark-ups; some are photos-of-photos, the original negatives having been stolen or lost from the archives.

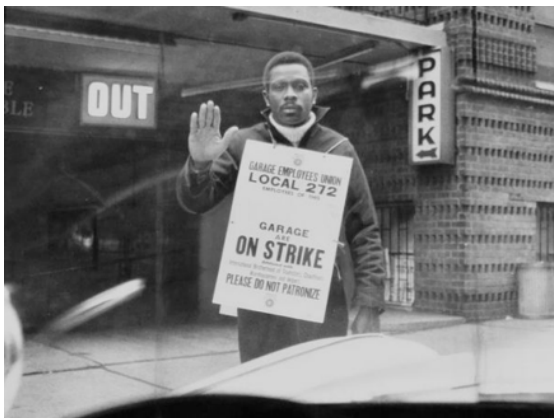
Charles Ruppman started out as a copyboy at the Daily News immediately after graduating high school in 1960, and later was encouraged to apprentice in the photo department darkroom to learn the workings and technique from the ground up. His talent and hard work led him to be promoted to one of 54 staff photographers in February of 1967.

Honing his craft during the overnight shift, he covered the entire beat of the city: crime, society events, riots, fires and the beginnings of paparazzi photography. For Unseen New York, Ruppman puts a distinctly individualistic face on the signposts of the times. Images of New York such as Black, LGBTQ and women's rights activists, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, masked, protesting priests, stoic cops on their way to quell riots, weary subway riders, vendors in Spanish Harlem markets and champagne-swilling Danceteria new wavers are all captured by Ruppman's lens and transformed by his keen eye into high art.

Charles Ruppman was born and raised in New York City and is a lifetime member of the New York Press Photographers Association, where he served as President for two terms. He was the subject of the Daily News video and photo essay Charles Ruppman: 50 Years/50 Photographs and has had major retrospectives at the Field Gallery (2012), the German Consulate in NYC and the Briarcliff Manor Library (2016). Since 1980, he has resided in Peekskill, New York, where he remains on the lookout for definitive moments of raw power and beauty.

For more information, please contact Alicia Morgan at amorgan@wlsmail.org.

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Parking Garage Worker's Strike. 1968

Charles Ruppman

RECENT EVENTS

Kaffee Klatsch -- January 10, 2017 -- Bristol Assisted Living Home, White Plains

- courtesy D. & P. Dougall

Today we went to the Bristol Assisted Living Facility in White Plains, formerly St. Agnes hospital. A Bavarian Edelweiss Club member, Angela Leschke lives there now. Another resident Ilse Hoffmann, who is no stranger to the club joined us a bit later on. Attached are 2 pictures. One picture of the attendees and another picture with Ilse Hoffmann.

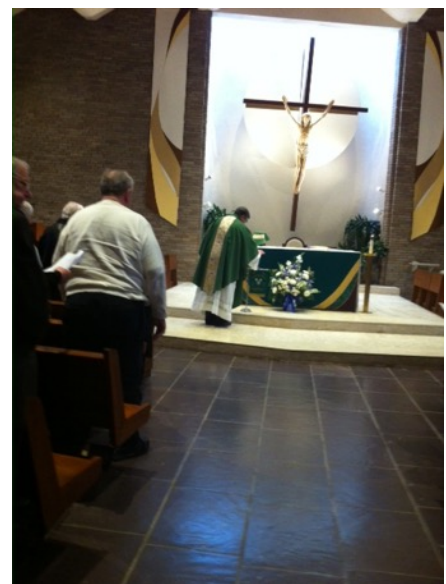
There were 3 cakes and a batch of chocolate chip cookies. Coffee was provided by the Bristol. After some conversation we sang a few Volkslieders like, Muss I Den, Das Wandern ist des Muellers Lust, Nun Ade, Du Mein Lieb Heimatland. Ilse and Hilde attend monthly a singing group in Connecticut. We were encouraged to visit the Bristol again. Thanks Sonya for suggesting this!

P.S. Special thanks to Hilde and Linda and Zita



BCE 84th Anniversary Mass Flag Rededication -- January 22, 2017 -- Fishkill, NY

A group of about 35 members attended the mass led by Fr. Joe Blenkle at St. Mary Mother of the Church on Sunday afternoon. Readings were done by Gloria Mayer McSweeney, Peggy Dougall and Monika Link Phillips - the granddaughter of the founder of our club - Franz Stein. The mass offerings were bought up to the altar by Annaliese Phillips, the youngest descendant of our founder, as well as her grandfather Dieter Link after being handed to them by Rosemarie Link - Franz's daughter and Dieter's wife. Following the mass, the group ventured through the winding roads of the forest for a lovely reception held at Gloria (Mayer McSweeney) and husband John's home. The pot luck food and drinks were enjoyed by all who came to celebrate - in particular by Fr. Joe who is an ardent fan of German food!



Christmas Party — December 4, 2016 — American Legion Hall

This past year’s Christmas party was well attended. Christine’s Catering once again provided the food for the occasion. Everyone who came had a wonderful time serenaded by the music provided by both Dieter Link and Fritz Blume. A high point of the party was the debut performance of Sebastian Phillips on the button box playing alongside his grandfather, Dieter, which brought tears to the eyes of many in the room. Bravo and thanks to Fritz under who’s tutelage Sebastian was able to bring us this stellar performance! In addition, we enjoyed the accompaniment of Greg Wagner and the kids on the “spoons”, the lovely voices of the children as they sang some Christmas songs, and the visit by St. Nick himself along with his wife who came loaded with gifts! The bidding war over the Christmas tree (sponsored by Greg Wagner and acting as auctioneer and decorated by members of the Jugendgruppe) gave new meaning to Christmas spirit as the price was driven higher and higher and ultimately won by the Weber family - much to the delight of their children!



Christkindlmarkt — November 12, 2016 — Mount Pleasant Community Center

This past year’s Christkindlmarkt was another stellar event for our club! We had another very large turnout and even ran out of some foods we were serving including our beloved potato pancakes and lentil soup. The Christmaslike atmosphere was sweetened by our accompanying zither music and cafe that served cake and coffee. Many had the chance to purchase holiday gifts from Germany or of German origin from our tables as well as from over 30 vendors. A welcomed visit by St. Nikolaus rounded out this affair which is a vital fundraiser for our club — and hit the mark again this year!

Thank you Inge Kuhlka for your photos!



MEMBER POSTS

Got something to buy, sell or swap? Need to get the word out about something? Let us know and it can be posted here!

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www.facebook.com/groups/BavarianClubEdelweiss/**

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I hope you all enjoyed the somewhat revised format of the newsletter!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition — especially the roving photographers as well as my main man Harold Phillips!

Please accept my apologies for any omissions on the Birthday list. The new updated list will be in my possession soon and rest assured from the next edition onward if you have made Peggy Greges aware of your special day it will be noted.



Sonya



Mit Bayrischen Grüßen - Sonya Kall, Editor Peggy Dougall, Alexander Kall & Gloria Mayer McSweeney, Contributing Editors
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