



A Holiday Message from the President

As we approach the end of 2014 and reflect back on the many things that we accomplished, this was a busy and remarkable year. We had the honor of hosting the Dr. Avender Jugend Vettbewerb, and for the second time in a row our Jugend won! Congratulations to the Jugend and their leaders, the Fest Committee and everyone else that contributed to making that weekend such a great success.

Earlier in the year we started 2014 with the Schlacht Fest, Jaeger Ball, Mai Ball, the Fathers' Day Picnic, and after the Landesverband weekend we held Oktoberfest, Polka Fest, Kirchweih, Traubenfest, the Frauengruppe Holiday Bazaar, Holiday Folk Fair, and finally our Christmas Party. Once again, this was another very busy year for everyone.

After 14 years most recently and an earlier 7 year term it is time for me to step aside and let the next generation run the club. It has been a great pleasure to work with so many dedicated and hard working people over the years to keep our traditions, food, language of our Heimat alive in this new country that we chose to make our home. The Schwabenhof and United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee was that little bit of the old country where we could get together and eat, dance, laugh, talk Schwabish and enjoy each other's company. It has been my pleasure to serve as President for so many years, and to do so with the many members that served with me as board members. Together we accomplished many wonderful things - I thank you for your help and service to our club. Also, I would like to wish great success to the next UDoM president and officers as they take over with fresh ideas and energy to keep our club moving forward for many years to come.

Finally, thank you to my wife Theresia for always being there to help me, no matter what was needed you were always there for me. Together with Theresia and for the last time as President of the United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyful new year!

Sincerely,

Tony Siladi



Schwabenhof NYE Dance!

Ring in the New Year with a bang at the Schwabenhof's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. The festivities include a buffet dinner of New York Strip Steak, Duck Legs, Fried Shrimp, and all the trimmings. Dance to the music of Johnny Hoffman und Die Herzbuben. Count down to midnight with party favors and a champagne toast. For ticket reservations contact Victor Kordas at 262/783-4436. Doors open at 5pm; dinner at 6pm. Cost is \$65 dollars per person.

*May Peace, Joy, Hope and Happiness
be yours during this Holiday Season
and throughout the New Year!*

*George & Erna Scherer
and the Schwabenhof*



*To All Our Friends at the UDoM –
May you have the happiness of simple
pleasures at the holidays and all
through the year.*

*Wünschen von Herzen die Senior
Citizens. Für eine gute zusammen Arbeit
und Freundschaft für jung und alt.*

*Eure Katie und Walter Heim
und Familie*

*We would like to wish you a
Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year. Thank you for your
support this year and we look
forward to sharing 2015
with you!*

The Frauen & Jaegers

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Holiday Greetings from the Jugendgruppe

As the Christmas season is upon us our Jugendgruppe would like to thank all of our family members, friends and club members who have so graciously supported us throughout the year at our spring Maiball, events and performances. We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful people sharing along with us our love for our group.

On behalf of all the jugend dancers, Mark and Jenny Mayer my co-directors and Kristel Geyer our singing director we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!

Hope to see you all again at next years 2015 events!

- Carol Gdula, Jugendgruppe Director

Jugendgruppe 2014

It is hard to believe that 2014 is almost over! Our jugend group had such a busy and wonderful year. We not only kept busy with all of our regular events and performances ,but our club held the Labor Day Trachtenfest and Jugendgruppe competition right here at our club house in Menomonee Falls.

I am so extremely proud to again announce that our jugend dancers went into the competition as the defending first place champions and took first place again over the Labor Day weekend! The competition plaque is staying on display in our club house for yet another three years.

In November of this year one of our jugend dancers Joe Fischer was deployed with his Army reserve unit to Cuba. All of us are so proud of Joe for serving in our military. We miss him and cannot wait for his safe return home at the end of summer next year. Please keep Joe in all your thoughts and prayers, as well as all of our military members who so bravely serve our country.

I would like to send out a huge thank you to all of my dancers and co-leaders for all their time, dedication and help to our jugend dance group for this 2014 year. To the parents of all my wonderful dancers, thank you for allowing your children to be a part of our club and our amazing jugend dance group.

Look for all of us jugend at next year events because we have some more new dances coming!

Congratulations...

Congratulations to UDoM Member Rebecca Borowski, who was named the 2014-2015 Miss German-American Societies Queen at the October 7th German-American Day Event presented by the German-American Societies of Milwaukee at the Schwabenhof. Becca has been actively involved in the auxillary groups since the age of three and is currently a member of both the Jugend and Kulturgruppe. We are all so proud of her and wish her a great year!



Congrats & Good Luck...

Congratulations to UDoM Member and Sunshine Girl, Sabina Plaumann's grandsons, Joey and Anthony Schauer, on their athletic achievements. Both boys are former members of the UDoM Kindergruppe and play on the Whitnall Boy's Soccer Team. Joey scored the first four goals and Anthony scored one of the final two goals as the Falcons downed South Milwaukee 6-1 in their season finale on October 10th.

Joey was recently selected to play for the Midwest Regional ODP boys soccer team. Schauer will be traveling to Sarasota, FL in December for the tournament against the other four regions. Good luck and safe travels Joey!

Happy Holidays from the Kulturgruppe

I would like to thank all Kulturgruppe members for their hard work this past year. Also special thanks to all of those who have supported our group throughout the year and attended our Traubenfest dance. We look forward to what is coming in the new year. May everyone have a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

- Karen Schmieder, Kulturgruppe Director

Kinder Korner....

The Kindergruppe has been very blessed this year, as we had the privilege of welcoming back our current members as well as many new members and their parents. We are so lucky to have the dedication of our Kinder and their wonderful parents. On behalf of all of us from the Kindergruppe we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to what the next year has in store for us!

We will get back in the swing of practice in February. If you know of anyone between the ages of 3 and 12 that might be interested in joining our group, please contact brukbaka14@gmail.com.

Frohe Weihnachten & viel Glück im Neuen Jahr!!

- Katlin Schmieder & Kari Bruckbacher,
Kindergruppe Directors

Senior Citizen's Group News

We would like to thank all of our members for their support throughout the years. It won't take too long and there won't be any Senior Club unless we find someone that would take us over, my health is not strong enough to keep going and our membership is decling. However, we will keep going and time will tell. Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a healthy happy new year.

- Katie Heim, Senior Group President & All Our Seniors

Annual Membership Dues

Just a reminder that annual membership dues are due the first of the year. Make sure your dues are current for 2015 so you can vote and participate in all our fun auxillary groups.

Contact Membership Secretary Hildy Siladi for more information at 262.794.0455 or email hsiladi@udommilwaukee.com if you have any questions. For new members, forms are available online at www.udommilwaukee.com

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