



UNSERE ZEITEN



NEWSLETTER OF BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS, WESTCHESTER, NY

Fall Issue



God Bless America



2016

President's Message

The fall season has been busy, busy with many festivals. Our Oktoberfest was a great success with almost 300 people in attendance including five Schuhplattler Vereine who provided fabulous entertainment! Magnanni's Fall Festival was well attended where our Schuhplattlers gave an outstanding repertoire of traditional Plattlers.

Many of us attended Edelweiss Passaic's Oktoberfest. Our Jugendgruppe performed at White Plains High School's Oktoberfest. Many thanks to Carol Gagliano, Jugendvertreterin, for pulling this together and Dieter Link, our accordionist, for playing.

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us be thankful for all that we have. I thank our extended family who are loved unconditionally. Thank you for being there for one another, caring and helping when needed. And thanks to all our volunteers for their continued support and loyalty to our beloved Verein.

Gloria Mayer McSweeney
President

BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS

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NEW HAPPENINGS & EVENTS FOR 2016

ONGOING:

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

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

BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS PARTY, Sunday, December 4, 2016 American Legion Hall

84th ANNIVERSARY MASS, TBA celebrating the founding of our club

STIFTUNGSFEST, Saturday, May 7, 2017

BIERFEST ON THE HUDSON, Saturday June 17, 2017 at Kolping on Hudson

GAUFEST June 29-July 2, 2017 Buffalo, NY

MEMBER INFORMATION ...

TRACHT: Our Trachtenhut



For BCE Club Members who have a Trachtenhut there is a bit of protocol to follow. The order of the required pins is as shown in this picture. It should be the BCE club pin first, then the Gauverband N.A. pin, then the feather. Personal pins are allowed, but the thinking is that they should be in 'Trachten Style'. Personal pins are never allowed during dance competitions.

When our dress code is Halbtracht, the women should wear the hat, the same as if the dress code was full Tracht. The thinking is that if there is a Steiffmieder worn, then the hat should be worn. As we know there are some exceptions to that thinking as throughout Bavaria and the Gauverband N.A. clubs have adopted their own style, but the way that BCE has adopted is hat with Steiffmieder.

For the Volkstanz women, in the spirit of uniformity and club solidarity, it would be appropriate to also wear a hat when the club attire is Halbtracht.

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:

November: Helga Brugger, Elfriede Frankenberry, Daniel Hepp, Karl Kehrle, Sebastian Phillips

December: Bruno Doren, Angela Leschke, Analiese Phillips, George Wolf, Heidi Lechner

January: Fritz Blume, Irmengard Blume, Helen Larsen, Lydia Stomacher

February: Veronica Archul, Renate Doren, Edith Hodge, Kathy Seef, Peter Kriegenhofer, Georg Speckbauches

GET WELL WISHES: Helmut Kraft, Angela Leschke, Victoria Haag, Charlotte Nauerz

MEMBER DEATHS: We remember and pray for those we recently lost: Al Hodge, Daphne Lindner, Ethel Wittmann

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: None at this time

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kevin Leitner &
Lynn Henke's
Engagement on
Oct 15!



Sebastian Phillips was nominated for the National Youth Leadership Forum for Medicine and will be attending Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in June for a nine day forum



Renate & Armin Heinz celebrate their 50th Anniversary on October 23



CULTURE CORNER

ERNTÉ DANKFEST

-courtesy "California Globetrotter"



Another harvest season has come and gone. The hops fields have been cleared, the rows of corn have been harvested, and the fields have begun to be plowed, prepping them for the approach of winter.

When you think about Thanksgiving, you traditionally think of it only as an American holiday celebrated to give thanks for another good harvest year. We carry on this tradition to remember the Pilgrims who gave thanks to the Native Americans for their help through a bitter, harsh winter. However, Thanksgiving isn't just unique to America. Many countries around the world come together at the end of another successful harvest season to give their thanks in some form or another.

In Germany, Erntedankfest is a traditional Christian celebration where believers come together to thank God. Usually this day of Thanksgiving is normally at the end of September or the first Sunday in October.



OUR FAVORITE RECIPES

submitted by
Kathe Seef
ENJOY!

GLÜHWEIN (MULLED RED WINE) - Perfect for the upcoming Holiday Season!

1/4 Liter or 1 cup water	250 gr or 1 cup sugar
4 cinnamon sticks	1 Liter or 4 cups strong tea
8-10 whole cloves	2 Liters or 2 qt red wine, burgundy
juice of 1 lemon	1/4 Liter or 1 cup rum

In a pot with the water, place cinnamon sticks, cloves, lemon and sugar and let sit for 10 minutes. Prepare the strong tea. Add the tea, red wine and rum to the pot and mix. Heat gently, but do not boil. Enjoy!

“Dis und Dat”



*Shout out to
my super
photographer*

**Harry
Phillips**
**Awesome
job!!!!**



Thanks to Carol Gagliano and Dan Hepp for representing us in Steingaden, Germany at this year's Bayerischer Löwe 2016!



Please contact Carol Gagliano our Gaufest coordinator for any info you may need! (203) 249-5034

Congratulations to my Tante Aggie and Onkel Max - members of the Schlierachtaler Stamm, VB, and long time Steuben Parade Souvenir Chairs on becoming US citizens!

(P.S. They introduced me to BCE and had it not been for them, you would not be reading my newsletter since I would not be here!)



In Memorium

Alfred W. Hodge, Jr. - Honorary Member of Bavarian Club Edelweiss Westchester

We announce the passing of our beloved and honorary member, Alfred W. Hodge who died on Saturday, September 17th, 2016. As Bavarian Club Edelweiss was nearing the end of the 59th Annual German American Steuben Parade in New York City, we learned of Al's passing. While we were saddened, we were comforted knowing that his spirit was with us, looking down upon us, a place that he was so accustomed to for so many years before. What a fitting day for Al Hodge to leave us....a beautiful life that came to an end.

Alfred Hodge, age 86, was a longtime resident of Hawthorne, NY. He attended local schools, graduated from New York University with a degree in Applied Science and attended Newark College of Engineering until he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was employed by Safe Flight Instrument Company as an Engineering Supervisor. His hobbies included: archery, fishing, flying gliders and absolutely enjoyed playing Pinochle. He was a proud and active member of Bavarian Club Edelweiss where he held many positions and chaired many committees. He led our Volkstanzgruppe for fifteen years and would always share many of his jokes at probe. Al was also a Delegate to the Vereinigte Bayern von Gross NY & NJ in the 1970's. He made the best Manhattans you ever tasted which were served at off site parties and at the many Gaufeste that we attended!

Al was everyone's friend and who will never be forgotten. We will especially remember Al at every German American Steuben Parade because his spirit will always be with us.

Al is survived by his beloved wife, Edith; they were married for fifty-eight years. He is also survived by two daughters, Elicia and Jennifer and their spouses as well as four granddaughters and two sisters.

Ruhe In Frieden - Rest in Peace.

Gloria Mayer McSweeney

President

Bavarian Club Edelweiss Westchester, Inc.



In Memorium

Ethel Wittmann, (1933-2016)

Ethel was an honorary member for forty-five years. She enjoyed the camaraderie of our club and always willing to help in any way possible. At one Heimatabend event years ago, Ethel and her late husband Gus prepared a pancake soup or fladel suppe which was familiar to their region in Germany. What a tasty and unique dish....pancakes for dinner! Ethel also sewed aprons for our Trachtlers which was alternately used with the Oatmeal Chiemgau tracht when the silks were not worn. They complimented the Tracht for informal events! How lucky Ethel was to have been surrounded by her family. Watching her children, Ingrid and Albert, compete in the many Gaufeste and to see her grandchildren participate in the Kindergruppe. Three generations of the Wittmann family embracing the culture and heritage of her German roots.

Daphne Lindner, (1930-2016)

Daphne Lindner was an honorary member for over forty years. Born in England, she met and married Floyd Lindner, a German-American. As an active member of our club, Daphne was always willing to help in any way she could. Under the Presidency of Waldemar Stoppacher, Daphne was Treasurer from 1979-1997. In 1997 as part of the scholarship committee, she was instrumental in establishing the Franz Stein Scholarship Award to a student from White Plains High School. For several years, Daphne was the key shopper of gifts for our children at our annual Christmas parties. She would shop, wrap and help Santa distribute the gifts and always made sure that all children would receive a gift. Daphne also belonged to the White Plains Garden Club, was a Dickensian and a Columbiet of the Knights of Columbus. Daphne is survived by her sons, Bruce and Paul, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Gloria Mayer McSweeney

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Es Weihnachtet sehr.....

The time is here but it's more than one
night a year!

- Alexander Kall

Christmas time in one of the greatest times of the year. Christmas time in Bavaria though, is magical! Its traditional Christkindlmarkts that usually begin on the first Sunday of Advent can get anyone into a festive spirit, especially when accompanied by snow and a steaming cup of “Gluehwein” (mulled wine).

Christmas markets actually originated in Germany. In the late Middle Ages, special “winter markets” took place in large cities lasting a day or two. These markets were originally intended for people to buy food and other provisions that would hold them over through the cold winter months. Over time, other merchants and craftsman began to sell their wares at these markets, including toys, crafts and baked goods. Though Dresden’s “Striezelmarkt” in northern Germany is the documented oldest Christmas market, there are claims of Christmas markets being held in Munich even earlier in 1310 (though they remain unfounded). Today, they can be found all over the world in countries like France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and Belgium. The tradition has even crossed the Atlantic and is celebrated in the U.S. and Canada.

The size and length of the markets in Bavaria vary. Larger cities may have markets that begin on the first Advent weekend and run daily through Christmas eve. These cities may even have multiple markets taking place. Smaller towns may only have markets which take place on a weekend or two. Each place though will have it’s typical Christmas stalls set up usually in the town square or around their church. Here is where the fun happens! Traditional foods like sausages, mulled wine, “Lebkuchen” (spice cakes), cookies and candies, as well as handcrafted Christmas ornaments, homemade items and toys can be had. A “Kripplerl” (Christmas creche) with the Holy Family is usually on display somewhere and children can be found crowded around the merry-go-round or “Kettenkarousel” as many of the markets also have some type of amusement rides. Programs at all of these markets feature live music, readings, visits from Nikolaus or the Christkind and some even have pony rides, horse drawn carriage rides or even camel rides!

One of the most notable Christkindlmarkts in Bavaria is in Nuremberg. This market has been taking place since 1628. Their traditional Christmas Angel appears on the balcony of the church the Friday of the first Advent weekend signaling its opening. Specialties like their “Drei im Weggla” (3 finger sized sausages in a bun) and their well known Lebkuchen are to be enjoyed in this town.

Munich hosts its main Christkindlmarkt around the Marienplatz (but only since 1972!). Live music is played while the hundreds of people both from within and out of the country eat bratwurst and drink Glühwein. Munich is actually one of the cities that hosts numerous Christmas markets within its various

parts of town, including the “Kripperlmarkt” (creche), “Mittelaltermarkt” (Middle Ages), and “Wintertollwood” (concerts and crafts held on the Theresienwiese - think Oktoberfest) to name a few.

Regensburg is another noteworthy town to visit which holds 3 markets at the same time. The main market is held around the church square while the Lucrezia market features many handcrafted artisan items including silver and gold jewelry, clay, woodwork and other metal forged items. For an small entrance fee, one can also enjoy the “Thurn und Taxis” Christmas market held on the grounds of Schloss Emmeram. The proceeds of the entrance fee help maintain this castle. Not to be missed at any of these markets is the Regensburger “Halbmeter Wurst”!

Even our vacation-home town of Erding sports it’s own Christkindlmarkt with all it’s beautiful Christmas wares - none more prominent than it’s own “Erdinger Weissbier”. After all, it is the “Weissbierhauptstadt” of Germany!

Sadly, most of the Christmas markets in Bavaria are over by the time we Americans with kids bound to school vacation times that begin on December 22 or 23 even get to Germany. For those folks, I still have a few hot tips to enjoy this special time of year. Enjoy the “Wintermarkt” at the Munich airport which usually runs until December 30. Or head to Salzburg or many of the other Austrian large cities whose markets last till December 26. “Berchtesgadener Adventsmarkt” is another one that runs till December 31. That’s where we’re headed this December when we fly out! Frohe Weihnachten all!



Enjoying Munich
with my Opa & Dad

Nuremberg’s Christmas Angel



Erdinger
Brewery
all decked
out



Thurn & Taxis
Christkindlmarkt



Munich
Airport’s
Wintermarkt



The author
enjoying his
“Halbmeter
Wurst” in
Regensburg



RECENT EVENTS

59th Steuben Day Parade — September 19, 2016 — New York City

photos - M. Luedke, P. Greges, H. Phillips

A busload of members hopped on the bus and trekked down to New York City to take part in this year's Steuben Parade. After marching up 5th Avenue, the group enjoyed a festive time and well earned food at Reichenbach Hall in midtown before being shuttled back by bus to Westchester.



RECENT EVENTS

Kaffee Klatsch -- October 11, 2016 -- American Legion Hall

- courtesy D. & P. Dougall

We had the last Kaffee Klatsch for this year on Tuesday October 11th. The Legion Hall will be occupied with voters choosing the next President on the 2nd Tuesday in November. Then December will be too busy for many of us ...Hopefully in 2017 January 10th the weather will be kind to us to resume. Edith Hodge perfected her famous Bienenstich. She had baked one for the Oktoberfest. It is a cake with vanilla filling and the top is crunchy with the sweetness of honey and almonds..Marie Karnbaum bought in a Bundt cake and Peggy Dougall contributed an Orange Tangerine Bundt cake. then Zita brought in some chocolate chip cookies. wow there was lots to choose from.! The first picture is Lisa Linder She was presented with a Sammler (a matching cake plate with matching coffee cup and saucer) for her 90th Birthday. Everyone sang Happy Birthday and so the Kaffe Klatsch had a good start. Afterwards everyone got a chance to read aloud a German joke . Picture # 2 shows Lotte Gaa reading one:"Edeltraud geht zu Ihrem Chef und sagt: "Ich moechte jetzt endlich eine Gehaltserhoehung! In den letzten Jahren habe ich immer fuer drei gearbeitet!" "Eine Gehaltserhoehung ist leider nicht drin",meint der Chef. "Aber sagen Sie mir doch die namen von diesen beiden Faulpelzen und ich werde sie sofort feuern!" Translation: Edeltraud goes to her Boss and asks for a raise. She continues to justify it that In the last year she had done the work for 3. The Boss replies that sadly there isn't any chance. But tell me the names of those 2 lazy bums so that I can fire them! The 3rd picture shows Manfred Janowski reading a poem by Theodor Storm. Theodor Storm (1817-1888) was a famous novella author in the Age of Realism, poet, lyricist born in Husum near the North Sea,. He was outspoken against Danish oppression around mid 1850's-1860's. David Dougall showed a DVD created by Barbara Barclay Productions and her Barb's Mom, Helen interviewing Marlene Kehrle and Al Wittman. The DVD highlighted the 75th history of the Bavarian Club Edelweiss.. So in January come and join us the 2nd Tuesday at the Legion Hall.



Edelweiss Passaic Oktoberfest — October22, 2016 —Pompton Lakes

Gloria led a group of members over the (Hudson) River and through the woods to attend Edelweiss Passaic's Oktoberfest this year. Our Plattler's (men only) shared some "women" from other groups in order to dance the "Ammerseer" (in mixed form) along with Almenrausch Poughkeepsie! The hosts performed a dance known as the "Zigeuner Polka" which Gloria is considering both our Plattlers and Volkstanzers could learn to perform at the upcoming Gaufest in Buffalo.



RECENT EVENTS

BCE Oktoberfest — October 9, 2016 — Holy Rosary Church

photos - P. Greges, H. Phillips

Our club celebrated what is probably one of our most successful Oktoberfests this year! Over 300 people attended the function. Several Schuhplattler groups came out to show their support. We even had a special performance of an “Alphornblaeser”. Sincere thanks go out to Bayernverein Newark for allowing us to borrow some of their props to carry around “Muenchner Kindl” - Analiese Phillips! Our thanks also to her for her courage in allowing herself to be carried around high atop her “carriage” of Plattlers!



RECENT EVENTS

Magnanini Winery — October 16, 2016 — Walkill, NY

Another awesome event!



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!

WANT TO SEE MORE PHOTOS????VISIT US ONLINE AT:
www.facebook.com/groups/BavarianClubEdelweiss/

As you go through your fall house cleaning, perhaps there are some things that you no longer want. Before you donate to Good Will, you may want to think about perhaps donating to be part of our Raffle Baskets at our Annual Christmas Party! (no junk please) — Contact Gloria or Rosemarie.

Walker or pedestal cane — contact Jeff Bernert 914-302-2806 gjbernert@aol.com

Game and Poker Table with felt top for puzzles, etc. — contact Peggy Grege 914-793-3773

FINALLY....

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a “Frohe Weihnachten und Guten Rutsch” into 2017! Writing this newsletter is a way of getting our news out to you and staying in touch. If we haven’t seen much of you this past year, please consider coming back to our meetings and events. We miss you!

Remember !

“M-E-M-B-E-R-S-H-I-P begins with ME”

— SONYA



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