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A Holiday Message from the President

It seems that each year goes by faster and faster; this year was certainly no exception. I can't believe the Christmas season is once again upon us! I'd like to extend a special thank you to Chris and Lori Montezon, our Senior Citizens and all the other special helpers that decorated the hall so beautifully.

The Club of today and tomorrow isn't the same as the Club of 70, 40 or even 20 years ago. Time is constantly moving forward and we must change with the times in order to stay relevant and survive for our future generations. Regardless of the changes, we have some constants, mainly our purpose to preserve the Donauschwaben culture and traditions that our ancestors cultivated and brought to this new land. With that we have made friendships that have spanned generations. We are fortunate and blessed that our events remain successful and that we are able to share them together. Thank you for your time, volunteering and support — nothing would be possible without YOU, our Donauschwaben Family, the members of the UDoM.

The year also brought the passing of several dear members. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families that lost loves ones. May you focus on the good times and know that your UDoM family is here with love and support.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of the Full and Executive Boards. Your ongoing dedication and endless efforts are greatly appreciated. Together with my husband Jim, our children, Max and Olivia, we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and best wishes throughout the New Year!

mit vielem Dank,

MaryAnn MacGillis



German-American Day

German-American Day, or Deutsch-Amerikanischer Tag, is nationally observed on October 6th and commemorates the day in 1683 when 13 German families landed in Philadelphia. These families went on to found Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first German Settlement in the original thirteen American colonies. Three-hundred years after this day, in 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6th as German-American Day to celebrate and honor German-American immigration and culture in the United States.

On October 2nd, the German American Societies celebrated German-American Day at the Schwabenhof. The afternoon was spent with wonderful dance performances, delicious food, essay-winners, as well as the crowning of the new Miss German-American Society 2016 — and UDoM Club Member — Julie Patton!

Julie has already begun her year representing the German Societies in the Milwaukee area, and is enjoying attending events every weekend and meeting many new people. Congratulations, Julie, we hope you continue to have a wonderful year as Miss German-American Society!



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

*George & Erna Scherer
and the Schwabenhof*



*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.*

*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 2017 with you!*

The Frauen & Jaegers

Jugendgruppe Tidings of Joy

It is hard to believe the end of the year and the Christmas holiday is just around the corner! We are so thankful for the support our group received throughout the year from of our UDoM Board, Club Members, family and friends. Our Maiball 2016 was a success and it is always great to see so many familiar faces at all of our performances.

I know 2017 will be an even busier year. Our Jugend dancers will be getting ready for the 2017 Labor Day Jugend competition in Cincinnati Ohio. We are trying to win first place for a third competition in a row! Be on the lookout for new dances, marches and songs as we perform throughout all of next year.

I would like to say thank you to all of the Jugend dancers and their parents for their dedication, support and time they gave to our dance group and club this year.

On behalf of myself, my Co-Leaders Mark and Jenny Mayer, Singing Director Kristel Geyer and all the Jugendgruppe dancers, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all next year!

- Carol Gdula, Jugendgruppe Director

The 73rd Annual Holiday Folk Fair International

Holiday Folk Fair International, America's premier multicultural festival and a program from the International Institute of Wisconsin, celebrates the cultural heritage of the people living in southeastern Wisconsin. This year's theme was "Celebrate the Culture of Water," which the Donauschwaben do all too well! Our Kinder, Jugend, and Kulturgruppe had a combined total of 20+ performances over the three-day event. We also had many wonderful volunteers working our very popular food booth, where we sold our famous potato pancakes, goulash, Hungarian bratwurst, schnitzel and 1000's of beautiful cookies! Thank you to all of our volunteers and dancers who turned out to make the 2016 Holiday Folk Fair another successful year.

- Article Submitted by Julie Patton



Kinder Korner

The kinder group has had a very lively year! Within the past few months, we had our trick-or-treat practice — the kinder had some awesome costumes and had a great time dressing up! As for Folk Fair, the kids did an amazing job performing and it was a great way to end the year strong! We currently have 55 children in the group and with our oldest at 10 years old, nobody is moving up to the youth group quite yet.

On behalf of the Kindergruppe leaders, our Assistant Leaders Moni Weil, Katlin Schmieder and Megan Brunner, members, and families, we would like to wish you all a Frohe Weihnachten & viel Glück im Neuen Jahr!!

- Kari Bruckbacher & Gina Walcher
Kindergruppe Directors

Happy Holidays from the Kulturgruppe

I would like to thank the Kultur members for their hard work this past year. Special thanks to those who supported our group throughout the year and attended our Traubenfest. We are very grateful! We look forward to the New Year. On behalf of the Kulturgruppe, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

- Karen Schmieder, Kulturgruppe Director

Annual Membership Dues

Just a reminder to make sure your dues are current so you can vote and participate in all our fun auxillary groups!

Senior Rate (Age 65+) = \$25.00/Person
Regular Member Rate = \$50.00/Person

Membership dues are to be paid by Jan. 31, 2017. Please make checks payable to UDoM

Checks along with any changes to your contact information (Address/Phone/Email) are to be sent to:

Attn: Liz Borowski / Membership Dues
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NUSSKNACKER
RENTIER
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SCHAF
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SINGEN
STERN
STILLENACHT
STOCKING
TANNENBAUM
WEIHNACHT

ACROSS:

- If you're standing under this, you might receive a kiss
- If you're a naughty, he'll show up instead of St. Nick
- Christmas tree, in German
- This ornament is hidden on the tree
- According to Santa, if you're not naughty, you're this
- "Leise Rieselt der _____"
- Rudolf had a red one of these

DOWN:

- A traditional Christmas treat, resembling gingerbread
- Santa's belly shakes like a bowl full of this
- Hot mulled wine, often sold at Kristkindmarkt
- This article of clothing made Frosty the Snowman come alive, according to the song.
- On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me nine ladies doing this
- Alpine singer famous for his Christmas specials

