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President's Message

Hello All,

Welcome fall! Although hard to believe with temperatures hitting in the 80's!

Most of us relaxed during the summer months but we're up and running again with the Steuben Parade last week and the many upcoming Oktoberfeste.

Enjoy this newsletter packed full of the many events and happenings since our last edition. Thanks to everyone who provided articles, pictures and tid-bits. And as always, a special Vergelts Gott to Sonya Kall who puts it all together!

Gruess,
Gloria

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 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

OKTOBERFEST 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



MEMBER INFORMATION

TRACHT: We welcome Kristine Bogovic as Co-Trachtenmutter with Veronica Archul!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR MEMBERS:

SEPTEMBER...Dieter Link, Elisabeth Lex, Jeff Bernert, Carol Hepp, Bruce Linder, Kevin Leitner, Ursula Healy, Roland Lex, Sandra Stromberg

OCTOBER...Herbert Seef, Lisa Linder, Alfred Froebrich, Hilde Sachse, Maria Kehrle, Adolf Lex

NOVEMBER...Sebastian Phillips, Dan Hepp, Karl Kehrle, Helga Bruger, Rosa Seidler, Lucy Lex, Renate Heinz, Elfriede Frankenberry, Peter Greges

DECEMBER...Aneliese Phillips, Armin Heinz, Angela Leschke, Georg Wolf, Zita Kraft, Heidi Lechner

GET WELL WISHES: Maria Kehrle, Frances Lex

MEMBER DEATHS: We remember and pray for all our past members

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Gregory Reinwald

CONGRATULATIONS: 20 Year Ehrenurkunden (presented at our 84. Stiftungsfest): Marianne Kapfer, Sandra Dougall Stromberg, Anne Tamm

DER KAFFEEKLATSCH HAT(TE) SOMMERFERIEN

- courtesy Edith Hodge

Alle unsere Kaffeeklatsch Freunde die sich jeden zweiten Dienstag im Monat mit Ihren Sammeltassen in der Legion Halle in Thornwood treffen, moechten sich fuer die schoene Stunden beim Kaffee und Kuchen und deutscher Unterhaltung bei unseren Gastgeber Peggy Dougal und Peggy Greges und deren Gatten recht herzlich bedanken!

— Die Kaffeeklatsch Gruppe

Und Uebrigens:

Wir gruenden ein Idioten Club!
Und laden herzlich ein
Bei uns ist jeder gern gesehen
Nur bloede muss er sein!
Bei uns heisst die Parole
Sei doff bis in den Tod
Und wer am allerdooffsten ist
Ist Oberidiot!





– this recipe is
courtesy of
Margaret Mezic

Zucchini Pie (Zucchini Pastete)

3/4 cupgrated Parmesan cheese	3/4 tsp. pepper
1 c. cheddar cheese, shredded	1/4 tsp dired dill
1/2 c. vegetable or canola oil	2 Tbs. milk
1 1/2 c. Bisquick biscuit mix	4 1/2 c. grated zucchini (approx. 2 med. sized)
6 eggs, beaten	1 red pepper, finely diced
6 Tbs. fresh parsely, chopped	1 1/2 lrg. onion, finely chopped
1 1/2 tsp salt	

Preheat oven to 350F. Combine cheeses, oil, biscuit mix, eggs, parsley, salt, pepper, dill and milk. Add zucchini, red pepper and onion, mixing until zucchini is just coated with batter. Pour into a greased 9 x 13-inch (thicker squares) or 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 -inch jellyroll pan (thin squares). Bake 30–40 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm or at room temperature.

NOTE: A delicious way to use up all that zucchini from the garden.



A SPECIAL “**DANKE SCHOEN**” GOES OUT TO

PEGGY AND PETER GREGES

–OUR UNOFFICIAL “HOSPITALITY REPS”–

FOR THE ENDLESS SUPPLY OF COFFEE, CAKE AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS THEY SUPPLY AT OUR MEETINGS, THE TIME THEY PUT INTO PREPARING IT ALL, THE SET UP AND BREAK DOWN OF THEIR “HOSPITALITY TABLE” AND OVERALL “SCHLEPPING” AROUND OF EVERYTHNG!!!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE!

Lauren Johanson, daughter of our own Plattler Jennifer Johanson and her husband Arvid, as well as being the granddaughter of Edith Hodge, sets off for Quinnipiac University this Fall. She plans to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Congratulations and good luck!



Welcome
Christine Bogovic
as our new Co-
Trachtenmutter
alongside Veronica
Archul!



CULTURE CORNER

Next Spring we celebrate our 85th Stiftungsfest! Here's a bit of history on the Club..

ORIGIN OF CLUB EDELWEISS

In December of 1932, Franz Stein made a suggestion to some young fellows to establish a Schuhplattler Group, with the aims to provide entertainment and amusement, and carry on the customs and traditions of our heritage. With this in mind, he offered himself as first dancer, followed by the others, and so practising was begun. Some of those who started gave up, while the others continued. By the beginning of January, 1933, they were well on their way and they hoped that they could carry it through — and did!

With the boys sufficiently trained, the time came to look for some girls to complete the group. On January 20, 1933 Franz Stein, Josef Huber, Hans Bachmeier, Fritz Schoenbruner, Philip Dusch, Herman Styerer, Rosina Weiss, now Mrs. Franz Stein, Fanny Weiss, now Mrs. Semmelman, Dora Fritz, now Mrs. Joseph Niedermaier, Marie Heimerer, now Mrs. Moser, Tekla Moosburner, now Mrs. Zimmermann, and Martha Gerhard, now Mrs. Binner, met and decided to call the club Schuhplattler Group Edelweiss.

The first officers of the Club were as follows: Franz Stein, President, Josef Huber, Treasurer and Marie Heimerer, Secretary. Under new business, it was decided that a public dance be held to introduce themselves and acquaint people with their purpose, and entertain with the traditional dances. The first dance was held on Thursday, March 30, 1933, at Odd Fellows Hall, 28 Main Street, White Plains, N. Y. To their biggest surprise, the hall was filled to capacity — over 300 in all gave them applause and credit for the performance. Naturally they were overwhelmed with joy as they realized all the work and efforts were not in vain.

To fulfill the public demand, a May dance, picnic, Fall dance and Christmas party were held.

After one year of hard work, the group decided to change from the name "Group", to the name "Verein" or "Club", to give those who wished to join an opportunity to do so. It was then decided that it should be the Schuhplattler Verein Edelweiss, or in English, Bavarian Club Edelweiss, White Plains.

After 25 years of existence, only four of the original members remain. The Club grew from 12 members to more than 100. The foundation and structure of the Club are still the same.

They are all fine members, whom any club would be proud to have. In looking back over the years with pride at the accomplishments and entertainment afforded to all, we feel no other Club could have done better than we did.

To our audience, we would like to say none is prouder of you than we are, the Club Edelweiss. Every time we called on you, you always were there. We thank you for your past and present support, and hope for your continued support in the future.

RECENT EVENTS

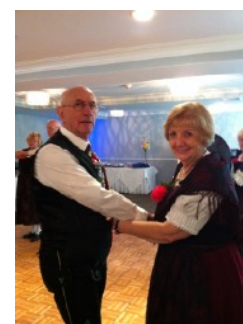
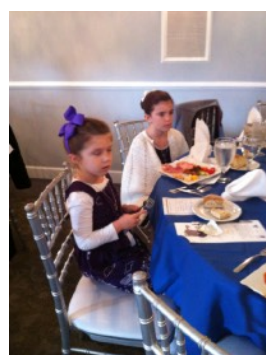
84th Stiftungsfest -- May 7, 2017 -- Stone Manor, Hawthorne

On Sunday May 7, about 80 members of BCE, dressed in their finest Festtracht, gathered at the Stone Manor in Hawthorne to celebrate our club's 84th Stiftungsfest. We were graced with the presence of some members who had come from as far as Florida to take part in this annual event. Several members of our Patenkind Verein, Gemutlichen Enzianer, also joined us in our anniversary celebration. Following opening comments by our Presdient, Gloria Mayer McSweeney, Fr. Joe Blenkle from St. Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Fishkill, was asked to come up to the front. He blessed the gathering and then went on to bless the new "Trauerbandl" (In Memoriam Banner) presented to him by our own longtime member Rosa Seidler (who recently lost her husband Helmut). The group then went on to enjoy a good meal, music by Greg and the Bauhaus band, and dances by the Jugendgruppe, Volkstanzgruppe and Plattlers. Many of the event-goers even got up to take part in a large "March-walzer" to mix it up a bit! Later during the event, Gloria thanked and praised our long time Trachten Mutter, Veronica Archul, who is stepping down from the position this year. Also lauded were our 20 Year Ehrenurkunden recipients Marianne Kapfer, Sandra Dougall Stromberg and Anne Tamm.

The Franz Stein award, named after our founding member and presented to our most deserving club member, went to Ernie Wieting this year. His works and efforts not only to our club, but to numerous other clubs and organizations, did not go unnoticed, and Gloria wholeheartedly thanked him for all he had done.

Despite a rather dull, dreary and drizzly day outside, the 84th Stiftungsfest was a bright cheery event where fun was had by all who attended! Save the date for next year's event — our 85th Stiftungsfest on Sunday, April 22nd, at Ocoola Manor in Jefferson Valley with music by D'Spitzbuam — which is shaping up to be a real winner!





FRANZ STEIN AWARD - MAY 7, 2017

Ernest (Ernie) Wieting

The person we honor today has given so much to the German American community not only to Bavarian Club Edelweiss but to other German and American organizations as well. We are proud to recognize Ernie Wieting as our honoree of the Franz Stein Award!

Ernie started out as a plattler of Bavarian Club Weiss-Blau located in the Bronx; he was a member for at least twenty years. At Weiss-Blau, he met and married his life partner, Eleanor. Eventually they became members of Bavarian Club Edelweiss. Ernie and Eleanor competed in the Gruppen Preis Plattling at the 1975 Gaufest in Montreal.

His German heritage and involvement in other German American organizations include:

Member of Kolping New York, ABC Officer of German-American Social Club of Peekskill, Gau Richter (Judge) of the Gauverband Nordamerika, Edelweiss Delegate to the Vereinigte Bayern von Gross New York & New Jersey, Bavarian Club Edelweiss Westchester: former Schuhplattler, active member of the Volkstanzgruppe, served on the ByLaw Committee, was part of the Kindergruppe when they needed another "kid." He currently serves as Second Vice President.

If that wasn't enough, outside of the German-American community, he also serves as:

Senior Chaperone as well as Treasurer of two local senior citizen centers; Trustee of the Local Free Masons Fraternity, Chairman of the Eagle Scouts Review of the Mani toga District (Westchester-Putnam Council) of the Boy Scouts of America of which he is a 50 year member; Treasurer of St. Luke's Church in Putnam Valley, member of the Yorktown American Legion for 29 years; a member of the Westchester-Rockland Astronomy Club, VFW member for several years.

He was an enlisted soldier of the 82nd Airborne during the Vietnam era; part of the National Guard, he also served in Dessert Storm and Iraq. In his working years, he was a member of the New York City Police Department for 31 years, retiring as Detective.

I asked Ernie one day, how is it that you belong to so many organizations? He said, quite simply, "I just can't say no." As you can see, he is an all-around guy. We are thankful for his dedication and commitment to all these organizations and clubs and especially to Bavarian Club Edelweiss.

Vielen Dank Ernie!

Gloria Mayer McSweeney, President
May 7, 2017

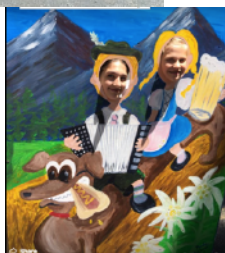


Mid-Atlantic Jugend Fest & Heimatabend — June 3, 2017 — Dover, NJ

On Saturday, June 3, Edelweiss Passaic hosted the 24th Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest at Germania Park in Dover, N.J. on what could not have been a better spring day! Participants from NJ, NY, CT, PA, DE, DC and as far away as Montreal, Canada, took part in the event showing up by the busloads! This is a yearly tradition looked forward to and loved by many. The kids and their platter talents are showcased and praised with the all around idea being to just “get out there and have fun.” Following a parade of the participants, each verein had a chance to delight the audience with a dance. Our own participants included Allison and Kristen Bogovic, Felicia Borselio, Alexander Kall and Aneliese and Harrison Phillips, all who did an awesome job performing the “Sternpolka”. Games, arts and crafts and a free lunch for the children were provided for all the kids participating - making the event a fun one for all who came. The event closed out with a fully packed dance floor with 2 circles of Jugend and Kindertrachtlers participating in the Gauplattler, being refreshed afterward with ice cream from the ice cream parade.

Where would we have been without Fritz Blume and Dieter Link to provide the kids with their musical accompaniment? A big “Vergelt’s Gott” for making the trip with instruments in tow! Our thanks also go out to Carol Gagliano and Dan Hepp, our two Jugendleiter, who also attended the event and had whipped our kids into ship-shape for this performance. Not to forget were also the parents of our participants and a small army of members of BCE who came to cheer them on.

THEN....If you’re already having fun, why not double it? That’s what Edelweiss Passaic was thinking when they held their Biergarten and Heimatabend to celebrate their 60th anniversary at Germania Park in Dover, NJ right after the conclusion of the Midatlantic Kinderfest. The gang’s all here so let’s keep the party going! — and that they did with even more participants joining in the evening festivities. More BCE club members showed up for this portion of the day, due in part to a “mass platter probe” immediately preceding the event, to practice the “Vereinigte Bayern Plattler” to be performed at this year’s Gaufest in Buffalo. After breaking out in a sweat, the dancers moved back out to join in the festivities already taking place outside. The Austrian boys performed and our own Carol Gagliano won the ladies Masskrugstemmen competition! Having booked rooms at a nearby hotel, many of the BCE participants partied late into the evening and were able to prolong their fun at this event.



Bierfest on the Hudson — June 10, 2017 — Kolping on Hudson, NY

It was a wonderful and sunny Saturday afternoon when our club hosted its annual summer event held at Kolping on Hudson this year on June 10. The newly named "Bierfest on the Hudson" replaced our prior years' "summerfests", and was organized by the Plattlers, with Ingrid Wittman and Chris Rodrick at the helm. Changes that were made, like renting a huge tent, centralizing the dance floor and musicians, and adding adult games and activities, all made this year's event a huge success. Rather than having participants spread out over the whole grassy area of Kolping like in the past, this year's setup very much reflected more of the typical "gemuetlichkeit" one experiences in a bavarian biergarten. Bavarian decorations also could be seen throughout the area.

In addition, a newly formed schuhplattler group, the Hudsontaler, supported us that day and performed as well. This wonderful group, led by John Weinzierl, already consists of about 10 members. They did a wonderful job entertaining the guests, as did all our groups that performed that day. The Volkstanzgruppe, Schuhplattlers and Jugendgruppe all lent their talents to ensure the entertainment was taken care of. The Austrian Boys (Frank Billowitz) provided our music that day and did much to keep the "Stimmung" going.

Food and drink were plenty to be had - until we actually began to run out of some of our selections! This was proof that our event was well attended and a success.

The littlest to the biggest guest enjoyed beautiful weather and a fun-filled day at the Bierfest. A big "Vergelts Gott" go out to all who helped make this event a success this year!



26th Gaufest -- June 29-July 2, 2017 -- Buffalo, NY

From Thursday, June 29 until Monday, July 2, 55 members of BCE made the roughly 6 hour car trip to take part in the 26th Gaufest held in Buffalo, NY. Hosted by SGTV Edelweiss Buffalo, this was the third time they hosted this event. Fifty-seven clubs from all over the US and Canada, as well as some representatives from German clubs, came to take part in the festivities. With a fully loaded program, one could stay involved in one way or another for pretty much the full time. Meetings were held for Vorplattlers, Fahnentraegers, and club presidents. There were workshops, presentations and gatherings encompassing things like Schafkopf (card game), Alphornblasen, Fingerhakeln (a type of arm wrestling using only a finger, but not the thumb) and a Volksmusikstube. Our Jugendgruppe was able to get involved in many Jugend activities. They had a great time getting to know other kids from across the nation and Canada as well. Naturally, there were also the many Preisplattling competitions for every age group. Our own Carol Gagliano and Dan Hepp competed for the first time as Einzelplattler in the 35-49 age group, as did Sebastian Phillips with Felicia Borselio in the Jugendeinzel group. Sebastian returned 3 more times to compete alongside his 3 different partners Allison Bogovic, Kristin Bogovic and Aneliese Phillips. All our couples did a magnificent job and made us proud! Naturally none of them would have done as good as they did without the musical accompaniment of our own Dieter Link who came with accordion in tow.

All the participants of the Gaufest could also visit a separate room full of Schuhplattler and Tracht history and artifacts - a type of "mini Holzhausen" - known as the Gaulibrary and display. One of the most interesting and priceless pieces featured there was donated by our own Irma Blume -- a "Priener Hut" -- which belonged to her godparents.

Food and drink were abundant and the gala affairs held every evening were a hit with everyone! Our own Sebastian Phillips and Alexander Kall served as colorguards alongside Fahnentraeger Kevin Leitner in the Parade of Flags. Of particular fun was the Gauheimatabend that took place downstairs in the room below where the main gala was being held. Those partygoers enjoyed Alphornblasen, the Gaukapelle, various dances and singing.

A major highlight of the Gala Dinner was our own Schuhplattlers taking part in the Ehrentanz presented by the 6 member clubs of the Verinigten Bayern including additionally Bayernverein Newark, Gemuetlichen Enzianer, Original Enzianer, Edelweiss Passaic, and Schlierachtaler Stamm. This dance, the "Baamstadl Boarischer" was last performed in 1993 commemorating the 25th Gaufest and it was fitting to do it again for the 50th year after the first Gaufest was celebrated in New York in 1967. Approximately 70 couples were involved in this dance, which included a new addition of an inner circle featuring a Volktanz version created by Ed Mayer. This dance could only be topped by the "Gauplattler" in which just about every Schuhplattler attending the festival took part resulting in more dancers than spectators! (...and there were about 1400 people attending the Gaufest!)

Despite a few minor hiccups (we're still trying to forget the *fried* weisswurst served with non-laugen pretzels and *Velveeta cheese* (!) for what was labeled as a "Fruehschoppen"!), the 26th Gaufest was a most enjoyable and memorable event our members were happy to be part of.





Vereinigte Bayern Picnic -- July 29, 2017 -- Kolping on Hudson

On Saturday July 29th the Vereinigte Bayern celebrated its Family Picnic at Kolping on Hudson. The day started with a Memorial at 11:30 and followed with a picnic which ended at dusk. The Bratwurst Boys provided for musical entertainment. The day included games, great food, drinks and plenty of "Gemuetlichkeit".



“Bachelorette” Luncheon for Carol — July 30, 2107 — Harvest on the Hudson

With the upcoming wedding of our own Plattlers Carol Gagliano and Dan Hepp, a group of ladies decided it was high time to celebrate the bride-to-be with a special luncheon in her honor! The photos here show that everyone enjoyed the event! Stay tuned for our next newsletter when we showcase the actual wedding!!!!



**WE'RE GOING TO BE
GOD PARENTS!!**

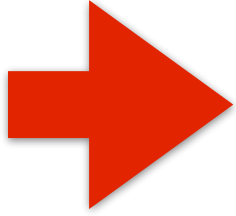
THE HUDSON VALLEY'S
NEWEST SCHUHPLATTLER
GROUP — THE
HUDSONTALER — HAS
ASKED US TO BECOME
THEIR “PATENVEREIN”!!!

THE GROUP IS LED BY
JOHN WEINZIERL AND
HIS LOVELY FAMILY
INCLUDING WIFE MARIJO
AND DAUGHTERS SABINE
AND JANNEKE!

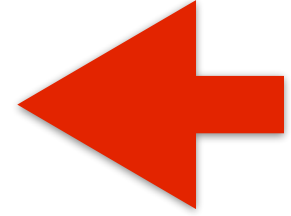
GLORIA SAID YES AND
PRESENTED JOHN WITH A
BCE SHIRT AT THE
RECENT GAUFEST

PASS OUT THE CIGARS!!

HOLD THE DATE!



BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS 85TH STIFTUNGSFEST
SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018
OCEOLA MANOR, JEFFERSON VALLEY
MUSIC BY "DIE SPITZBUA"



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