



## A Message From the President

It's hard to believe summer is coming to an end. We've accomplished so much during this summer season! First and foremost, I must mention the Biergarten. Hildy and I were hopeful going into this endeavor, but never did we imagine it would be as successful as it's been! THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that have given of their time. And thank you to the members that support the Biergarten, especially those that are there on a weekly basis. It warms my heart to see you, our members, especially our older members, sit and enjoy yourselves. We have a gross income of approximately \$65,000 with a net income of approximately \$40,000. The marquee sign is in the works!

Along with the Biergarten, we also had a very successful Father's Day and GermanFest. Again, thank you to everyone that volunteered, be it during the festival, before or after the festival. None of this would be possible without all of you and your time and talents. Our year is far from over! Coming right up we have Traubenfest — thank you Kulturgruppe — on October 10th, our 70th Anniversary Celebration on October 18th, the Frauen Bazaar on November 1st, Holiday Folk Fair on November 20th through the 22nd, the Brookfield German Market on December 5th and we close out our year with the annual UDoM Christmas Party on December 13th. As we all know, the fourth quarter of this year will fly by! I am very excited about our 70th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 18th. Please remember, this is a celebration of our Club, which ultimately, is a celebration of you, our members. I look forward to seeing you there and celebrating with you.

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*Mary Ann MacGillis*  
President

## Frauengruppe Holiday Bazaar

Join the UDoM Frauengruppe on Sunday, November 1st as they host their annual "Holiday Bazaar." Come early for 11am mass or stop in for a delicious homemade lunch (served 12:30-2:30pm) of Schnitzel or Goulash beginning at noon. Start your holiday shopping early by browsing the rummage and craft sale including fun jewelry, children's toys, games and used books. Pick up a tasty treat at the bake sale featuring homemade boxed Christmas cookies and as always, card players are welcome! Admission and parking is free and open to the public. Gather your friends and family and attend this great event! Questions? Call Theresa Rohmann @ 262-667-3291 or Carolyn Rauen @ 414-257-2396.

## Jugendgruppe Update

Looking back on the summer it was a busy time for our Jugendgruppe. After our Father's Day picnic we continued practicing for our Germanfest and Los Angeles upcoming performances. We had 19 members of our dancer group travel to California this year to take part in the Landestreffen over the weekend of August 7th through the 9th. Our dancers did an awesome job performing on both Saturday and Sunday of the event and it was so wonderful to see so many of our Donauschwaben friends. We were also lucky to be able to have some time to visit Disneyland and also do a little sightseeing in the Los Angeles area as a group.

Once back home with our group all together again, we ended our summer performing on the weekend of our AUGtoberfest at the Schwabenhof. Now we are our practicing for our Fall and end of year performances. We may have all our dancers back to school now, but we never stop dancing!

Article Submitted By: Carol Gdula, Jugendgruppe Director

## Grüße von der Kulturgruppe

The Kulturgruppe have been busy this summer dancing at various events such as Father's Day, Germanfest, Landestreffen in L.A. which was earlier in August and The Schwabenhof AUGtoberfest. We will also be joining our friends at Oak Crest Villa Nursing Home to celebrate Oktoberfest. We hope you mark your calendar for October 10th to join us in celebrating Traubenfest. The doors will open at 6:00p.m. Performance at 7:00 by The UDoM Kinder, Jugend and Kulturgruppe and music by Talisman to follow. We will serve Schnitzel Sandwiches, Hungarian Brats, Hot Dogs, Steak Fries and Homemade desserts. Hope to see you all there! For tickets/ reservations please contact Karen Schmieder @ 262-547-1371. Lastly, the Kulturgruppe would like to congratulate Matt and Jenn on their Marriage!

Article Submitted By: Karen Schmieder, Kulturgruppe Director



## Kinder Korner

The Kindergruppe has had a very busy and fun summer. We performed at our usual summer events such as the Father's Day Picnic, German Fest, and the Schwabenhof AUGtoberfest. The kids did a wonderful job during all of their performances and we are so proud of them.

In August, a group of 10 kids from the Weil, Ferrell, Weiss and Totsky families traveled with the club to the annual Donauschwaben Treffen. These kids danced along with the other kids from various cities throughout the country and represented Milwaukee very well. They also got a chance to meet some new friends!

Article Submitted By: Katlin Schmieder

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## Our Condolences...

Anna Kordas (Nee Metz ) found her peace on August 1, 2015 at age 84. Beloved wife of Victor Kordas. Loving mother of AnneMarie Andretzky and Susan (Tom) Zwaska. Dear step-mother of Harry (Lisa) Kordas, Ralph (Linda) Kordas and Patti Kordas. Loved by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sister of Elizabeth Semerau. Further survived and will be missed by additional relatives and many friends. Anna was proud member of Apatiner Verein, United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee and D.A.N.K.

Stephen Schumacher passed away on July 25, 2015 at the age of 84. He was a long time member of the United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee and an active volunteer — serving as the bartender at club meetings and Bar Captain at Germanfest for nearly 30 years. Condolences to his family; he will be missed by all.

## Meet Megan!

The United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee would like to introduce to you our new Miss Donauschwaben 2015-2016 — Megan Laughlin. Megan has is a current Jugendgruppe member and has been dancing for 3 years. She is a dedicated club member, always willing to help the group out in teaching dances as well as volunteering at many club functions.

Megan is a graduate of Brookfield East High School and is currently attending St.Norbert College in Green Bay studying towards her degree in Biology. She is very excited to represent the UDoM this coming year and we know she will do a wonderful job. Congratulations Megan!



## Congratulations!

The United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee would like to extend their congratulations to Kulturgruppe and UDoM Marketing Director, Jennifer Patton and UDoM Club Member, Matthew Erickson on their marriage. The couple was married in Milwaukee's Third Ward on the evening of September 5th, 2015 among many friends and family. We wish you both a lifetime of happiness together full of wonderful memories along the way. Cheers to Mr. & Mrs. Erickson!

*Article Submitted By: Katlin Schmieder*



## What is Oktoberfest?

It began with the Royal Wedding on October 12, 1810. Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. The fields were renamed Theresienwiese ("Theresa Fields") to honor the Crown Princess, although the locals have since abbreviated the name simply to "Wiesn". Horse races in the presence of the royal family marked the close of the event that was celebrated as a festival for the whole of Bavaria. The decision to repeat the horse races in subsequent years gave rise to the tradition of Oktoberfest.

In the first few decades, the choices of amusements were sparse. In 1818, the first carousel and two swings were set up. Visitors were able to quench their thirst at small beer stands, which grew rapidly in number. In 1896 the beer stands were replaced by the first beer tents and halls set up by the enterprising landlords with the backing of the breweries. The remainder of the festival site was taken up by a fun-fair. The range of carousels offered was already increasing rapidly in the 1870's as the fairground trade continued to grow and develop in Germany.

Today, the Oktoberfest in Munich is the largest festival in the world, with an international flavor characteristic of the 20th century. The festivities are accompanied by a program of events, including the Grand Entry of the Oktoberfest Landlords and Breweries, the Costume and Riflemen's Procession, and a concert involving all the brass bands represented at the "Wiesn". The Oktoberfest celebrated its 200th Anniversary in 2010, only Wars and cholera epidemics have briefly interrupted the yearly beer celebration.

# HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR INTERNATIONAL

## Milwaukee's Folk Fair Always a Holiday Favorite

Egg rolls and meat balls and puff-crustured strudels, kringle and sushi and hot-buttered noodles; tasty sensations each November brings, the Holiday Folk Fair's a favorite thing.

The Milwaukee's Holiday folk Fair International has garnered a reputation as one of America's premier multi-cultural festivals. Set for November 21-23, 2014 in the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park, the festival is expected to draw 50,000 to sample the culture and cuisine of more than 50 ethnic nationalities. Spectators enjoy music and dance performances, an international bazaar, food court and heritage exhibit area.

Held in a city that often celebrates its broad European roots, the Holiday Folk Fair has grown over the years to embrace Asian, Middle Eastern, Caribbean, African-American and Native American ethnic traditions as well.

Over three days the festival's All Nations Theater presents a near non-stop line-up of traditional music and dance; an International Stage where youth groups perform; a Music Pavilion; world-market shopping at the International Bazaar; interactive exhibits along Heritage Lane that showcase diverse customs and traditions; and a demonstration kitchen that features local chefs preparing ethnic cuisine. There's even a 5K Run/Walk, and a US Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony.

The 72nd Annual Holiday Folk Fair International runs November 20th through the 22nd in the Wisconsin Expo Center at State Fair Park and is open to the public. Schedules and performance times can be found at [folkfair.org](http://folkfair.org)