

UDOM DONAUQUELLE



Summer 2024

A Message from our President

I am so excited we are back in the swing of things this year! So far, our time at the Brookfield Masonic Center has been great - it is truly starting to feel like home. All of our members and groups have transitioned nicely. We are looking forward to our bright future ahead, as we continue on our shared Donauschwaben culture and traditions. Stay tuned to our Facebook Page for updates on our events, dance group performances and more on our club!

Sincerely, Carol Gdula, President

Schwabenball 2024

On March 9th, our club hosted our first annual Schwabenball at the American Legion Hall in Germantown.

It was a great evening enjoyed by all. The Kenny Brandt Band played and our Jugend and Kultur groups performed, and we also crowned our new Miss Donauschwaben. Our friends, the Muller Fasching Verein, performed and were entertaining as always. Thank you to all of our members who donated items for our "Summer in the Backyard" drawing - we had \$500 worth of items in the drawing, as well as a 50/50 cash drawing.

We are so excited to continuing hosting this event for years to come!



Landesverband National Meeting

On April 29th, Board Members and Dancers headed to Cleveland, Ohio to attend the Annual Jahreshauptversammlung of the Landesverband Der Donauschwaben National Organization. We had a great time seeing friends from our sister cities and hearing updates on what has been happening in their respective clubs. This year was an election year and the Verband has a new President! Congratulations to Ray Martini from Trenton, NJ, who will hold this title for the next two years. Our 2nd VP, Katlin Fuchs, was reelected as LandesKinderleiterin! We would like to congratulate all who took on new positions as well. We look forward to seeing all of our Donauschwaben friends in St. Louis over Labor Day weekend!



Carol Gdula, Irene Hutz, Karen Schmieder, Reinhold Hutz, Katlin Fuchs, Eva Groeschl, Megan Laughlin, Mark Mayer, and Jenny Mayer

Miss Donauschwaben 2024



Eva Groeschl and Rebecca Sachs

We'd like to wish congratulations to our new Miss Donauschwaben, Rebekah Sachs! We hope you have the best year representing our club. We'd also like to give a huge thank you to our outgoing Miss Donauschwaben, Eva Groeschl! You did an amazing job representing our club this past year.

2024 Graduates!



Addison Brittich will be graduating 8th Grade at New Berlin West Middle School and continuing on to New Berlin West High School.

Erin Graber will be graduating from Greendale High School, and will be attending Marquette University in the Fall. She will be studying physics.

Christian Leibsle will be graduating from Martin Luther High School and attending Concordia University in the Fall to study Physical Therapy.

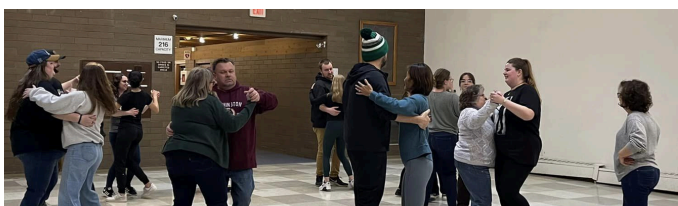
Piper Leibsle will be graduating 8th grade at Our Redeemer Lutheran and starting Martin Luther High School in the Fall.

Stephanie Mayer will be graduating with her Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Graphic Design from Carroll University.

Rebecca Sachs will be graduating from Milwaukee School of Languages and will be attending the University of Evansville, where she plans to study archaeology.

Grüße von der Kulturgruppe

The Kulturgruppe has been practicing and continues to grow in members. We recently had three Kindergruppe parents who joined us and are doing a fantastic job. We have started to practice for our summer performances. If you are interested in being a member and are 18 years or older, please contact Karen Schmieder at 262-510-6500 for more information!



Jugendgruppe Update

Our Jugend group is doing very well in 2024! We are excited to welcome two new Kinder dancers who are moving up to our Jugend group - Emma McKean and Jonah Kurozawa. They will begin practicing with us in June and will make their dancing debut at Holiday Folk Fair later this year. In the past month, we have opened our practices to outside youth who are interested in checking out our dance group and seeing what our club is all about. We enjoyed having them attend our practices and we are hopeful that we have inspired them to join our group in the near future. As we now approach Summer, our dancers are very excited for German Fest and have been working very hard on their performances. Please be sure to look for us down at the fest in July!

Recipe Book

Pflaumen Kuchen

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 2 prune plums
- pinch of salt
- Cinnamon and sugar for topping
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice



Preheat oven to 350F. Semi-melt butter and add in sugar. Add flour, baking powder, salt, and eggs. Beat well. Spray 8in. pie pan with oil/butter thoroughly. Spoon batter into pan. Place plum slices on top in design of your choice. Sprinkle with cinnamon/sugar mixture and lemon juice .

Bake for 1 hour. Cool on rack until lukewarm. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream. These also freeze well. Makes 8 servings.



Frauen and Jager News

The Frauen are looking forward to summer and have planned a fun day trip to Bende and a picnic lunch on June 22nd, as well as our annual brunch with the Jagers on August 4th. The Jagers also have scheduled their first trap shooting of the summer, which will be June 2nd.

Our Frauen meetings are always a great opportunity to catch up, and we enjoy doing small projects, playing games, or just enjoying each others' company. At our last meeting, we completed a service project of making over 60 lunches for the unhoused in Milwaukee, which were distributed by Street angels MKE.

We are excited to welcome some new members this year, and are always open to more. If you are interested, please join us - we meet the second Wednesday of each Month at 6:30pm.

Kinder Corner

The Kindergruppe is getting adjusted to our new residence and practice schedule for the 2024 year! We have been practicing twice a month now and are getting into the groove of things. We are working hard to prepare for German Fest and are so excited to be debuting a new dance, the Bucks Polka. Stay tuned for more updates about Kinder!

2024 SUMMER CALENDAR

June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04	05 6pm Jugend Practice 7:30pm Kultur Practice	06	07	08	09
10	11 6:15pm Kinder Practice	12 6:30pm Frauen/Jager Meeting	13	14	15	16 Father's Day
17	18	19 6pm Jugend Practice 7:30pm Kultur Practice	20	21	22 9:30am Frauen Bende and Picnic Outing	23
24	25 6:15pm Kinder Practice	26 7pm General Meeting	27	28	29	30

July

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02	03 6pm Jugend Practice 7:30pm Kultur Practice	04 Independence Day	05	06	07
08	09 6:15pm Kinder Practice	10 6:30pm Frauen/Jager Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 6pm Jugend Practice 7:30pm Kultur Practice	18	19	20	21 12pm Jager Trap Outing at Wild Wings Sportsmans Club
22	23 6:15pm Kinder Practice	24 7pm General Meeting	25	26 German Fest MKE	27 German Fest MKE	28 German Fest MKE
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August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	31	01	02 DAS FEST	03 DAS FEST	04 DAS FEST 11:30am Frauen/Jager Brunch
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