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Fall 2018



A Letter from the President

Given the warm weather this last week, it's hard to believe fall is almost here! We were very blessed over GermanFest this year. As other ethnic festivals were rained out, we couldn't have asked for better weather, which resulted in a very profitable weekend for us. I do believe God was looking out for his Schowe-leute!!

We had the privilege of hosting the Hungarian dancers from Taks along with the Heimattöne Kapelle on August 25th. What a wonderful night that was! Everyone that was there knows they were absolutely amazing! And I must tell you all, their members were so impressed with our city — the hospitality and generosity of our members was something they will not soon forget.

The Landesverband Treffen in Kitchener, Canada this year, was a lovely event. As usual, our Jugend and Kultur Groups did Milwaukee proud. We have the honor of hosting the 2019 Landesverband Treffen next Labor Day weekend. This gives us a year to spruce things up a bit at our Schwabenhof and plan for another amazing weekend of making new friends and reconnecting with old ones.

We have much to enjoy the next few weeks — Oktoberfest is September 28th, 29th and 30th. It is being run by the house, we are only in charge of entertainment, so I really hope to see you all out that weekend, sitting at a picnic table enjoying the event with friends! Traubenfest, another yearly favorite, is once again being hosted by the Kulturgruppe, on October 13th. Let's be sure to support this fun event! Before we know it, November will be here with the Frauen Bazaar on November 4th and Holiday Folk Fair closing out our volunteer season on November 16th, 17th and 18th. Stay healthy and enjoy these last few days of summer!

Mary Ann MacGillis
UDoM President

Jugendgruppe Update

Fall is just about here and that means it is Oktoberfest time! Our Jugend dancers will be performing all three days at our Schwabenhof Oktoberfest held on the weekend of September 28th, 29th and 30th. So be sure to look for us!

We also will be performing at various Oktoberfest celebrations throughout our community over the next two months. Catch us on Saturday, September 22nd at the 4 Corners in Brookfield Shopping Center for their Oktoberfest. We perform at 6:30pm in the square and it should be a fun time!

As we move closer to the end of the year, we will be performing at our Kulturgruppe's Traubenfest on Saturday, October 13th and Holiday Folk Fair that takes place the weekend of November 16, 17 and 18th. We hope to see you out at some of these events!

Article Submitted By: Carol Gdula, Jugendgruppe Director

Frauengruppe Holiday Bazaar

Join the UDoM Frauengruppe on Sunday, November 4th 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.

Grüße von der Kulturgruppe

We would like to welcome two new members to the group, Lisa Rimpf and Jennifer Werstein.

We enjoyed Germanfest and Landestreffen in Kitchener, Canada over Labor Day Weekend. And we are looking forward to our Oktoberfest! Before you know it, Holiday Folk Fair will be here.

Join us for a fun filled evening at our annual *Traubenfest*. Doors open at 6PM, Performance at 7PM by the Kinder, Jugend and Kulturgruppe. Music at 7:30PM by Austian Express. We will have Schnitzel Sandwiches, Brats and desserts for sale. For reservations please call Karen Schmieder at 262-547-1371. Hope to see everyone there!

Article Submitted By: Karen Schmieder, Kulturgruppe Director

Oktoberfest 2018

Fall is here, and that means it's Oktoberfest season! Be sure to join us for Oktoberfest @ The Schwabenhof. We'll kick off the weekend on Friday, September 28th with our Ceremonial Keg Tapping and Opening Ceremony. Enjoy good food and beer, music from various German bands, and ethnic dance performances throughout the weekend. Admission is FREE and open to the public all weekend long! Fri., Sept. 28th (4-11PM), Sat., Sept. 29th (5-11PM) and Sun., Sept. 30th (12-6PM). Visit our facebook or website for more information!

Our Condolences

Long-time UDoM Member Alois Fuchs passed away peacefully on August 7th, 2018 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of Theresa for 64 years. Loving father of Susanna (Bob) Sugrue, Mary (John) Daugherty and Kathy (Jon) Schaefer. Proud grandpa of seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Brother of Anna Sacher and Joseph Fuchs. Brother-in-law of Adolf Lang. Alois was a member of the UDoM for over 50 years and worked at many of our events. As a former Board Member, he was a Bartender, in charge of paper goods and will be remembered as a very loyal and hard-working member of the club. Our deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be missed.



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What would you like to hear more about? E-mail me at: info@theschwabenhof.com

Annual Camping & Tubing Trip!

Over the weekend of August 4th, members of Spaß Milwaukee headed to Spring Green, Wisconsin for their 6th annual camping and tubing trip. Although Spring Green is best known for Frank Lloyd Wright's summer home, Taliesin, the American Players Theatre, and House on the Rock, to the members of Spaß Milwaukee, it is the location of one of the most fun getaways of the year!



Spaß Milwaukee is a Vergnügungsverein (which roughly translates to a social club) consisting of members of the United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee who are 18+ and would like to partake in various activities around the Midwest with friends who come from similar backgrounds. This year, members of Spaß Milwaukee were joined by friends from the Los Angeles Donauschwaben, the Cleveland Donauschwaben, and the American Aid Society of German Descendants for the biggest year yet — 33 Schwabs floating together down the Wisconsin River. Luckily this float trip only lasted a few hours, unlike the weeks-long voyage our ancestors took on an Ulmer Schachtel down the Danube River!

Special thanks to Art Zuber for grilling up his world-renowned burgers! If you are interested in joining in on the fun in August 2019, please contact Erika at erikahutz@gmail.com

Article Submitted By: Erika Hutz



Kinder Korner

The Kindergruppe has had a very busy summer and we are gearing up for an even busier fall. In the beginning of July our Kinder participated in the first ever Kinder Lager with the American Aid Society of Chicago and Chicago Donauschwaben Kindergruppen. They learned how to make apple strudel, did a scavenger hunt and had a small history lesson on the Donauschwaben as well as helped teach one of our dances, *Schnitzel Polka*, to the rest of the kids. They all got a t-shirt to remember the day, and had a blast making new friends and learning more about who the Donauschwaben are!

The Kindergruppe ended out the summer with dancing at German Fest, and two our members, Sam and Sophie Gagnier, traveled with us to our Labor Day gathering in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada and danced alongside our Jugend and did amazing!

As we end the start the fall season we will be making many appearances at local Oktoberfests. We are dancing at FOUR Oktoberfests this fall, including our very own at the Schwabenhof in two weeks. We also look forward to joining the Jugend and Kultur on October 13th for Traubenfest!

Article Submitted By: Katlin Schmieder



Landestreffen der Donauschwaben

More than 1,000 Donauschwaben from across the United States, Canada, and even as far as Hungary gathered over Labor Day weekend this year in Kitchener, Ontario. About 30 members from our club attended the Landestreffen der Donauschwaben, with all three dance groups — Kinder, Jugend, and Kultur — represented. Everyone enjoyed seeing their long-time friends after so many months apart.

Our Milwaukee crew enjoyed the opportunity to partake in singing old songs, dancing with friends, and of course having a cold beer or a schnaaps. It was also great to see our new Hungarian friends from Taks perform once again before they headed home.

As always, our long weekend was over before we knew it and it was time to say goodbye and head home. We are all excited for our friends to visit us next year over Labor Day when we host here in Milwaukee!



Article Submitted By: Julie Patton



A Special Night in The Biergarten!

On August 24, we welcomed a guest dance group and band all the way from Taks, Hungary. On a whirlwind tour of seven cities through the US and Canada in a two-and-one-half week time span, we were lucky enough to host this group here in Milwaukee.

Die Heimattöne Kapelle played traditional Donauschwaben, Hungarian and German music all evening. And the band continued playing for The Taks Volkstanzgruppe's multiple performances. With over 20 performers ranging in age from 15-50, this was a large group that boasts huge talent. Their footwork was impeccable and they were never off-beat. The group performed traditional Donauschwaben, Hungarian, and Romanian dances in a series of performances — and costume changes — throughout the evening.

If you were unable to attend, be sure to check out the series of live videos posted to our United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee Facebook Page! (www.facebook.com/donauschwaben) Needless to say, it was an unforgettable night at the biergarten.

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