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Summer 2018



## Miss Donauschwaben 2018

The United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee would like to introduce to you our new Miss Donauschwaben 2018 — Oliva MacGillis.

Olivia is 17 years old, a current member of our Jugendgruppe, and a former member of our Kindergruppe. She will be a Senior at Brookfield East High School this Fall, where she is involved in Choir, Tennis, and Track & Field. After graduation, Olivia plans on pursuing a degree in Art Education. She is very excited to represent the UDoM and we know she will do a wonderful job. Congratulations Olivia!



## May Prince & Princess 2018

Congratulations to our newly crowned UDoM May Prince and Princess of 2018!

Kiersten Prom is our new May Princess for 2018-2019. Kiersten will be a Senior at Menomonee Falls High School in the Fall, where she is the leader of the Robotics Team and a member of the Drama Club. She is a member of the Jugendgruppe and a former member of the Kindergruppe.



Eric Effinger is our new May Prince for 2018-2019. He is 17 years old and will be a Senior at Greenfield High School in the Fall. Eric is a current member of our Jugendgruppe, the Drum Major of his school's marching band and a member of the Student Senate, Drama Club and National Honor Society.

*Submitted By: Katlin Schmieder*

## Miss Spielmannszug 2018

Congratulations to UDoM Club Member, Martina Osterman! Martina was recently crowned Miss Spielmannszug, one of the other clubs in the Milwaukee German Societies. Martina is a member of the UDoM Jugendgruppe, and enjoys dancing with us. She graduated from high school this Spring, and has plans to study nursing in the Fall. We hope you have a great year as Miss Spielmannszug, Martina!



*Submitted By: Julie Patton*



## 2018 Annual Father's Day Picnic

We began our Annual Father's Day Picnic with a beautiful Mass led by Father Langsch. He traveled all the way from his home parish in Austin, Texas to be with us. The Mass was held in the hall once again this year, with over 95 people joining us. Attendance for the rest of the event was just as successful, as hundreds of people came out to celebrate their fathers and opas. The beer was certainly flowing, as temperatures reached into the high nineties.



The program was enjoyed by everyone, with our friends, the Milwaukee Spielmannszug Drum and Bugle Corps, leading the parade and our newly-crowned Miss Donauschwaben, Oliva MacGillis, singing the anthems. The Kinder, Jugend, and Kulturgruppe performances were wonderful and all three groups concluded the program with a joint performance of a polka. The rest of the day was spent eating delicious German food, enjoying cold beer, and dancing to the music of The Edelweiss Band.

*Submitted By: Julie Patton*

## Get Your Deutsch On!

A favorite annual tradition, German Fest Milwaukee is one of the largest German ethnic festivals in the United States. This year, German Fest runs from Friday, July 27th to Sunday, July 29th. Enjoy German food, music, dance performances and shopping at the festival along the lake.

Once again, the UDoM will be selling our famous Potato Pancakes, we will have a table in the culture tent, and all three of our dance groups will have performances throughout the festival. Please make sure to sign up for a shift (or two!) to help us out over the weekend!

*Article Submitted By: Julie Patton*

## Calling All Volunteers!

Your help is needed. Please visit our UDoM Volunteer Calendar at:

<http://signup.com/go/cwneBfa>

to see when and where you can sign up to volunteer at events such as German Fest, Oktoberfest and more!



For more information on UDoM Events check out [facebook.com/donauschwaben](https://www.facebook.com/donauschwaben) or visit [TheSchwabenhof.com](http://TheSchwabenhof.com)

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

# 2018 Graduates!

Erika Hutz completed her Internal Medicine Residency at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, IL. She will be continuing her education at Rush University in Chicago with a Geriatrics Fellowship.



Megan Volp graduated with a post-master's certificate in nurse midwifery from Marquette. She is hoping to find a job in the Milwaukee area.

Emily Mayer graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a Master's Degree in Professional Accounting. She is currently wrapping up the final portion of the CPA exam and is working full-time as an accountant at Direct Supply.

Alyssa Kosanke graduated from Waukesha County Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Printing and Publishing, and was a member of the National Technical Honors Society. She is now working full-time at Tailored Label Products as a printing press operator.

Alex Mayer graduated from Sussex Hamilton High School with honors from the National Honors Society and the German National Honors Society. She will be attending Concordia University in the Fall, majoring in Biology as a part of the Pre-Pharmacy Program.

Martina Osterman graduated from Milwaukee School of Languages. She was a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta (National Math Honor Society). She was awarded 1 of 3 Senior Language Scholarships after writing the best Senior Language Project in the German Program. She will be majoring in Nursing at Wisconsin Lutheran College in the Fall.

Violet Schlei graduated from 5th grade at County Line Elementary in Germantown.

Sophia Dohn earned her 5th grade completion at Milwaukee German Immersion School. She wants to be an Olympic swimmer when she grows up.

Aidan Brukbacher graduated 5th grade at MacArthur Elementary in Germantown. When he grows up, he would like to be a MLB catcher, and when he retires he wants to be a web designer.

The UDoM would like to wish all our graduates the best of luck with all of their future endeavors!



## Grüße von der Kulturgruppe

The Kulturgruppe is keeping busy gearing up for our summer events. We are looking forward to dancing together with the Kinder and Jugendgruppe at our Annual Father's Day Picnic. We hope to have many more performances together in the future. We are starting to plan for our annual Traubenfest — please mark your calendars for October 13th! Doors open at 6:00. Performances at 7:00 by the Kinder, Jugend & Kulturgruppe. Music at 7:30 by Austrian Express. For reservations, please call Karen Schmieder at 262-547-1371. We hope everyone will join us for a fun evening!

*Article Submitted By: Karen Schmieder, Kulturgruppe Director*



## Kinder Korner

The Kindergruppe has had a very busy start to our year! We had our 3rd Annual Trivia Night in April which was a huge success. There were 10 teams this year and so many creative group themes! We can't wait to see what the teams have in store for next year. We performed at Mai Fest at Estabrook Park, the Grand Opening Celebration of the Biergarten at The Schwabenhof, and this past weekend we performed at our Annual Fathers Day Picnic. Our Group 1 kids (ages 8-12) even got the opportunity to join our Jugend and Kulturgruppe in dancing Trio 2. Despite the incredibly hot weather, the kids danced wonderfully and was very cool to see so many people on the floor together at once. We are currently practicing for German Fest coming up at the end of July.

The Kindergruppe would like to congratulate Olivia MacGillis on being crowned the new Miss Donauschwaben for 2018-2019. We hope you have a wonderful year!

*Article Submitted By: Katlin Schmieder, Kindergruppe Director*

## Jugendgruppe Update

The Jugend dancers have been very busy so far this year with practices and performances leading up to our Spring Maiball.

Our formal Maiball dinner dance, held on Saturday, May 5th, was a great success! Thank you to all who joined us for this special evening and supported our dance group. I would like to congratulate our newly-crowned 2018 May Princess, Kiersten Prom, and our May Prince, Eric Effinger. I know they will do a great job representing our dance group and club. To our 2017 May Princess, Megan Zuber, and May Prince, Matthew Sipl, thank you for doing such a wonderful job for the last year with representing our dance group and club.



We are so grateful for the support we receive each year from family, friends and clubs from our German Community. Along with our fundraising at our Maiball, this year we were so fortunate to receive a grant from the Theodore and Anna Grollmann fund. This grant will help aid in our new dirndl costuming project and we are so very thankful!

The support we received does not stop with just costuming — it also helps out with travel expenses to give all our dancers the amazing opportunity to travel each year over the Labor Day Weekend. This year, our group will be traveling to Kitchener, Canada to attend the annual Landestreffen gathering for the Donauschwaben clubs throughout the United States and Canada. It is something our dancers look forward to every year and is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our heritage, see all our Jugend friends and perform over the weekend.

It has been an amazing first half of the year. We are excited that summer is here and we look forward to seeing everyone at Germanfest in July!

*Article Submitted By: Carol Gdula, Jugendgruppe Director*