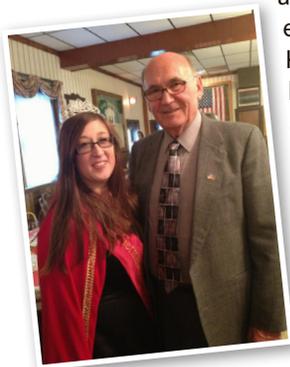




Congratulations Katlin!

Congratulations to our own Katlin Schmieder, who was crowned Miss German-American Societies on Sunday, October 7th. Katlin was a member of the Kindergruppe and is a current member of the Jugend and Kulturgruppe. She is also currently the assistant Kindergruppe leader. She was crowned Miss Donauschwaben of 2008. Katlin graduated from University Wisconsin, Milwaukee last spring with a bachelors degree in business administration with an emphasis on marketing. Katlin says it was a great honor to be crowned and she looks forward to the upcoming year representing the German-American Societies.

Submitted by Julie Patton



Tag der Donauschwaben

This past Labor Day weekend, members of the Kinder, Jugend and Kulturgruppe as well as members of the UDoM traveled to Kitchener, Ontario, Canada for the annual Landestreffen der Donauschwaben. It was the first



time the Schwaben Club, Kitchener hosted the event. With performances from many different dance groups, delicious German foods — and plenty of Schwobs — a good time was had by all. All of the performances by the various groups were wonderful. On Saturday night, our own group that went to Europe performed their American program, much to the enjoyment of the crowd. As goodbyes were said Sunday night,

everyone agreed that they looked forward to next year's Tag der Donauschwaben in Detroit, Michigan.

Submitted by Julie Patton



German-American HISTORY 101

German Worship Then and Now! Today we remember Old St. Mary Church. This German-American jewel was built in 1847 in the City of Milwaukee by German Catholic immigrants. The City of Milwaukee — having been incorporated only the year before — was still a very young city at that time and Wisconsin hadn't yet become a state. Today we can proudly say that Old St. Mary's is the oldest church still standing in the City of Milwaukee. German language services are no longer offered at St. Mary's but we Donauschwaben are very fortunate to have Father Gerold Langsch, a German born Schoenstatt Priest, who offers us a well-attended German Mass several times per year at the Schwabenhof right before the start of some of our German cultural events. Father Langsch's weekly spiritual message can also be heard every Saturday on Milwaukee's German Radio Program, Continental Showcase.



Grüße von der Kulturregruppe

We have had a busy end of summer and beginning of fall. We performed at our Oktoberfest and in Canada for the Landestreffen der Donauschwaben where everyone had a wonderful time. In September we had the privilege to dance at Matt and Ashley Harker's wedding. It was a great performance and it was nice to see some past Kulturgruppe members joining us for the evening. Congratulations again to the wonderful couple! At the end of September we enjoyed our evening with the Kindergruppe at their Kirchweih. On October 21st we will be joining our friends at Oak Crest Villa to celebrate Oktoberfest. We enjoy dancing there through the year. Finally, we would like to take the time to welcome two new members to the group, Joe Fischer and Ashley Redjinski.

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 of Schnitzel and Goulash beginning at noon. Start your holiday shopping early by browsing the rummage and craft sale including 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 is free and open to the public.

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Peach Kuchen

2 cups flour	¼ tsp baking powder
1 cup sugar	½ cup butter or margarine, melted
3 eggs	3 cups sliced fresh peaches
1/2 tsp vanilla	1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped pecans	2 containers vanilla yogurt (6 oz each)

1. Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, mix flour, baking powder and 2 tablespoons of the sugar. Stir in butter until mixture is crumbly. On bottom and 1 1/2 inches up sides of 8-inch square glass baking dish, pat mixture evenly. Top with peaches. In small bowl, mix remaining sugar and the cinnamon; sprinkle over peaches. Bake 15 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, beat eggs, yogurt and vanilla with wire whisk until smooth. Pour over top of partially baked kuchen. Sprinkle pecans over yogurt mixture.

3. Bake 40 to 50 minutes longer or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.



German-American Day 2012

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

United by dreams of freedom, opportunity, and better lives for their families, generations of immigrants have crossed land and sea to pursue the American promise. With unflinching hope for the future they knew was possible here, German Americans have shared in that promise and contributed immeasurably to our Nation.

During the more than three centuries since the first German settlers arrived in North America, German immigrants and their descendants have played a vital role in every part of our society. With each generation, they have passed on to their children and grandchildren an enduring commitment to hard work, civic engagement, and family. Many German traditions are so ingrained in our Nation's story that many people are unaware of their origins, but the indelible mark they have left on the character of our country is unmistakable.

The United States is proud to count Germany as one of our closest and strongest allies. At its core, the alliance between our nations is a partnership between our peoples. For many years, citizens of both our countries — entrepreneurs, innovators, students, scientists, and soldiers — have worked together to forge a brighter future at home and around the world. Those bonds continue to grow stronger with lifelong connections cultivated through educational exchanges and valuable partnerships between our two nations. Today, we celebrate that spirit of collaboration, and we reflect on the innumerable ways generations of German Americans have enriched the American story.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2012, as German-American Day. I encourage all Americans to learn more about the history of German Americans and reflect on the many contributions they have made to our Nation.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand this fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

BARACK OBAMA

Submitted by Jack Williams

Jugendgruppe Update

We had a wonderful time in Kitchener over Labor Day weekend! It was great to see all our Donauschwaben friends from around the United States and Canada. Our dancers who traveled to Europe this last July performed their American dance routines on Saturday night and they left the crowd wanting more!

Our next event that we are preparing for is Holiday Folk Fair (November 16-18, 2012) at the Wisconsin State Fair Grounds in West Allis. The dancers perform throughout the day on Friday for the "Education Day" that runs from 9am to 4pm. Local schools attend the event to learn about all the different cultures from the many performing youth groups, cultural information booths and ethnic culinary delights! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Brookfield Christkindlmarkt

On December 1st the City of Brookfield is hosting their first ever German Market and Tree Lighting Ceremony. The festivities will take place from 3pm until 7pm at the City Plaza on Calhoun Road. Our entire Club will be participating in this event. Our Kinder, Jugend and Kultur groups will be singing and dancing starting at 4pm. The UDoM will be providing food. We will be serving brats, hot dogs and rollbraten along with hot and cold drinks. I am very excited to be in on this venture, especially the first year. Our organization could be introduced to a whole new audience. This will be a family friendly event — bring your kids, bring your grandkids, bring your friends!

Submitted by MaryAnn MacGillis

Holiday Folk Fair International 2012

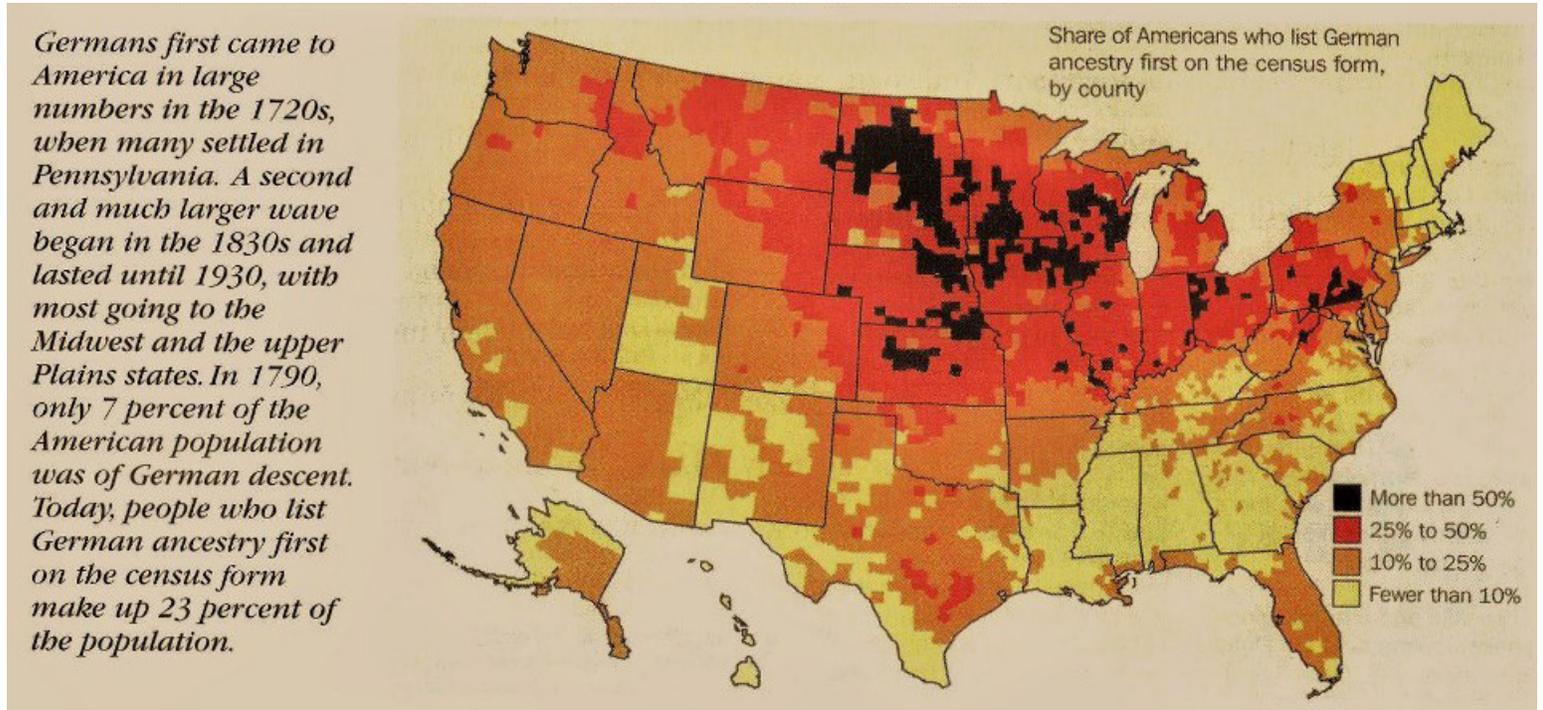
A world of cultures and customs are united in peaceful solidarity to be felt, listened to and tasted through a variety of honored family recipes, artifacts, ethnic music and spirited folk dances at the 69th Annual Holiday Folk Fair International. The event runs November 16th through the 18th at the Wisconsin Expo Center at State Fair Park and is open to the public. Schedules and performance times can be found at folkfair.org

"Few people have blended so completely into the multicultural tapestry of American society and yet have made such singular economic, political, social, scientific, and cultural contributions to the growth and success of these United States as have Americans of German extraction."

— President Ronald Reagan, 1987

Where German Roots Run Deep

According to the U.S. Census, more Americans claim German ancestry than any other ethnicity! Wisconsin has the sixth largest number of German descendants with nearly 2.5 million claiming German ancestry. The percentage of residents with German heritage is a whopping 43.9%.



UDoM Kirchweih!

On September 29 our annual Kirchweih celebration was hosted by the UDoM Kindergruppe. It was a night full of family, friends, fun and of course dancing. Everyone was waiting in anticipation to see who would win the traditional Kirchweih strauss.

The night began with a program that included the UDoM Kindergruppe, Jugendgruppe and Kulturgruppe partaking in a grand march as well as doing some of their favorite dances. After everyone had performed it was time to find out who had won the Kirchweih Strauss... Congratulations to Jack and Christine Williams and Victor and Anna Kordas!

After the performers exited the stage it was time to enjoy the rest of the night with the wonderful music by Talisman. They sure know how to get the crowd moving, especially playing a great selection of music for the younger crowd. The night ended with a raffle, in which there were many great prizes that the lucky winners got to take home.

Thank you to MaryAnn MacGillis and the Kindergruppe for putting on a great event. We are already looking forward to next year!



Europe Tanzgruppe!

After two years of anticipation, the United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee set off on our journey in representing the Landesverband der Donauschwaben USA in a two-week tour through Europe. From July 11th to July 24th, 15 performers and 6 chaperones traveled through three countries, visiting many cities performing both a traditional and an American program.

The trip started out by meeting in Munich to make the drive to a small town, Garmisch-Partenkirchen where we spent one night in our first hostel. This was our opportunity to get one last practice in before our performances. What we didn't realize was that our practice would turn into a mini performance. After trying to find a location big enough to practice we were given a outside concert area located in a park. As the practice went on we started to get an audience, and to our surprise most of the audience stayed throughout our entire practice, even with stops to correct our mistakes, and then gave us a large applause after we were done. It was a great start to our trip, and a big boost to give it our all throughout our actual performances! We ended our stay in Garmisch with a group dinner (in dirndl's and bundhosen of course!) and headed to Ulm the next morning. On our way we stopped for a visit at the Linderhof Castle, and got the opportunity to tour Neuschwanstein.

Our stay in Ulm was the beginning of our scheduled performances, although we learned quickly that the best thing to do on the trip was go with the flow, because the scheduled performances we were given prior to arriving in Europe would quickly change many times. Our hosts in Ulm were wonderful and we built some great friendships. We visited their Donauschwaben Museum where, I think I can speak for all of us, it was a rewarding experience, and an eye opener to our culture and the hardships our ancestors went through to provide us with the lives we have today. We also saw the church that has the largest steeple in the world, where five of our performers were daring enough to climb to the top! We performed at their Donau Fest, which was held right along the Danube River. Our first performances went better than we could ever imagine and it left us even more excited for what was ahead on our trip.

After spending two nights in Ulm, we left for our next stop in Mosbach. On the way to Mosbach we made a stop to perform in Sindelfingen, where we learned they had the largest Donauschwaben Museum in the world. We stayed for coffee and küchen (who knew you could eat so much küchen while in Europe?!) and then we were on our way. Mosbach was a great place with very warm and welcoming people! We stayed at their club house which had two room filled with bunk beds, so we liked to call it one big Schwob sleepover! We had a great performance and spent the rest of the time getting to know the club members and taught each other dances, songs, and enjoyed each others company. We took a day trip to Speyer, where we got to be part of their parade (three miles long!!!), and do an impromptu performance for them.

We were now on our way to Austria where our first visit would be to Vienna. On our way we stopped for a quick visit in Linz. We had one performance in Vienna, which just like the rest, went very well. We had a lot of time in Vienna to ourselves to sight see and got to experience some great things. The first night we went to the International Film Festival, where we got to indulge in some delicious food, and even watch a German Opera.

Even though we all had a great time in Vienna, we were all very anxious to get to our next stop! Last year we got the opportunity to meet some wonderful people from Szar, Hungary. We were so excited when we found out we would get see them again. The hospitality of the Szar group was over the top. They were so grateful to have us staying there; we wish we could have spent an even longer time with them. Our stay in Szar was the longest, lasting three nights. We partook in a party at their local hangout, a tour of Tata and Tatabanya where we got to spend the day swimming at a lake, a tour of Budapest, and a party in the woods called the "I love Eastern Europe Festival." We had one performance where after we were finished we were given the opportunity to perform one of their dances with them. We made many memories and lasting friendships in Szar that will last a lifetime.

Even though we did not want to, we had to leave Szar and head to our last stop, which was Salzburg, Austria. Here we realized that we must be ready for a performance at anytime. But, giving our final performance in Salzburg was just as rewarding as the other seven, even if the crowd was smaller than normal. Other than our performance we used our time in Salzburg to do a Sound of Music tour (where we were the "halftime entertainment" after the members of the tour asked us to sing for them), and took in the beautiful scenery of Salzburg.

We knew that our trip would be ending shortly as we were headed back to Munich. Our experience was a trip of a lifetime. Each and every one of us can appreciate our culture, and what our ancestors have done for us even more than before. It was a rewarding experience that we are all hoping to be able to partake in again. We have and created friendships, and formed a bond that we will cherish for the rest of our lives! It was truly an honor to represent the Landsverband der Donauschwaben USA, and well as the United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee.

Myself, along with all of the performers would like to thank the following people for making this trip possible. Hildy Siladi and Maryann MacGillis for countless hours of planning and hard work. We wouldn't have been able to do any of this without you! To Karen Schmieder and Liz Borowski for being our stage ladies! Rick Siladi and Jim MacGillis for stepping in to dance with us, you were wonderful! Two people made our American program possible. Delaney Kleber is the mastermind behind most of the choreography, and Matthew Katzenmayer is the mastermind behind all of the music. Finally, and most importantly a big thank you to the Board of Directors and Club members, your donations mean the world to us. Thank you for supporting us in all that we do!

Submitted by Katlin Schmieder



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