



Jugendgruppe Update

Well, Spring is here — which means the Jugendgruppe 2016 Maiball Dance is just around the corner. This year, our dance will be held on Saturday, May 7th at the Schwabenhof. The doors will open at 5:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Our menu will include schnitzel, hungarian brats, potatoes, red cabbage, green beans and delicious desserts. After dinner, the Edelweiss band will play for your dancing and your listening pleasure. On the first band break, the Jugend dancers will perform and we will crown our new May Prince and Princess. Again this year, we will have a raffle with great gift baskets that you will have the opportunity to win!

Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for kids (12 and under). For more information or to make a reservation, please call Karen Schmieder at (262) 547-1371. Please remember that you are welcome to dress up formal with us for the evening, but it is not necessary. Also, if you do not have a partner for your favorite dance, the members of the Jugendgruppe would enjoy dancing with you. We hope you will come join us for an evening of celebrating our dance group!

Carol Gdula, Jugendgruppe Director

Congratulations...

Sussex Hamilton High School recently announced its January students of the month. Among those selected, was UDoM Member, Alex Mayer, for the curriculum area of world languages. Students received a certificate and a pin for their accomplishment. Congrats Alex!

Each year German Fest gives a Student Educational Fund in the amount of \$500 to twenty eligible, full-time college students who have worked at least two shifts as a volunteer at German Fest. This years winners included UDoM Members Ryan Hendrickson and Megan Laughlin. Congratulations!

Our Condolences...

Martin Bittner, Sr. found peace on February 20th, 2016 at the age of 92. Lovingly survived by his wife Wilhelmine. Beloved father of Martin (Patricia) Bittner Jr. and Heidi (Gerry) Zastrow. Proud Opa of Season and Sheena Bittner and Kirsten and Nathaniel Zastrow. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He will be especially missed by his nephew Erwin. He is preceded in death by his brother Josef. Martin was a long-time UDoM Member and he will be missed.

Irmgard Feuerabend-Schmidgall passed away on March 8th, 2016 at the age of 89. Beloved wife of the late Jakob Schmidgall. Daughter of the late Elise and Franz Feuerabend. Loving mother of Mike (Elaine) Feuerabend. Grandmother of Jason Feuerabend and Lindsey Borkowski. Irmgard was a long-time member of the UDoM and she will be missed.

Biergarten @ the Schwab!

Starting Thursday, May 5th, The Schwabenhof Pavilion will be open for guests to gather during happy hour for some food, drinks and laughs with friends and family.

This year, the Biergarten will be open at 4pm every Thursday in May through September and also on Fridays in August and September. Friends, music, beer, brats and pretzels — what better way to kick off your weekend?!

Please come thirsty, because you will find an array of German Beers on tap! You can also enjoy an authentic bratwurst, Bavarian pretzel or leberkäse sandwich — a favorite of visitors to Germany's Oktoberfest. You will always feel Gemütlichkeit at the Biergarten @ the Schwab.

Many of our visitors have commented that they never knew that the Schwabenhof was open to the public and had no idea that this charming park-like area existed.

If you would like to book an event or party at the Biergarten or have questions, please send an email to silvay1231@yahoo.com or call 262.391-7151.

Grüße von der Kulturgruppe

The Kulturgruppe hopes everyone has made it through the winter. We enjoyed dancing at Jaegerball and we are looking forward to Father's Day, Germanfest and Oktoberfest. We will also join our friends at Oak Crest Villa Nursing Home to celebrate Oktoberfest. We hope you mark your calendar for September 17th to join us in celebrating Traubenfest. Stay tuned for more details to come. We would like to welcome Patrick McCarthy to the group!

If you are over the age of 18 and interested in joining, please contact Karen Schmieder at 262/547-1371 for more information. We are always looking for new members!

Annual Membership Dues

Just a reminder that annual membership dues were due the first of the year. Make sure your dues are current for 2016 so you can vote and participate in all our fun auxillary groups.

Contact Membership Secretary Liz Borowski for more information at lborrowski.udom@hotmail.com if you have any questions. For new members, forms are available online at www.udommilwaukee.com

Please Mail checks made out to UDoM for \$50.00 per member (\$25 for members age 65+) to:

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Meet Our New Executive Board

MaryAnn MacGillis, President

I was born into the Club — my parents were members before I was born and my first UDoM event was a Mother's Day program (who remembers those?!) when I was 6 weeks old. I started dancing in the Kindergruppe when I was 3, then was in the Jugendgruppe and the Kulturgruppe. I've had my own business since I was 16 and currently teach patternmaking classes at the Art Institute of Wisconsin. I had the privilege of being interviewed on the John McGivern Around the Corner Menomonee Falls episode.



Jenn Erickson, Director of Marketing

Jenn has been member of the UDoM for almost 20 years and a Board Member since 2008. She recently moved up to the Executive Board in 2016 as the Director of Marketing. Jenn is a former member of the Jugend and still dances with the Kulturgruppe. Recently married last fall, she and her husband Matt have taken on the adventure of home ownership -- purchasing a home in West Bend that needed a lot of "love" -- they might be Menard's #1 new customers! By day, Jenn works as a Sales & Marketing Coordinator for a company that provides equipment and service to the financial, gaming and retail industries. In her free time, she does freelance graphic design, likes to cook, and owns a cookie & cupcake business.



Hildy Siladi, 1st Vice-President

This is my 9th year serving on the UDoM Executive Board & my 50th year as a member of a Donauschwaben organization. Currently I hold the 1st Vice President position and am honored to be a part of the United Donauschwaben family. Some fun facts about me you may not know: I hold dual citizenship USA/German, I played violin in a quartet and won a state competition in Michigan, and

I love to ride my motorcycle or play golf in my spare time.



Liz Borowski, Membership Secretary

Liz has been a member of the UDoM since 1980. She has been on the Executive Board for 5 years as Correspondence Secretary and in 2016, became the Membership Secretary. Liz is the mother of three kids that have all been active in the club; with her youngest still involved. In her free time, Liz enjoys spending time with her new granddaughter, Ellie, and camping with family and friends.

Reinhold Hutz, 2nd Vice-President

Born in Salzburg, Austria; mother and father born in Berak and Vukovar (former Yugoslavia), respectively; children Erika, Michael and Peter danced in the various UDOM groups, each starting at the age of four years; Member of UDOM since 1991; Chorleiter (singing leader, accompanist), 1991-2011; Executive Board member, 1991-2001, 2015-present; Membership Secretary, 2015-2016; 2nd Vice-President, 2016-Present; religious service (Mass) committee member; hobbies include running, travel, playing guitar and singing; Professor at UWM since 1986 (retiring 2017); Scientific Manuscript Editor (contracted freelance), 2011-Forever.



Mark Mayer, Recording Secretary

I've been a part of the UDoM since 1983, when I started dancing with the Jugendgruppe at the age of 13. Two years later, I also started dancing with the Kulturgruppe, with whom I am still dancing today! In addition to my position on the UDoM Executive Board, I also hold a position on the German-American Cultural Foundation Board, I am a member of the Jaegerverein, and am one of the co-leaders of the Jugendgruppe. My profession is a Mechanical Engineer, and in my free time I enjoy golfing, trap shooting, and am an avid ski racer.



Ashley Harker, Treasurer

Ashley lives in Waukesha with her husband, Matthew. They have two very cute dogs and one cat that keep them busy and entertained. She has been a member of the club since she was 16 years old, and was a member of both the Jugend and Kulturgruppe. In her free time, Ashley loves traveling, camping, puzzles and reading books.

