



A Message From the President

Memorial Day is thought of as the unofficial start of summer and this year the temperatures confirmed that summer has arrived! The outdoor festivals are just around the corner. On May 23, we had a meeting to discuss our festivals beginning with what needs to be done for the Fathers Day Picnic.

We will have two food booths at German Fest this year. A lot has to be done before the festival weekend begins. I was very happy to see how many of our members volunteered to take on key roles. In addition, there were many good ideas that came out of our meeting.

I hope that our Jugend will be able to help us out. We appreciate their help because they are very good working the counter and the cash registers. I am counting on the Untergruppen leaders to help motivate their members to help.

Having our own clubhouse is a great thing, but it is also costly to operate. It takes a lot of money to keep the doors open for us to enjoy. Working together we can be successful at anything we undertake.

Our children and grandchildren will be touring and performing in Germany, Austria and Hungary during July. They may just see where Oma and Opa came from. We wish them a safe and happy journey and return home.

As usual, we will have a busy summer. May all of us remain healthy and well.

Best Regards,
Tony Siladi

Grüße von der Kulturegruppe

The Kulturgruppe danced at Oak Crest Villa for their Octoberfest. We had a great time. We are getting ready for Germanfest and looking forward to doing a joint performance with our Kinder and Jugendgruppe on Saturday, July 28, at the Sports Area starting at 6pm. Hopefully everyone will brave the heat to come and see us!



We are always looking for guys to join our group., as well as girls. Anyone interested call Karen Schmieder at 262/547-1371.

German-American HISTORY 101

The United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee would like to honor the 25th Anniversary of signing German-American Day into Law.



In Milwaukee, as well as across the United States of America, German-American

Day is observed annually on October 6th. This proud day was established to celebrate German American heritage, it also commemorates the date in 1683 when 13 German families from Krefeld, Germany, first landed in Philadelphia, PA, establishing their colony called Germantown. 329 years later, over 50 Million Americans now claim German ancestry, making German-Americans the largest ethnic group in the USA. In 1983 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6th as German-American Day. Four years later it became Public Law 100-104 when



President Reagan signed it on August 18, 1987. A proclamation (#5719) to this effect was issued October 2, 1987, by President Reagan in a formal ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, at which time the President called on all

Americans to observe the Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. President Ronald Reagan, we thank you!

Thoughtful Reminder

Just a little prayer, that's all,
will ease your troubled mind, will
touch the very heart of God —
will help you to unwind.
Just a little prayer, that's all,
it doesn't take much time,
but when you're through
you'll be amazed
how things work out just fine.

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Did You Know?

Next time, while enjoying that great American outdoor meal, quickly scan your eyes over the picnic table -- this is what many of you will probably see: Pretzels and Beer, Hamburgers, Knockwurst, Bratwurst, Wieners, Frankfurters, Thüringer sausage, (better known today as Wisconsin Summer Sausage), Sauerkraut for the Knocks, German potato salad as one of the side dishes, perhaps a Streussel cake, and Kaiser Rolls to go with those Hamburgers. Bet you'll even find some of your favorite cheeses like Swiss, Muenster, Limburger and good old style Wisconsin German Brick Cheese. A Schmeier of Liverwurst on a cracker anyone? A jar of Hellmann's, a bottle of Heinz maybe? What would most outdoor

a typical American picnic, a ballgame or functions be like without all these great food contributions that our German ancestors brought to these shores? Where did we shop for these items? In the beginning German Immigrants opened up large and small businesses all across the continent known as the Delicatessen (a German word that means "Delicacy Eating"-- Essen is of course the German word for "to eat") While other ethnic foods are very quickly recognizable, the contributions that German-Americans have made seem to have lost their identity over time for a variety of reasons. Learn more about your history, it's really very impressive. Be proud of your heritage! Don't forget the origins of what you are eating! Enjoy the Summer!



Kinder Korner

As with everyone else in our Club, this is the start of our busy time. We kicked things back into gear in mid-April this year. All of last year's kinder were back along with a few new additions. A big welcome to: Sophie Dohn, Abbey Graber, Erin Graber and Alaynna Kurozawa. We are excited to have you and your families be a part of our Kindergruppe and our Donauschwaben family at large.

We've been preparing for the summer performances. Father's Day was a big hit as usual. The older ones work so hard to get their steps right, but the littlest ones, no matter what they do, always steal the show! We have several performances at GermanFest this year, on Saturday at 1:15pm and Sunday at 3:00pm. Both are on the Leinenkugel Stage as part of the Children's Dance Showcase. We will also be performing at the Sports Area at 6pm on Saturday with the Kulturgruppe and Jugendgruppe. It's been a long time since we had a performance like this at GermanFest and we are looking very forward to it. We know that everyone will be working hard, but hope you can catch one of our performances. Oktoberfest and Kitchener are right around the corner too! We will have a small group performing in Kitchener this year and are getting excited about that.

Gardeners, please remember, I do not have the best green thumb and will be in need of some rosemary bushes for Kirchweih. I did plant three this year so we'll see how they fair by then! Just a reminder, Kirchweih is the 29th of September this year.

If you know of anyone between the ages of 3 and 12 that might be interested in joining our group, please have them contact MaryAnn MacGillis at 414/378-8334 or email MaryAnn today at macmablum@yahoo.com for more information!



Jugendgruppe Update

Thanks to all who supported the UDoM Jugendgruppe's annual Maiball on Saturday, May 12th. A special thank you to all of the club members who helped out the Jugend by volunteering their time with baking, food preparation, setting up the hall and your generous raffle prize donations. The food was outstanding — and prepared by some of the Jugend and their parents! As always, the music by the Talisman was a crowd pleaser. We hope you will all join us again next year for the Jugendgruppe's 2013 spring formal.



The Jugendgruppe had the opportunity once again participate in the Menomonee Falls Memorial Day Parade held on Monday, May 29th. Who would have thought that the temperature would have been close to 90 degrees that day?! Luckily, we had plenty water on hand and despite the heat, the group kept dancing all the way to the end of the parade — in full costume!



Weekend Guide to the Top German-American Radio Programs in the USA

The following listed programs are streaming live online. Fill your home once more with the sound of German-American radio each weekend from German-American Communities across the country. Show your support by listening and calling into request a song and supporting them monetarily. Let us all help keep German-American Radio Programs alive!

Wolfgang's Musikalische Kammer {WVQC-FM 95.7 Cincinnati}

Hosted by Wolfgang Grossmann
Wednesdays German Music Only from 10am-12 Noon Eastern Time
International Music & German from 1pm-3pm Eastern Time
<http://www.wvqc.org/listen>
www.facebook.com/WolfgangMusikalischeKammer

The German-American Hour {WCWA-AM 1230 Toledo, Ohio}

Hosted by Jack Renz & Tim Pecsénye
Sundays 9:00am to 10am Eastern Time
German music hits of yesterday and today!
German & Swiss Community News.
<http://tunein.com/tuner/?StationId=28108&>

German Tunes of the Queen City {WAIF-FM 88.3 Cincinnati}

Hosted by Gebhard Erler
Wednesdays 5pm-8pm Eastern Time
<http://www.waif883.org>
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/waif-cincinnati>

Heimatecho {WJYI-AM JOY1340 Milwaukee}

Hosted by Bob Ziegenbein
Saturdays 8am-9am Central Time
www.joy1340.com

Froehliche am Wochenende {WAIF-FM 88.3 Cincinnati}

Hosted by Gebhard Erler
Saturdays, 10am-12pm Eastern Time
Request Line: (513) 749-1444
<http://www.waif883.org>
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/waif-cincinnati>

Continental Showcase {WJYI-AM JOY1340 Milwaukee}

Hosted by Robert Deglau
Saturdays 1pm-4:30pm Central Time
www.joy1340.com
<http://tunein.com/radio/Joy-1340-s30042/>

Benediction Lutheran German Radio Program {WJYI-AM JOY1340 Milwaukee}

Hosted by Pastor Eberhard Klatt
Saturdays 4:30pm-5pm Central Time
www.joy1340.com
<http://tunein.com/radio/Joy-1340-s30042/>

German Music Program {WTKM-FM 104.9 Hartford}

Weekdays 4:30pm-5pm Central Time
www.wtkm.com

Hallo Deutschland {WTKM-FM 104.9 Hartford}

Sundays 9pm-10pm Central Time
Hosted by Bob Ziegenbein
www.wtkm.com

Swiss Folklore Music {WEKZ-AM 1290 Monroe, WI}

Hosted by Martha Bernet
Weekdays, 1:05 - 1:30 pm
<http://wekz.com/stationplayer/player.cfm?station=937>

Deutschland Echo {WNWI 1080 AM Oak lawn, Illinois}

Hosted by Armin Homann
Saturday 9am-11am Central Time; Sunday 9am-11am Central Time
<http://tunein.com/tuner/?StationId=21594&>

German Radio Program {German Music from Rochester, New York}

Hosted by George Hoffmann
Saturdays 2:00pm to 4:30 Eastern Time
<http://tunein.com/tuner/?StationId=29069&>
<http://www.rochestergerman.com>

Over The Rhine Showcase {WOBO Radio in Batavia, Ohio}

Heinz Probst's Legacy of German Music Hosted by: Jim King
Sundays 1:00pm-6:00pm Eastern Time
<http://tunein.com/tuner/?StationId=21636&>
www.wobofm.com/index.htm

Canada's Best in German Radio {CIAO-AM 530}

Sundays 8:00am-1:00pm Eastern Time
<http://player.evanovradio.com/CIAOAM/>
www.am530.ca/index.html

Philadelphia's German-American Show {WWDB 860 AM in Delaware}

Ted Hierl's Legacy of German Music
Hosted by: Ralph Hierl
Sundays 10am-11:30am Eastern Time
<http://www.wwdbam.com/streamer/>

Cleveland's German American Program {WCSB 89.3}

Hosted by: Joe Wendel & Ruth Kleine Marino
Sundays 10am-12pm Eastern Time
<http://tunein.com/tuner/?StationId=28036&>

Donauschwaben German Music Hour {91.3 Akron, Ohio}

Hosted by the German Family Society of Akron
Sundays 8pm-9pm Eastern Time
<http://tunein.com/tuner/?StationId=27157&>

German Hour {WPIT AM730 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania}

Host: Heino Coelle
Sundays 4PM - 5PM Eastern Time
www.wpitam.com

German Radio and TV Denver {Denver, Colorado}

Host: Gunter Auerbach
Sundays 12:00PM - 3:00pm Live
<http://tunein.com/tuner/?StationId=117577&>
www.grtvd.com

Europe Tanzgruppe!

As you read this, we are in the middle of our whirlwind tour of Germany, Austria and Hungary. On July 18th we are scheduled to be in Vienna. It appears that we are the first Donauschwaben group from America to ever perform in Vienna so this is truly one of our most anticipated stops! They have created an entire event centering on our visit. We feel honored and privileged for this.

By now, we will have performed in Ulm, Mosbach, Sindelfingen and Speyer already along with a visit to Garmish and Neuschwanstein. The second leg of our trip will include: Szar, Budapest, a private boat-ride down the Donau in Budapest, Salzburg and back to Munich. We'll get home just in time for German Fest!

These kids have worked so hard on the performances and for the trip itself. They have endured hours upon hours of practices, fundraising and second jobs. We could not be more proud of them! They are an amazing group of young people. This trip has brought us all together in a way that nothing else ever could. Know that our young people are getting a grasp of their heritage in the most direct and meaningful way; they are a wonderful representation of the United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee!

We would to thank the following for their monetary support: the Stiftung, the Frauengruppe, the Jägerverein and the Kindergruppe. Thank you to Art Zuber for donating the microphone stands and all of the necessary cords — along with all of your help in planning and dealing with our sound system! Another big thank you goes out to Mary Brunner for all of your fundraising help and host family gift donations — you have no idea how much we appreciate all of your help!

We would also like to sincerely thank Stefan Ihas and the Weltdachverband for all of their help in organizing our trip. Stefan is the newly appointed Weltdachverband President. He was our liason for the trip and we are so grateful for all of his help!

Participants Include: Becca Borowski, Liz Borowski, Megan Brunner, Becky Brunner, Hansi Geyer, Peter Hutz, Erika Hutz, Olivia MacGillis, Max MacGillis, Jim MacGillis, MaryAnn MacGillis, Kristel Metsig, Elizabeth Ozminkowski, Julie Patton, Jenn Patton, Katlin Schmieder, Karen Schmieder, Kirsten Siladi, Brigitta Siladi, Hildy Siladi and Rick Siladi.

We can't wait to tell you all about our adventures and show you pictures when we get home.

Food for Thought

When it comes to food, German Fest festival goers are known for their culinary consumption. In some cases, one might say - it's approaching Guinness Book of World Record's proportions. When food tastes as good as it does at Milwaukee's German Fest, who can blame 'em?!

The following list shows various foods and amounts consumed during four-days of festivities each year:

- 20,000 bratwurst
- 20,000 roast pork sandwiches
- 10,000 pounds of potatoes used in potato pancakes
- 10,000 pounds of sauerkraut
- 8,000 pounds of onions
- 5,000 chickens
- 20,000 pieces of torte and pastries
- 15,000 pieces of strudel
- 10,000 pounds of potato salad
- 9,000 dumplings
- 5,000 pounds of coleslaw
- 200 pigs for Spanferkel

So, how much food is that? Let's do the math:

If you stack end-to-end the 20,000 brats consumed, it stretches the length of eight Empire State Buildings! That's 10,000 feet! Would you prefer a sports analogy? 10,000 feet of brats is like the length of 28 football fields. The proof is in the potato. The 20,000 lbs. of potatoes used in preparing pancakes and potato salad, as you know, is 10 tons of potatoes. Now if you then add five tons of sauerkraut + four tons of onions, which are all part of vital food groups eaten during German Fest, THAT = the start of tons of fun!

Finally, combine the 35,000 servings of strudel, torte and pastries consumed each year at German Fest. That is enough to serve nearly two desserts to every resident of Germantown, Wisconsin or one helping to nearly every man, woman and child in New Berlin, Wisconsin! Who's hungry?

Congratulations...

... to UDoM Jugendgruppe members Megan Dettmering and Michael Herrmann who were named the 2012 May Princess and May Prince at the Jugendgruppe's annual spring formal on May 12th. Megan will be a sophomore at Menomonee Falls High School in the fall and has been a member of the Jugendgruppe for two years. Michael was a member of the UDoM Kindergruppe and this is his first year in the Jugendgruppe. He will be a freshman in the fall.

Good luck to both of you for the coming year!

... to UDoM Jugend and Kulturgruppe member Kirstie Siladi, who was crowned Miss Donauschwaben 2012 on Father's Day at the Schwabenhof. Kirstie graduated in June from Brookfield Central High School and will be attending UW-Madison in the fall, where she plans on studying accounting. She has been a UDoM member since the age of three and says she is looking forward to representing our club in the upcoming year.



Our Condolences...

... to the friends and family of Reuel Zielke who passed away early on the morning of July 6th. He was part of the Pomeranian group, Scottish group and chairman of the Trachtenschau at Germanfest. Anyone that knew him knows what a wonderful, up beat human being he was. He will be very missed! His suffering is over; may he rest in peace.