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Winter 2018

A Holiday Message from the President

The Christmas season is once again upon us and we are blessed to be enjoying an afternoon with our Donauschwaben Family. The Christmas Program is a wonderful collaboration of our Kinder, Jugend and their Leaders. It is always a joy to see and hear what they have in store for us. I'd like to extend a special thank you our Kindergruppe that decorated the hall so beautifully.

As an organization, we have made it through another year; not every Club can say that. We've had our struggles, as always, but for the most part, we've had a very good year. Our events remain enjoyable and successful, for which I am grateful. GermanFest was one of the most profitable in years. That makes all the hard work so much more worth it! We had the chance to host guests from Taks, Hungary in August. It seems whenever we have this opportunity, our guests leave a lasting impression on the young, old and all in between. It's an opportunity I'm thankful for. Thank you for your time, volunteering and support. Nothing would be possible without YOU, the Donauschwaben Family, the members of the UDoM.

Sadly, we lost several of our dear members this year. Our deepest sympathies go out to those families that lost loved ones. May you remember the good times and know you have the love and support of your UDoM family.

Lastly, I would like to thank all members of the Full and Executive Boards. Your ongoing dedication and endless efforts are greatly appreciated. Together with my husband Jim, our children, Max and Olivia, we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and best wishes throughout the New Year!

mit vielem Dank,

Mary Ann MacGillis



German-American Day

On October 7th, the German-American Societies celebrated German-American Day at the Schwabenhof. The afternoon was spent with wonderful dance performances and delicious food, as well as the crowning of the new Miss German-American Society 2018 — and UDoM Club Member — Emily Mayer!

Emily has already begun her year representing the German Societies in the Milwaukee area, and is enjoying attending events almost every weekend and meeting many new people. Congratulations, Emily, we hope you continue to have a wonderful year as Miss German-American Society!



Kinder Korner

On behalf of the Kindergruppe we would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! We had a wonderful year and have a lot to be thankful for. We want to send our best wishes to our 6 Kinder who "graduated" into the Jugendgruppe. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

-Katlin Schmieder, Gina Walcher, Alex Mayer, Alyssa Kosanke & Moni Weil; Kindergruppe Directors



The Frauengruppe would like to wish all the members of the UDoM and their families a very happy and healthy holiday season!

**Das Präsidium des
Weltdachverbandes der Donauschwaben
wünscht allen in der Welt lebenden
Donauschwabern
ein Besinnliches, friedliches und gesegnetes
Weihnachtsfest.**

Für das Jahr

2019

**wünschen wir
viel Gesundheit, Zufriedenheit,
Wohlergehen
und Gottes reichen Segen.
Frieden soll in unseren Herzen
und in der Welt sein!**

Stefan Ihas

**Präsident
Weltdachverband der Donauschwaben e.V.**



*Merry Christmas
and Happy
New Year! We
look forward to
sharing 2019
with you!*

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Jugendgruppe Tidings of Joy

The Christmas holiday season is here! This year was of course busy as usual for our dancers. Our group had many new opportunities to perform at events outside of our club and German community. It was exciting for the dancers to share our culture and dancing with the many new people we met.

As we look back on this last year we are so thankful for the support we received from of our UDoM board, club members, family and friends. Our Maiball 2018 was again a great success and it was so great to see so many familiar faces at all our performances.

As 2018 ends, I would like to take the time to thank all of my Jugend dancers and their parents for their dedication, support and time they give to our dance group. A special thank you to my co-leaders Mark and Jenny Mayer for all their help and time with our busy group. I could not manage everything without their help!

We are looking forward to the new 2019 year and all the events within our own club and in the German community. On behalf of myself, my co-leaders Mark and Jenny and all the Jugendgruppe dancers we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

- Carol Gdula, Jugendgruppe Director

Congratulations!

Each year at Holiday Folk Fair International, The International Institute picks a select few to honor for their commitment to the festival as well as their own culture. This year, our own Karen Schmieder, was chosen for this prestigious award. Karen shares this award with her mother, Carol Keidl, who, in 1999, was also added to the "Wall of Honor." Karen and her family have been involved with the Holiday Folk Fair for four generations. We are so proud of all the hard work Karen does, not just for our own club, but for the International Institute as well. Congratulations, Karen!



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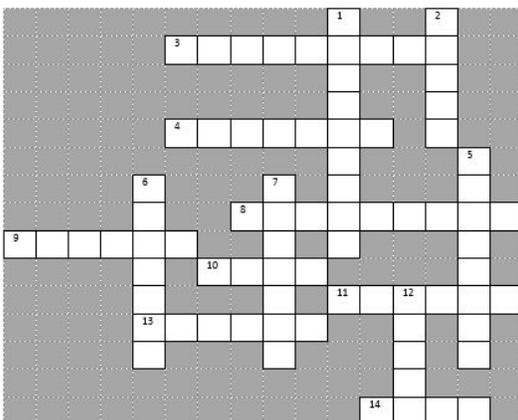
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- STOCKING
- TANNENBAUM
- WEIHNACHT

ACROSS:

3. If you're standing under this, you might receive a kiss
4. If you're a naughty, he'll show up instead of St. Nick
8. Christmas tree, in German
9. This ornament is hidden on the tree
10. According to Santa, if you're not naughty, you're this
13. "Leise Rieselt der _____"
14. Rudolf had a red one of these

DOWN:

1. A traditional Christmas treat, resembling gingerbread
2. Santa's belly shakes like a bowl full of this
5. Hot mulled wine, often sold at Kristkindlmarkt.
6. This article of clothing made Frosty the Snowman come alive, according to the song.
7. On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me nine ladies doing this
12. Alpine singer famous for his Christmas specials



Oh Baby!

Congratulations to UDoM Executive Board Member, Ashley Harker, and UDoM Member, Matthew Harker, on welcoming their son, James Lucas, into the world on October 19th, 2018.



Congratulations to UDoM Members, Erika Hutz and Dustin Warner on welcoming their daughter, Mathilda Teresa, into the world on November 12th, 2018.



Best Wishes to UDoM Member Michael Hutz and his wife, Katie, on the expected arrival of their new baby... due February 2019!

Best Wishes to UDoM Executive Board Member, Jenn Erickson, and UDoM Member Matt Erickson, on the expected arrival of their new baby boy... due Spring 2019!



Happy Holidays from the Kulturgruppe

Christmas is almost here! I would like to thank the Kultur members for their hard work this year. We always enjoy dancing at Holiday Folk Fair. We appreciate our buddies from the Jugendgruppe who join us. Traubenfest was a delightful evening! Special thanks to those who attended our Traubenfest. Also, special thanks to the club and everyone who supports us throughout the year. As this year comes to an end, Kultur is so very grateful!!

On Behalf of the Kulturgruppe, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year. We look forward to the New Year.

- Karen Schmieder, Kulturgruppe Director

Annual Membership Dues

Just a reminder to make sure your dues are current so you can vote and participate in all our fun auxillary groups!

Senior Rate (Age 65+) = \$25.00/Person
Regular Member Rate = \$50.00/Person

Membership dues are to be paid by Jan. 31, 2019. Please make checks payable to GACF.

Checks along with any changes to your contact information (Address/Phone/Email) are to be sent to:

Attn: Liz Borowski / Membership Dues
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DONAUSCHWÄBISCHE STIFTUNG WEIHNACHTEN 2018



The Stiftung has helped sponsor the Jugendfreundschaftslagers for the past ten years. We are pleased to share with you the report of the Anniversary year Lager in St. Louis. The St. Louis group hosted the first Lager in 2008 and how fitting that ten years later, they again hosted our youth from across the continent for an event not many will soon forget.

Jugendfreundschaftslager 2008-2018 - 10th Anniversary WEIHNACHTEN IM SOMMER

This year's Jugendfreundschaftslager was hosted in St Louis by the German Culture Society. The goal of the Jugendfreundschaftslager has always been to promote friendship and a better understanding of the Donauschwaben heritage and traditions *in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie*. So, with that thought in mind, *Christmas trees were trimmed ... lights & stockings were hung in the pavilion with care in hopes that the Christkind'll soon would be there!* There was no better time or place than "Weihnachten im Sommer" at a Jugendlager to share some Donauschwaben Christmas traditions and history with our youth.

Thursday – Arrival & Welcome. The Jugendfreundschaftslager began after 2:00 when the Donauschwaben clubs from Chicago Aid, Chicago Donau, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Kitchener, Los Angeles, Milwaukee and St Louis mixed & mingled after arriving. Camp was set up and ice breaker games were played. Dinner consisted of St Louis' Bavarian Sliders (pretzel bun, bratwurst, swiss/cheese & spicy mustard), potato salad and chips. Wrist bands of 4 different colors were given out, one color per person for whatever group they would belong to for the weekend. Each of the four groups were made up of a few Jugend of each city to help promote new friendships. There was music entertainment and games in the evening.

Friday - 'Meet Me in St Louis' tour day. Leaving at 8:30am, 93 of us (all wearing our red 'Weihnachten im Sommer' t-shirts) loaded up two coach buses that took us downtown to tour the Gateway Arch. The Arch is 630 feet tall; making it the tallest man-made monument in the United States; 630 feet is also the distance from leg to leg at ground level. We took tram rides up to the top, looking out the windows on a clear day the view at the top can cover up to thirty miles in either direction. Lunch took us to the German Culture Society hall for a 'Taste of St Louis' – an all original St Louis cuisine - Imo's pizza (St Louis' original thin crust pizza), toasted ravioli, Rich & Charlie's Salad and a desert of 'Goopy Butter' cookies. After lunch we headed to another St Louis icon the City Museum. The museum is for young and old, a playground & funhouse made out of unique found objects such as old chimneys, salvaged bridges, construction cranes, miles of tile, and even two abandoned planes coming all within St Louis's municipal borders. After hours of fun the buses headed back to Donau Park where dinner also hosted a few more St Louis originals: BBQ pork steaks and Ted Drewes' frozen custard for desert. Many cooled off on the slip 'n slide (a Jugendlager tradition) after dinner and the rest of the evening was a mix of music, fun & relaxation.

Saturday - Tag der Donauschwaben. The entire day was oriented towards learning Christmas culture and history. Each color group was assigned to one of 4 stations, which rotated throughout the day.

1. The pavilion hosted dancing and everyone was taught a new friendship dance that was choreographed by the St Louis Jugendgruppe.
2. The kitchen- every group that came in had their hands in making dinner for the evening. With recipes in hand they made...Chicken Paprikash & Knödel. They chopped & browned onions, cut up chicken, added spices, stirred the Paprikash to perfection. Then the Knödel were made; measuring ingredients, mixing the dough, dropping spoonful of dough into boiling water, watching the Knödel as they rose to the top, checking to make sure they were no longer doughy.
3. Our indoor lodge also hosted each group and they were shown how our ancestors made original Strohsterne Christmas ornaments. Strohsterne once decked many Donauschwaben Weihnachtsbäume, along with Szaloncukor (salone-zucker) and candles. Each Jugend made a Strohstern (straw star) ornament and hung it on the our Weihnachtsbaum.

4. The most loved station by all of the Jugend was our 'Einmalige Wettlauf' or Amazing Race (Donauschwaben style). Again, with Weihnachten in mind our Amazing Race had passports, route info, road blocks, detours and speed bumps. *The obstacle course* was decorated with wrapped presents; the *vocabulary session* blasted Donauschwaben words with a Vocab Scramble to get the next clue; the *coloring session* had blind-folded Jugend coloring the Donauschwaben Wappen (coat of arms) and the *German Food Taste Test* was determined by a game of pong in empty beer steins! Winners of each race received various St Louis memorabilia .

Lunch was served in the pavilion with Weihnachtsplätzchen (Christmas cookies), made by our Oma's, as a desert. Various stories were told about all of our Oma's & Opa's childhood Christmas memories. Many of them remembering similar things; Christmas church services and das Christkind, special meals such as ham baked in bread dough, Weihnachtsplätzchen, gifts of oranges and nuts, singing Weihnachtslieder beim Weihnachtsbaum etc.

Christkindchen Zart
Ich hab schon lang auf dich gewartet.
Sollst mir Äpfel und Nüße beschehen
Und mich lehren Vater und Mutter Ehren.

Dear sweet, tender Christkindchen,
I have waited a long time for you.
Please gift me apples and nuts
And teach me to honor my father and mother.

We followed some of those traditions, singing German Christmas songs together with the accompaniment of Joey Wendl's accordion...in 97-degree heat of the summer:). And yes, das Christkind and Knecht Ruprecht did make an appearance bringing oranges and chocolate for everyone. They singled out many of the Jugend whom they knew had not been so good all year. Each was brought to the front of the pavilion and their wrongs recited to everyone. Knecht Ruprecht set them straight with threats of taking the switch to them if they didn't change their ways! Low and behold even our Jugendleiterin from Cincinnati was scolded for her 'Zähneputzen' ☺...but was then rewarded with a gift of a camping gnome in remembrance for attending every Jugendfreundschaftslager since it began in 2008!

The afternoon continued by finishing our group rounds of each activity and then in lieu of the terrible hot weather everyone went to a nearby pool to swim for a few hours. Dinner was ready when everyone returned and the Chicken Paprikash and Knödel made by the Jugend, along with Gurkensalat and other various salads was served to all who attended. The evening began with all of the Jugend dancing the new friendship dance that they had learned and music from "Die Spitzbuam" band played afterwards for dancing & music entertainment. The finale of our 'Tag der Donauschwaben' ended with a fireworks display enjoyed by everyone. Sunday after breakfast, we broke down camp and said our 'Auf Wiedersehen' to new and old friends with hopes of seeing each other the next Labor Day weekend. It's been exciting to see the great leaps and bounds that the Jugendfreundschaftslager has made since it first started in St Louis in 2008. Many thanks to the support of the Stiftung, and to the Landesverband clubs for making this one of the best events for our Jugend.

Happy 10th Anniversary Jugendfreundschaftslager and Frohe Weihnachten!

Rosemarie Ficken, St. Louis

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The Stiftung Officers and Directors are pleased to announce the results of the Pfennigkrieg fundraising competition which was announced in Kitchener, Ontario during the annual Treffen. The total amount pledged was \$7531.69. The Deutscher Kulturverein of St. Louis was the winner of the Ulmerschachtel trophy with their winning donation of \$2401.00. Cincinnati was a close second with \$1613.00. We thank all the member clubs who participated in this great fundraiser! With such great response, our President Ed Tullius has announced that we WILL continue this fundraiser again this year and look forward to the Ulmerschachtel trophy being presented again at the Treffen on Labor Day weekend 2019.
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Danube- Swabian Association of the USA, Inc.
Verband der Donauschwaben in den USA. e.V.

October 2018

Liebe Landsleut,

The time for our annual plea for contributions has arrived. Passing on our heritage does not come without cost. Our foundation's annual budget is spent primarily on youth activities: youth dance groups, German schools, and bands. Frankly, foundation checks provide only a fraction of the financial support needed to run our youth programs. The home clubs provide the lion's share of support.

We have just completed our annual gathering in Kitchener and the support from our young "Schwobs" was tremendous. I'm beginning to notice that "Einwanderungsgeneration" members are becoming less and less at these events. Planning a smooth transition from one generation to the next is crucial to our clubs surviving for the long term. Don't forget why our clubs were established! We must focus on our language, tradition, and culture. Anyone can run a party center, but not everyone can pass on the values we received from our ancestors.

The fourth Welttreffen is scheduled for 2019 in Hungary and Romania. Solicitation for participants began a few months back and the initial response was astounding. Almost 100 applicants from around the world have responded to apply for 60 openings. What a wonderful statement that makes about interest in preserving our culture! The foundation has plans to support this endeavor. Our Jugendlager program also continues to operate successfully. St. Louis hosted this gathering in 2018 and many young people from around the US and Canada were able to attend thanks to foundation support.

In closing, I ask every Schwob who reads this letter to reach into their pocket and make an annual donation of fifty dollars or more.

Danke und Frohe Weihnachten!

Robert F. Filippi

Robert F. Filippi
President, Landesverband der Donauschwaben
Chairman, Danube Swabian Foundation