



# Der Adler



The quarterly newsletter of the Verein der Donauschwaben  
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## WAS GIBT'S NEUES???

It's been a busy few months around the Donauschwaben Haus. Here are some of the many highlights from the past few months and a quick look ahead to the spring and summer months:

Many thanks to all who attended the Schnitzel Dinner Dance on February 9! The event was a great combination of delicious food and wine, good friends, and fantastic entertainment, and everyone had a wonderful time. Above all, thanks to the Wilzbach and Ludwig Families and their outstanding committee for all of their dedication to the Society.

Saturday, March 9, was the date of the 43rd annual Johann Strauß Ball. It was nice to see such a large crowd and so many people, young and young-at-heart, having a good time. Die Spitzbuam from St. Louis provided the wonderful music for the evening. Many thanks to the Johann Strauß Dancers under the direction of Debi Tullius and Lori Decher for their hard work and patience in presenting such a wonderful program. A big "Thank you!" goes to the entire Strauß Ball Committee under the leadership of John & Kathi Weissmann for their hard work and dedication.

Those who attended the Easter Party (March 24) enjoyed seeing our children's groups perform. The highlights of the day were the visit of the Easter Bunny, who brought goody bags for all the children, and the Easter Egg Hunt, moved indoors due to the unseasonably snowy weather. A delicious meal followed, which everyone enjoyed. Many thanks to the Frauengruppe and their husbands for all the hard work, to the group leaders for their work with the children, and to the Osterhase for hopping through the snow to get to the party.

Let's continue to support the Society any way we can. Our next major upcoming event is the 3rd annual MaiSchwabenfest (May 10 & 11) - if you are interested in helping at this outdoor festival in any way (setup, teardown, or anything in-between), please contact Nick Kruppen (324-4767, [nicholas.kruppen@gmail.com](mailto:nicholas.kruppen@gmail.com)). May concludes with a Fifth Friday Frothfest (Schaumfest!) on Friday, May 31.

There is also quite a bit on the calendar for June. The 38th annual Dirndl-Trachtenball is scheduled for June 8 and features, among other things, a dinner prior to the event. The yearly Father's Day Gulasch Dinner is set for Sunday, June 23. Further information about both of these events can be found on the back cover of this newsletter.

Finally, don't forget about the new Second Friday Steinverein get-togethers. A list of upcoming dates can be found inside, so please keep reading!

Now more than ever, the Donauschwaben Society offers a variety of events that appeal to a wide range of folks: concerts, dances, informal gatherings, and - not one, not two, but *three* - outdoor events throughout the year. If you can't find something that appeals to you here, then "*Was ist los mit dir!?!?*"

Let's also support other local German traditions to ensure a long and prosperous future! Highlights of the next few months include Old St. Mary's Day (May 5) and the annual German Day (June 2), both of which will be held at Hofbräuhaus, and the Schützenfest at Kolping (July 19-21) - these are just some of the many events taking place this summer, so please visit the Bürgerliga website ([gacl.org](http://gacl.org)) for a more thorough list.

*Rogar Schneider*

## GRUSSWORTE UNSERER PRÄSIDENTIN (Greetings from our President)

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde (Dear Members & Friends)!

As I write this, it's officially spring, but it still looks and feels a lot like winter. On March 24th, the Society hosted its annual Easter Party - the day began with a beautiful snowfall (!) and ended with our kids having their Easter Egg hunt in the Members' Hall. The little ones didn't care, because the eggs were much easier to find!

I'd like to thank Helen Hary and the Frauengruppe board for the delicious Easter dinner that they prepared for everyone. As always, though, the highlight of the day was the program that the Kleine- and Mittlere Kindergruppen presented. The kids were all so enthusiastic and loved being able to speak German (and they're getting better with each performance). My thanks go to their coaches: Erin Sucher, Patty Butterfield, Rose Abt, Heidi Kurzhals, and Lauren Hunt. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of ladies working to preserve our German and Donauschwaben heritage.

Now, we look ahead to our upcoming events: MaiSchwabenfest, the Dirndl-Trachtenball, a Fifth Friday Froth Fest, the Fathers' Day Gulasch Dinner, and an informal second Friday gathering *every* month! All of these events are wonderful opportunities for all of us - especially our newer members - to come out and help and/or to make new friends.

We welcome all of our new members and look forward to getting to know you and work with you in the coming years.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 574-6612 or email me at [martykunkle@hotmail.com](mailto:martykunkle@hotmail.com).

*Marty Konrad Kunkle*

Präsidentin, Verein der Donauschwaben

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# GRUPPEN & KOMITEES

## (Groups & Committees)

### **KLEINE KINDERGRUPPE** **(Little Children's Group)** *Meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m.*

The Kleine Kindergruppe is always in need of new members. Contact:

Erin Sucher            741-4986  
Patty Butterfield    741-7223

### **MITTLERE KINDERGRUPPE** **(Middle Children's Group)** *Meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m.*

The group is gearing up for yet another busy summer.

Rose Abt                367-4887  
Heidi Kurzhals        680-5303  
Lauren Hunt

### **JUGENDGRUPPE** **(Youth Group)**

*Meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.*

The Society's group for young adults age 14-25 is always looking for new members.

If interested in more information, please contact:

Debi Tullius            522-3849  
Lori Prügel-Decher    245-9450

### **SCHUHPLATTLER** **(Schuhplattlers)**

*Meets Mondays at 7:15 p.m.*

The Schuhplattler are the best-known folk dancers in Cincinnati. Questions should be directed to:

Lori Prügel-Decher    245-9450

### **TRACHTENGRUPPE** **(Trachten Group)**

*Meets 2nd & 4th Weds. at 7:30*

The dancers are back at it and looking forward to a busy 2013. For more information about the group, please contact:

Kathi Weissmann    467-6120

### **BOGENSCHIESSEN** **(Bow shooting)**

*Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday*

The marksmen are happy to see Spring - please contact:

Joe Abt                367-4887

### **VEREINSMUSIKANTEN** **(Club Brass Band)**

The band will be playing at numerous venues throughout the summer.

Frank Bakes, Jr.    984-6112

### **CATERING KOMITEE** **(Catering Committee)**

Any member interested in helping with catering should contact:

Helen Hary            923-4548  
Kathi Weissmann    467-6120

### **SOFTBALL**

The softball team is always looking for new players! Contact:

John Weissmann, Jr. 574-7814

### **FRAUENGRUPPE** **(Ladies Group)**

*Meets 4th Friday of every month (except December) at 8 p.m.*

Thanks to those ladies for all that they do around the Haus!

Helen Hary    923-4548

### **GOLF**

Come rain or shine (but not snow), these folks are on the links. To play along, please contact:

Bob Decher    245-9450

### **HAUSKOMITEE** **(Haus Committee)**

Meets most every Saturday, but holds its monthly work day on the 3rd Saturday. To help, call:

Nick Abt            646-3232

### **SENIORENGRUPPE** **(Seniors Group)**

*Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 10 a.m.*

Some members even meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, too.

Hans Bucher    861-6450

### **KULTURKOMITEE** **(Culture Committee)**

Please consider donating cultural materials to the committee instead of pitching them.

Richard Elder        761-4090  
Karl Themare, Jr.    451-1483

# ZUM WOHL UND BESTEN DES VEREINS

## (In the best interest of the Society)

### FEATURED DONAUSCHWABEN DORF: TEMESWAR

The featured Donauschwaben Dorf in this issue is no Dorf at all. Temeswar (also formerly Temeschburg or Temeschwar) is the capital city of what is now Timiș County, in western Romania, and is generally accepted as the capital city of the Banat and of the Donauschwaben people.

Temeswar lies in the great Pannonia plain, a dried-out Pliocene seabed that is now divided almost in half by the Danube. The rich black soil and relatively low water table made the area fertile for agriculture. It is not surprising, then, that many of the original pioneers who became known as Donauschwaben settled in this area.

The place that became Temeswar was first mentioned in the 1200s. Following the destruction of the town in 1241, the Hungarian king at the time, Bela IV, brought in German laborers to reconstruct and settle the area. The city grew considerably over the years, until it was conquered by the Ottoman Turks in 1552.

The Banat was liberated by Prince Eugene of Savoy in 1716, and the area came under Austrian rule. Soon thereafter, a new wave of German pioneers – later called Donauschwaben – flooded in to resettle the Banat and to make it more habitable. During the next two centuries, Temeswar evolved from a strategic fortress to an economic and industrial center. A new cathedral, St. George's, was constructed from 1736 to 1763 and stands to this day. In 1884, Temeswar (not Paris, Berlin, or Vienna) became the first mainland European city to be lit by electric street lamps.

As a result of World War I, Temeswar came under Romanian administration. In 1920, Temeswar was awarded the status of a University Center, and the interwar years saw continuous economic and cultural development. When communist forces rolled into the area at the end of World War II, however, many of the city's German residents were sent to the forced labor camps of the USSR or fled the area, never to return. Those who opted to stay suffered under the leftist dictatorships in the coming years or assimilated as Romanians.

Today, Temeswar (now known as Timișoara) is – like the rest of Romania – attempting to make its way back from the dark days of war and communism. Its population of over 303,708 inhabitants makes it the third largest city in Romania, and it is the main social, economic, and cultural center in the western part of Romania. Sadly, though, the culture of Temeswar will never be as rich as it was in the days when the Donauschwaben called it home.



St. George's Cathedral in Temeswar

#### WIR BETEN FÜR



Please pray for members Nick Kepf and Lisl Loch, who recently went to their eternal rest. *Gott gebe ihnen die ewige Ruhe!*

#### HERZLICH



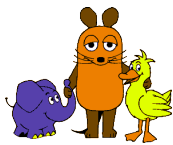
Please welcome Lisa Bambach, Martin & Monica Dechering, Jason & Marie Fightmaster, Geof & Kristen Garver, Bob & Therese Kenning, Richard & Lois McGinley, David Plogman, Candy Shannon, Becky Suer, Erhard Waldeck, Joe & Eileen Waldeck, and Christopher & Sherri Wermuth as new associate members in the Donauschwaben Society.

# AUS DER DEUTSCHEN GEMEINDE

## (From the German Community)

### GERMAN HERITAGE LECTURE SERIES

The German Heritage Museum continues its 2013 German Heritage Lecture Series on Sunday, May 5, with a lecture program on "The Norwood Turnverein". Presenter is Lee R. Little, a graduating German and History major at Xavier University who wrote his thesis on the Norwood Turnverein. "Turnvereine" were German-American societies that believed in the philosophy of "a sound mind in a sound body". The term "Turner" comes from the German verb "turnen", meaning to do gymnastics. The first Turnverein in the U.S. was founded in 1848 in Over-the-Rhine. As a student of German, Mr. Little became interested in the Norwood Turnverein, which was located near Xavier University. The presentation, which will be held at the German Heritage Museum (4764 West Fork Road), begins at 2 p.m. For information, please contact Bürgerliga President Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann (574-1741) or visit the League's website ([gacl.org](http://gacl.org)).



*Remember to sign up for the club's newsletter via email by contacting Rogar at [kaiserrogar@yahoo.com](mailto:kaiserrogar@yahoo.com) AND to visit the club's new Facebook page, "Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society"!*

### GERMAN HERITAGE DAY AT THE BALLPARK: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2!



- ◆ 2012 National League Central Division Champion Reds vs. the St. Louis Cardinals.
- ◆ First pitch set for 1:10 p.m.
- ◆ Free beer mug will be given to the first 20,000 fans in attendance.
- ◆ To purchase discounted tickets, please call 765-7452 or visit [reds.com/German](http://reds.com/German).

Our city became a great place to live largely due to the contributions of its German-American citizens. Let's show up in force to show others how strong the local German community continues to be!

### GERMAN RADIO



#### Fröhlich ins Wochenende

Sat., 11 a.m.-noon WAIF 88.3 FM  
Host: Gebhard Erler

#### German Tunes of the Queen City

Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m. WAIF 88.3 FM  
Hosts: Gebhard Erler & Dieter Waldowski

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[www.radio-volksmusik.at](http://www.radio-volksmusik.at)

[www.br.de/radio/bayern-plus](http://www.br.de/radio/bayern-plus)

(10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

**ANY TIPS? Send them to the editor!**

### GERMAN MASS



#### Old St. Mary's Catholic Church

123 E. Thirteenth St.

**Sundays, 11 a.m.**

Telephone: 721-2988

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Roric Schneider  
7011 Pickway Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45233  
(513) 252-5372

[roricschneider@hotmail.com](mailto:roricschneider@hotmail.com)

\*Members who would like a 2013 membership card should send their check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Roric.

## Old St. Mary's Church



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Cincinnati, OH 45202**

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**OLD ST. MARY'S DAY AT  
HOFBRÄUHAUS NEWPORT -  
SUNDAY, MAY 5!**

Old St. Mary's Church will hold its annual fundraiser at Hofbräuhaus Newport on Sunday, May 5. Doors open at 11 a.m. You can help simply by showing up and enjoying a meal or beverage - just present a fundraiser slip (available by emailing [kaiser-rogar@yahoo.com](mailto:kaiser-rogar@yahoo.com)) when ordering, and 10% of your bill will go towards the OSM Organ Restoration Fund. Please do your part to help this oldest of Cincinnati German landmarks!

**SECOND FRIDAY  
STEINVEREIN**

The Society will hold its next Second Friday gatherings on:  
⇒ June 14  
⇒ July 12  
⇒ August 9  
Doors open at around 5:30. Beverages are offered at a reasonable price. A tip of the hat goes to Nick & Kelly Krummen, Amanda Minnich, and Roric "Schneid" Schneider for all of their hard work in putting these events on!

**IT'S EHRENPLATZ TIME!**

Orders are being taken until June 1st for brick & stone placements in the Ehrenplatz. They will be installed by Donauschwabentag. This is a great way to remember loved ones and to support our Society. For more details, please call me @ 741-4228.

*Linda Igel*

**DONAUSCHWABEN HAUS**



**4290 Dry Ridge Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45252**

**Need a place to celebrate?**

- ◆ The Donauschwaben Haus offers two halls & an outdoor pavilion for wedding ceremonies & receptions, anniversary parties, and other events!
- ◆ The Donauschwaben Haus can accommodate celebrations for up to 500 people!

**Contact Mike at 513-385-2098  
or [mkurzhaus@fuse.net](mailto:mkurzhaus@fuse.net)  
for more information!**

For tickets/reservations to upcoming events, contact Ed Tullius at (513) 385-2098

**3. ANNUAL  
MAISCHWABENFEST**



**Friday, May 10**  
6 p.m. - midnight

**Saturday, May 11**  
1 p.m. - midnight

Admission: \$2 per person

Featuring the [Paulaner Biergarten!](#)



**GERMAN FOOD, DRINK,  
AND ENTERTAINMENT  
THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND!**

**Dirndl-  
Trachtenball**



**Saturday, June 8**

7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**Dinner & dance: \$17/person**

**Dance only: \$8/person**

**Oktoberfest roasted chicken  
dinner served from 6:30 to 7:30**

**\*Reservations a must for dinner!\***

**Please wear your Trachten!!!**

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**28th annual  
FATHER'S DAY**



**GULASCH DINNER**

**Sunday, June 23**

1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Gulasch dinner served at 5 p.m.**

◆ **Adults: \$7**

◆ **Children (12 & under): \$4**

**\*Cash bar for beverages\***

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

- ◇ **FULL DRESS REHEARSAL BY THE  
YOUTH GROUP AT 2 P.M.**
- ◇ **PERFORMANCES BY THE KLEINE &  
MITTLERE KINDERGRUPPEN**

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