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From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

We have had a very busy couple of months here at the Club.

In August, our Donauschwaben Day was well-attended. Our friends from the Speyer Group and all of our dance groups put on a great performance. Congratulations to those who received their well-deserved gold pin and to those associate members who became full members.

Over Labor Day Weekend we traveled to the club in Milwaukee where our Youth Group participated in the competition. Every single member showed pride in their performance and culture, which is what our organization is really all about. They, along with their coaches, should be proud of what they have accomplished.

Another successful Oktoberfest has come and gone. Thanks to Hansi Weissmann and Mike Waldeck for serving as the cochairman of this important event. We are very lucky to have as many volunteers as we do who help out. Without such a strong volunteer base this club and the events we host would not be possible. I don't think it can be said enough: THANK YOU!

Adam Hary, our House and Grounds Chairman, and his volunteers have been very busy the last couple of months. The "L" shaped bar in the pavilion, the new driveway lights, and the freshly painted exteriors on both halls are just a few of the many projects that they have accomplished to keep our house and grounds looking great.

Our annual planning meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9 starting at 1:00 PM. This is an opportunity for members to present fresh ideas to the Board. If anyone has concerns, ideas, or projects they would like to present I encourage you to call me at 513-245-9450 so that I can add your input to the agenda.

Our traditional Weinlesetanz has a new committee led by members Catherine and Charlie Dehne. Our thanks go to Amy and Mike Waldeck and their committee members for hosting this event in the past. The time and effort that you have put into this event over the years is deeply appreciated.

We have many great events coming up in November, December and January, all of which are highlighted in this publication. I hope to see all of you attend and support the club as much as you can.

Finally, as 2014 comes to a close and we enter the Holiday season, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of the Cincinnati Donauschwaben Board of Directors. Thank you for making our 60th year the best year to date.

I look forward to a successful 2015.

Sincerely,

Bob Decher

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Cincinnati Donauschwaben President

From the Editor

Due to the quarterly nature of this publication, information may change after printing. Please understand that the editor does his best to ensure the accuracy of all information in Der Adler. Please accept his apologies for any mistakes made herein. Also please understand that space is limited. For the latest information on all events please visit the club website or Facebook page.

-Joe T. Ludwig-Editor, Der Adler



In the News

DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you have items that you can donate to the club? We are looking for new/unused items to help fill baskets throughout the year. The baskets will be used to help raise money for our various groups. For more information, please contact Helen Hary at hary@fuse.net.

ADVERTISING IN THE PRINT/ELECTRONIC DER ADLER

Are you interested in advertising in the print or electronic version of Der Adler for 2015? Your advertising dollars will help offset the production costs of our newsletter.

Space is limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. (Priority will be given to past customers). The 2015 prices will

be announced soon. If you are interested in advertising in Der Adler in 2015, please contact Joe Ludwig at ludwigit89@gmail.com as soon as possible.

2014 KIRCHWEIH DANCE

Congratulations to Schuhplattler members Joe Ludwig and Caroline Dektas on getting the Strauss at this year's Kirchweih Dance. The rosemary bush, which was blessed the previous week at Old St. Mary's Church, is said to bring prosperity to a young couple's relationship. The Strauss was grown by the Waldeck family and sold for \$1,000 in a real time auction.

A special thank you to the dance committee and the Hank Haller Band for making this traditional Donauschwaben event such a success.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

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SCHWABEN DAY AWARDS

On our 60th Annual Donauschwaben Day in August we paid special tribute to the founding of our club and the members who made it possible. But we also acknowledged those members who have given special dedication to our club.

Congratulations to Donauschwaben member's Catherine & Charlie Dehne, Gerda Idselies, Charlie Hunt, JoAnn Luncan, and Jean Schwierling for receiving their gold pin for dedicated service to the club.

Also congratulations to the following associate members on becoming full members: Mike and Tracy Beacock, Julie Broering, Noah and Elena, Chris and Laura Hambrick, Al and Kim Huber, Joe and Kelly Igel, Terrill and Judy Kidwell, Jerad and Alicia Laine.

IS YOUR EMAIL/MAILING ADDRESS UP-TO-DATE?

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If you recently moved, please stay in touch and let our Membership Chair, Nick Abt know. You can contact him via email at abt.nick@gmail.com.



Schuhplattler members Joe T. Ludwig and Caroline Dektas with the Strauss at the Donauschwaben's Kirchweih Dance 2014.

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DER ADLER DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for the Fall edition of Der Adler will be Sunday, December 28. Please send all information about upcoming Schwaben events, German community events etc. to Joe T. Ludwig at ludwigjt89@gmail.com. Joe will need information about Dinner Dance, Beer/Wine Tasting, Strauss Ball, Spring Concert, Wedding Expo, Member's Easter Party, the Landesverband Meetings and any other Donauschwaben Events or news between February and April 2015.

Please do what you can to meet this deadline. The printer needs at least 1 week to print the newsletters and it will save the editor a lot of time if he doesn't have to hunt down information.

ONLINE NEWSLETTER EDITION

If you are interested in subscribing to the digital edition of Der Adler, please contact Joe T. Ludwig at ludwigit89@gmail.com.

The digital edition features more content and more pictures—all in color.

NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

The Cincinnati Donauschwaben newsletter has gone through some major design/content changes over the last year. We want to know what you think.

If you have any constructive feedback about Der Adler, let Joe T. Ludwig know via email at ludwigjt89@gmail.com.

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DONAUSCHWABEN WEDDING RECEPTIONS & EVENTS

The Club's rental business is now on Facebook! With your support, a Facebook presence will help get the word out about what we have to offer, help us increase traffic to our receptions website, spread the word about our non-cultured events (e.g. Bridal Expo) and ultimately increase our rentals in the future.

Please help us spread the word about our new Facebook page by inviting friends/family and by liking and sharing our posts. If you are interested in helping to provide engaging Facebook content, please contact Joe T. Ludwig at https://ludwigit89@gmail.com.



SCHWABEN SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER

The Donauschwaben Youth Group is once again preparing homemade sausage. They will be selling three varieties: regular, spicy, and smoked sausage. Original flavor and spicy flavor is \$6 per pound while smoked versions of both flavors are available for \$7 per pound.

To order, download the Sausage Order Form January 2014 on the club website and mail it in to the address listed or email it to Lori Decher at lpd@fuse.net.

There is no guarantee that orders placed after JANUARY 6 will be honored. Sausage pick-up will be at the Donauschwaben Society on January 25 from 4 to 6 PM. Proceeds from this event will help offset the group's upcoming travel costsincluding the costs of the group's trip to Los Angeles in 2015.



Upcoming Events

WEINLESETANZ

The Weinlesetanz is a traditional festival that celebrates the year's successful harvest of the grapes used to make wine. The hall is set-up with an arbor and hanging fruit that members and guests try to steal. Watch out though, if you are caught by the harvest "police", made up of members of our youth group and middle group, you will have to pay a fine.

Grab a few friends and come hang out at the Cincinnati Donauschwaben and have fun at this traditional festival. Come listen and dance to the German music that fills the hall. Our bar will be open to serve your favorite glass of wine, beer or Coke products and the kitchen will have sausage sandwiches for sale. For reservations call 513-385-2098 and select option 3.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Thursday, December 11, the Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society will be hosting a group of German and Austrian performers for a night of German Christmas music. Join well-known German singers Margret Almer, Raphael, and the Allgauer Bergvagabunden for a festive evening. Even if you don't understand German, you will enjoy the music and Gemuetlichkeit. The second half of the evening features beautiful German Christmas songs.

Admission for the concert only is \$15 per person. Admission for the concert and dinner is \$25 per person. Dinner will be served between 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The show begins at 7:30 PM. For reservations, please contact Helmut Wolfram at 513-451-6452 or derkaiser@fuse.net. Please include "Christmas Concert" in the subject line.



MEMBER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come celebrate the Christmas holiday at the annual Donauschwaben Member's Christmas Party, on Sunday, December 14. The party starts at 2:00 PM and features a Christmas show performed by the Middle group and Kleinekinder group, usually made up of a skit, German carols and/or poems. After the show is over there will be a surprise guest and then sandwiches will be served. Guests are asked to bring a dozen or two of cookies to share with other members.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Come ring in the New Year "Schwaben style" with your friends at the Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society as we say goodbye to 2014 and welcome 2015.

For only \$25, enjoy live music from Cincinnati's own Alpen Echos and an all-you-can eat appetizer/sandwich buffet and desert. The bar will open at 8:00 PM and the music will begin an hour later at 9:00 PM. You do not have to be a member to attend so feel feel to invite your friends! This is one of our more popular dances so make sure you make your reservations early.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For tickets/reservations to upcoming events, call our reservation line at 385-2098, option 3

Planning Meeting Sunday, November 9

Stein Verein

Friday, November 14 6 to 10 PM

*Weinlese Tanz

Saturday, November 15 7:30 to 11:30 PM

*Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 11 Dinner: 5:30 to 7:30 PM Show: 7:30 to 10:30 PM

Stein Verein

Friday, December 12 6 to 10 PM

*Club Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14 2 to 6 PM

*New Year's Eve Dance

Wednesday, December 31 9 PM to 1 AM

Stein Verein

Friday, January 9 6 to 10 PM

Fifth Friday Froth Fest

Friday, January 30 6 to 10 PM

* Reservations required

Visit our website and Facebook page for more information about our events.

DER ADLER INFO

To submit information to the newsletter, please contact:

Joe T. Ludwig

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Winter 2015 issue deadline: December 28, 2014

The German Community

GERMANIA SOCIETY'S CHRISTKINDLEMARKT

A Christkindlmarkt is a traditional German street market associated with the celebration of Christmas during the four weeks of Advent. Generally held in the town square and adjacent pedestrian zones, these markets sell food, drink and seasonal favorites (such as glühwein and gingerbread men) from open-air stalls, accompanied by traditional singing and dancing.

The Germania Society brings this traditional market to Cincinnati for their 15th Annual Christkindlmarkt on November 21, 22 and 23. Admission is \$3 and ages 14 and under are free).



3RD ANNUAL CINCIDEUTCH'S CHRISTKINDLEMARKT

The Cincideutsch Christkindlmarkt will take place over three weekends at two locations: Fountain Square, the heart of downtown Cincinnati, and the Schmidlapp Event Lawn at Smale Riverfront Park. Cincideutsch aims to create an authentic German experience for all in the greater Cincinnati metro area.

Founded in 2011 by native German speakers and Americans who had lived in Germany, Cincideutsch holds meetings weekly for casual conversation. They are proud to bring events like Christkindlmarkt to the community, bridging historically German Cincinnati with the rich German culture of today. For more information, visit their website at www.cincideutsch.com.



THE GERMAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chrstkindlmarkt Germania Society November 21, 22, 23

Christkindlmarkt CinciDeutch

November 28, 29, 30 Fountain Square

December 5-7, 12-13 Smale Riverfront Park Various Times

Mustard Club Meetings

Mecklenburg Gardens 2nd Saturday, Monthly 11:00 AM

If you would like to submit an event to this section for next quarter, please email Joe T. Ludwig at ludwigjt89@gmail.com.

We are happy to spread the word about events happening in the German community as long as the event doesn't conflict with a Donauschwaben event.

Are YOU or Someone you know on Medicare?

It's annual open enrollment for those on Medicare! Starting October 15th and ending December 7th you will have the opportunity to make any needed changes to your coverage.

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Who do I talk to about my Medicare Questions? How about a member?

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Cincinnati, OH 45241

Call me at 513-202-6334 to schedule a meeting or Email: JLaine@CHSToday.com







Donauschwaben Oktoberfest 2014 Bringing a Bavarian Tradition to Cincinnati, Ohio for 22 Years

By: Joe T. Ludwig

There are at least one dozen Oktoberfest celebrations between August and October throughout Greater Cincinnati. These festivals range in scale anywhere from a small church festival to Oktoberfest Zinzinnati, (known for being the biggest Oktoberfest outside of Munich). But every year, there is one Oktoberfest that attempts to stand out from the rest.

The Donauschwaben Oktoberfest in Colerain Township is certainly not the biggest Oktoberfest in Cincinnati but—with live entertainment from Europe, homemade food and desserts and over 25 beers on draft—the festival strives to bring an authentic experience to Cincinnati. It is a goal

they no doubt have accomplished over the last 22 years.

A BAVARIAN TRADITION

Oktoberfest started in 1810 when Prince Ludwig I invited the citizens of Munich to his wedding on the fields in front of the city gate. The wedding reception blossomed into a two-week open-air festival that was so well received it became an annual event. Each year additional exhibits were added until it became the major annual German fall festival celebrating harvest time and the arrival of the fall season.

Today, over 200 years later, the citizens of Munich—and the world—

still celebrate his marriage in a 16-day festival known as Oktoberfest. Each year, over 7 million visitors drink 14 million liters of beer and they consume more than 300,000 pairs of pork sausages, 600,000 roasted chickens and more than 60,000 roasted pork knuckles. The only breweries that can participate in Oktoberfest are those that brew their beer within the city limits of Munich and follow the Reinheitsgebot (also known as the German Beer Purity Law) that limits the ingredients used in the production of beer to water, barley and hops.

The festival is known as the largest in the world and has become so huge that they have to start setting up in July, two months before.



"AN AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE"

The Donauschwaben Oktoberfest is not nearly as big as the one in Munich— nor does it host as many people. But it was created as a way to bring the popular Bavarian tradition and German Gemütlichkeit to a city that is heavily influenced by German culture.

"Our goal has—and always will be—to bring the most authentic Oktoberfest experience to Cincinnati," said John "Hansi" Weissmann, co-chairman of the Donauschwaben's Oktoberfest. "I think we do a good job of that every year."

Year after year the festival offers Cincinnati an experience that you would usually have to travel to Germany to enjoy. This year, it offered 27 imported and domestic beers on draft including favorites such as Hofbräuhaus, Warsteiner, Paulaner, and Schwaben Lager, the new Donauschwaben house brew. It offered many homemade meals such as pitroasted Bavarian pig and chicken, German sausage, stuffed cabbage, goulash with Spätzle (noodles), and tortes and pastries. Trauntul Trio and Kraichgauer Hundsbuam who were invited from Germany, shared the stage

with Cincinnati's own Alpen Echos and Vereinsmusikanten throughout the weekend.

Despite the chilly October air and the constant threat of rain, the largest crowd in the Donauschwaben's Oktoberfest history showed up and participated in the traditional Gemütlichkeit.

"TRULY BLESSED"

Any event put on by any non-profit organization is only successful because of its volunteers. The Donauschwaben has a lot of great volunteers who make this event possible.

"A lot of time and effort by a lot of people—too many to name—plays a role into making our Oktoberfest such a success every year," Mr. Weissmann said. "Our club is truly blessed to have members who make an event like this so nice for everyone. We could not have had such a successful year without the help and support of every single person who volunteered their time to this event."

The 23rd Annual Donauschwaben Oktoberfest will return in 2015 on Oktober 2, 3 and 4.





The Speyer Dance Group performing at Donauschwaben Day

60th Annual Donauschwaben Day Remembering Our Past, Celebrating Our Future

By: Joe T. Ludwig

n Sunday August 10, the Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society hosted its Annual Donauschwaben Day an event that pays tribute to the creation of the organization and the members who made it possible over the years. It was an opportunity for members and volunteers to look forward and celebrate what the organization is truly all about: preserving and celebrating Donauschwaben culture.

The ceremonies began with a parade, a prayer service at the Donauschwaben memorial and an award service where nominated associate members were promoted to full membership, the gold pin, and other awards were handed out. The five Donauschwaben dance groups (Kleine Kinder Group, Middle Group, Youth Group, Schuhplattlers, and Trachten Group) performed throughout the afternoon.

In addition to the performances by the local dance groups, 22 members from the Donaudeutsche Trachtengruppe of Speyer Germany were in there to perform a show that was over two hours long.



The Kleine Kinder Group performing at our annual Donauschwaben Day.









Pictures courtesy of Donauschwaben club member Annette Suer

Top Left: *The Middle Group performing.*

Top Right: Club members volunteering in the kitchen

Middle: The Speyer Group performing.

Bottom: *The Youth Group performing.*

The 2014 Oma Abt Youth Heritage Essay



The Oma Abt Youth Heritage Essay Contest was created last year in memory of my Oma, Maria Abt. My Oma was heavily involved in the Donauschwaben community. She served as the Landesverband Frauenleiteen, the leader of the Milwaukee Jugengruppe and also served as the leader of the Milwaukee Frauengruppe. The essay contest was named in her memory as a way to get the youth involved in the Donauschwaben community

Each year the entries are judged by members of the Abt family and members of the Donauschwaben Stiftung. The winners are awarded monetary prizes and signed copies of Elisabeth Walters' books written about the Donauschwaben. Peter Hutz from Milwaukee came in third place, Kathleen Martini from Trenton came in second place and Ali Toth from Chicago Donauschwaben came in first place. Congratulations to all the participants and we look forward to reading next year's entries. Below is the first place essay. I hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

—Katy Abt—

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO CARRY ON MY DONAUSCHWABEN HERITAGE

Written By: Ali Toth, Chicago Donauschwaben

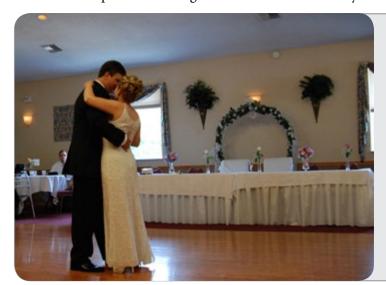
It is important for me to carry on my Donauschwaben heritage so it is not lost. At the time my family came to the United States, there was immense pressure for all immigrant groups to assimilate. As a result, many parents chose not to teach their native language to their children, and other important cultural traditions were lost.

However, my grandparents refused to give up speaking German, and made sure that their children were able to speak the language. Meanwhile, my parents made sure that my sisters and I grew up knowing German, were aware of our culture, and participated in the Donauschwaben. I will forever appreciate the decision my grandparents and parents made to carry on our Donauschwaben heritage because one's culture is an essential aspect of one's identity.

While it is important to be grateful for

the new life that my family has been able to achieve in the United States, it is equally important that I acknowledge Donauschwaben culture. my Donauschwaben culture is not carried on, then there runs the risk that the plight of our ancestors will be forgotten to history. Our heritage must be acknowledged and carried on so that we remember our ancestors and the horrors they endured in Europe. Carrying on our Donauschwaben heritage asserts that we were able to survive the worst situations that any human can suffer, and that we were able to prosper in our new homeland. It is this assertion, as well as my pride in my Donauschwaben culture, that was the catalyst for my interest in history.

When I was a child, my Oma and Opa would tell me stories of what they had to endure, and I was later outraged to find that the story of the Donauschwaben is largely unknown to those outside of our cultural group. It was my fascination with the stories of what my ancestors survived that eventually inspired me to double major in secondary education and history. It is also the reason why I am choosing to specialize in European history. For my senior thesis, I plan to write about the tragedies that befell my family after World War II ended. It is my mission to tell the world about the Donauschwaben people and the genocide that was carried out against us, and it is my aim to teach my future students about these forgotten atrocities. Ultimately, it is of the utmost importance for me to continue carrying on my Donauschwaben culture. It is not only because I take pride in my heritage, but because it is also my ambition to educate others about it, so the stories of our people will not be lost to history.



DONASCHWABEN RECEPTIONS & EVENTS

Need a place to celebrate?

The Donauschwaben Society offers two halls & an outdoor pavilion for wedding ceremonies, receptions, anniversary parties, and other events!

Contact Mike at 513-385-2098 or mkurzhals@fuse.net for more information.

Groups & Committees

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MIDDLE GROUP

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YOUTH GROUP

Meets every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. For more information, please contact: Debi Tullius: 522-3849 Lori Prugel-Decher: 245-9450

SCHUHPLATTLER

Meets every Monday night at 7:15 p.m. For more information, please contact: Lori Prugel-Decher: 245-9450

TRACHTENGRUPPE

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact: Kathi Weissmann: 467-6120

FRAUENGRUPPE

Meets 4^{th} Friday of every month at 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact: Helen Hary: 923-4548

SENIORS GROUP

Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact: Hans Bucher: 861-6450

SOCIAL MEDIA

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CATERING COMMITTEE

Any member interested in helping with catering should contact: Helen Hary: 923-4548 Lori Prugel-Decher: 245-9450

DER ADLER

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Joe T. Ludwig: <u>ludwigit89@gmail.com</u>

CULTURE COMMITTEE

Please consider donating cultural materials to the committee. Richard Elder: 761-4090 Karl Themare, Jr.: 451-1483

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