



Der Zeit-Reporter

Verein der Donauschwaben

Cincinnati, Ohio



Summer 2025

EVENTS



Planning Meeting

July 20th 2025

Lunch 11:30

Meeting 12:30

Donauschwaben Day

August 10, 2025

Food served 1 – 3

4:30 – 6:00

Music 2:00

Program 3:00

Labor Day Trip

Mansfield, Ohio

Aug 29th – Sep. 1st

Hofbrauhaus Keg

Tapping

Sept. 24, 2025

7:00 Parade Starts

4th Friday every month

Ladies Meeting 7:00

General Meeting 7:30



A Message from the President

Liebe Landsleute - - Fellow Schowe - -

Summer is finally upon us, and this looks to be another interesting year. Schwabenfest kicked off our season and now we have the annual planning meeting (20 July), Donauschwaben Day, the Landestreffen in Mansfield, Kirchweih and Oktoberfest to look forward to.

There is also the high likelihood that we will be hosting at least one group (and possibly 2) from Europe as well. Unfortunately, I don't have any specifics for the European group visits at this time but will pass them along as soon as I get them.

I would like to draw your attention to 2 events of particular significance to our cultural heritage. Donauschwaben Day, which is focused primarily on remembrance of our cultural heritage and the trials and suffering of our ancestors as they were driven from their homes and then fortunate enough to be graced with coming to this great country. The other is the Kirchweih which was the key focus of every town in our old Heimat. Please make a special effort to attend both events (including the Kirchweih Mass at Old St. Mary's).

It remains my great pleasure to continue to serve as your President.

Joe Seidl

Der Lange Sepp

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your membership fees for 2025, they are past due. A note is enclosed indicating what you owe. You can pay online by going to www.cincydonau.com (for a small service fee) or you can send in your check to Eileen Waldeck, 7413 Bridge Point Pass, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248, make your check payable to Verein der Donauschwaben, OR you can pay at our monthly meeting. If you would like to have a membership card, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check.

Upcoming Events

PLANNING MEETING

On July 20th, we will have our annual planning meeting. Lunch will be served at 11:30 with the meeting being called to order at 12:30. German attire would be appreciated. This is our planning session for 2026 and 2027 where we will focus on major Verein operating procedures, events, and capital improvements.

One of the major improvements we will be discussing is the potential introduction of Wi-Fi in the building (and on the grounds?). As usual, we will also be open to other thoughts for improvements. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please bring them to the meeting and if you would like, please let me know in advance as well. Remember, this is your opportunity to help shape the future of the Verein.

DONAUSCHWABEN DAY

We are celebrating our 71st Donauschwaben Day on Sunday, August 10, 2025, starting at 1:00. We hope you can come and enjoy our delicious food, great music, and renew old acquaintances. We will be serving goulash and Donauschwaben sausage from 1:00–3:00 and we will re-open after the program and start serving again from 4:30 – 6:00 (these times are subject to change as we get closer to the event).

This is the time we also grant full membership to several of our associate members, recognize those who have been members for 25 years, and award the club gold pins to those who have given of their time and talents for the betterment of the Verein. We also award the National gold pin (Dachverband gold) to someone who continues to promote our culture and values. Our program will start at 3. Hopefully we'll see you there!

Upcoming Events

LABOR DAY TRIP

The Landestreffen this year will be in Mansfield OH from Aug. 29 – Sept. 1. Joe Seidl has booked 45 rooms, so there should not be any shortage of availability. We'll be having a bus driving up on Saturday morning and returning late on Sunday night. Unfortunately, we'll be split in 2 hotels. Those riding the bus will be in the hotel in which we have 30 rooms and we will have another 15 rooms in a different hotel. It is still too early to start on specific room requests etc., but I will let you know when to contact me about rooms, bus etc.

KEG TAPPING

Hofbrauhaus Newport has invited Donauschwaben to kick off our Oktoberfest at their monthly keg tapping on Wed., Sept. 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm (Parade and keg tapping at 7:00 pm). Come and enjoy a fun relaxing evening at the Hofbrauhaus before all the work begins at Oktoberfest.

Herzlich Willkommen

Please join me in welcoming our newest member. We offer you a hearty welcome and hope to see you around the club often.

Ross Compton



COOK NEEDED

Do you love to cook? Do you need a little extra cash? Donauschwaben has the perfect job for you. We are looking for someone to cook for rentals at the club. This is a part-time paid position. If you are interested, please contact Helen Hary at haryhelen50@gmail.com or call or text at 513-607-2019 for details.

HAVE YOU CLEANED OUT YOUR CLOSET LATELY?

If you have found that you have German Trachts in your closet that you no longer wear or that no longer fit (Too much good cooking?) we would love if you donated it to our club for Oktoberfest! This could include Dirndls, Lederhosen, vests, blouses, men's shirts, hats, aprons, pins, club apparel, soccer uniforms, children's clothing, or anything else that is German! We have an area inside the main hall where we sell German clothing every year during our Oktoberfest weekend and we would appreciate your help by donating anything German that you no longer need.

Do you have a pile of clothing ready? We accept items all year long! You can simply label your box or bag "Eva McMasters" and contact Eva at (513) 378-6066 to make arrangements for delivery.

Don't forget to stop by and see us at Oktoberfest; maybe there will be something for you! Thanks to our many contributors, the inventory is constantly changing! This is a terrific opportunity to share our culture and continue to honor our heritage by moving these items out of our attics and giving others the opportunity to dress German!

Again, many thanks for your donations! All proceeds from the sale of the Tracht you donate goes directly back to our Donaueschwaben Club!

FUCHS CLUB

We meet every 2nd Thurs. of the month. If you know how to play Fuchs and enjoy playing a couple rounds of cards, come join us. If you want to learn how to play Fuchs or have questions, contact Karl Themare at kft8879@gmail.com or 513 451-1483.

WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a member, they can get an application at www.cincydonau.com. Click on the membership tab and download the membership application.

DANCE GROUPS

Interested in joining our dance groups?

Kleine Kindergruppe Meets on Monday nights at 7:00 (4 – 7 years old) – Erin Sucher 513-324-4825 and Patty Butterfield 513-863-1243 are the leaders.

Mittlegruppe Meets Monday night at 7:00 (8 to 12 years old) – Heidi Kurzhals 513-680-5303, and Rose Abt 513-444-0451 are the leaders.

Jugendgruppe Meets Tues night at 7:15 – 8:30 (ages 13 – 25) – Katy Abt 513-255-4359, Megan Spraul 513-365-7339 and Evan Tullius 513-476-5314 are the leaders.

Schuhplattler Gruppe Meets Monday 7:15 to 8:30 (ages 18–50). Lori Decher 513-245-9450 is the leader.

Trachtengruppe The Trachtengruppe is practicing for various events coming up this Summer. We practice every Weds. at 7:30 P.M. If interested in joining, please call Kathi Weissmann at 467-6120.

SENIORS GROUP

The Seniors Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00 am at the Clubhouse. We have a lot of fun playing cards, Bingo and games and we even have a split the pot raffle. Come join us. We usually have a lunch party on the 1st Thursday (pizza or sandwiches) but on the 3rd Thursday you will have to pack your lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Karl Themare at 513-451-1483 or kft8879@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

You can get your newsletter e-mailed to you. Send an e-mail to Eileen Waldeck at Ladyike76@yahoo.com. Make sure you put Donaueschwaben Newsletter in the subject line, so it doesn't get lost in my Spam folder.

Thank you to...

Thank to Dave Brabender and Al Huber and their crew for all the hard work they put in every month to make our facility look great. Many hands make light work. We appreciate all those who come out to help keep our facility neat and tidy! You all do a great job!

To the Ladies Auxiliary for hosting the Easter party! We had a full house and the kids all seemed to love having the Easter Egg hunt and the prize raffle. The food was delicious, and the kids all went home happy.

Cathy Weissmann and her Committee for hosting the Dirndl/Trachten Ball. I've heard nothing but great things about the Trachtengruppe dancers. Everyone had a great time!

Nick Krummen and Pete Lahni for chairing another great Schwabenfest. Your dedication and hard work to put on a great fest is very much appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who worked at our Schwabenfest this year, from the bakers, the cooks, the servers, the set up crew, the clean up crew and everyone who tended a booth, counted money or served our customers. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! We couldn't do it without you.

All the ladies that come out to help get the newsletter assembled and sent out on a timely manner. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Dirndl/Trachten Ball



Senioren gruppe



Schwabenfest



