

Der Zeit-Reporter

Verein der Donauschwaben

Cincinnati, Ohio



Fall 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS



Hofbrauhaus Keg Tapping

Sep. 24, 2025

Parade starts at 7:00

Oktoberfest

Oct. 3 5:00 – 11:00

Oct. 4 1:00 – 11:00

Oct. 5 12:00 – 8:00 with
Car show – 10:00

Kirchweih Mass

October 12th 11:30 am

St. Mary's Church

13th and Clay St.

Meet in courtyard 11:15

Kirchweih Dance

October 18th 6:00 – 10:00

Shop with Friends

Craft & Vendor Show

October 26th 10am – 2pm

Weinlesefest

November 15, 2025

6:00 – 10:00

Christmas Party

December 7th 2:00 pm

Members Only

New Year's Eve Dance

December 31, 2025

8:30 pm – 12:30 am



A message from our President...

Liebe Landsleute - Fellow Schwowe –

First I would like to report on the just completed Landestreffen in Mansfield. We had over 80 members represent our Verein at this Treffen. It was a fabulous event with representation from all the Clubs in our Landesverband from both the USA and Canada. We had a great time making new friends and renewing friendships. I am looking forward already to next year's Treffen in Chicago.

As we delve into the Fall season we are approaching the two main events of our calendar for the year, our Oktoberfest and Kirchweih. As you are all well aware, Oktoberfest is the biggest money maker for the Verein for the year, and we continue to rely on our volunteer members to make this event happen. Please remember to give whatever time you can to support this effort. Shortly after Oktoberfest, we will have our Kirchweih. This is the most important cultural event of the year for our membership and also represents the biggest fest for our ancestry in the old Heimat. Please try your best to attend the Kirchweih Mass at Old St. Mary's church on Sunday morning on October 12th, and if able join us in the Ratskeller after services for some refreshments. Our Kirchweih Fest will be on the following Saturday evening, October 18th. Please make reservations on our reservation line by phone, or on-line.

As a final note, please remember that Verein elections for the board will be held at the October Member's Meeting. Anyone interested in running for the board needs to let a current board member know of your intention by the September Member's meeting. We currently have two current board members that are running for re-election, and one (myself) stepping down, so there will be at least one opening needing to be filled.

Looking forward to a great fall season at Cincy Donau!

Joe Seidl

Der Lange Sepp

President

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your dues for 2025 yet, now is the time to get your account up-to-date. Please send a check for \$35, payable to Donauschwaben, to Eileen Waldeck at 7413 Bridge Point Pass, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248. A note has been included with this newsletter if you owe dues. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Eileen at Ladyike76@yahoo.com. You can also pay your dues online at www.cincydonau.com. **If a member of your family, who is a club member passes, please contact Eileen or a Board member so we can notify our members and update our records.**

Congratulations

The following awards were distributed on Donauschwaben Day. Thank you for your continued efforts, hard work and dedication to our club. You are helping to keep our club looking ahead to the future.

Associate Members to Full Members

- Jesse and Julie Beyrer
- Jim Delp
- Dana DeRamo
- Gabriele Gumpert
- Scott Hunt
- David & Carol Jacob
- Heather & Michael Love
- Rod & Kathleen Swartz
- Dave & Melissa Themare
- Sean & Cheryl Trimpe
- Alaina Weeks
- Clara Welch

25 Year Member Awards

- Scott and Jennifer Krier
- Dave and Kim Kurzhals
- Ted and Tracy Winkler
- Bob and Diane Winkler

Verdienstnadel in Gold

- Mark Bauknecht
- Dee Blevins
- Paul Blevins
- Traci Klosterman
- Michael Nagel
- Lisa Savu
- Dan Scurry
- Brandon Spraul
- Diana Weeks
- Jeff Weeks

Dachverband Gold Pins

- Mike Kurzhals

Herzlich Willkommen

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

- Steve and Sandy Conn
- Natalie Funk
- Mike and Gretchen Mettler
- Steve and Diane Mesick
- Mary Nippert

Congratulations to our latest Fuchsmeisterin



Kelly Spraul

If you would like information on attending a Fuchs class, contact Karl Themare at kft8879@gmail.com or 513 451-1483.



HAPPY FALL

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Annual elections will be held at the October general meeting. Three positions are up for election this year. Consider running for a Board position. This is your club and we need your help. Contact Joe Seidl – 703-346-6710 or Marty Kunkle-513-574-6612 if you are interested in running or nominating someone. No nominations will be taken at the October general meeting.

Upcoming Events

OKTOBERFEST

It's that time of year again, the 33rd annual Donauschwaben Oktoberfest will take place October 3rd, 4th, and 5th this year. Like always, we will provide great food, drink and entertainment, as only the Donauschwaben Society can.

We will open up our fest grounds and show Cincinnati what Gemutlichkeit looks like, Schwaben Style!

Setup will begin Saturday, September 27th at 9:00 am and continues during the week usually starting around 5 or 6 pm.

We'll start clean-up on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, at 9:00 am. We can use all the help we can get for clean-up! This is very important and the more help the faster it goes. It takes a week to set up and clean-up is completed in almost a day!

We need the help of the entire club to make this year a success. We're coming off a record year for income and attendance, which means we will need even more support and help to keep the fest going and growing in the right direction. So please sign up to volunteer if you haven't done so already.

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OKTOBERFEST

There are a lot of different places to work, I'm sure you can find something you would enjoy and it's a great way to meet new people and have some fun at the same time. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, email or call our new volunteer coordinator Kay VanPelt at kaetherein@hotmail.com or 513-312-5865. She will find you the perfect place to volunteer.

Thank you for all the support over the years and we look forward to working with everyone again this year!

Dankeshon,
Hansi Weissmann, Mike Waldeck &
Brett Hambrick

Hofbrauhaus Newport has invited the Donauschwaben to kick off our Oktoberfest at their monthly keg tapping on Wednesday, September 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.

KIRCHWEIHM MASS

On Sunday, October 12th, we will celebrate Kirchweih mass. The high point of the Mass is the blessing of the rosemary bush that is auctioned at the Kirchweihtanz bringing the lucky couple prosperity in the coming year.

We gather in the courtyard of Old St. Mary's Church (at the corner of 13th and Clay Streets in Over the Rhine) at 11:15 for the 11:30 mass so we can parade into the church in our traditional Tracht/Dirndl and Black Vest costumes. Please bring your families for a beautiful mass and blessing so we can show our gratitude for our Donauschwaben heritage!

Upcoming Events

KIRCHWEIH DANCE

On Saturday, October 18th, we'll have the Kirchweihanz, where we will auction off the Kirchweih Strauss. Join us for the festivities from 6:00-10:00 pm with music from "The Aaron Dussing Band."

Come dressed in Tracht/Dirndl/Black Vest to get into the spirit of the event and join in our grand march, the highlight of the evening leading to the auctioning of the Strauss.

Our Trachtengruppe, Jugendgruppe, Mittlegruppe and Kleine Kindergruppe will be performing. Come and watch all our talented performers! Donauschwaben sausage, homemade sides and deserts will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Enjoy winning one of our many prizes from our raffle!

Make it a family affair and help us celebrate our oldest Donauschwaben tradition. Join us for a fun night on Oct. 18th by making reservations through our website now! (www.cincydonau.com).

SHOP WITH FRIENDS CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

We are celebrating the 10th annual "Shop with Friends" craft/vendor show at the clubhouse on Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 10–2. There will be a large variety of crafters and vendors so there is something for everyone. There is an entrance fee of \$2.00 and food/beverages will be available for purchase. Please come out and support this club event as the proceeds benefit the Kinder and Jugend dance programs.

Upcoming Events

WEINLESEFEST

We hope you will join the party! We had such a great time last year, we are going to do it again. The audience participation dances that the dancers and leaders of the dance groups taught us were so much fun. This dance celebrates the successful grape harvest (Our arbors will be up with the fruit you can try to steal... just be careful of those guards so you don't have to pay a fine or spend some time in jail). The fun begins at 6:00 on November 14th and the dress code is casual. We will have a light snack menu available for purchase. If you have any questions, call Annette at 513-582-9772.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our members only Christmas party is Sunday, December 7th. Santa will visit and have goodies for the children. Lunch will be provided. We will again collect canned foods and personal items for St. Leo's pantry. Please bring 1-2 dozen cookies to share. The party starts at 2:00.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Believe it or not, New Years' Eve is just around the corner. We'll be celebrating Silvesterabend 2025 at the Donauschwaben Verein on December 31 from 8:30 to 12:30 and it will be another great party. Cost is same as last year - \$30/person which includes a generous appetizer and dessert bar, live music and abundant Gemuetlichkeit. Cash bar available. Reservations are recommended, but not required. You can make reservations at reservations@cincydonau.com after November 20. Any questions contact Rose Abt at sepp.home@gmail.com.

WELTTREFFEN OUR TRIP TO THE OLD COUNTRY

This August, a group of club members traveled to Hungary and Serbia to participate in the 2025 Welttreffen. This event was an opportunity to deep dive into the history and culture that we strive to preserve. Attendees gathered from several countries, including the USA, Canada, Brazil, Germany, Austria, and Hungary.

The trip began in Baja, Hungary, which was used as a home base for day trips around the Batschka region of the Heimat. Many villages—including Vemend, Gresdlak, and Szederkeny—were visited. Local groups presented their Heimat museums, cooking traditions, song, and dance. Many villages presented their specialty crafts like shoe making, embroidery, lace making, and knitting.



The group moved from Hungary to Novi Sad, Serbia, where they stayed in an 18th-century fort. In Serbia, they visited memorials at Gakovo and Filipovo to lay wreaths at the sites. A day was spent in Apatin where the Donauschwaben settlers disembarked from their Ulmer Schachtel boats before walking to Sombor. They visited the Donauschwaben Museum in Sombor, which was previously the building that all Donauschwaben settlers quarantined at before being assigned to the new village.

The trip ended with a stay in Iglauer Park in Hungary when the group learned new songs and dances. They also participated in a reenactment of a traditional Donauschwaben wedding, including a parade through the town.



We learned much more about the history and the current state of the Donauschwaben culture around the world, and we would love to share our stories further.



Submitted by: Elizabeth Tullius

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Eileen Waldeck at Ladyike76@yahoo.com. Write Donau Newsletter in the Subject so I can make sure it doesn't go into my spam mail. Make sure you leave your name if you have a unique email address so I can correctly identify and match the name and e-mail (ie. Ladyike76@yahoo is for Eileen Waldeck).

SENIORS GROUP

The Seniors Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 9:00 am at the Clubhouse. We have a lot of fun playing cards, Bingo and games. We'd love to have you join us. The 1st Thursday we have a lunch party (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 kft8879@gmail.com or 513 451-1483.

A YEAR IN REVIEW OF OUR CLUB

We have completed many jobs identified at our planning meeting. Here are some of the tasks completed for this year:

- New tables and benches (donated by groups of the club and members) were assembled and placed in the Kinderplatz area.
- We've updated our venue rental website so it is up and running and ready for rentals.
- We discontinued using an Event Coordinator as a member of the club has stepped up to do this job.
- Updated our rental contract and prices and our way of processing rentals.
- We revised our phone system, so it is up to date and working properly.

These are just a few of the jobs that were completed. We have many other tasks we are in the process of working on. Thank you to our Board and all our members and volunteers who work so diligently for our club.

Thank you...

- Michael Nagel for agreeing to help take pictures of events for the club. It's great to have you available to help out. Thank you to Kay VanPelt for allowing me to use some of your pictures as well.
- Bob Decher for agreeing to take on the tasks that were performed by our Event Coordinator. Your efforts are great appreciated by everyone!
- To everyone who helped the Decher and Johnstone families in hosting the Goulasch Dinner. Many thanks to Karl Themare for hosting the Fuchs Tournament and to the Kindergruppe for entertaining us while we waited for the Fuchsmeister to be announced. The goulasch was delicious!
- To all the Ladies and Gentlemen who cooked or baked something for Donauschwaben Day. We appreciate all your efforts to make our club stand out because everything is so delicious! It was wonderful to see a good crowd again for this event.
- Dave Brabender, Al Huber and all the workers for your efforts to keep the club house and grounds in order. This is such a necessary but thankless job because if you are doing a good job, no one knows what you are doing. We know everything that is involved in the maintenance and we are thankful for everything you do.
- Vereinmusikanten... We are so lucky to have you as part of our club!
- Helen Hary, Cathy Weissmann and all the cooks and bakers that always provide so much delicious food and baked goods for our enjoyment at events. We are so blessed to have you!
- The ladies who help fold, stuff and mail the newsletter. You are all wonderful and efficient.



Dachverband Gold Recipient

25 Year Members of our Club



Promoted from Associate to Full Members



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Learning
to Bake
Tortes

