

Der Zeit-Reporter

Verein der Donauschwaben

Cincinnati, Ohio



Fall 2023

A word from our President...

Dear Members --

As I write this we've just returned from our annual Landestreffen over the Labor Day weekend which this year also included the Tri-annual Tanzwettbewerb (Dance Competition). Our Jugendgruppe gave an amazing performance and was awarded 3rd Place!! We congratulate them and their coaches --Katy Abt, Megan Spraul and Evan Tullius. We're proud of all of you!

On Aug. 18-21 we enjoyed a busy weekend with 31 Hungarian dancers from Pecs, Hungary, most of whom were in their teens to mid 20's. This was their first trip to the US and it was memorable in many ways from delayed flights with three separate arrivals over two days, 6 pieces of lost luggage and exhausted guests; however, their show on Donauschwabentag was a treat for all who saw it. Many thanks to all the host families and EVERYONE who helped make it happen!

Our own Oktoberfest (Sept. 29 - Oct. 1) is just around the corner and it will take ALL of us to make it a success! Please give us at least 4 hours (more if possible) of your time to help with the set-up, working a shift in one of our booths and clean-up on the Monday after the fest. The kitchen and cake booth are VERY busy and more workers are needed. Please call Cathy Weissmann at 513-467-6120 or e-mail her at jweissmann@aol.com to sign up to help in the kitchen and contact Helen Hary at 513-607-2019 or e-mail her at haryhelen50@gmail.com to sign up to work in desserts.

Also check the side bar for other upcoming events and join us for the Kirchweih, Shop with Friends and Weinlesefest.

Any questions or concerns please call me at 513-574-6612. Have a great Fall!

Marty Kunkle

President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hofbrauhaus

Keg Tapping

Sep. 27, 2023

Parade starts at 7:00

Oktoberfest

Sept. 29 5:00 – 11:00

Sept. 30 1 1:00 – 11:00

Oktober 1 1:00 – 8:00 with

Car show – 10:00

Kirchweih Mass

October 8th 11:30 am

St. Mary's Church

13th and Clay St.

Meet in courtyard 11:15

Kirchweih Dance

October 14th 6:00 – 10:00

Shop with Friends

Craft & Vendor Show

October 29th 10am – 2pm

Weinlesefest

November 11, 2023

6:00 – 10:00

Planning Meeting

November 12, 2023

1:00

Christmas Party

December 10th 2:00 pm

Members Only

New Year's Eve Party

December 31, 2023

8:30 pm – 12:30 am

Club Meeting

Ladies Meeting 7:00

4th Fri. each month 7:30

Congratulations

The following awards were distributed on Donauschwaben Day. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to our club.

Associate Members to Full Members

Megan Coyle
Rachel Duff
Dan and Linda Schaiper
Kay VanPelt
Eric and Norma Walsh
Sylvia Weber

25 Year Member Awards

Tom and Kim Bathe
Rogar and Amy Schneider

Dachverband Gold Pins

Evan Tullius
Megan Spraul
Eileen Waldeck

Verdienstnadel in Gold

Adam Frede
Tony Isadore
Tom Martin
Eva Schneider

WELCOME TO THE NEW COOK

We have hired Kay VanPelt to be the new cook to help with the catering for weddings and events. Welcome aboard Kay!

IN LOVING MEMORY

We would like to offer our condolences to the families and friends of Mike DeRamo. We are truly sorry for your loss and hope your memories help comfort you during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.



Herzlich Willkommen

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

Cheyenne Kertes
Heather & Michael Love
Kiersten (Kunkle) & Brian Ridner
Sean and Cheryl Trimpe
Kurt Ortman

PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you still want to have a picture included in the photo directory, you can e-mail your photo to Eileen Waldeck at Ladyike76@yahoo.com. Make sure you list Donau Photo in the subject line so it doesn't get deleted accidentally. If you have any questions, feel free to call her at 513-967-1256. As a reminder, you will get a free directory if you have your photo in the book. The directories will be distributed on Donauschwaben Day in 2024 to celebrate our 70th anniversary.

TRACHTENGRUPPE NEWS

The Trachtengruppe just danced in Mansfield at the Landestreffen. They are currently practicing for their performance at our Oktoberfest.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your dues for 2023 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.

COME JOIN OUR BOARD

We are looking for people to come join our Board as we still have an open position on our current Board. We have an Event Coordinator that helps with weddings. If you are interested or know someone you think would be a good candidate or would do a good job on the Board, contact Marty Kunkle.

KOLPING KINDERCHOR FOR CHILDREN 4 -12 YEARS OLD

The Kolping Saengerchor is forming a Kinderchor to perform with them at their Weihnachtskonzert on November 26th from 2 – 5 pm. The program will consist of popular children's Christmas songs in German and English. All children 4 – 12 years old are invited to join them at Kolping for 30 – 45 session rehearsals. Contact John Wegener, Director at 859-652-3511 or satbmusic1@gmail.com if you are interested or need more details.

PLANNING MEETING

We will have our annual planning meeting on November 12, 2023 starting at 1:00 in the Members Hall. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 before the meeting for your enjoyment. Come share your thoughts or ideas on how to help the club continue to prosper.

Upcoming Events

OKTOBERFEST

It's that time of year again, the 31st annual Donauschwaben Oktoberfest will take place September 29th, 30th and October 1st this year. Like always we will provide great food, drink and entertainment, as only the Donauschwaben Society can.

Upcoming Events

OKTOBERFEST

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

Setup will begin Sunday, Sept. 24th at 9:00 am and continues during the week usually starting around 5 or 6 pm. We'll start clean-up on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, 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 a day!

Hofbrauhaus Newport has invited the Donauschwaben to kick off our Oktoberfest at their monthly keg tapping on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, 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.

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. There are a lot of different places to volunteer, I'm sure you can find something you would like to do and it's a great way to meet new people and have some fun at the same time.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please email me at jhansw@fuse.net. We are still in need of help working the front gate early on Saturday and Sunday.

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

Co-chairs,

Hansi Weissmann, Mike Waldeck &
Brett Hambrick

Upcoming Events

KIRCHWEIH MASS

On Sunday, October 8th, 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!

KIRCHWEIH DANCE

On Saturday, October 14th, we'll have the Kirchweihtanz, where we will auction off the Kirchweih Strauss. The Strauss is said to bring the winning couple a long and prosperous life. Join us for the festivities from 6:00-10:00 pm with the band "Polka Revolution."

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 and Jugendgruppe will be performing. We are also excited to have our Mittlegruppe and Kleine Kindergruppe perform this year! Come and watch all our talented performers! Donauschwaben sausage sandwiches homemade sides and deserts will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Enjoy winning one of our baskets or an assorted item in our raffle!

Upcoming Events

KIRCHWEIH DANCE

Please make it a family affair and help us celebrate our oldest Donauschwaben tradition. Join us for a fun-filled night on Oct. 14th by making reservations through our website now! (www.cincydonau.com).

SHOP WITH FRIENDS CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

We are celebrating the 9th annual "Shop with Friends" craft/vendor show at the clubhouse on Sunday, October 29, 2023 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.

WEINLESEFEST

Weinlesefest is back!!! This dance celebrates the successful grape harvest. We will keep some of the events we had at Schlachtfest (like audience participation dances that the dance groups teach us and...we are keeping the dress code casual), but we are also keeping some of the old traditions with the arbors full of hanging fruit. If you are feeling adventurous you might "steal" some of the bounty; just be careful if you get caught or you may have to pay a fine, or spend some time in jail. The fun begins at 6:00. We will have a light snack menu available for purchase.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party is Sunday, December 10th. This is free but it is only for members. Santa will make a visit and a lunch will be available. We will have a box available for St. Leo's pantry if you would like to donate canned goods or personal items for the poor. Please bring 1-2 dozen of cookies to share. The party starts at 2:00.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

It's hard to believe New Year's Eve is right around the corner. We'll be celebrating Silvesterabend 2023 and it's going to be another great party. We hope you plan to join us. It will be from 8:30-12:30 and it is \$30/person which includes appetizer/ dessert buffet. The Aaron Dusing Band from Cleveland is the band. Contact Rose Abt at 513.646.3231 or sepp.home@gmail.com if you have questions. Reservations are needed for this dance.

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).

Congratulations to our latest Fuchsmeister



Fred Lang

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

CLUB PROJECTS

We have completed many jobs identified at the planning meeting last November. To list some of the projects:

- We are working on plans to widen the driveway and re-surfacing the parking lot.
- Updated the kitchen in the caretakers apartment...removed the tiles off the walls, repainted and put up a backsplash. New cabinets were installed, as well as new appliances.
- The Library has been cleaned, painted and updated.
- Cleaned the tile in the kitchen and bar areas, as well as the bathrooms and the hallways.
- Had all the chairs in both halls cleaned.
- Updated our phone system and added more squares for festivals and events.
- We hosted the Landsverband meeting in April
- We purchased a new riding mower to cut grass.
- A leak in the kitchen by the hood vent has been repaired. Nail pops on the roof were pushed down and sealed.
- Eliminated the mold found in the pavilion.
- We started taking pictures for a photo directory to be distributed in 2024 for 70th anniversary.

A lot has been accomplished in one year. Thank you to all involved in getting all these projects completed.

Thank you...

Natalie Fischer and Dan Schaiper for taking the family photos for the Donauschwaben 70th anniversary photo directory. We appreciate you giving your time and talent to the club. You were so easy to work with and the photos came out great.

To the Prugel and Johnstone families and their crew for hosting the Goulasch Dinner and our 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 really yummy!

Marty Kunkle, Helen Hary, Cathy Weissmann and the Ladies and Gentlemen who cooked or baked something for our Donauschwaben Day. It was a wonderful to see so many familiar faces and it was fun to watch the Hungarians performance... a memorable event. We appreciate all your efforts to make our club stand out because everything is so delicious!

Dave Brabender, Al Huber and their crew for continuing to keep the club house and grounds in good working order. We appreciate everything you do.

Our own Vereinmusikanten. We loved to hear you play. How fortunate are we that we have our own club band?

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Donauschwaben Day

25 Year Members of
our Club

Promoted from Associate to Full Members



Recipients of Dachverband Gold

Recipients of Verdienstnadel in Gold



