

Der Zeit-Reporter

Verein der Donauschwaben

Cincinnati, Ohio



Summer 2023

EVENTS

Bogenschießen

Or arrow shooting
1st and 3rd Thursday at the
Clubhouse

Ehrenplatz Bricks

Deadline: June 10, 2023

Photo Days

June 14th 5 – 9
June 17th 11 – 5
July 9th 1 – 5
July 11th 5 – 9
July 15th 11 – 5
July 17th 5 – 9

Fuchs Tournament/

Goulash Dinner

June 25, 2023

Tournament starts 12:30

Dinner starts 5:00

Fifth Friday Froth Fest

June 30, 2023

Doors Open 5:30

Dinner starts 6:00

Donauschwaben Day

August 20, 2023

Food served 1 – 3

Music 2:00

Program 3:00

Labor Day Trip

To Mansfield, OH

September 1, 2, and 3

June 30th – deadline for
hotel reservations

4th Friday every month

Ladies Meeting 7:00

General Meeting 7:30

A Message from the President

First and foremost, let me thank every one of you who made the April Verband meeting from April 28-30 the success it was. It would have been impossible without you!! We had about 144 people from 14 cities and Canada in attendance. We received numerous compliments, not only for the food we served (THANK YOU LADIES), but also for our facility.

At the presidents meeting decisions were made as to where and when the various Verband events would be held throughout the years. There are two that affect us:

1. We will host the Landestreffen over Labor Day in 2027.
2. We will also host the April Verband meeting in 2029 and our Jugend will travel to Europe in 2029 as well.

We held the Stiftung meeting (our financial foundation) on Sunday, April 30th, and set the budget for the coming year. Two big changes for this year are:

1. The stipend for the Europa Reise was increased from \$3,000 to \$6,000 due to cost increases.
2. Since there will be no Jugendlager this year, the decision was made to give \$4,000 to Hansi Muller who, along with several others, is coming to the US in November of this year to give several workshops in Chicago and Cleveland. Clubs will send group leaders and some youth to one or the other of these workshops.

Katy Abt announced the topic for this year's Oma Abt Award -- "What effect has the Donauschwaben culture had on me". The winners of the contest will be announced at our Labor Day gathering.

We have moved Donauschwabentag from August 13th to Sunday, August 20th due to the fact that we will have a visiting dance group from Pecs, Hungary here on that day. We're the first city on their tour and I encourage you to come out and experience them. The last time they were here was 2018. See page 5 of this newsletter for details.

Marty Kunkle
President

IN LOVING MEMORY

We would like to offer our condolences to the families and friends of members who lost a loved one. We are truly sorry for your loss and hope your memories help comfort you during this difficult time. Rest in peace...

Nick Wick
Paula Heine
Anna Maria Ludwig



PHOTO DIRECTORY

I'm sure everyone has heard that we are doing a photo directory, in honor of our 70th anniversary, that is to be distributed on Donauschwaben Day in 2024. You must be a member paid in full to get your picture taken. In order to be included in the directory, you'll have to sign up to get your photo taken. The dates and times for the photo session are listed under "Upcoming Events" on page 1 of this newsletter. To Sign Up for a photo date, go to:

www.signupgenius.com/go/508084da4a72ea2f58-photo# and the Donauschwaben Photo Session sign up will appear.

- Choose Your date and time and hit Sign Up Now (then hit Save and Continue at the bottom of the page to go to the sign up screen).

- List the number of people being photographed and make sure your name and contact information are included (hit Sign Up Now and you are all done).

- A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you, so if you don't receive that, there may have been a problem.

You will get a free photo directory if you get your photo taken. You can send in your picture to be included in the directory (if you had a recent photo taken) at Ladyike76@yahoo.com.

Contact Eileen Waldeck with questions at Ladyike76@yahoo.com or 513-967-1256.

Upcoming Events

FUCHS TOURNAMENT/ GOULASH DINNER

Will you be our next Fuchsmeister? Join us for the Fuchs tournament on Sun., June 25, to see who wins the title. Bring your change and your \$2.00 entry fee. Registration starts at 12:30 pm, with play starting promptly at 1:00.

Some of the dance groups will be there to entertain us. The tournament and dancing will be followed by our delicious homemade Goulash dinner prepared by the Decher/Prugel/ Johnstone families.

The Fuchsmeister will be announced right before dinner is served. The dinner starts at 5:00 and the cost is \$8 per adults, \$4 per child. Reservations are due to Lori at lpd@fuse.net by June 20th.

FIFTH FRIDAY FROTH FEST

Our Fifth Friday Froth Fest will be on Friday, June 30th. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner service starts at 6:00. This is open to all. We always have delicious food, cold beer and friendly faces We hope to see you there!

DONAUSCHWABEN DAY

As you know Donauschwabentag is our Memorial Day-a time to remember and reflect on the gift our parents and grandparents gave us when they founded this Verein and to remember how we, Donauschwaben, came to be.

At this time, we 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. Several of our members will receive the National gold pin (Dachverband gold) which is awarded to those who continue to promote our culture and values.

Come enjoy good food, music and dancing with our friends from Pecs, Hungary. Food is served starting at 1, and the program starts at 3.

Upcoming Events

LABOR DAY TRIP MANSFIELD, OHIO

It is time to finalize plans for the Donauschwaben Labor Day festivities. This will be a wonderful, fun-filled, cultural event. It is always exciting to meet up with old friends and make new ones within the Donauschwaben network. This is our big opportunity to celebrate being Donauschwaben and to enjoy all the food, drink, music, dancing and fun that are a big part of our culture.

The Treffen begins Friday with a Freundschaftsabend from 4 PM until 1 AM at the Mansfield Liederkranz clubhouse. There is no admission fee for the Friday evening festivities. Saturday's events begin with the park opening at 9 AM, a parade at 10:30 AM and performances, music, food and drink until 1 AM. The Dance Competition will be held from 2 to 6 PM. On Sunday, the Park opens at 9 AM and the mass will be held at 10 AM. Food, performances and music run all afternoon until Midnight. There is 1 ticket (\$25) for the Saturday/ Sunday event. You will buy that ticket for yourself when you arrive at their clubhouse, or order the ticket in advance if traveling by bus.

If you are interested in making hotel reservations for Friday night, Saturday night and/Sunday night in any combination, please let Joe Seidl know by emailing him at JSNocap@aol.com or call him at (703) 346-6710. He will not take any reservations after July 30th and will return any unused rooms to the hotel at that time.

Upcoming Events

LABOR DAY TRIP TO MANSFIELD, OHIO (CONT.)

If there is no answer, please leave a message that includes your name and phone number. The room rate is \$99/night plus tax for either 2 full size beds or a King size bed and Pull out, and includes a hot breakfast each morning. There is also an Indoor Pool.

If you are interested in traveling by bus, please let Joe Seidl know as well. The bus will leave on Friday evening about 6 PM. We will arrive at the hotel around 8:30 PM and the bus will make a trip to the Clubhouse for Freundschafts Abend for those interested. The bus will return home Sunday night departing around 8:00 PM. The cost of the bus will be determined once we have an approximate count of how many people will be going by bus. Children under the age of 12 travel for free courtesy of our club. Anyone riding the bus will be responsible to get the bus money to Joe Seidl before the bus leaves Friday evening.

You should visit the Mansfield website to see the amazing weekend they have planned for us.

<https://liederkranz.org/treffen2023>

Herzlich Willkommen

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

Mary and Steven Autenrieb
Heidi and Richard Orth

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your membership fees for 2023, 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.

FUCHS CLUB

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month. If you know how to play Fuchs and want to 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.

BOGENSCHIESSEN

Have you ever wondered if you could hit a bullseye on a target with an arrow? Join us and find out. All are welcome to try your hand at archery with Joe Abt in the field at Donauschwaben. All ages are invited to participate. The children are closely monitored with the arrows for safety. We have all the needed equipment. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm (weather permitting).

COOK NEEDED

We are still looking for someone to cook for the rentals at the club. This is an as needed part time job and it is a paid position. Contact Helen Hary at haryhelen50@gmail.com if you are interested or want more information.

Interested in joining our dance groups?

Kleine Kindergruppe Meets on Monday nights at 7:00 (4 – 7 years old) – Erin Sucher and Patty Butterfield.

Mittlegruppe Meets Monday night at 7:00 (8 to 12 years old) – Heidi Kurzhals, or Rose Abt are leaders.

Jugendgruppe Meets Tues night at 7:15 – 8:30 (ages 13 – 25) – Kay Abt, Megan Spraul and Evan Tullius are leaders.

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

Trachtengruppe The Trachtengruppe is practicing actual dancing on the 2nd & 4th Weds of the month at 7:30 P.M. We are planning on going to Trenton NJ over Labor Day weekend and perform as a group. Some are going by bus and some by car. If interested in joining please call Cathi 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. We would love to have you 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 Pete Ipach at 513-892-7224.

EHRENPLATZ BRICKS

The deadline for getting the order forms and money (a check made out to Donauschwaben Society) is June 10th. You can get an order form for the bricks in the hallway between the two halls. Please send the order form to Eileen Waldeck, 7413 Bridge Point Pass, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248. Questions? 513-967-1256.

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.

We will be hosting a large group of 31 people from Pecs, Hungary, from Aug. 18th – Aug. 21st. Seven people are coming in on Aug. 18th and 24 people are coming in Aug. 19th. They will be sharing Donauschwaben Day (on Aug. 20) with us and offering music and dancing, so we hope to see you all at Donauschwaben to show support and see a great performance.

We will need to find families to host these families while they are here. If you are willing to host a family, please call Marty at 513-574-6612. Thank you for all your assistance in housing this group.



Thank you to...

Thank to Dave Brabender, 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.

To the Board for hosting our Fifth Friday Froth Fest. It was a packed house! The food was great and once again, the band sounded awesome.

Cathy Weissmann and her Committee for hosting the Dirndl/Trachten Ball. We loved having the Mansfield group join us. Everyone had a great time and it was good to see so many dancers.

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.

Our own Vereinmusikanten. We love to hear you play at our events. You do a fantastic job keeping us all entertained.

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

Strauss Ball



Dirndl/Trachten Ball

Mansfield, Ohio Donauschwaben group joined us for this event



Festival Set Up Workers



Schwabenfest



A Great Time Was Had By All