

Der Zeit-Reporter

Verein der Donauschwaben

Cincinnati, Ohio



Spring 2024

From our President...

Liebe Landsleute, es freut mich sehr Euch alle begrüßen zu können im Namen des Vereins. Ich freue mich auf dieses Jahr als Euer Präsident dienen zu können.

Dear Members and Friends. I am glad to be able to serve with you, and for you, as your President this Year. I am looking forward to another successful year, as we strive to maintain the Cultural Traditions of our Donauschwaben Heritage and celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Verein's founding. We have many activities planned throughout the year and, as always, rely on our members volunteering their time and effort to make these events a success.

For those of you who don't know me or my background, a brief history. I was born in Chicago to Donauschwaben parents in 1957. We lived in Germany for 4 years in the late 60's then returned to Chicago where I was a member of the American Aid Society of German Descendants Jugendgruppe for many years. There I met my lovely wife (Lisa) and we got married in 1980. I entered the USAF in 1980 where I served as a fighter pilot and staff Officer for 21 Years. Subsequently I worked as an analyst and Engineer for the USAF as a Government Civilian. I was transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB where I was fortunate enough to meet Rick Ipach who told me about the Donauschwaben Verein of Cincinnati. My wife Lisa, who was a member of the Chicago Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe, and I, have 3 children who live in Phoenix AZ, West Lafayette IN, and the Washington DC suburbs. We have 5 Grandchildren with one on the way, so we are very blessed. My wife and I joined the Trachtengruppe in 2015 and the rest is history.

Again, I am looking forward to another great year for the Donauschwaben Verein of Cincinnati, and if there is ever anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Euer Vereins Präsident,

Josef Seidl

“Der Lange Sepp”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Membership Fees Due

January 1st

March 1st

Picture for Photo Direcotry

Bogenschiessen

1st and 3rd Thursday

7:00 club field

Starts at the end of April

Trachtenball

May 11, 2024

5:00 – 10:00

5:30 pm Dinner

6:00 – 10:00 pm Dance

Ehrenplatz Brick

Orders Due

June 10th

Schwabenfest

June 7th and 8th

Fuchs Tournament/

Goulash Dinner

June 23, 2024

12:30 Fuch's Tournament

5:00 Goulasch Dinner

First and Fifth Friday

Froth Fest

April 5th

May 31st

Doors Open 5:30

Dinner Service - 6:00

Club Meeting

4th Friday every month

Ladies Meeting 7:00

General Meeting 7:30

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your membership fees for 2024, they are past due. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, membership fees are due by January 1st of each year. A note is enclosed indicating what you owe. You can pay online by going to www.cincydonau.com 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. Don't forget to fill out the bottom of the form to show where you are interested in helping out: wedding or club events (Bar or Kitchen), help with the grounds maintenance or at Oktoberfest or Schwabenfest.

IN LOVING MEMORY



We would like to offer our condolences to the families and friends of Judy Blevins. We are truly sorry for your loss and hope your memories help comfort you during this difficult time. Rest in peace Judy.

EHRENPLATZ PROJECT

We are in need of someone to take over the ordering of the bricks for the Ehrenplatz. This is a great way to get involved with the club and it is easy (you only have to take care of orders once a year). Contact Eileen Waldeck at Ladyike76@yahoo.com or 513-967-1256 if you are interested or want more information.

Upcoming Events

45TH TRACHTENBALL

You are cordially invited to celebrate our culture and traditions at the Dirndl-Trachtenball to be held on May 11th from 6:00 - 10:00. Doors will open at 4:30.

Menu will be Chicken Cordon Bleu with all the fixins. Cost is \$15.00 and dinner will be served from 5:00 - 6:00. "Euro Express" from Chicago will be the music entertainment for the evening. Traditional tracht or dirndl is encouraged to make the event more festive, but not necessary. Reservations are necessary and can be made by going to <http://www.cincydonau.com> or calling 513-385-2098, option 3.

Our Youth and Schuhplattler Groups will perform 2 dances. Entrance for the dance is \$10.00. For information regarding the dance please call Cathy Weissmann, 513-467-6120. Hope to see you there!

FIRST & FIFTH FRIDAY FROTH FEST

Did you notice the name change? We are going to be moving our 1st Fifth Friday of the year to April 5th and it will be called **First** Friday Froth Fest, since March 29th is Good Friday. Our 2nd Fifth Friday Froth Fest will be back on Friday, May 31st at the Clubhouse. We would love to have you join us for dinner, a cold brew and a little Gemütlichkeit. Doors open at 5:30. Dinner service starts at 6:00.

Upcoming Events

SCHWABENFEST

Our 13th annual Schwabenfest is back on deck to open the Cincinnati German summer festival season. We are taking great care in selecting our food, music, entertainment, decorations and beer to be as authentic as possible.

This year we'll continue the tradition of inviting all dance groups, offering merchandise options and improving decorations for the Schwabenfest experience. This year's fest will be Fri., June 7th and Sat., June 8th. Admission is \$5.00.

FUCHS TOURNAMENT/ GOULASH DINNER

Will you be our next Fuchsmeister? Join us for the Fuchs tournament on Sunday, June 25, 2023, 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. Contact Lori Decher at lpd@fuse.net for reservations.

BOGENSCHIESSEN

We will meet in the field by the clubhouse to start shooting arrows at the end of April. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday thereafter at 7:00 (weather permitting). We have all the supplies for you. All ages are welcome. Contact Joe Abt at spepphome@gmail.com with questions.

** FINAL NOTICE ** DIRECTORY PICTURES

This is your last chance to send a picture to be included in the Directory. Send a picture by e-mail (with Donau picture in the subject line) to Ladyike76@yahoo.com by March 31st.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We are having an Appreciation Dinner on July 14, 2024 More information in the next newsletter. .

Schuhplattlers 50 Years Celebration 1974 - 2024
The Schuhplattler Group has been performing for 50 Years, 1974 - 2024. Everyone that is dancing or has danced with the Schuhplattlers during the 50 years is invited to the Jubilee. The contact list of Schuhplattlers is being assembled and plans are being made. We don't want to miss anyone, so send your email and mobile phone number to Lori at lpd@fuse.net with Jubilee in the subject line.

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.

CLUB PINS & GOLD PINS

We are now accepting nominations of people to receive club pins and gold pins. See a Board member if you have someone in mind that you feel is deserving and you want to nominate.

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.

Angela Leonhardt
Rod and Kathleen Swartz
Karl and Elizabeth Seiwert
Nick and Jessica Weber

EHRENPLATZ BRICKS



If you would like to purchase a brick for our Ehrenplatz, fill out a form (which can be found in the hallway at Donauschwaben) and return it, along with a check (payable to Donauschwaben) to Eileen Waldeck at 7413 Bridge Point Pass, Cincinnati, Ohio by June 10, 2023. The Ehrenplatz is right outside the Members Hall doors. A paver size brick is \$100.00 and a large brick is \$300.00.

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 also have a split the pot raffle. 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.

DANCE GROUPS

Are you interested in joining our dance groups? This is a great time to join so you can learn the new dances.

Kleine Kindergruppe Meets on Monday nights at 7:00 (4 – 7 years old) – Erin Sucher (513-324-4825) & 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) & Rose Abt (513-444-0451) are leaders.

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

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

Trachtengruppe The Trachtengruppe will meet on every Weds. until further notice at 7:30. If you are interested in joining, do so in March. If you have any questions call, Cathy Weissmann at 513-467-6120 or e-mail her at jweissmann@aol.com.

Does anyone have any men's Schwaben vests or Trachten costumes? Please contact Cathy at 513-467-6120 or e-mail her at jweissmann.com.

POLO SHIRT ORDERS

Club Polos can now be ordered through Lori Prugel-Decher at lpd@fuse.net. There are 3 styles for women, 2 styles for men, and a style for youth. The adult Polo will have the Donauschwaben Wappen embroidered on the left chest. Orders will be accepted until April 26, 2024 at the General Meeting. Distribution will occur on May 24, 2024 at the General Meeting.

Thank You

To the Wilzbach and Ludwig family for hosting the Dinner Dance. This meal is always so delicious and everyone had a great time!!! We really appreciate all the time and energy you put in to have this event such a success!

Cathy Weissmann and her Committee for hosting the Strauss Ball and thank you to the Strauss Ball Dancers. It was wonderful to see the dancers dressed in their finest attire and it is so entertaining to watch the beautiful dances.

All the members who stepped forward to help audit our books. We really appreciate you coming forward to assist with this tedious, but necessary, task and we are happy to say the books are balanced.

Dan Schaiper and Al Huber and your team that helps us keep our club in great working order. You always do a great job and we don't know what we would do without your help.

Anyone who came out to help with set up or clean up or cooking for any of the dances or events. Many hands make light work and we greatly appreciate your helping hands.

Everyone who helps put the newsletters together to get mailed out in a timely manner. We couldn't do it without your help.

Our Frauengruppe





Dinner Dance

