

Der Zeit-Reporter

Verein der Donauschwaben

Cincinnati, Ohio



Fall 2024

A message from our President...

Liebe Landsleute, fellow Schwowe,

We are rapidly approaching the primary Fest season for the Year... Oktoberfest (4-6 October) and our Kirchweih Fest (Kirchweih Mass at Old St. Mary's on 13 October and our Kirchweih Dance on 19 October). As you know, our Oktoberfest is our greatest money maker for the year, and the primary event allowing us to make the capital improvements required to keep our facilities in tip top shape. We again are looking forward to a great Fest this year and let me thank all of you in advance for all your work and efforts to make this year's event another rousing success! Equally important, especially from a cultural perspective, are our Kirchweih events, both the Mass as well as the Dance. Culturally, the Kirchweih was the highlight of the year back in our Heimat. It is where all of the townsfolk would gather together to celebrate the initial consecration of the town's church. A time of great significance for our heritage. In that light, I invite all who can to participate in the Kirchweih Mass at Old St. Marty's (and maybe join the congregation for a bit of cheer in the Ratskeller after services), and then again at our Kirchweih Tanz the following Saturday for all the festivities and auctioning off the Kirchweih Strauss.

As two-thirds of the year has already passed, I hate to bring up this topic, but it is one that must be addressed. Please ensure you're your memberships are paid up to date. According to the Club's bylaws, dancers are prohibited from performing in club functions if dues are not paid up to date. As we approach Oktoberfest, please, let's get this taken care of. Enough said.

In closing, let me again thank each and every one of you for all you do, and lets continue to make Donauschwaben the Verein we all love, and love to come to.

Joe Seidl

Der Lange Sepp
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hofbrauhaus

Keg Tapping

Sep. 25, 2024

Parade starts at 7:00

Oktoberfest

Oct. 4 5:00 – 11:00

Oct. 5 1:00 – 11:00

Oct. 6 1:00 – 8:00 with

Car show – 10:00

Kirchweih Mass

October 13th 11:30 am

St. Mary's Church

13th and Clay St.

Meet in courtyard 11:15

Kirchweih Dance

October 19th 6:00 – 10:00

Shop with Friends

Craft & Vendor Show

October 27th 10am – 2pm

Weinlesefest

November 16, 2024

6:00 – 10:00

Fifth Friday Froth Fest

November 29, 2024

Doors open 5:30

Dinner service 6:00

Christmas Party

December 8th 2:00 pm

Members Only

New Year's Eve Dance

December 31, 2024

8:30 pm – 12:30 am

Club Meetings

Ladies Meeting 7:00

4th Fri. each month 7:30

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

Vince and Patti Clark
Megan Dechering
Jason Frey
Brien & Patty Griffin
Sean Hinken
Kaylie Kapraun
Bettina & Torry King
Kyle & Kristin Oxman
Jerry & Monica Peregoy
Peter & Margaret Poole

25 Year Member Awards

Jeff and Trudy Brown
Patty and Steve Butterfield
John & Theresa Nimeskern
Harry & Dianne Schwietering

Verdienstnadel in Gold

Dave Aberman
Doris Aberman
Rachel Duff
Nathan Nagel
Dan Schaiper
Linda Schaiper
Kelly Spraul
Kay VanPelt
Sylvia Weber

Dachverband Gold Pins

Joe Seidl
Elizabeth Tullius

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.

Michael Cobb
Robert Cowan
Trude Lenhardt Saunders

PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you had your picture taken and you haven't picked up your 70th Anniversary Photo Directory, contact Eileen Waldeck at 513-967-1256 or at Ladyike76@yahoo.com to set up a time to pick up the directory. We still have some available for \$20 if you would like to purchase a directory.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We would like to offer our condolences to the families of Lisel Plennert, Martin Hockl and John Schwierling. We're sorry for your loss and hope your memories help comfort you during this difficult time. May they rest in peace.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your dues for 2024 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 us so we can notify our members and update our records.**

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Annual elections will be held at the October general meeting. Four 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.

DID YOU KNOW....

Anyone is welcome to come sit in on our Board meetings. These meetings are not just for Board members.

Upcoming Events

OKTOBERFEST

It's that time of year again, the 32nd annual Donauschwaben Oktoberfest will take place October 4th, 5th and 6th 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 Sunday, Sept. 29th at 9:00 am and continues during the week usually starting around 5 or 6 pm.

We'll start clean-up on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 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!

Upcoming Events

OKTOBERFEST

Hofbrauhaus Newport has invited the Donauschwaben to kick off our Oktoberfest at their monthly keg tapping on Wed., Sept. 25, 2024 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 questions or would like to volunteer, email me at jhansw@fuse.net.

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

KIRCHWEIH MASS

On Sunday, October 13th, 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 19th, we'll have the Kirchweih Tanz, 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!

Please make it a family affair and help us celebrate our oldest Donauschwaben tradition. Join us for a fun night on Oct. 14th 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 27, 2024, 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

This dance celebrates the successful grape harvest. We will have our arbors 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. We are again going to have the audience participation dances that the dancers and leaders of the dance groups teach us, so it is sure to be a great time. The fun begins at 6:00. 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 8th. 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 of cookies to share. The party starts at 2:00.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

It's hard to believe New Year's Eve is right around the corner. We'll be celebrating Silvesterabend 2024 and it's going to be another great party. We hope you plan to join us. It will be from 8:30-12:30. Cost is \$30/person which includes generous appetizer and dessert bar. Rick Ipach and Friends will provide the music. If you have any questions, contact Rose Abt at 513.646.3231. Reservations are required and must be made by December 15th. You can make reservations on our reservation site after November 15th.

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).



HAPPY FALL



Congratulations to our latest Fuchsmeister



Michael Nagel

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

A YEAR IN REVIEW OF OUR CLUB

We have had many celebrations this year and we have also completed many jobs identified at the planning meeting last November. To name a few of our accomplishments this year:

- Recognized and honored the 80th anniversary of all members who were affected by "The Expulsion."
- Created and distributed the photo directory to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Donauschwaben.
- Schuhplattlers had a picnic to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.
- Club Appreciation Party was held for all those who donate time and talent to the club.
- We got new tablets for all dance groups, so they all have tablets that work and they have access to music.
- We had a new rental website created so we can update the venue pictures and get more rentals.
- We updated and revised our by-laws so we are in compliance.
- We received a license agreement with the Ellis Family so we can keep our sign in its current location.
- Finished widening and re-surfacing the driveway and created a walking path to the street. This was quite a job that we put off for a while so we are relieved to have it finished.
- Cooler was replaced.
- We are installing benches and tables around the playground area so families can watch their kids in comfort.
- Lifted the concrete on the sidewalk by the front of the club and some spots under the pavilion that were uneven so no one would trip.

A lot has been accomplished in one year. Thank you to all who in one way or another helped the club in the past year.

Thank you...

- Once again, I would like to thank Natalie Fischer and Dan Schaiper for taking the family photos for the Donauschwaben 70th anniversary photo directory. We can't thank you enough for sharing your talents with the club.
- To everyone who helped the Prugel 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 our 70th anniversary of Donauschwaben Day. We appreciate all your efforts to make our club stand out because everything is so delicious! It was wonderful to see so many people join us for such an impressive event. Marty Kunkle thank you for all your efforts to honor those who for were part of the forced expulsion...you made this event memorable for all.
- Cathy Weissmann, Marty Kunkle and Eileen Waldeck for hosting the Appreciation Dinner. The magic show was great and the food was delicious! Sullivan's really provides a good meal. It was nice that we didn't have to cook for this event.
- Dan Schaiper, Al Huber and all the workers for continuing to keep the club house and grounds in good working order. I know you don't hear it often enough, but we appreciate 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.

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Donauschwaben Day

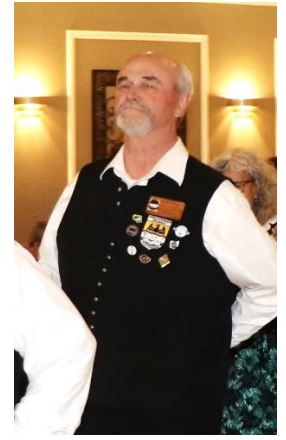
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Members of our
Club



Promoted from Associate to Full Members



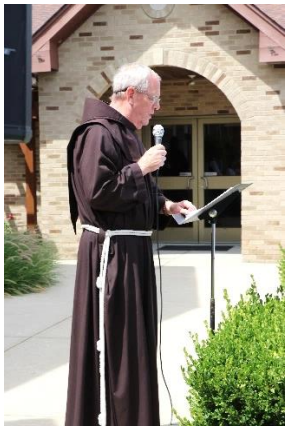
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Recipients of Dachverband Gold



Members honored on the 80th Anniversary of their Forced Expulsion





Club Appreciation Party

