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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1-2 December—Christkindlmarkt
- 9 December—Christmas Concert
- 17 December—Christmas Party
- 30 December—Celebrate 2006 Dinner/Dance
- 14 January—Annual Business Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fröhliche Weihnachten! It's hard to believe another year has flown by as we try to wind down and enjoy the ever hectic holiday season. No snow yet, but that's sure to come as the long winter days approach. Luckily, we have many activities planned in the coming months to help drive the winter blues away. Our second Christkindlmarkt is December 1 and 2, with our Christmas Concert on December 9, and our Family Christmas Party on December 17. We close out the year with a Celebrate 2006 dinner and dance on Saturday, December 30. What fun we have planned for the month of December! We hope you plan to join us and bring your family and friends!



2007 January Annual Business Meeting

January is the time of year that we elect our Executive Board, officers, and trustees. Our nominating committee is busy encouraging our members to run for office. Please consider a broader participation in our club by running for a position on our board. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact me, and I will put you in contact with the nominating committee. Our Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 14, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in our Ratskeller.** Please be sure to attend and take part in this important part of our society.

Heidi Gasper
President

CHRISTKINDLMARKT Dayton Liederkrantz once again presents its Christkindlmarkt (German Christmas Market). Dates & times: **Friday, 1 December, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 2 December, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Come and celebrate the tradition of a centuries old German Christmas Market in Dayton. Vendors will be selling candles, Peruvian imports, ornaments, hand bound books and journals, bath soaps, custom designed floral arrangements, beaded jewelry, German children's books, German collectable items, and much more, and there will be a Christmas raffle. There will also be booths featuring German pastries, Rudesheimer Kaffee, and Glühwein. The kitchen will be open during the Markt, and Chef Helmut has promised to prepare some delicious food, including Goulash and Bratwurst. He might have a few surprises, too, so don't miss this exciting event. Tell your friends and neighbors, or, better yet, bring them with you when you come! The public is invited, and admission and parking are free.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT Our choirs are putting on the finishing touches for our annual Christmas Concert, which will be held on **Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.** We will be featuring performances by the Jugendchor, Damenchor, Männerchor, and Gemischterchor, so come prepared to kick off the holiday season in grand German style. Beautiful music is the perfect start to this special time of year, and this concert will give you the perfect musical ring to put you into the spirit.



MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY Celebrate the season with your fellow members and

the GBU at our annual Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 17, at 2 p.m.** Santa's helpers will be delivering gifts, so bring your children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren to join in the excitement. Please see the enclosed President's Letter for more details!

CELEBRATE 2006 DINNER AND DANCE

Wrap up 2006 with a grand bang at our upcoming dinner and dance to celebrate the past year! To start the evening of **Saturday, December 30**, chef Helmut will be preparing hors d'oeuvres of Herring in Cream Sauce, Steak Tartar, Cheese, and Fruit, followed by a wonderful dinner of Roast Beef in Bourbon Sauce, Kartoffel Klöse Thüringer Art, Red Cabbage à la Gudi, Green Salad, Bread and Butter, Coffee, and Cheesecake with Red Raspberry Sauce. This meal fit for royalty will be served from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Following the dinner, The Knappers will be providing your evening dancing entertainment from **7:30 to 11:30 p.m.** in the Great Hall. Pre-paid reservations for the dinner and dance must be made no later than **December 15, 2006, to Helmut Kister.** The enclosed flyer includes all the details, so please check it out! This will be an event you definitely don't want to miss!

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Member of the Year

Nominations for Liederkranz 2006 Member of the Year are now closed. The winner will be announced in December, in time for recognition at one of our upcoming major events.

Renewal

It's that time of year. We renew our subscriptions, our resolutions for next year, and most importantly, our **membership** in the region's leading German organization – the Dayton Liederkranz Turner. Dues notices for 2007 will be mailed out in December, and your prompt response will reduce our expenses by avoiding a second mailing. Dues remain the same as in 2006. All renewing members will receive our new 2007 Membership Directory and



new brochure. Members will also be eligible for a substantial discount on *German Life* subscriptions.

CHOIR NEWS The choir just completed two very successful sing-outs, Merry Market and the Stebbins High School production of *The Sound of Music*. Now we are concentrating our efforts on the Christmas Concert. We hope we will see you all there on **December 9**. We want to send Christmas wishes to all our absent members and those recovering from illness at home. We will start to work on our Spring Concert music on **January 4, 2007**, so come join your voices with ours at **7:30 p.m.** at the 'Kranz!



Grytha Drerup

NEED A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

A recent study said that waltzing is good for your heart. Why not test that theory by joining the Volkstänzer and learning to dance some authentic folk dances from the German-speaking world? You can keep your New Year's resolution, exercise your body and mind, and enjoy friendly fellowship with some really cool people all at the same time! Rehearsals will be starting back up in **early**



January on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact **Lois Lynch at 278-4606**. It's a lot of fun, so why not try it?

THE LAST WORD

Here's another nice one from our buddy Carl Zahn: Words written in love need no interpretation. What a nice thought as we enter this most wonderful time of the year. Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!



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