

Liederkrantz Life

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UPCOMING EVENTS

10-12 August—GermanFest Picnic
18 August—German Genealogy Group Meeting
25 August—Sangerfest Fundraiser Trip to Toledo
31 August—Picnic Workers' Appreciation Night
12-13 October—Oktoberfest
20 October—Fall Concert

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. Our GermanFest Picnic is on everyone's minds right now, and there are still lots of things to do. I hope you will help with this event and make our debut at the Fairgrounds a grand one at that. August also brings a bus trip to the German American Festival in Oregon (Toledo) as well as our Picnic Workers' Appreciation Night. I wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer and hope that we see all your faces at the Picnic!

Heidi Gasper
President

PICNIC UPDATE Please remember to read through this year's **picnic update** from John Koerner, found on **pages 3 and 4** of this newsletter. It contains some very important last-minute details regarding the weekend, and it's imperative that we all are aware of them so that we can all work together to put on an event in this new location that is of the caliber we and the community have come to expect. And remember—please donate generously of your time, energy, and talents during this weekend! There are still some areas where help is needed, just call up and sign up! See you at the picnic!

NEED MORE PICNIC FLYERS? If you would like additional picnic flyers, they're available in Wanda Wiedman's breezeway at her house, **124 Firwood Ave.** you can pick them up anytime.

CAKE BOOTH As you know, the GermanFest Picnic is coming up soon! I'm looking for cake donations and workers for **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 10,**

11, and 12, 2007. If you're interested in donating a cake or working in the cake booth, please call me, **Cornelia Shockey,** at **253-8242,** or e-mail me at corneliash@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!!

CHILDREN'S BOOTH HELP!...We are requesting donations of bears, stuffed animals, toys, and books, etc. in good condition for prizes for our games. Also, we need help in manning the booth **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (August 10, 11, and 12)** for two hours or more. Please contact one of the two co-chairmen if you can donate either time or prizes (or both!). This is a "fun booth" to operate and to watch all the children have a good time. Call **Theresa and Ron Warych at 937.435.4854** or **Tom and Mary Lou Hermann at 937.265.5527.** Thanks for your help!

PICNIC WORKERS' APPRECIATION NIGHT The Picnic Workers' Appreciation Night has been rescheduled for **Friday, August 31, at 6:30 pm.** Doors will open at 6:00 pm. This is for all Picnic Workers (members and non-members) as a show of appreciation for all the time spent working at the picnic. Food and drinks will be provided (mixed drinks for a charge at the bar). Reservations are not required, however, please call **Helmut Kister at 293-7947** if you can attend so food can be ordered accordingly.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED The **St. Stephan's High School orchestra** from Augsburg, Germany will be in Dayton **August 4-8, 2007.** This marks the 11th Dayton visit by the Benedictine school's orchestra over the past 23 years. The group will include 38 boys and 15 girls, ages 13 to 20. **They will perform a free public concert** at RiverScape MetroPark on Sunday at 7:30 pm, August 5. The concert will be followed by a laser show. Augsburg has been a Dayton Sister City for over 40

years. Residents of Dayton and surrounding communities interested in hosting a student t are asked to contact one of the coordinating committee members: **Bob Wolff (229-2972 or 253-7339, rwolff@udayton.edu), Victoria Denney (307-8625, vdenney@coxohio.com), Sarah Hackenbracht (657-1413, slh@dacc.org), or Mary Franz (372-0448, mkfranz@juno.com).**

CHOIR NEWS Our summer practices have been going quite well with good attendance. We still have two more rehearsals on **July 19, and August 2, at 7:30 pm.** We have a head start on our fall and Christmas music. Our first regular practice will be **August 23, at 7:30 pm,** a combined rehearsal. We look forward to seeing all our singers back, but remember you can always bring a friend to start off with us for a new season. We have lots of activities planned for the coming year, and there is always room for more voices. Hope to see you helping at the picnic, on our trip to Toledo, or at our first practice.

GERMAN GENEALOGY GROUP The organizational meeting of the Dayton Liederkrantz German Genealogy Group was held on June 23, 2007 in the Alpine Room. John Koerner welcomed everyone and gave a brief background of how the idea of having a German Genealogy Group came about. The 18 people present, including our August meeting speaker Mike Kennedy, introduced themselves and shared what they have already done on their family genealogies.

Discussion was held on the group's purpose. It was decided that we need to develop a "mission" statement covering the group's purpose and aims. We also started a genealogy resources listing which will be made available to the group.

The next meeting will be held on **August 18, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the downtown Dayton and Montgomery County Library.** Mike Kennedy of the Montgomery County Genealogical Society will be the speaker and he will share his knowledge of genealogy attained from 20 years of genealogical research. Topics will be "beginner's needs" and "German Research." Hope to see more of you there.

2008 SÄNGERFEST FUNDRAISER This is the last call for the bus trip to Toledo to visit our brothers and sisters in song, the Teutonia Männer und Damenchor, for their

German-American Festival on **Saturday, August 25.** Those who attended the trip to sing at their Spring Concert experienced their hospitality first hand and are excited to revisit them and the other clubs who share their facility for this fun-filled day. Additional information can be found in the flyer in last month's newsletter. Pre-paid reservations can be made to **Sue Broadstock at 431-7448 or dabstock@aol.com by July 31.** We only need 40 participants for the trip to take place, so reserve your spot today!

2008 SÄNGERFEST Volunteers are needed for the District Sängerkfest we are hosting on **May 23, 24, and 25, 2008.** We're asking ALL CLUB MEMBERS to participate in some capacity. We're especially seeking out those NON-SINGERS for their help. If you've not signed up or been contacted yet, please contact **Heidi Gasper (294-5829 or heidig728@sbcglobal.net) or Sue Broadstock (431-7448 or dabstock@aol.com).**

IN OUR THOUGHTS Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, hospitalized, in nursing homes, or at home recuperating from illnesses, injuries, or surgeries. Please remember **Francis Houser, Herta Roth, Rosie Kratz, and Jerry Laub.** Also, please remember **Louise Gärtner and Tom Stahl,** who are recovering from recent gall bladder surgeries, and **Johanna and Raymond Shymansky,** who need prayers and support.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES We are trying to obtain the email addresses for our members (social members, singers and dancers) in order to keep you better informed of events and club information. If you would like to be included in our club email blasts (addresses not to be used for anything other than club information), please contact Heidi Gasper at 294-5829 or heidig728@sbcglobal.net.

THE LAST WORD I like this month's saying, because it is so fitting for this club's mission—extending the gift of song to our community. It reads: "Music is one of the greatest gifts. It asks nothing in return but that we listen." Best of luck as we prepare for another great GermanFest Picnic!

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GERMANFEST PICNIC UPDATE

This is the last correspondence before our 24 GermanFest Picnic– please look it over. Our final General Meeting to coordinate all of the final details will be Tuesday July 17 at 7pm in the Ratskeller. We invite EVERYONE to come and pick up Picnic fliers to distribute, yard signs for yards and windows, parking passes, and additional raffle tickets for our Grand Raffle

As most know, the event will now be held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. After 23 years it was not our choice to leave what we had grown so used to– but Dayton History’s (Carillon Park) terms were entirely unacceptable. Alas, many positive things have resulted: ample utilities, evening lights, a large indoor facility offering weather protection and more security, and lots of onsite parking. Still, a new location means we need more PR and more help to make it work. Without a successful event, the Liederkrantz will not survive in its current form. Below is a status summary.

Urgent needs –

#1 Grand Raffle – we need a chairperson to coordinate the activity. We have some volunteer workers, but No One to manage the booth. The prizes are in place, the activities clearly defined– and yet, no one to take or sell tickets.

#2 Set-up, Teardown, Cleanup

- We need help starting on Thursday August 9th to move Picnic items from storage to main floor staging area. We will load the supply trucks starting at 7pm. With sufficient help, we can finish in less than 2 hours.

- Friday August 10 8am– we will begin setup at the Fairgrounds. More time and more help than previously will be needed as this is an entirely new set up for all of us – signs, banners, bunting, Festhalle decorations, table placements, pop-up tents,

traffic control devices, etc. Many hands are needed– worker tickets will be provided.

- Sunday August 12– starting at 6pm we need to tear down, load trucks, and then unload at the Liederkrantz– stage items for storage/cleanup. Please help us “get ‘er done”!

- Monday August 13– cleanup of items begins at 9am. We need some new folks to help so that it’s all done by 11- 11:30 – then relax – finally– with lunch and a cold one!

FOOD – We have an impressive line up this year and a number of dedicated chairpersons handling the many aspects of producing and delivering thousands of meals.

Chair– Helmut Kister: 2937947

Main Tent– Trudy Campbell: 8645859

Sandwiches– Sagasser Family: 2994712

Potato Salad– Mary Lou Lubinski: 2993788

Cashiers– Eben Bonear: 4388552

Workers– Sarah Browning: 2913974

Cakes– Maria Duncan: 2936004

Cornelia Shockey: 2538242

We need cake donations

BEER – We will have a Biergarten in the Festhalle until 10pm on Friday and Saturday. We can always use help with the wristband operation and “surge” workers for our busiest times. Call John Banford at 848070 or Rick Ordeman at 2933611.

TRACHTEN SHOW – We would love to see more folks take part in the Trachten Show. Trachten have been making a comeback in Germany, especially at festivals, and what we have to offer the community is a true German, ethnic event. Call Sarah Browning at 291-3974.

Please see other side.

OTHER ACTIVITIES – Numerous other activities are critical to our Picnic and I have not included the 3 page list of them. Chairpersons of everything from Pop/Icees and the Kinder Korner to the Culture/Heritage booth, Polka Mass, and 5k Volkslauf have been at work getting their booths and workers together. If you have worked for any of these before, chances are the Chairperson is counting on you again—call them or me. It means so much just to know you would like to support the Fest in some way.

Finally, please, please give us your help to work out our “growing pains” at the new site. This festival is “bigger” than the Liederkrantz’s amazing how many comments I get from the public about our GermanFest Picnic (clearly we have been doing something right) and we owe it to the community and ourselves to make it a great Gemütlichkeit event. Pros’t!

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