

# Liederkrantz Life

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

15 April—GBU Kaffeeklatsch  
21 April—Singers' Concert in Toledo  
27-29 April—Sängerfest, Evansville, IN  
6 May—Spring Concert  
18-20 May—Dayton International Festival  
A World A'Fair  
23 June—Progressive Dinner  
14 July—Luau Dinner and Dance  
26 July—Semi-Annual Meeting

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** Spring is just around the corner, and I think we are all ready for a change in weather. Our singers have been working very hard and are looking forward to performing in both Toledo and at the National Sängerfest in Evansville in April, and of course our Spring Concert in May. The dancers are practicing for various performances, and there are other events being planned and worked on within the club. Fundraisers for our 2008 Sängerfest have also begun, and we need everyone's support to make that event a big success. We hope you will continue to support the club and its activities, and we look forward to seeing our members at the various events.



Heidi Gasper  
President

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**GBU KAFFEEKLATZCH** Come join us for refreshments and entertainment **Sunday, April 15 at 2:30 pm in the Liederkrantz Ratskeller.** Everyone is welcome! GBU District 815 will meet that day. Please come and check us out. We are a profitable and fun-filled group with high standards, VIP programs supporting our troops, food pantries, Habitat For Humanity, scholarships, etc. Our District President is Philomene King, Fraternal Secretary is Chris van Breukelen, and Recording Secretary is Trudy Campbell. Check out the enclosed flyer for more details. See you April 15!



Philomene

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## MEMBER CORNER

### **2007 Cards**

Membership rolls have been updated as of 10 March. Membership cards have been mailed to all members in good standing. If you have not received a card, need a new one, or would like to have a duplicate—please contact me. Your card will become more important as we move to membership pricing, membership only events, etc.

### **2007 Liederkrantz Directory**

Our new membership directory, the first in at least five years, is underway with distribution planned for this spring. If you would like to have your email address included, please send me an email. We are also looking for sponsorships starting at \$25 for a business card inclusion. A page, half page, or quarter page sponsorships are also available. Contact me ASAP.

### **Scholarship/Grant Applications**

Last year, \$3,000 was awarded in scholarship and education grants to six students with ties to the Liederkrantz. There is still time to apply for this club membership benefit. Rules and application forms for the 2007 competition are now available. Submittals are due by **April 9, 2007.**

### **Genealogy Group**

At long last a Liederkrantz German genealogy group is forming. This is one area in which many members have expressed an interest. Someone to head up the group has finally stepped forward, Louise Gaertner. We have contacted a number of experts who will participate; however, we need to have an initial meeting to discuss the range and depth of interest of the group so that we can better focus the sessions and topics. The experts will likely come with some expense. Ms. Gaertner will set a time for this kick-off meeting shortly.



### **More**

Contact John Koerner at 429-9251 or [jabkoerner@aol.com](mailto:jabkoerner@aol.com).

John Koerner  
Membership Secretary

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**SÄNGERFEST 2008 CONTEST** As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Sängerfest committee is having a contest for the design of the 2008 Sängerfest lapel pin and we would like



to see as many designs and ideas submitted by our members as possible. Put your artistic caps on and give it a try! Please submit your entries to Sue Broadstock, Heidi Gasper or Helmut Kister by March

31, 2007.

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**CHOIR NEWS** The Choir has been working very hard on all of our music. We will be traveling in April to Toledo as a guest choir and to Evansville for the National Sangerfest. You must remember to come hear the results of all our work at the Spring Concert. It's a little later because of our travels. The Spring Concert will be **Sunday, May 6, at 3:00 pm**. It should be a lovely Sunday afternoon. Come enjoy the music and refreshments with us. See the enclosed flyer for more details. See you on Thursdays at 7:30 pm or at the concert.

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**GERMAN RADIO PROGRAM** The German Radio Program (WQRP) is once again holding its annual spring fundraiser on **March 24, 2007**, to support the radio program. The program needs \$5500 to continue operating for the next six months, and your contributions for the continuation of this wonderful German music program are most appreciated. Please call the station and make your donation on Saturday between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, or send your donation payable to "The German Radio Program." The address is: German Radio Program, P.O. Box 482, West Carrollton, OH 45449.



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**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL NEWS** The International Festival Ball and Pageant will be **April 21, 2007, at the Eintracht Singing Society** sponsored by Dayton International Festival. The dinner and dance with the selection of Miss World A'Fair will take place that evening. Please see the enclosed flyer for additional information.



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**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** The International Festival will be held at the Dayton Convention Center on **May 18, 19, and 20, 2007**. We will be needing volunteers for setup on **Thursday, May 17**, and servers for food and beer on the days of the festival. If you can help, please call **Jerry Schenking after April 12, at 275-4615**. Signup for workers can also be done on Thursday nights at the Liederkranz after that date. Presale tickets will also be available on Thursday nights after that date.

Thanks,

Jerry

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**DIGITAL CAMERAL ENTHUSIASTS**

For all you digital camera owners, Lew Hann has started a new blog called FotoBits. For the uninitiated, a blog is like an online journal or newspaper column. Lew will be discussing all aspects of digital photography, from choosing a camera, planning for taking travel photos, hints about choosing new memory cards, and whatever else he can think of. It is aimed especially at those who are relatively new to the hobby, although somewhat more advanced, "geeky" types of comments might be made from time to time. Come check it out, and tell your friends about it. There are already five or six articles to read. You can find the blog at: [www.fotobits.blogspot.com](http://www.fotobits.blogspot.com).



Cheers,  
Lew

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**ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

On the wall in the Ratskeller are displayed photographs of the past Princes and Princesses of Fasching. To complete the series, there are five missing photographs. They are:

- 1966—Friedheim
- 1968—Manfred and Dorothy Sankt Johanser
- 1973—Wolfgang and Monique Schick
- 1976—George Eberhardt and Ann White
- 1995—Carl and Winona Wittekind



If you have photos of any of these couples and can supply us with a copy for our collection, please give them to **Tom Hermann, 4540 Selma Rd., Springfield, OH 45502, phone 937.265-5527**.

Thank you.

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**SPRING CLEANING?**

Have you discovered all those items you received over the years that you don't know what to do with? Well, I can take them off your hands! We are looking for very gently used or new items for the Oktoberfest Silent Auction. We made over \$600 last year, and we would like to do it again. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact me, **Lori Hemmelgarn, at 257-1609**, or see me at the club.



Thanks,  
Lori Hemmelgarn

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**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

The Kettering Sister City Committee is looking for host families for 5 young men from our sister city, Steyr, Austria, in July. The students will arrive **July 15 and leave**

**July 25.** Host families should have a high-school aged student, preferably male, and be willing to share everyday life with a visitor. There will be a couple of large-group functions, but the majority of the time will be one-on-one. You do NOT have to live within Kettering, but obviously, the closer the better. Students who host this summer will have the opportunity to make the return trip to Steyr next summer. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Carl and Judy Schneider**, [judyschneider@iuno.com](mailto:judyschneider@iuno.com), or 937-433-3451 as soon as possible.



Thanks,  
Judy Schneider

**HEARTFELT THANKS** I would like to thank the Dayton Liederkrantz for the beautiful Lifetime Service Award that was presented to me at our Schnitzel

*Dankeschön* Dinner in January. It has been a pleasure being a part of this organization, creating lifetime memories. Mein Hauptspruchwort war und ist (My main saying was and is): Wie man in den Wald hinein ruft, so kommt es zurück (The way you call into the forest is the way it comes back to you). As Albert Schweizer said, "Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing." I have done my best to lead in and honorable way, and I appreciate the recognition.

Many heartfelt thanks,  
Johann (Hans) Grau

**ST. PADDY'S CELEBRATION THANKS** If you were at the St. Paddy's Celebration, you already know how much fun the evening was. Talk about entertaining! If you weren't able to make it, you missed a good time. Hopefully you'll be able to join us at a future event and enjoy the Gemütlichkeit! Thanks to all who came and supported not only this 2008 Sängerfest Fundraiser, but the Dayton Liederkrantz as well. The food was superb, the McGovern Ceili Dancers' performance was beautiful and exciting, and the games were a lot of laughs.



Big "Thank You"s go out to all those who helped with the St. Patrick Celebration, especially **Helmut and Pat Kister, Heidi and Dave Gasper, Gudi Carnes, Trudy Campbell, Julie and Gerald Wright, Eben Bonear, Brian Shaw,**

**Judy Wuellner, Brittney Neal, Ernie Flamm, and lastly Branigan and Matt.**

I'm looking for feedback on the evening, in hopes of making the next event even better. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and can be sent to me at [dabstock@aol.com](mailto:dabstock@aol.com).

Thanks to all for a great evening, and hope to see everyone at the next event!!

Sue Broadstock

**THE LAST WORD** I'm including two bits of wisdom this month, since I received from two people, and I'm a non-discriminatory person! First from my trusty Carl Zahn, who provides us with: "The happiest people do not have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything." I saw a lot of happiness at the St. Paddy's Celebration to support that one! And second from our honored Hans Grau, who provides us with what could very well be a great motto for our club: "The friendship of those we serve is the foundation of our progress." Thanks, gentlemen, for those two profound thoughts. I like 'em both! Happy March and April.



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