

Liederkrantz Life

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UPCOMING EVENTS

28 October—German Film Event—*Nosferatu*
10 November—Schlachtfest Dinner/Dance
with Pros't Band
17 November—Genealogy Meeting
8-9 December—Christkindmarkt
8 December—Christmas Concert, 8 pm
16 December—Family Christmas Party
31 December—New Year's Eve Dance

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Although we had some time off during September, the next few months are pretty busy! Our annual Oktoberfest was successful, and the food and music both evenings were great. A very big thank you goes to all those who cooked, served, participated in, or volunteered in any capacity to make the event fun. This past Saturday was our Fall Concert and Lasagne Dinner presented by the Music Committee. The concert was well attended, and those who made dinner reservations afterward enjoyed a great dinner and friendly Gemütlichkeit. With the German Film Event, Schlachtfest, Christkindmarkt, and Christmas Concert coming up, we still have lots of activities for our members to enjoy. I hope to see many more of our non-singing and non-dancing members at our events. Please come and show support for YOUR club—we want to get to know you better because we are all here for the same reason. Our goal is to promote the German culture, language, song, and dance traditions, and your participation is important. Thank you all for your support and help during the year!

Heidi Gasper

NOMINATING COMMITTEE The Nominating Committee has been chosen and is working on preparing the slate for the January 2008 election. Please consider running for a seat on the board, as there are a number of openings. We have many talented members who could lend their talents to our club by being board members. If you are interested in running for a position on the board, please contact **Heidi Gasper** (heidig728@sbcglobal.net or 294-5829) and your name will be given to the nominating committee.

CLASSIC GERMAN FILM! Prepare yourselves for a frightful viewing of a classic German film on

Sunday, October 28! Our next German Film Event will feature a history-making silent film sure to curdle your blood. ***Nosferatu, eine Symphonie des Grauens*** is one of the first horror films ever made, and is still regarded by many as one of the scariest ever. Don't miss your chance to view a part of history with this classic vampire tale perfect for setting the stage for our American Halloween season. The doors to the Liederkrantz open at **2:30 pm**, with the movie beginning promptly at **3:00 pm**. Come to this free event, and be ready to have chills sent down your spine! See the enclosed flyer for more information.



SCHLACHTFEST 2007 The date's different, but the dinner's still the same delicious dinner that's helped establish our annual Schlachtfest as one of the premier dinner events of the year at the Liederkrantz. If you've been before, you know how great the dinner featuring a whole roasted pig is, and if you haven't been, now's the time to experience this unique event! Come to the 'Krantz on **Saturday, November 10, 2007**, to enjoy a mouth-watering dinner of roast pig, Sauerkraut, red cabbage, potatoes, bread, and dessert. If that's not enough to entice you, a second dinner choice including all



this plus 3 different sausages is also available for only a few additional dollars. It's truly a feast for a king or queen, and you don't want to miss it! Another feature of the evening will be our Schlachtfest Dance with music provided by the ever-fun **Pros't Band**. The evening is really more fun than should be allowed in a few short hours! This is a very popular dinner, so be sure to make your **pre-paid reservations with Helmut Kister by November 1, 2007!** The enclosed flyer has all the details, so remember to check it out! See you there!

JUGENDCHOR 2007 Calling all young singers ages 8-18! Rehearsals for this year's Jugendchor (youth choir) will be starting very soon. If you are or have a young singer in your family, we need you! The choir will begin rehearsals for our Christmas Concert on Thursdays starting on **November 8 from 7:30-**



8:30 pm. Rehearsals will also be held on **November 15, 29, and December 6**, with the performance at the Christmas Concert on **December 8**. For more information, please contact **Director Judy Schneider at 937-433-3451 or judyschneider@juno.com**. More information is included in the enclosed flyer. The Jugendchor is a highlight of our Liederkrantz Christmas season, and we hope to see you there!

CHRISTKINDLMARKT It's time again for our annual Christkindmarkt (German Christmas Market). Dates and times are: **Saturday, December 8, 2007, from Noon to 8 pm, and Sunday, December 9, 2007, from Noon to 4 pm.** Come celebrate the tradition of a centuries-old German Christmas Market in Dayton.

Vendors will be selling numerous handcrafted items, including children's books, jewelry, German collectable items, and much more. There will also be a Christmas raffle and booths featuring German baked goods and pastries, Rudesheimer Kaffee and Glühwein. The kitchen will be open during the Markt, and Chef Helmut will be serving some delicious food. The Christkindlmarkt will also feature the Dayton Liederkrantz Jugendchor, Damenchor, and Männerchor for the annual Christmas Concert, which will begin at **8 pm on Saturday, December 8**. The public is invited, and admission and parking are free. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact **Pat Kister at 293-7947 or Heidi Gasper at 294-5829**. Please see the enclosed flyer for additional details.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT BAKE SALE Our annual Christkindlmarkt will be held **Saturday, December 8, and Sunday, December 9**. German baked goods and pastries will be sold during the market. We are asking any member capable of baking to contribute some homemade German Christmas baked goods such as cookies, Stollen, cakes (such as Sacher Torte, Linzer Torte), etc. In the spirit of the Christkindlmarkt tradition, we want to have only European-style items. If you have a question concerning the type of baked goods we are looking for, please call **Trudy Campbell at 864-5859**. Be sure to keep your receipts, and you will be reimbursed for your ingredients. All baked goods should be packaged, labeled, and delivered to the club no later than **December 7**. Thank you in advance for your support!

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD Nominations for the Dayton Liederkrantz 2007 Member of the Year are now being accepted and will remain open until **November 30**. Nomination forms for



this prestigious award are available on the Ratskeller bulletin board or by request from **Carl Schneider at 433-3451 or John Koerner (429-9251)**.

OKTOBERFEST THANKS Oktoberfest Food Chairpersons Trudy Campbell and Ida Knopp would like to thank everybody who helped and supported the Liederkrantz at this year's Oktoberfest. People seemed to have a good time, and we hope you all enjoyed the food! Thank you to the **GBU District #815** for helping us out with peeling the potatoes. A special Thank You goes to **Uli Gaertner** for boiling all those potatoes and mixing the delicious Potato Salad. We say "Thank You" to everybody who lent us a hand.



2008 SÄNGERFEST Volunteers are needed for the District Sängerfest 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 **Helmut Kister (293-7947 or hkister@sbcglobal.net)**, **Heidi Gasper (294-5829 or heidig728@sbcglobal.net)**, or **Sue Broadstock (431-7448 or dabstock@aol.com)**.

KARL'S KORNER With all the talk in the news lately about schools banning simple hugs in their buildings, people must really be thinking a lot about this embrace. Both Carl Zahn and Philomene King provided me with words of wisdom about hugging. First, Philomene provides us with the benefits of hugging: "A hug is healthy. It helps the body's immune system. It cures depression. It reduces stress. It induces sleep. It's invigorating. It's rejuvenating. It has no unpleasant side effects. Hugging is all-natural, organic, naturally sweet and 100 percent wholesome. It contains no pesticides, no preservatives, and no artificial ingredients. There are no moveable parts, no batteries to wear out, no periodic checkups, no insurance requirements, and no monthly payments. It is inflation-proof, non-fattening, theft-proof, non-taxable, non-polluting, and of course, fully returnable." And finally, Carl gives us a little message about how great a present a hug is: "A hug is the perfect gift—one size fits all, and nobody minds if you give it back!" Thanks for encouraging us to give hugs freely and plentifully, Philomene and Carl. Everyone can use a hug! Have a great month!

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