

Liederkrantz Life

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UPCOMING EVENTS

31 August—Picnic Workers' Appreciation Night
15 September—Perennial Planting Party
19 September—Picnic Wrap-Up Meeting, 7 pm
22 September—Genealogy Meeting
12-13 October—Oktoberfest
20 October—Fall Concert
10 November—Schlachtfest Dinner/Dance with Pros't Band

PRESIDENT'S CORNER Our 24th Annual GermanFest Picnic is now over but what an event it was. I believe the Fest exceeded expectations and considering the change of venue, it was a good time for everyone who participated and attended. A very hearty thank you to **John Koerner, Lori Hemmelgarn and Helmut Kister** for organizing this event. Also kudos to all the **chairpersons, and many volunteers and workers** who made this event possible. A big round of applause to all who participated in any way for this event. On Saturday, August 25, 50 club members traveled to Toledo for the German-American Festival held there. That was also an incredible and fun filled day. Our upcoming events include the Oktoberfest and Fall dinner/concert. We hope you will join us for more fun, good food and socializing.

Heidi Gasper

PICNIC WORKER'S APPRECIATION NIGHT

On **Friday, August 31**, we will have a Picnic Worker's Appreciation evening for all workers and volunteers (members and non-members) who helped with the picnic. The club would like to show our appreciation for everyone's hard work and invite you to the Ratskeller for socializing, food and drink. Doors open at **5:30** with food being served at **6:30 pm**. We will provide the food, draft beer, soft drinks, and boxed wine as well as a pay-as-you go cash bar for other drinks. Without our workers and volunteers, our picnic would not happen! Come for a low key evening of Gemütlichkeit.



GERMANFEST PICNIC WRAP-UP MEETING

Following our first year in our new location, a very important Picnic General Assessment Meeting

will be held on **Wednesday, September 19, at 7 pm in the Ratskeller**. We will be hearing reports from chairpersons and discussing how we can work to improve next year's picnic. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details. See you at the meeting!

FOOD TENT WORKER THANKS On behalf of my co-chairs, Janet Boehmer and Erika



Betteridge, and myself, I would like to say a big Thank-You for helping in the food tent. From setting up to serving and helping with tear-down, we couldn't have made it without you. A special thanks to all you helpers from the Special Olympics Organization.

Thank you again,
Trudy Campbell

MORE FOOD TENT WORKER THANKS Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the Food Tent during the picnic including those in the serving lines, table clean-up, and condiment areas. Without your help and commitment, the picnic wouldn't be so successful. Many, many thanks to all the **Special Olympics volunteers!**

Sarah Gasper

SANDWICH BOOTH AND FOOD PREPARATION THANKS

We want to thank everyone who worked in the sandwich booth, frying on the grills and breading and frying the schnitzel. We appreciate everyone who worked so hard to keep everything moving. It takes a lot of people, and without your help, this would not happen.



Thanks again.
The Sagassers

CAKE BOOTH THANKS I want to thank everyone who worked in the cake booth at the GermanFest Picnic this year, and I also want to thank everyone who donated cakes and money. It was very much appreciated, and I certainly could not have done as well without all of your help!! I especially want to thank **Maria Duncan**

for all of her help, **Ida Knopp** for baking a lot of Strudel, and also **Inge Longbrake** for helping me "tear down" the booth. Vielen Dank!



Cornelia Shockey

BEER TICKET BOOTH THANKS I want to thank all the volunteers who worked the beer ticket booth at the German Fest. It was a very warm weekend, and we sold many tickets to a very thirsty crowd. A big thank you goes to: **Sue Baker, Phyllis Monnin, Margrit Ogg, Philomene King, Jan and Carl Zahn, Carol Zahn and her friend from work, Paul and Charlene Wasmuth, Anita and Heidi Torgeson, Betsy Quinter, Barbara Rich, Fred Besch, Matt and Geni Jay, Dottie and Ben Kraus, George Zaharis, Ralph Steinlage and neighbor, Mabel Braunschweiger, and Trisha Dickens.** A big thank you also to **George Zaharis and John Koerner** for the new beer signs which really helped people decide what beer they wanted to buy and drink!



PUPPET ACTIVITY THANKS A thank you to **Mishelle Dickens** who had the puppet tent for the interested younger crowd. This provided an activity to learn about and make a puppet. She had help from several volunteers including **Catherine Brakemeyer, Trisha Dickens, and a teenager.** This was a new adventure and gave the younger crowd something to make and take with them. Hands on learning, along with fun, is great for kids!



GRAND RAFFLE THANKS I would like to thank all the workers who volunteered at the Grand Raffle Booth at the GermanFest Picnic. Special thanks to Anne Pepiot for being there to organize, set up, and offer guidance for this booth. Thank you to all who sold presale tickets. The Grand Raffle winners this year are: **First Prize Winner - Florida Condo Vacation and Travel Voucher - Barbara Byrnes, 4051 Woodbine Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45420, Second Prize Winner - Dayton Cultural Arts Package - Michael and Karen Baumann, 514 Ohio Street, Fairborn, Ohio 45324, Third Prize Winner - Hand Carved Black Forest Cuckoo Clock - Dick Merrifield, 3015 Beech Hill Drive, Spring Valley, Ohio 45370, Fourth Prize Winner - Champagne Hot Air Balloon Ride - Michele Prater, 5133 Calhoon Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.** Congratulations to our winners!



Heidi Gasper

PERENNIAL PLANTING PARTY Do you have PERENNIALS that have outgrown their space? How would you like to plant your extras at the Liederkrantz on **Saturday, September 15, 2007?** Please bring your perennials, a shovel and some top soil to the Liederkrantz for our 1st Planting Party. If you can not come on Saturday, please bring your perennials to rehearsal on **Thursday, September 13.** All perennials and planting help are appreciated. Questions??? Please give me a call at **(937) 434 - 7999.** Thanks.



Your Friendly Gardener - Uli Gaertner

GERMAN GENEALOGY CLUB The second meeting of the Dayton Liederkrantz German Genealogy Club was held on August 18, 2007, at the Dayton Public Library, with 35 attendees. John Koerner gave the background of our first meeting and introduced Louise Gaertner who is chairing the group. She welcomed everyone attending. She is still looking for Mission Statement volunteers. Our meetings will be held on the 4th Saturday of the month unless there is a conflict. Presentations will be at the Library if it is available. If there is no presenter, it will be at the Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner Hall.

Tentative dates are **September 22, October 27 and November 27.** Check the newspaper for the actual date.

Francis Puthoff presented the group with a copy of his Puthoff book.

A question was asked as to the location of the German records – churches or central locations. The answer was that they are trying to centralize them. Another person said the LDS has many of them on microfiche and you should look there before trying to go to Germany.

Michael Kennedy from the Montgomery County Genealogical Society was the speaker, and for the next two hours, he bombarded us with so much information, it will take us months to figure it all out. He started with a presentation of maps from Germany which was quite a history lesson. He talked about starting your research system, recording records searched in a log, forms for recording your research and their availability on the Internet, use of maps in your research, charts from Rootsweb, websites for helping your search, recommended joining genealogical societies, magazines, local sources, time lines and on and

on. It was chocked full of information, and probably a lot was over the head of the beginner.

The Library is not available for the 22nd of September so our next meeting will be at the Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner Hall. We would like all of our seasoned researchers to bring their knowledge and supplies to help our beginners plus possibly helping all of us to understand what Mr. Kennedy was telling us.

Monthly meetings are being planned for the next six months and feature expert speakers. Participation for the next six months will involve a fee, which will be discounted for Liederkrantz members.

If you have any questions or ideas for speakers, topics, etc., please give Louise Gaertner a call at **434-7999**. We are all new to this group and we all need to help it grow.

See you in September.

OKTOBERFEST 2007 Our 2007 Oktoberfest will be in October for a change of pace. Mark your calendars to attend the Oktoberfest on **October**



12 and 13. Volunteers are needed to help work the food line serving food, for clean-up duties and decorating for the event. Please contact Heidi Gasper if you would like to help **(294-5829** or

heidig728@sbcglobal.net. There will be a silent auction, good food, dancing and music, as well as our outdoor tent. Hours are 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Friday September 12 and 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Saturday September 13. \$3.00 admission prices each day with free admission to students with ID. Free Parking. Music provided by Gerhard Erler on Friday night and Ken and Mary on Saturday night.

CHOIR NEWS The DLT choir began its fall season on **August 23, 2007**; we will be meeting every Thursday at 7:30 pm. We have a busy fall schedule, preparing for our fall concert and dinner on **October 20**. We are also invited to sing for St John's church in October. And right after the fall concert, we start the preparation for our Christmas concert and December appearances. Come down to join your voice with ours on Thursdays and enjoy the camaraderie and music. Also I wish to thank you all for your prayers and good wishes during my eye surgery. Thanks. Grytha

PRONUNCIATION CLASS Inge Longbrake is again offering a pronunciation class to help non-readers of German learn to pronounce the lyrics to our German songs. Since it's the beginning of

a new year filled with new music, now's the time to get a good handle on how to say those tricky words. Classes are starting now, and begin **before rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.**

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Member of the Year

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).**

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 **Heidi Gasper (294-5829** or heidig728@sbcglobal.net) or **Sue Broadstock (431-7448 or dabstock@aol.com).**

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.**

IN OUR THOUGHTS Please continue to pray for our shut-in members, those who are ill, hospitalized, or recovering. Please pray for **Francis Houser, Johanna and Raymond Shymansky, Herta Roth, Hedi Grau, Grytha Drerup, and Jerry Laub.**

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of two long term members.



Charles Pendleton passed away on August 7. Long time member and former singer, **Franz Neuerer** passed away on August 16. Our condolences and prayers are with both families.

CARL'S CORNER Carl Zahn gives us another gem this month to mentally digest: Life is like a mirror—we get the best results when we smile at it! Have a great September! Deadline for the October newsletter is September 20.

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