**President’s Message**

It is spring, the calendar says so but in reality it has been spring for a long time. Louise and I enjoyed our trip south but it is always good to be home. I missed Fasching and the crowning of Prince Rick and Princess Constance but I know everyone had a good time.

We have already set our clocks forward and it is also time for us look forward. The District Sängerfest in Peoria is the weekend after Easter and we will be showing off our new flag for the first time. I am sorry that not more of you will be there for that occasion. John Koerner is making plans for the **Bier Tasting on Friday, April 20**, and the following week is our Spring Concert and dinner. Jacob will be serving a Käsespätzle dinner following the concert. I am sure all will be delighted by Jacob’s creation.

I am sure many of you are aware that in 2015, in three short years, we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary. Planning for the big event will start soon and we will be counting on all of you to help organize and participate in this great event. We want everyone to be proud of our club. We have a lot to be proud of.

Alles Gute,
Uli Gaertner

**Spring Concert and Dinner**

The choirs of the DLT will be performing selections from their upcoming District Sängerfest performance in Peoria, IL at our annual Spring Concert on **Saturday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m.**

Following the concert, stay for a delicious Käsespätzle dinner beginning at **6 p.m.** Käsespätzle is most commonly thought of as the German version of Mac ’n Cheese - it is a true German comfort food. Homemade noodles with creamy Emmentaler cheese topped with sweet caramelized onions make even the worst of days much better! Käsespätzle is often served with a refreshing light salad and is perfect for any occasion. Please join us April 28th, immediately following the Spring Concert for Jacob Hellickson's version of this wonderful German specialty.

Please see the enclosed flyer for all details for the concert and also the dinner, including pricing for adult and child (10 and under) members and non-members. You will be happy to experience both!

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**A World A’ Fair**

The International Festival will be held at the Dayton Convention Center **May 18, 19, and 20.** Help is needed to serve food and beer as well as setup before and teardown after the festival. Also help is needed for door squad, wrist band booth and selling tickets in the lobby.

Please volunteer to work a two hour shift by calling Jerry Schenking 275-4615. A free ticket will be given for entry to the festival.

Advance tickets are available at the club on Thursday evenings from **7:00-7:30 p.m.**

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**Garage Sale**

Our next Liederkranz garage sale dates have been set for **May 31, June 1, and June 2.** This year we will try to sell clothes that are on hangers and in good condition. Members can bring their items (preferably in boxes) to the club and leave them in the rehearsal room on top of the tables. Clothes already on hangers are appreciated. Thanks!

Brenda Stahl
The German Genealogy Group has some exciting presentations on schedule.

Saturday, April 21, 2012
In the Ratskeller we will have an outstanding speaker and genealogist, Bob Rau. He will speak on: "The French Connection: Searching for your Ancestors in Alsace Lorraine". Please note, this is the third Saturday of the month.

Saturday, May 19, 2012
To finish off the spring season, the German Genealogy Group will have a blockbuster field trip to Columbus on Saturday May 19, 2012. We will leave from the Liederkranz at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Our group will tour the genealogy section at the Columbus Metro Library. Russ Pollitt, genealogy librarian, will speak about the "Palatines to American Collection" at 10:00 a.m. Questions and answers and a research period will follow. After lunch our Group will be honored to have as a speaker Kenneth Smith, author and expert in German genealogy.

He will be speaking on "German Names - All their Variants and Complications"

I urge you to put these 3rd Saturday of the month dates on your calendar now!

Please, it is necessary to know as soon as possible if you are going to Columbus. Please e mail or call me, Louise Gaertner now if you can.

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2012 Membership Cards
New 2012 membership cards have been mailed out to all members in good standing. If you did not receive a card, need a replacement or would like a duplicate for yourself or a family member, please contact me.

German Life Magazine
The order for German Life has been sent in. If you are a Patron level member, or made a significant contribution in lieu of dues, or paid for your discounted subscription, rest assured that your subscription is on its way.

DLT Directory Update
An update to the 2011 DLT Membership Directory will be mailed out this spring. The update will include all new members, changes to addresses and phone numbers, and names that should be deleted from the roster. If there are any changes you want made to your listing, please contact me ASAP.

Scholarship/Grant Applications
Applications for the 2011 Dayton Liederkranz Academic Scholarship and Education Grant programs are due by 12 April, 2012.

Membership Benefits
Several items are in the works to improve DLT membership. We are hoping to have a New Member party later this year with all members invited. We are considering a member coupon which would be good for a food and/or beverage discount at the Annual GermanFest Picnic. Your ideas are welcome.

Membership Chairman:
John Koerner, 429-9251, jabkoerner@aol.com
Karl’s Corner

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- There is a technical meteorological term for a sunny, warm day which follows two rainy days. It’s called… MONDAY!

And the next one also needs rain.

- Don't waste time looking for four-leaf clovers when there are weeds in your garden!

Deadline for the next newsletter: April 19, 2012

Brian Shaw
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Other Club Events

- 14 April—Händlmaier’s Freunde Weißwurstessen at Mecklenburg Gardens, 11 a.m.
- 14 April—Edelweiss Anniversary Dance w/ Frank Svet
- 29 April—Eintracht Spring Concert and Dinner
- 4 May—Eintracht Fish Fry
- 12 May—Händlmaier’s Freunde Weißwurstessen at Mecklenburg Gardens, 11 a.m.
- 12 May—Edelweiss Mai Tanz/Luau w/ Chris Weiss
- 1, 8, 15, 20, 29 June—Eintracht Friday Biergarten Nights
- 9 June—Händlmaier’s Freunde Weißwurstessen at Mecklenburg Gardens, 11 a.m.

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Kettering Sister Cities

Kettering Sister Cities is currently taking applications for the 2012 Youth Exchange. From June 29th through July 15th, students will visit Berlin, the Spreewald, Dresden, and conclude with a home stay in Steyr, Austria chaperoned by Jake and Sarah Browning. Projected costs are $2000 for youths ages 14-17. Participants will host a student from Austria in 2013. Interested parties should contact Paul Fleitz at 937-294-4283 or pfleitz@sbcglobal.net.

Cabbage Roll Dinner Thanks

"Thank you to all who made the Cabbage Roll Dinner an absolute success - way too many to list here, but my heartfelt thanks! As you may have seen, the Kitchen Entourage has been giving the kitchen a much needed face-lift! Years of stuck on grime have been slowly scrubbed away and we are almost complete with the transformation. Please take a look at the DLT Facebook page to see when we need your help! We need everyone’s assistance in maintaining the cleanliness level of the kitchen.

From The Kitchen

In order to encourage volunteerism in the kitchen, each hour a volunteer helps with kitchen related duties gets them 10% off toward their next meal. The Kitchen Chairperson reserves the right to adjust the percentage or grant complete meals for free.

Finally, please use the suggestion box to write-in what types of meals you would like the Kitchen Entourage to serve. This is your Club and if you have a “Glückwunsch”, please let us know! I will consolidate all requests and will try to honor them. Thank you!

WPAFB Requests DLT Help

Hundreds of German prisoners of war were housed at Wright Patterson AFB during WWII. Although the actual POW camp was demolished by 1946, some of the POW handiwork remains including stonework near the Wright Brothers Hill. The most significant handiwork is a large wall mural in the building that once served as a mess hall. The POWs asked for and received painting supplies and created murals on all four walls. Only this one remains—it is long and about 12 feet high with vivid images that are difficult to describe.

The Base has contacted us to help in a number of possible ways—from interpretation of the artwork, to ideas for preservation, and/or possibly return a portion of the wall to Germany. The building is slated for demolition and the wall will be impacted—so a solution must be found. If you can interpret the artwork (virtually no words), know anyone who was a POW at the Base or someone who might know someone (all records of the POWs were lost in a DOD archive fire) or a point of contact in Germany, please let me know. The Liederkranz would also be interested in photographing or otherwise pictorially recording the wall. The Base will be making arrangements for the public to inspect the wall at some point this year.

If you have any information that might be helpful, or would like to help in some way, or if you would like to be part of the inspection tour—please contact me. Danke. John Koerner—937-429-9251 or jabkoerner@aol.com

29th Annual German Fest Picnic

Plans for the annual Picnic on August 10th, 11, & 12 are well underway. Major publicity is in the works and fliers and business cards are available. Our Facebook page is up and running as we seek new “Likes”. If you have not heard, the GermanFest Picnic was ranked recently among “The Best of Dayton” as one of the top three festivals in the region.

As a benefit of membership, members are afforded a discount should you wish to be a vendor at the Annual Picnic. If you have a hobby or a small business that caters to the public, sales or marketing at the Picnic might be of interest. Contact John Koerner.
Spring/Summer Bierfest!

A Celebration of Seasonal Craft Beers

Friday, April 20, 2012 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the next edition of the Liederkranz's highly successful beer tasting parties. Sample some 10 different seasonal Imported and Craft Beers in our authentic Rathskeller. Our sampling tour will begin at 7:00 p.m., led by Liederkranz member, Mike Schwartz, beer aficionado, home brewer, and owner of Belmont Party Supply, Dayton's leading purveyor of fine beers and brewing supplies.

The Bierfest will include free snacks and great door prizes. Food, including the famous Liederkranz brats, a variety of beers and other drinks will be available for purchase.

Preregister by April 18 for a Discount  $13.00 Members — $17.00 Non-members

Contact John Koerner to preregister at 937-429-9251 or jabkoerner@aol.com

Price at the door $20.00 for all

Admission for Designated Driver is FREE!
Saturday, April 28, 2012
4:30 p.m.
Dayton Liederkranz Turner
Maennerchor, Damenchor
und Gemischtchor

Under the direction of Jeannette Eakins
Accompanied by Raymonde Rougier
Present
A selection of favorite springtime music
in German and English

Join us for Dinner afterwards at 6:00 p.m.

- Menu -

Leaf Salad,
Homemade Käsespätzle
with Sweet Golden Brown Onions,
Vegetable of Choice,
Dessert & Coffee

Members: $9/6 Non-Members: $10/7
Prepaid reservations only, by April 23,
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SATURDAY
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FRIDAY
AUGUST 11
5-11:00 PM

SATURDAY
AUGUST 12
12-11:00 PM

POLKA MASS @ 11 AM

FREE ADMISSION * PUBLIC INVITED * ONSITE PARKING $2.00

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