Once again the chill is in the air and the air is laden with the promise of snow. It can mean only one thing...Christmas!

This is a great time to be with friends and family, including your DLT family.

There are many ways to spend time with friends and family at the Liederkranz this season. The Christkindlmarkt is in its 7th year and will be held the first weekend of December. Vendor space has all been booked and it should be fun to pick up an item or two with a Germanic touch for Christmas.

No one should miss the Weihnachtsfeier on the 11th at 2 pm. It’s so much fun to see all the different generations enjoying the festivities. If I live to be 100, I will always smile when I hear the 12 Days of Christmas song just because of how we sing it at the party. I’ve enclosed an invite with all the information needed. I hope that you can join us this year.

There is nothing more fun than being at the club and listening to the wonderful German Christmas songs. There is no better way to get in the spirit of Christmas. We will have the bar open following the Konzert and we will have dessert to share with our friends.

May you all be blessed with great health and small problems during the New Year.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr!

Lori Hemmelgarn
President

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us for our annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 17, at 7 p.m. The concert highlights the cherubic voices of the Jugendchor, and also features performances by the Damenchor, Männerchor, and Gemischterchor. The flyer in the newsletter has all the details. It’s a great way to feel the seasonal spirit. See you all there!

CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Visit the Liederkranz on December 3 and 4 for the annual celebration of the centuries old Christmas market tradition that originated in Nuremberg, Germany. Quality vendors will offer hand crafted ornaments, handmade bath soaps and accessories, beer steins, children’s books (in German and English), German collectible items, antiques, stained glass items, unique jewelry, note cards & gifts, paper cut outs, etc. The annual Liederkranz Christmas Raffle will also feature many wonderful items.

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Hours are Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Contact person: Uli Gaertner (937) 434 7999
uglhlp42@aol.com

SCHNITZEL DINNER

The details will come in next month’s newsletter, but you should mark your calendars now for our upcoming Schnitzel Dinner on Saturday, January 21, 2012. Trudy will again prepare her delicious Schnitzel for our enjoyment. If there were awards for Schnitzel, Trudy’s would be a blue ribbon winner, no lie! You really don’t want to miss out on the opportunity. Look for all the information in next month’s newsletter!
How about one for Thanksgiving:

**There’s a lot of thanks in giving!**

And then one as we grow older:

**Youth is a gift of nature, but age is a work of art!**

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Everyone - The nominating committee has been organized. It consists of Jacob Hellickson (254-9059), Betty Lou Martin (434-0048), and Mishelle Dicken (746-9812). Please make their job as easy as possible and give them a call if you would like to run for a position on the Board especially as treasurer. The trustee positions that are open this year include: maintenance, kitchen, picnic trustee. Thanks for your support.

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**KARL’S KORNER**

Deadline for the next newsletter: **December 15** Frohe Weihnachten!

Brian Shaw
cookie-mon110@yahoo.com
252-0941

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**OTHER CLUB EVENTS**

- 2 December—Eintracht Fish Fry
- 3 December—Edelweiss Weihnachtstanz with Die Sorgenbrecher
- 9 December—Eintracht Christmas Concert
- 10 December—Händlmaier’s Freunde Weißwurstessen at Mecklenburg Gardens, 11 a.m.
- 10 December—Eintracht Members’ and Children’s Party with Santa
- 31 December—Edelweiss New Year’s Eve with Die Freudemacher
- 6 January—Eintracht Fish Fry
- 14 January—Händlmaier’s Freunde Weißwurstessen at Mecklenburg Gardens, 11 a.m.
- 15 January—Edelweiss Annual General Meeting and Elections
- 22 January—Eintracht Membership Meeting

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**BY-LAWS MEETING**

Special Meeting notes: Twelve Board members were present and 10 voting members were present at 2p.m. At 2:15 p.m., the President declared the meeting canceled due to lack of fifteen voting members.

I’ve been president for the past three years and I’ve stated repeatedly, and meant it every time, that this club is made up of all the members. The new By-Laws have been under construction for the past six years by several committees. The members who spent their time after work and on weekends to bring this version to a vote worked hard and deserved more respect. We had two meetings to discuss the changes with anyone who choose to show up but it was the same people both times. They also showed up for the meeting on the 20th of November. Discussion time was over; voting was the order of the day. I’m sorry that you missed the meeting.

I’m calling a final special By-Laws meeting for 8 Jan 2012. It will occur 1 hour prior to the annual meeting. I hope that you care enough about the club that you attend the special meeting as well as the annual meeting.

Lori

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**2011 MEMBER OF THE YEAR – LAST CALL**

It’s not too late to nominate someone for the 2011 Member of the Year honor. Forms were previously included in the Newsletter and are also available at the DLT Ratskeller and on our website. The honor covers contributions from December of last year through the end of this year. Please consider the many hardworking members who have helped to ensure a successful DLT this year and nominate someone.

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**2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Dues invoices for 2012 will be mailed out to all members owing 2012 dues by the end of December. If you are leaving the area for the winter, please pay ahead of time or see that I get a proper address for the invoice. Avoid being deleted from the DLT roster which happens every year to some, only to be reinstated later.

Dues for 2012 remain the same: Patron - $100 ($190, $270), Family - $55 ($105, $150), Individual - $35 ($66,$95), Young Adult - $20 ($38,$54). The additional amounts reflect two-year and three-year discounted dues. Members who have already paid through 2012 will receive new cards by early January.

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**2012 LIEDERKRANZ DIRECTORY UPDATE**

The 2011 Membership Directory has been distributed to all DLT members in good standing. We will be distributing a 2012 Directory Update to all members in good standing early in the year. The update will include new members and corrections to the 2011 listings including deletions of those no longer in good standing.

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**MEMBER CORNER**

Contact John Koerner at 429-9251 or jabkoerner@aol.com
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Frohe Weihnachten jederalle and Merry Christmas to all!

I love to be redundant. But I believe that there can never be too many Christmas parties. So you are invited to one with your DLT family and our GBU friends, Sunday, December 11, 2011, at 2 pm in the Great Hall.

We all love the holidays. It brings out the kid in all of us. So come on down and enjoy the fun and frivolity of the holidays with your family and friends.

If you wish to participate in the raffle, please bring a wrapped gift (approximate value of $5) and you will receive a raffle chance with an option to buy more.

Is there someone on your list that you want Santa’s helpers to give a gift? Then bring the wrapped gift with their name (first & last) clearly marked. (Santa’s helpers need all the help they can get.)

Please bring a favorite Weihnachtsgebäck or other baked good that you would like to share and we will provide the coffee, beer and sodas. Weihnachtslieder, Christmas carols, will be provided by all present.

Thanks for all your support this year. With your participation we can make 2012 even better.

Frohe Weihnachten,

Lori Hemmelgarn
President
Dayton Liederkranz-Turner
Weihnachtskonzert
Saturday,
December 17, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Favorite German Music of the Season, performed by the Liederkranz Jugendchor, Maennerchor, Damenchor and Gemischtechor

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2012 German Club Activities

Eintracht Singing Society
2707 Troy St.
Dayton, OH 45404-2173
937-233-6622
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German Club Edelweiss
531 E. Wenger Rd.
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937-836-6889

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JANUARY
6 Eintracht – Fish Fry
8 Liederkranz – Annual Meeting
15 Edelweiss – Annual General Meeting Election of Officers
21 Liederkranz – Schnitzel Dinner/Dance
22 Eintracht – Membership Meeting

FEBRUARY
3 Eintracht – Fish Fry
18 Liederkranz – Fasching w/ Gebhard Erler
19 Eintracht – Rouladen Lunch
25 Edelweiss – Dirndl Ball w/ Good Times Orchestra

MARCH
2 Eintracht – Fish Fry
16 Eintracht – Chicken & Dumplings
17 Edelweiss – St. Pauli Nacht w/ Gebhard & Bill
30 Eintracht – Fish Fry

APRIL
13 Liederkranz – Bier Tasting
13, 14, 15 Saengerfest
    District, Peoria, IL
14 Edelweiss – Anniversary Dance w/ Frank Svet
29 Eintracht – Spring Concert and Dinner

MAY
4 Eintracht – Fish Fry
12 Edelweiss – Mai Tanz/Luau w/ Chris Weiss
18, 19, 20 World A‘Fair
    Dayton Convention Center

JUNE
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Eintracht – Friday Biergartens

JULY
6, 13, 20, 27 Eintracht – Friday Biergartens
12 Liederkranz – Semi-annual Meeting
20 Eintracht – Smoked Pork Chop Dinner (Dorothy Watson)

AUGUST
3, 10, 17, 24 Edelweiss – Biergartens w/ Frank Svet
10, 11, 12 Liederkranz – Germanfest
    Picnic at Carillon Park
18, 19 Eintracht – German Day in the Park
    Jay Fox & Hank Haller

SEPTEMBER
1, 2 Edelweiss – Oktoberfest w/ Die Sorgenbrecher
29, 30 Eintracht – DAI Oktoberfest

OCTOBER
6 Edelweiss – German American Day
12 Eintracht – Fish Fry
13 Liederkranz – Oktoberfest
21 Eintracht – Dance w/ Hank Haller
21 Liederkranz – Fall Concert

NOVEMBER
3 Eintracht – 9th Annual Holiday Bazaar
    Serving cabbage rolls
3 Liederkranz – Schlachtfest Dinner
9 Eintracht – Fish Fry
10 Edelweiss – Heimat Tanz w/ Gebhard & Bill
16 Liederkranz – Fall/Winter Bier Tasting

DECEMBER
1, 2 Liederkranz – Christkindlmarkt
1 Edelweiss – Weihnacht Tanz w/ Die Sorgenbrecher
7 Eintracht – Fish Fry
8 Liederkranz – Christmas Concert
14 Eintracht – Christmas Concert
31 Edelweiss – New Year’s Eve w/ Die Freudemacher

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