March 15, 2017

Welcome to the new format of your LIEDERKRANZ LIFE. We hope that it will be easier for you to access and read. Since it will appear on the 1st and 15th of each month, it will be easier to keep current with what is going on. We have added our occasional readers to the mailing list. If, for any reason, you no longer wish to receive info from the Liederkranz, simply click on the "opt out" button at the bottom of this page and you will be removed.

Upcoming Events:

- Thurs. March 16, 7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal
- Fri. March 17, 6:30-11 p.m. - Tabletop Games Night
- Mon. March 20, 7:30 p.m. - German Dance Lessons
- Wed. March 22, 7:00 p.m. - Picnic Planning Meeting (See article below)
- Thurs. March 23, 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. March 25, 1:30 p.m. - German Genealogy Group
- Sun. March 26, 11:30 a.m. - Sunday Brunch at the Kranz
The Dayton Germanfest Picnic is excited to announce that its new venue is RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton. “We received over 30 suggestions of new locations from all over the Miami Valley,” explained Chairperson John Koerner, “but because of the 127-year connection of our sponsor, the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner, with the downtown area, we really wanted to keep it in Dayton proper if at all possible. The Celtic Fest and other festivals have put RiverScape MetroPark on the map as Dayton’s favorite spot to celebrate, and we look forward to building on that tradition, and infusing it with our own special German ambience – we call it Gemütlichkeit.” The new location will allow for future growth of the Germanfest Picnic, starting with extended hours this year – 5-11 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, with a Polka Mass at 10 a.m. The Germanfest 5K and 10K will have a new route this year, and has been moved to Saturday morning, August 12 at 9:00 a.m. Registration information is available at www.keysports.net. The Dayton Liederkranz Turner is most grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support we have received from the Dayton community this past couple months, and we look forward to welcoming everyone to Germanfest Picnic’s new home at RiverScape MetroPark for its 34th edition on August 11, 12 and 13. A full range of sponsorship, marketing, and publicity opportunities are available.

Sunday Brunch at the Kranz

Sunday, March 26, 11:30 a.m.

Join the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner for an authentic German brunch, all-you-can-eat buffet style, featuring
everything from made from scratch waffles, cakes and salads to imported sausages and cheeses! This is one you surely do not want to miss! Sorry, but no take home or carry out orders will be permitted. Reservations will be taken by Silvie Schrumpf at sbxa99@gmail.com, 937-310-1105 and must be in no later than Tuesday, March 21. Member: $14, Guests: $18, Kids ages 10 & under: $10

**Game Night March 17, 6:30 - 11 p.m.**

Bring a snack to share and enjoy an evening playing your favorite board games. Bring your friends or come meet new ones. Free admission. The bar will be open with pop and adult beverages.

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34th ANNUAL GERMANFEST PICNIC
RiverScape MetroPark
August 11, 12, 13, 2017

**WHAT:** March & April General Planning Meetings for 2017 Picnic. The meetings will focus on the challenges and opportunities of our new location as well as staffing and function needs.
WHEN: Wednesday March 22 & Wednesday April 26, 2017, 7:00 PM, DLT Rathskeller. Meetings are typically brief – less than 90 minutes.

WHO: All are invited. Especially need all event/activity chairpersons; crew chiefs, and interested members, especially anyone volunteering to be more involved.

AGENDA: Address problems and needs, discuss Chairperson list including need for new chair and activity volunteers, discuss plans and options for 2017, especially layout and anticipated changes, etc. Initiate sign requirements for activities.

WHY: To implement our goal of Continuous Improvement and to plan for continued success as a 40,000 (or more!) attendance festival.

REGRETS: If you can't make it, but have input, wish to comment or to volunteer please contact me. Thanks.

John Koerner, Chairman, GermanFest Picnic jabkoerner@aol.com, 429-9251

2017 Membership Dues/Newsletter

Many thanks to all those who renewed their memberships and to those who have signed up for the multi-year discounts. Multi-year memberships save you money, prevent forgetting to pay your dues, and lighten the administrative work. New membership cards and schedules have been mailed to all members in good standing. If you did not receive yours, please contact me. Life Members have permanent cards. If you need a replacement, let me know as membership cards will be requested at more future events.

Non renewing members have previously been deleted from Newsletter mailings. Under our new browser newsletter format, you will have to
UNSUBSCRIBE to disengage from the Liederkranz.

2017 Liederkranz Directory Update
We will soon publish a new 2017 Liederkranz Directory. New members will be added, non renewing members will be deleted, and changes to addresses, emails, etc will be noted. This is a LAST CALL to inform me of any name, address, phone, email or other information changes that you would like to include. Additional club information will be included for general reference.

German Life Subscriptions
Members who wished to renew or to subscribe to German Life and so indicated on their 2017 Dues Invoices have been included in the DLT Group Subscription that will be sent shortly. All Patron level members will receive the publication automatically. The Group Subscription rate is available only to members.

Recognition
Each spring the DLT recognizes those members who provide extra financial support for the Liederkranz. Life Members, who do not owe dues, but have provided financial donations include: Al & Josephine Fischer, Paul & Inge Longbrake, Philomene King, Johann Rumpf Patrons are those members who provide support at the $100 level. Patrons for 2017 include: Paul Beck, Jake & Sarah Browning, Charles & Kathy Dulaney, Martin & Annie Foos, Dave & Heidi Gasper, Robert Guehl, Helmut & Pat Kister, William & Barbara Kneff, John Koerner, Tom & Mary Lou Lubinski, Dave & Anne Pepiot, Dan & Joyce Porter, Robert Riner, William Roos, Johann Rumpf, Doug & JoAnn Sabo, Brian Shaw, Peggy Sisson & George Sine, Ron & Theresa Warach, Michael & Jenifer Wilhelm, Robert Wolff, Carol Zahn

Vielen herzlichen Dank to you all!
More
Contact John Koemer at 937-429-9251 or jabkoemer@aol.com

New singers and dancers are welcome to join us at any time. Choir rehearsals are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, and dance lessons are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Mondays. Come try it out!

The purpose of Liederkranz Life is to keep our members and friends informed of meetings, club events and German cultural happenings in the Dayton area.

DEADLINE: Liederkranz Life appears on the 1st and 15th of each month. If you have information to be added to or highlighted in this newsletter, please email The Newsletter Team by the 10th or 25th.

PLEASE NOTE: Any events not on the DLT Website Calendar will not be included in this newsletter. Of course, if there is an immediate need to distribute information such as inclement weather or emergency issues, an additional newsletter may be sent, but exceptions will not be made for late material.