January 1, 2018
Upcoming Events:

- Thurs., Jan. 4, 6 p.m. Singers’ Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange; 7:30 first Rehearsal
- Sun. Jan. 7, 2:00 - Annual Meeting
- Fri. Jan. 19, 6:30-11:00 p.m. - Tabletop Games Night
- Sat. Jan. 20, 6:00 - Schnitzel Dinner and Dance with Installation of Officers
- Sat. Jan. 27, 1:30 - German Genealogy Group
- Sat. Feb. 10, 7:11 - 11:11 p.m. - Fasching Maskenball

For more information on any of these events, and a more complete calendar, please visit [www.daytongermanclub.org/?q=calendar-events](http://www.daytongermanclub.org/?q=calendar-events)

President’s Letter

I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas, and for 2018, I wish all of you happiness and good health.

Our Annual Meeting is on Sunday, January, 7 at 2:00. I urge all of you to come, to hear what was accomplished last year and what the Board, old or new elected members, plan for the future. You, by attending our annual meeting, show that you care about the DLT and all of us have to become more active to ensure the future of the DLT. If you have suggestions of how we can improve our club, reach out not just to our members to the general public please let the Board know.

All you “Gamer’s” - I would like to remind you that every 3rd Friday is [Game](http://www.daytongermanclub.org/?q=calendar-events)
Night at the Liederkranz. Also, German Genealogy is generally on the 4th Saturday of the month. Upcoming events include the Schnitzel Dinner on Saturday, January 20, Fasching will be celebrated on February 10, followed by the Cabbage Roll Dinner on March 19.

As most of you know the DLT is now a (501 C3) entity, meaning that donations to the DLT are tax deductible. (That excludes the annual membership fees.) We need your help in obtaining monetary donations. If you have a contact with a business, see if you can obtain a monetary donation.

Thank you. I hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting next week,

Ulrich (Uli) H. Gaertner
President
TRUDY'S FAMOUS SCHNITZEL DINNER and DANCE
Saturday, January 20, 6:00 p.m.

If you just can't wait for the Germanfest Picnic in August to get your schnitzel 'fix,' we've got you covered. Trudy and company are fixing her famous schnitzel - with all the trimmings. Dance afterwards features the Alpen Echoes. Dinner by advance reservation only.

Pre-Paid Reservations for the Dinner and Dance can be made by contacting Heidi Gasper at 937.510.1662 or heidi.gasper@att.net by January 13. Checks should be made payable to Dayton Liederkranz Turner & can be sent to 9776 Sandy Run Drive, Waynesville, OH 45068.

Menu includes:
Pan-fried Schnitzel (Breaded pork tenderloin), Parsley Buttered Potatoes, California Style vegetables, Red Cabbage, Apple Sauce, Bread and Butter and Assorted Desserts

New DLT Officers for 2018 will be installed at the Band Break.
WHAT:  Kick-Off General Planning & Crisis Management Meeting for 2018 Picnic

WHEN:  Wednesday January 24, 2017, 7:00 PM, DLT Rathskeller

WHO:  All are invited. Especially need all event/activity chairpersons; and interested members who have volunteered to help support the event

AGENDA:  Discuss plans and changes to 2018 event in light of lessons learned from first time experience at new location. Identify and seek to fill new activity chairperson needs. Identify and/or address some of the outstanding issues for 2018.

WHY:  The Picnic is critical to the DLT, and its continued existence is a key economic and community benefit for the Miami Valley.

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

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

Debbie Venys, Asst. Chairperson, dvenys12@gmail.com, 416-1545
Game Night January 19, 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.
Prinz Ron, Prinzessin Jacqui, and the Council of Fools cordially invite you and your friends to come celebrate Fasching AND the end of Prohibition with the Chardon Polka Band, Door Prizes, Costume Contest (think 1930s), Charleston Contest, Drink Specials and all the usual Fasching merriment. Please bring a snack to share. $3 members, $5 guests.

2018 Membership Dues
Dues invoices for 2018 are currently being mailed out to all members owing dues. If you do not owe dues you will not receive an invoice; however, you will receive a 2018 Membership card and schedule in early January. Life members have permanent cards; if you need a replacement, please contact me. Avoid being deleted from the DLT roster and our upcoming 2018 Directory, which is ready to go to the printer once the roster is finalized.

Dues for 2018 remain the same: Patron -$100 ($190, $270), Family - $55
($105, $150), Individual - $35 ($66, $95), Student/Young Adult - $20 ($38, $54). The additional amounts reflect two-year and three-year discounted dues. **Members who do not renew on time will be deleted from the roster/Directory.**

**German Life**
The 2018 Membership invoice has a line item for subscription to German Life at our group discount rate. If you do not receive an invoice, but would like to get the discounted subscription, please provide a payment (check/cash) for $18. Checks made payable to Dayton Liederkranz. This must be done by March 3rd, 2018.

**Annual Meeting**
You may pay your dues at our club annual meeting on January 7th. We will have a card reader available so you may pay by credit card as well as cash/check.

**More**
Contact John Koemer at 429-9251/jabkoemer@aol.com

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The DLT extends sincere sympathy to the family of long-time member Paul Spiegel, who passed away November 26, 2017. See obituary [HERE](#). A celebration of Paul's life will be held in the spring. To be notified of this event, please contact Paul's son, Erik [HERE](#).
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.