January 15, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- Fri., Jan 18 - 6:30-11 p.m. - Game Night
- Sat., Jan. 19 - 6 p.m. - Schnitzel dinner, Dance and Installation of Officers
- Mon., Jan. 21 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Tues., Jan. 22 - 7 p.m. - Board Meeting
- Sat., Jan. 26 - 1:30 p.m. - German Genealogy Group at Downtown Library
- Mon. Jan. 28 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Wed. Jan. 30 - 7 p.m. - Picnic Planning Meeting
- Sat., Feb. 9, 6 p.m. - Schlachtfest
Dayton Liederkranz Turner Board Members 2019

President: John Koerner
Vice President: Kara Getrost
Membership Secretary: Cornelia Shockey
Secretary: position open
Treasurer: Mike Venys
Picnic Liaison: Debbie Venys
House Liaison: position open
Hospitality Liaison: Abby Shroyer
Cultural Liaison: position open
Events Liaison: Laura Duncan
Public Relations Liaison: Judy Schneider
I would like to start my first President’s Letter with a sincere Danke Schön to Uli for his seven years of service as President of the DLT. His tenure was marked by hugely successful 125th Anniversary celebrations, by initiating new activities like the Zum Turnerhof Gasthaus, and expansion of existing activities like Christkindlmarkt. Our historic facility faced numerous challenges (they never cease), but is now in better shape than in many years. And we achieved 501-c-3 charitable status.

I hope to continue to build on these operational successes and over time to undertake some new initiatives with an objective of enhancing the long-term viability of the DLT. While our financial outlook is positive, it is by no means guaranteed. I believe we can improve our financial abilities which would allow us to undertake new possibilities.

Nothing can happen, however, without members stepping up to staff personnel needs. We do pretty well with volunteers to help with events thanks to “charming” chair folks. But we are falling short in finding people to take on a more involved role like a Board position. Out of more than 300 eligible members, only ONE non current Board member stepped up to stand for a position – thank you Cornelia Shockey.

We still have two Board positions OPEN: Secretary – a very straightforward once a month job and Cultural Liaison – basically a monthly reporting on the activities of our DLT groups—singers, dancers, genealogy. Please consider and let me know if you would volunteer to take on one of these positions or help
CONGRATULATIONS, KARA GETROST!

The Outstanding Member of the Year award for 2018 was awarded to Kara Getrost. The actual award will be presented at our upcoming Schnitzelfest, along with induction of our new officers.

2019 State of the Membership
As I reported at the Annual Meeting and discussed in the 129th Anniversary letter, the Liederkranz enters its 129th year in very good shape. We continued to add more new members and maintain relatively high membership levels. More of our members, including younger members, have
been getting involved in the organization. Our focus going forward will be on retention of existing members, including doing Brotzeit Nacht again, as well as continued growth.

2019 Membership Dues
Dues invoices for 2019 have been mailed out to all members owing 2019 dues. **Please remit by January 31** so that we can avoid the cost of a second notice which costs the club about an additional dollar each. **Prompt response will ensure that you are not on our DELETE list and that you will be included in our the 2018 Directory Update.** If you will be sending in the dues shortly--let me know to avoid the mailing. If you intend to withdraw from the DLT--a courtesy notice would be appreciated.

Many thanks to those that have already paid. New Membership cards are being mailed to all members in good standing. If you do not receive one, please contact me. Life Members have permanent cards. If you need a replacement, let me know. Membership cards are now required to receive discounts or free admission to our events.

**Dues for 2019 remain the same (what a deal):** 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. Donations from members not owing dues are especially appreciated, are tax deductible, and will be specially recognized.

**German Life Subscriptions**
Current subscribers or members who wish to renew or to subscribe can so indicate on their 2019 Dues Invoices. If you do not owe dues (no invoice) and wish to subscribe at the discounted rate, please send me a check payable to the Dayton Liederkranz for $18. I must receive your payment by March 1st.
Scholarship/Education Grants
Information and application forms for this year’s scholarship and grant programs are now available. These programs are an attractive Liederkranz member benefit. The scholarship ranges up to $2,000 and the grants are up to $500. More than $40,000 has been distributed to students since program inception. Contact Chairman Ed Ruetschle at 937-429-4466 or klugered@att.net.

Final Member Corner
Since I have been elected President of the DLT, this will be the final Member Corner that is all my doing. Your new membership Chairperson is Cornelia Shockey and she may choose to change things. After 20 years at this job, it may take some transition time to get things all changed over, so I will be helping her as much as required or requested.

I have truly enjoyed being the Membership Chair mainly because of the opportunity to meet and learn about so many interesting people. I’m proud of the numerous accomplishments over the years—everything from multiple membership types, multi year payments, and sustained levels of membership and growth over the years to enhanced member benefits like the scholarship program and German Life. Let’s all help Cornelia with her new responsibilities.

John Koerner jabkoerner@aol.com
GERMAN GENEALOGY GROUP

The first meeting of the new year is at the Dayton Metro Library on Third Street in downtown Dayton. See the new library, receive a free, personalized tour of the genealogy resources at the library, and help us spread the word about our group. It all takes place on January 26, 2019, at 1:30 at the Dayton Metro Library. There is no cost.

Game Night January 18, 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.
WHAT: Kick-Off General Planning & Decision Management Meeting for 2019 Picnic

WHEN: Wednesday January 30, 2019, 7:00 PM, DLT Rathskeller

WHO: All are invited. Especially need all current/new/potentialevent/activity chairpersons; and interested members

AGENDA: Discuss plans and changes for 2019 event in light of lessons learned to date. Identify and seek to fill new activity chairperson needs. Identify and/or address some of the outstanding issues from 2018 and how to handle new/existing items.

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

John Koerner, Chairman, GermanFest Picnic jabkoerner@aol.com, 429-9251
Debbie Venys, Asst Chairperson, dvenys12@gmail.com, 416-1545
German Language Class -2019
The Dayton Liederkranz is sponsoring a program of conversational German language classes. Response to our announcement has been very positive with about 20 individuals expressing interest. Accordingly, Monika Wanamaker will start the class in February. Check your next newsletter for the exact date and time. A syllabus will be issued at the first session. Those registered can attend any or all of the sessions to be offered, currently estimated at nine two-hour sessions.

This class is being offered to DLT members at **NO COST**. Non members can participate for a fee of $15/session. Some German clubs offering similar classes are charging hundreds of dollars. We would like to HEAR more German at the KlubHaus and Picnic!!

It’s not too late to sign up – if interested, please let me know—by phone, email or in person---ASAP.

**More**
Contact John Koerner at 429-9251/ jabkoerner@aol.com
Schlachtfest

Saturday, February 9, 2019
6:00 P.M.
(House opens at 5:30 p.m.)

DAYTON LIEDERKRANZ TURNER
1400 E. Fifth Street
Dayton, OH 45402
www.daytongermanclub.org
937-223-9013

Regular Meal
$16.00 members
$21.00 guests
$11.00 member child under 10
$16.00 guest child under 10
Mega Meal add $5.00
(includes serving of liver sausage or blood sausage)

A Schlachtfest is the German term for the ritual or ceremonial slaughter of an animal, which is often followed by a festive meal. Today, it usually refers to the practice in many parts of Germany for a celebration or festival involving the ceremonial slaughter of a pig reared or bought by a private household or an inn for that purpose.

Prepaid Reservations Only to
Cornelia Shockey
2405 Moundale Ave.
Dayton, OH 45420 937-253-0242
by February 3

Checks payable to Dayton Liederkranz Turner

Menu

- Roast Pork
- Mashed Potatoes
- Red cabbage
- Creamy Peas & Carrots
- Bread/Butter
- Dessert
- Coffee/Tea

Mega meal includes choice of Leberwurst or Blutwurst
Mark your calendars!
Our Fasching Maskenball is set for Saturday, March 2.
It's not too early to start thinking about your costume!

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.