Upcoming Events:

- Fri. Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. - Gemuetlichkeit and Games Night
- Sat. Jan. 18, 6 - 10 p.m. - Schnitzelfest Dinner, Dance and Installation of Officers
- Sun. Jan. 19, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Mon. Jan 20, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Wed. Jan 22, 7 p.m. - Germanfest Picnic Planning Meeting
- Sat. Jan. 25, 1:30 p.m. - German Genealogy Group Steering Committee Meeting
- Sat. Jan. 25, 6:11 p.m.-midnight - Karneval Party at Eintracht
- Sun. Jan. 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Mon. Jan. 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Tues. Jan. 28, 7 p.m. - Board Meeting
- Sun. Feb. 2, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Mon. Feb. 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
10% of the membership turned out for our Annual Meeting, and we were able to elect a full Board and determine club direction on several matters. Thanks to all who attended and to all who continue or stepped up to serve. Officers for 2020 will be installed at this Saturday’s Schnitzel Fest and our Member of the Year will be awarded.

Decisions to address the building’s east wall problems in phases were affirmed as was repairing the Haus Meister apartment without major expenditures. Support was voiced for continuing to maintain the good appearance of the building and for ensuring the quality of our planned events.

Our problems have not vanished, indeed, new ones have surfaced just since the Annual Meeting—specifically the future status of the ZTH, our luncheon enterprise. Additionally, our previously advertised "HELP WANTED "positions remain open with significant implications for our future activities. Lastly, Liederkranz expenses are exceeding income –not sustainable.

As you consider renewing your 2020 membership, I hope you feel that your contributions represent money well spent and that keeping the Liederkranz strong and prosperous is of benefit to you and our community and to those who come after us.
January closes out with our most popular dinner, the Schnitzel Dinner/Dance on the 18th and our kick-off planning meet for the 37th GermanFest Picnic on January 22nd. Notices have been given seeking input on the future of the ZTH and the German Genealogy Group. Hope to hear from or to see you soon.

*John Koerner*, President

Liederkranz events have been nominated in two categories in the Best of Dayton competition - [GermanFest Picnic](#) for BEST FESTIVAL and [DLT Oktoberfest](#) for BEST OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION. Please vote for them, using the following links:

[GermanFest Picnic](#)
[DLT Oktoberfest](#)

You'll be able to vote on this contest once each day during the voting period, so come back everyday to help your favorites win. (You can also cast your vote in many other categories, while you are there.)
Dayton Liederkrantz Turner and Max Temzen Present

Karneval! 2020
“The Roaring 1920’s”

Prinzenpaar
Erin + Jarvi
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COSTUMES • LIVE MUSIC with LOVE SHACK
• DANCING • DRINK SPECIALS

Feb 22 7:11 – 11:11
doors open at 6:30pm
1400 E. 5th
St. Dayton,
OH 45402

$5.00 at the door. Members, Military and Students Free

Join us as we wrap up the season of Fasching with a
grand party as only the Kranz can throw.
Bring a Snack to share.
Gemütlichkeit and Games
Night January 17,
6:30 - 11 p.m.

Bring a snack to share and enjoy an evening playing cards, your favorite board games or just hanging out with friends. Bring your friends or come meet new ones. Free admission. The bar will be open with pop and adult beverages.
We extend sincere sympathy to the family of singer Eben Bonear, who passed away last Friday. His enthusiasm and friendly demeanor will truly be missed.

The Liederkranz choirs will be singing for his funeral service THIS FRIDAY, January 16. We will sing during the service beginning at 2:00. Singers are asked to be at the funeral home no later than 1:30.

WHAT: Kick-Off General Planning & Decision Management Meeting for 2020 Picnic
WHEN: Wednesday January 22, 2020, 7:00 PM, DLT Rathskeller
WHO: All are invited. Especially need all current/new/potential event/activity chairpersons; and interested members
AGENDA: Discuss plans and changes for 2020 event especially with respect to significant LAYOUT changes necessitated by loss of space and Dragons restrictions. How to handle major activities that have no LEADERSHIP, eg. Cultural/Heritage tent
WHY: The Picnic is critical financially to the DLT and its continued existence is a key economic and community benefit for the Miami Valley and our quality of life.
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, jabkoerner@aol.com, 429-9251
The first endowment that the Liederkanz seeks to establish at the Dayton Foundation is for a scholarship fund that will, in time, finance our annual scholarship program. The more than $50,000 that we have awarded students over the life of the program has come from GermanFest Picnic revenues. That not only subtracts from Picnic proceeds, but may not be sustainable in the future. A robust endowment would be the best solution to continue this worthwhile program.

A minimum of $25,000 is required to establish an endowment with the Foundation. We may retain control of the program criteria, select the awardees, etc and the Foundation handles all of the investing, tax implications for donations, etc. Are there members out there that can make this happen?? We can confer naming rights for a “jump start” donation. I believe once it’s off and running that it will grow into something that we can
be proud of. Contact me if interested. Thanks—John Koerner

Time to Learn GERMAN

After two rounds of German language classes last year, we are interested in determining if there is interest in additional classes this year. We are wide open on the level and style of instruction as we have three qualified members who are willing to lead the groups.

Like last year, we are looking at roughly 10 sessions on a weekly basis that will address a basic beginners group, potentially an intermediate group, and a continuation of our conversational German group. We plan on a nominal fee, like $20 to help cover expenses. If you have not already responded to Monika’s email regarding your interest, please call or email me at 937-429-9251 or jabkoerner@aol.com to register.
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.