December 1, 2017

Upcoming Events:

- Fri., Dec. 1, 6:00 p.m. Decorate Great Hall for Christmas. Helpers welcome
- Sat. Dec. 2, 7:00 p.m. – Weihnachtskonzert
- Sat. Dec. 9, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sun. Dec. 10, noon – 4:00 p.m. – Christkindlmarkt
- Sun. Dec. 17, 2:00 p.m. – Liederkranz and GBU Children’s Christmas Party
- Thurs. Dec. 21, 7:00-11:00 p.m. – Christmas Polka Party with Chardon Polka Band
- Sun. Jan. 7, 2:00 - Annual Meeting
- Sat. January 20, 6:00 - Schnitzel Dinner and Dance with Installation of Officers

For more information on any of these events, and a more complete calendar, please visit www.daytongermanclub.org/?q=calendar-events
It has come to the attention of your editor, that this year's Prinz and Prinzessin, Ron and Jacque Sagasser are NOT the first second generation Prinzenpaar at the Liederkranz, as reported in the last issue. Former President Heidi Gasper and her husband, Dave were Prinzenpaar in 2006, and just 3 years later, in 2009, their daughter Sarah and her husband, Jake Browning occupied the throne. So it seems we have a new tradition in the making. Who will be next?

Visit the Christkindlmarkt at Dayton Liederkranz Turner, 1400 East Fifth Street in Dayton, on Saturday, December 9, from 10 am to 5 pm or Sunday, December
10, from 12 noon to 4 pm for a taste of the centuries-old Christmas market tradition that originated in medieval Nuernburg, Germany.

Quality vendors will offer hand crafted ornaments, handmade bath soaps and accessories, beer steins, amber jewelry from the Baltic, German collectibles, antiques, stained glass, unique jewelry, note cards & gifts, paper cut outs, etc. The annual Christmas Basket Raffle features many unique seasonal and German items.

The kitchen will be selling
DLT's specially made Bratwurst on Brötchen
Mettwurst on Brötchen
Cabbage Rolls, made from scratch
Gulaschsuppe, made from scratch
Linsesuppe, (Lentil soup) made from scratch
Kürbissuppe, (Pumpkin soup) made from scratch (vegetarian friendly)
Flammlachs, (grilled salmon) house recipe (served during limited hours)
Kartoffelpuffer, (Potato Pancakes) made from scratch

*Brötchen and breads are locally made by artisan bakers in your community!

Trudy will be selling European pastries and desserts with many varieties of homemade cookies. The bar will be selling pretzels. Specialty coffee drinks and Glühwein will be available for purchase and the bar will be open with a great selection of German Biers and wine.

For additional information, contact Uli Gaertner at 937-434-7999.
The Liederkranz and GBU Family Christmas Party is December 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. There will be a children's activity, Raymonde Rougier will be playing sing-a-long music, we'll have raffles, and a fun time for everyone. Attendees will be given a small gift bag with a light-up nose or necklace and bell ringer to use when joining in with the music. There will be raffles consisting of small gifts brought by attendees and several large basket raffles provided by Liederkranz and GBU. Those bringing a raffle gift will be given a ticket and additional tickets will be available at a nominal charge for both raffle groups. Santa will be present with a treat for the children. Families interested in bringing a gift for a family member can place it under the tree, labeled clearly, for Santa to present. Bring a snack to share with others and drinks will be provided by Liederkranz and GBU. Come ready for a fun afternoon on Sunday, December 17.
The 2017 edition of our Fall Bier Tasting was enjoyed by a near record crowd, including some first timers who are DLT members. After more than 10 years of hosting this event, its popularity and the availability of new brews show no signs of waning. Arguably, this is Dayton's favorite beer tasting party. Photographer Tom Gilliam captured these folks having a great time at the event. To see additional photos from Tom's album for DAYTON.COM, click HERE.

At the November 29 Board Meeting, Trudi Campbell presented a $500 check from the GBU to the Liederkranz. The check represented volunteer
service hours worked by GBU members during the past year. President Uli Gaertner gratefully accepted the donation on behalf of the Club as Cultural Liaison Else Schiller and Public Relations Liaison Judy Schneider look on. Since the DLT is now a 501c3 organization, donations like this have been facilitated, and are much appreciated. (Photo credit - Stephanie Flaugher.)

Congratulations!

Aaron and Maria Duncan recently celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a party hosted by their family at the Liederkranz. Just a reminder that our venue is available for rental for YOUR special occasions. More info HERE.

Members' Corner

2017 Member of the Year – Voting Still Open
Four candidates for this year’s MOY award - Marty Foos, John Koerner, Scott Nekrosius and Debbie Venys - have been nominated by the Board and have been presented to the membership for selection. The voting form was included in previous Newsletters and is available on our website. The honor covers contributions from December of last year through the end of this year. Your vote is important - to date only about 10% of the membership has voted. Voting helps ensure that dedicated members are recognized - we can't survive without such people.

2018 Membership Dues
Dues invoices for 2018 will be mailed out to all members owing 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 and our upcoming 2018 Directory, which is ready to go to the printer.

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 have already paid through 2018 will receive new member cards by mid-January. New membership cards will be mailed out to renewing members following payment, along with our long-awaited new Directory. Members who do not renew on time will be deleted from the roster/Directory.
More - Contact John Koemer at 429-9251 jabkoemer@aol.com

Ruhe in Frieden
We extend our deepest sympathy to Elaine Schipke and her family at the recent loss of her son, DLT member, Michael. May he rest in peace. [newcomerdayton.com/Obituary/150877/Michael-Schipke/Dayton-Ohio]

Also, deepest sympathy goes out to Philomene King, whose son, Michael Allen, passed away at the end of October.

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! Please note that there are NO dance lessons or choir rehearsals during December.

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.