February 1, 2018

Upcoming Events:

- Sat. Feb. 10, 7:11 - 11:11 p.m. - Fasching Maskenball
- Fri. Feb. 16, 6:30-11 p.m.. - Game Night
- Sat. Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m. - German Genealogy Group
- Tues. Feb. 27, 7 p.m. - Board Meeting
- Wed. Feb. 28, 7 p.m. - Picnic Meeting
- Sat. March 10, 6 p.m. - Cabbage Roll Dinner

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

Thanks to everyone who helped with the schnitzel dinner. A special thanks to Ray and Ann Schlegelmilch who prepared and donated all the delicious desserts! ~Trudy
German Mardi Gras

Fasching - Karneval!
February 10, 2018    7:11 - 11:11 - Doors open at 6:30
A grand party celebrating the Repeal of Prohibition "Sweet 21"
$5.00 at the door - Members, Military, and Youth FREE!
Door Prizes, Costume Contest, Free Hot Dog Bar
$1.00 Old Style Beer in Cans.
Bring a snack to share,
Drink Specials, Soft Pretzels, Full Bar, German Draft Beer

THE CHARDON POLKA BAND

Dayton Liederkranz Turner - The German Club
1400 E. Fifth St. Dayton, OH 45402
www.DaytonGermanClub.org  937-223-9013
What happens at The Kranz, Stays at The Kranz
Tell them Max sent you for entry
Part of the proceeds from the Germanfest Picnic each year goes to underwrite scholarships for deserving students who promote the German heritage and culture. Including 2017 awards, the Germanfest Picnic scholarship awards have totaled almost $50,000 since the program’s inception.

**Applications for 2018 awards are now available** in a red folder on the info stand at the bottom of the steps near the Rathskeller. Completed applications are due back no later than **March 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** Awards will be presented at the Germanfest Picnic on Friday, August 10. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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**2018 State of the Membership**

As I reported at the Annual Meeting and discussed in the “Rededicating at 128” letter, the Liederkranz enters its 128th 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. This is especially important given the aging of our "old guard". Your participation is important.

2018 Membership Dues

Dues invoices for 2018 have been mailed out to all members owing 2018 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 new 2018 Directory. If you will be sending in the dues shortly--let me know to avoid the mailing. We typically allow a generous grace period, but the new Directory will go forward in February--so if you are not in good standing, you will not be included. If you intend to withdraw from the DLT--a courtesy notice would be appreciated.

Many thanks to the 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 of free admission to our events.

Dues for 2018 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 2018 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.

~ John Koemer

**Congratulations** to Marty Foos, John Koemer and Debbie Venys who shared the honors as 2017 DLT Members of the year. Their awards were presented at the Schnitzel Dinner.

**Marty Foos** continues to energize the choir and promote the Volktanzer group, especially at public events like the Annual Picnic and Spass Nacht in Kettering. As a lawyer, Marty has took on the task of obtaining 501(c)3 non profit status for the Liederkranz which was successfully completed this past summer. This designation will help enable major donor contributions to the Picnic or the club.

**John Koemer** was nominated for his unflagging efforts in locating and securing a new location for the GermanFest Picnic, the DLT's most important event, after Dayton History's attempt to take over the event. The effort included a difficult "reinvention" of the Fest layout and operational procedures in the face of numerous physical and regulatory obstacles.

**Debbie Venys** provided much needed leadership for numerous club events such as Fasching and Oktoberfest including preparation of instructional materials to guide implementation of events. She
has "grown" the Picnic Liaison Board position into a pro-active role and, critically, covered the food operations and other roles at this year's GermanFest. Importantly, she also took the big step and became the Assistant Chairman for the GermanFest Picnic.
Game Night February 16, 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. For an interesting article about the kind of games played, click here.

From the Treasurer:
If you want to be reimbursed for something that was purchased for the club, you must fill out a check request form (on the office door) which will list your name and other information plus what you bought it for - such as a dinner, the bar, maintenance, etc., so that I know what to charge it to. Include any invoice or receipts you have. A credit card receipt that does not say what was purchased is not adequate. If you want it to be mailed to you you must fill out an envelope with your address they are on the door also. No need for a stamp. If you do not supply an addressed envelope the check will be held in the office for you to pick up. You will typically receive your check in 7 to 10 days. Danke. ~ der Schatzmeister
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.