July 15, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- Fri. July 19, 6:30-11 p.m. - Gemuetlichkeit and Tabletop Games Night
- Sun. July 21, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Mon., July 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Wed., July 24, 7 p.m. - Final Picnic Planning Meeting
- Sun. July 28, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Mon., July 29, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Thurs. Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m. - Rehearsal for Polka Mass
Thanks to all who attended our Semi-Annual Meeting on July 11th. From all of the Board member reports, one could conclude that the DLT is in good condition with on-going improvements and continued efforts for growth. Serious problems are few, but concerns exist.

Two items of major business were decided at the meeting:
1. member dues for 2020 would remain the same (steady for 15 years),
2. the previously approved budget for a kitchen expansion was repackaged to installation of a commercial dishwasher in the Rathskeller and a new stove for the caterer’s room.

I expressed some disappointment in the lack of response for help with several initiatives including the Dayton Foundation and our planning for travel to Germany. We’ll revisit these items after the Picnic.

Only one more Picnic planning meeting remains – July 24. No more important endeavor faces the DLT than the success this year of the Picnic. Please consult and copy, if appropriate, the Picnic Guide which is included with this edition. The excitement grows!!

John Koerner
President
Our deepest Sympathy to Kathy O'Hearn and Don Steck. Kathy's Mother, who had been living with them, passed away this week. Her funeral was July 8.

www.legacy.com/obituaries/dayton/obituary.aspx?n=mary-ohe

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Gemüetlichkeit and Games Night
July 19, 2019, 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. (You don't have to play games. EVERYONE is invited to come and just socialize if you prefer.)
Ooops!

Please send healing thoughts to WANDA WIEDMANN, who fell and broke her hip on Sunday. Surgery was today (July 15.) We all wish you a very speedy recovery, Wanda!

WHAT: FINAL General Planning & Decision Management Meeting for 2019 Picnic
WHEN: Wednesday July 24, 2019, 7:00 PM, DLT Rathskeller
WHO: All are invited. Especially need all current/new/potential event/activity chairpersons; and interested members and new volunteers
AGENDA: Update all on progress to date. Discuss plans and changes for 2019
event including changes needed in layout, etc without use of Crawford Plaza. Yard signs and Picnic rack cards will be available for your use and distribution. New activity plans.

**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 jabkoerner@aol.com, 429-9251

Debbie Venys, Asst Chairperson, dvenys12@gmail.com, 416-1545

Beer tickets/ ID area lost many, many people from last year and we are desperately looking for volunteers. Please contact Kate Hodapp if you can help: khodapp2@yahoo.com, 0r (937-371-0104)

Appreciate it

Kate Hodapp
Calling All Bakers – We Need You and Your Oven

Can you help the baking group bake for the GermanFest Picnic this year? We are asking for experienced bakers to help fill the dessert booth with homemade German cakes.

Would you be willing to bake and donate an Obsttorte (Fruit Tart), Apfelkuchen (Apple Cake) or Kirschstreuselkuchen (Cherry Streusel Cake)? We will provide the recipe and needed baking pan, you provide the ingredients, labor, and finished product to the GermanFest Picnic. We can also provide instruction and tips!

Contact Shelle Zechar for more information and let us know what you can bake – shellezechar@gmail.com or 937-974-2987.
LIKE TO SING?

Everyone is welcome to join us in the choir for the Polka Mass at the Germanfest Picnic. We will have a short rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 1 in the Alpine Room of the DLT Clubhouse. The actual Mass is at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 11, at the RiverScape MetroPark. Please plan to arrive by 9:30. Danke.
Hallo All!!

It is almost August and that means schnitzel and bier and polka! **Germanfest Picnic** is right around the corner. Come and join the fun. Sign up today to volunteer for a shift or more. [https://signup.com/go/qxsLfvy](https://signup.com/go/qxsLfvy)

Danke,
Laura Duncan, Volunteer Coordinator, Germanfest Picnic 2019

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It is the time of the year again for our Germanfest Picnic **Fashion Show** at the RiverScape MetroPark in Dayton, on Saturday, August 10, 2019, at 2:30 pm. Meeting place is at the White overhang next to the Band at 2:10 pm.

I need to know if you wish to participate. Please send me a description of your outfit, name, phone number and email, before August 6.

Looking forward to seeing lots of participants this year. Danke!

Silvie Schrumpf
[fasionshowsilvie@gmail.com](mailto:fasionshowsilvie@gmail.com)
GERMANFEST PICNIC DESSERTS

It’s time again to start thinking about the Picnic and I am requesting volunteers to work a 2 hour shift Friday, Saturday, or Sunday on the weekend of August 9, 10, or 11, 2019. I will also take donations towards the purchase of Bienenstich and Strudel. Please call or email me if you are able to work a 2 hour shift and/or would like to make a donation. Danke Schön!

Cornelia Shockey (937-253-8242 or cornelia79@roadrunner.com)
Wir rufen alle Kinder an!
Calling all kids (big ones and little ones, too)!

Zum Turner Hof now has a menu just for you! On the Kinderspeisekarte (children's menu), you will find kid-sized Käsenudeln (mac and cheese), Hähnchen Nuggets mit Soße (chicken nuggets with sauce), hot dogs, pretzels, and more. So check it out and then bring your big kid (parent) with you to the next Lunches, this Sunday and Monday from 11am to 2pm.
The 36th Annual GermanFest Picnic will be held August 9, 10, & 11 at RiverScape Metro Park in downtown Dayton on the Great Miami River. Although our terrific website - [www.germanfestdayton.com](http://www.germanfestdayton.com) has virtually everything you might need to know about the Fest --including maps, volunteer sign-up, and links to the 5k/10k and vendor web sites, this guide will be useful for those without digital access and also as a handy reference. This will be the last **printed information before the Fest – please review and keep at hand**! Our final general Picnic meeting will be Wednesday, July 24th, 7 PM at the DLT.

After three years of rain or the threat thereof, we are in serious need of some good weather to bolster our attendance. Current forecasts are looking favorable. Without the Crawford Plaza, our available space will be fully utilized.

**We need all members and their families and friends to support the event – first** by volunteering to work if you are able, **secondly** by attending the Picnic and encouraging everyone you know to attend. **You can help** to promote the event in numerous ways --yard signs, distributing fliers, FaceBook, etc. Our members and volunteers make all the difference including the various community groups that help us. As usual, we plan on a number of new activities and attractions that should appeal to a wide audience.

If you cannot participate this year, you may still support the Fest by making a tax deductible contribution to our **“Fund the Fest”** program—see the Picnic website for details or send contributions to the GermanFest, c/o of the Dayton Liederkranz.

**Activities/ Needs –**
**All phone numbers listed are Area Code 937, unless otherwise stated.**
In addition to the Chairpersons listed, you can access volunteer opportunities and sign up on line through our Picnic website—[www.germanfestdayton.com](http://www.germanfestdayton.com) or more specifically by activity/day/shift at [https://signup.com/go/qxsLfvy](https://signup.com/go/qxsLfvy), or contact Laura
Duncan, our volunteer coordinator at 369-0158.

#1 HQ Tent/Raffle – Benita Dorn (bjdc1130@gmail.com) and Laura Duncan are chairing the HQ tent.
We will be holding a 50/50 Raffle this year. And as usual, the HQ tent will be selling souvenirs including our fabulous new theme-inspired shirts and pins, provide information, serve as Lost & Found, and coordinate First Aid.

#2 Loading, Set-up, Teardown, Cleanup
We desperately need folks on Thursday August 8th, at the clubhouse- at 3PM to help load items from storage units and at 6PM to load the trucks and on Friday August 9th at 8:30AM at RiverScape to help with set up. Tables, chairs, bunting, decorations, cooking area, pop up tents, etc all need set up. Many hands are needed. Lunch and drinks will be provided. We reverse the process on Sunday starting at 6PM and then unload trucks at the DLT on Sunday night or at our storage unit on Monday 11AM. Cleanup at the Klubhaus begins on Monday at 9AM. Contact Logistics Manager, Dave Witt through our volunteer coordinator Laura Duncan at 369-0158 or through online sign up, if you can help in any significant way including bringing a volunteer group to whom we may make a donation.

#3 Sponsors/Donors/PR
We are always in need of sponsors. Our UPFRONT costs for rent, tents, tables, chairs, electrical support, security, insurance, waste removal, publicity, bands and more exceed $100,000. This does not include the costs of supplies like food and beverages. Any donations will help keep us above water. Volunteers to help solicit sponsors, donations, and push the PR window—needed NOW. A sponsor/donor guide is available, was included with a past Newsletter, and is on the Picnic website. Unfortunately, almost no one is able to solicit sponsorships --our total for this year is so far is under $10,000, meaning that we must earn $90,000 of profit just to break even!!
PR is well underway with brochure distribution at World Affair and other locations. Press releases and ads have been done. TV2 has begun publicizing our Fest. We will have four appearances on the Dayton Live program. Fliers and new yard signs are available at the DLT.

**#4 Volunteering**
If you haven’t already, it’s time to start volunteering, signing up for work shifts. Contact your chairperson—beer, wine, food cooking/serving, children’s area, etc. Call the respective Chairperson or Laura Duncan - 369-0158 or Debbie Venys -985-4823 for master volunteer listing. If you don’t know who to contact call me – John Koerner-429-9251.
We have electronic volunteering and time slotting –check our website, [www.germanfestdayton.com](http://www.germanfestdayton.com) to sign up or go to [https://signup.com/go/qxsLfvy](https://signup.com/go/qxsLfvy) to pick your slots.

**#5 Food**
Our all important Liederkranz food service operations include:

Chair – Debbie Venys -985-4823/ Jacob Hellickson - [dlt.culinary@gmail.com](mailto:dlt.culinary@gmail.com)
Worker Coordinator - Laura Duncan – 369-0158
Cashiers – Mishelle Dicken - 746-9812
Card Readers – Kara Getrost - [karaget@gmail.com](mailto:karaget@gmail.com)
Potato Salad Preparation - at the DLT/Andrea Hellickson/Trudy Campbell - 864-5859
Schnitzels – Ron Sagasser -271-7876
Warmers/Grilling - **volunteers needed:** Ron Sagasser/Kurt Gaerterner
Food Line #1 –Christie Kidd - 422-6505/Margie Lewis - [gretellewis@gmail.com](mailto:gretellewis@gmail.com)
Cakes – Cornelia Shockey – 253-8242, Maria Duncan – 293-6004 (**need cake/monetary donations**) 
Food Service Soft Drinks – Meyer Family – 278-9258
The entire soft drink operation (various stations) needs volunteers!!

**#6 Beer/Wine/Tickets**
We will have the special craft beer trailer again this year in addition to our usual unmatched selection of German brews. We will have the large HB Bier Garten in the central area of the Fest. There will be a Stein Lift contest and a "hammer" game in the Garten area. In addition to our usual German Bier stations, we will again have the Warsteiner Emporium and Bier Garten along with a Dayton Beer Company station on South Patterson. There will be two wine/Jaeger booths as well as two ID/Ticket booths. We have added an express ticket booth on South Patterson for peak hours. We are in need of workers to handle everything from pouring and serving to handling money, tickets, and wrist bands in a typically fast-paced pressure environment during peak hours. Please contact:

John Banford – 848-9070/ Rick Ordeman – 558-6993/ Amy Clark 974-3634
/Ken Kreitzer - 580- 7266/ Abby Shroyer - 750-5565
Wine: Nicole Lashley & Felicite Lilly -937-271-1226 or 937-626-3209
Wrist Bands/Tickets – Kate Hodapp – 371-0104

**Alcohol Serving/Selling Training**
Increasingly, festivals are requiring any workers involved in selling tickets or selling/serving alcohol to undergo training for prevention of underage drinking and non sales to the "impaired". The Ohio Bureau of Alcohol will offer free training at the DLT on Friday July 19th at 5pm. If you are involved in any way with beer/wine for the Picnic now or in the future, please make an attempt to attend. The state records the names of those receiving training—which is applicable at any festival or establishment.

**#7 Genealogy Tent/Cultural Heritage Tent**
Help is always welcome at the Genealogy Tent –you don’t need to be an expert;
we have Ancestry.com programs. Annie Foos and Bill Roos are the leaders. **Annie Foos - 227-3729**

**Daniela Snowden, 937-901-4267,** is now in charge of our Heritage Tent. She will be showcasing German Sports, particularly soccer, this year. Any help, props, etc will be appreciated.

**#8 Kinder Korner**  
**Theresa Warych – 435-4854**  
Theresa can use some help with the small children who flock to this booth. Help is always needed. The Kinder Korner will be located along with our animal exhibits and activities.

**#9 Pretzels/Landjaeger**  
Delicious Landjaeger and pretzels. GBU members will be staffing. This will be **Dave Pepiot’s last year as Chair - 434-1050. please step up and learn the ropes to keep this profitable booth going.**  
**Chris Van Breukelen - 885-4784**

**#10 Trachten Show**  
Support the true German ethnic spirit by appearing in the Trachten Show.  
Call **Silvie Schrumpf - 310-1105** to participate. Jamie Jarosik, TV2 meteorologist, is expected to emcee the show. We have a suite in the hotel across the street for convenient changing, etc.  
The “Dress Your Dog As A German” parade will follow the Trachten parade.

**#11 19th GermanFest Picnic 5k/10k**  
Unique awards and Picnic theme tee shirts will again be featured at our 5k/10k race/walk starting at 9AM on Saturday the 10th. Registration forms are available at [www.germanfestdayton.com](http://www.germanfestdayton.com), or on line at [www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com). **Andrew Koerner – 269-3359 or djkoerner24@aol.com** is the Race Director and could use
help starting at 8AM on Saturday to assist with registration, etc. The post race celebration will feature beer from the Dayton Beer Company.

#12 Opening Ceremonies
Our Opening Ceremony – scholarship awards and keg tapping is slated for approximately 6PM Friday with TV 2’s Brian Davis. We will present the scholarship winners, including GBU awards, and kick off the Festival with a traditional keg tapping. Brian will likely do the weather report from the Spass Platz (Pavilion) as he often does.

#13 Polka Mass
We are striving for increased participation in our Polka Mass – Sunday at 10 AM. In addition to having a new band providing the music—the Klaberheads – the mass will be offered by Father David Brinkmoeller, former well-known pastor at several local parishes. We can always use additions to the mass choir—call Judy Schneider, 433-3451. The mass collection is slated for Tornado Relief.

#14 German Breed Dog Events
In addition to our pet-friendly atmosphere this year, we will feature dog booths that will highlight German dog breeds and offer free dog treats. The Humane Society and SICSA will participate. We plan on having a “Dress Your Dog As A German” exhibit as part of the Trachten Show. “Wiener” dog races are also planned for Saturday in the Kidz Zone along with animal exhibits from Five Rivers MetroParks. We will have Annie the Highway Cow on Friday night. Dog info: Kimberly Chewning 232-8754.

#15 Vendors
Many of our usual craft and food vendors will be returning. Of note is the return of Ernst Licht German Imports after an absence of many years. Licht offers a very large assortment of German products including an impressive array of Trachten - now’s your chance to try some on!
#16 Parking/RTA Shuttle
Numerous lots are within three blocks of RiverScape. Ample free street parking is also available including **HANDICAP Parking along First Street and Jefferson Street near RiverScape.**
The parking lot at the Liederkranz and the lots west of Stivers School for the Arts are also available for free. City garages at the Convention Center, Fourth and Jefferson, and at 110 N Main Street (a block away) offer paid parking. A free RTA shuttle will service all areas during Fest hours including a stop at Fifth & Keowee near the DLT. A route map with stops is on the Picnic website.

#17 Final Picnic Meeting -- Wednesday, July 24th, 7 PM - DLT Ratskeller

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](mailto:) 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.