May 15, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- Thurs., May 16 - 8:30 a.m. - Set up World Affair Deutschland Booth at Dayton Convention Center
- Fri., May 17, 5-11 p.m. - A World A’Fair at Dayton Convention Center; National Saengerfest in Peoria, IL
- Sat., May 18, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. - A World A’Fair at Dayton Convention Center; National Saengerfest in Peoria, IL
- Sun., May 19 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch; 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. - A World A’Fair at Dayton Convention Center; National Saengerfest in Peoria, IL
- Mon., May 20 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch; NO GERMAN DANCE LESSONS
- Wed., May 22 - 7 p.m. - Picnic Planning Meeting
- Sun., May 26 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Mon. May 27 - NO ZUM TURNER HOF LUNCH, Happy Memorial Day; NO GERMAN DANCE LESSONS
- Tues., May 28 - 7 p.m. - Board Meeting
After a very busy start to 2019, the DLT enters a relatively quiet, but extremely important period. Our upcoming 36th GermanFest Picnic is almost here. Our continued financial success hinges on the net outcome of this single event.

Only three more Picnic planning meetings are scheduled. We need everyone’s help in whatever fashion you can participate—and we need as much from the community as well in order to reverse several years of declining returns. We have some exciting new attractions for 2019—there are numerous “job openings”.

As President, I have started a number of DLT initiatives that, I believe, will benefit the club in both the short and long term. We need volunteers willing to help implement these plans:

1. Establish a number of funds with the Dayton Foundation that will facilitate our 501 (c) (3) charitable giving through donations, grants, bequests, gift annuities, etc. I have already met with the Foundation and we need to move on this. Our first action may be to establish an endowment for our scholarship program.
2. Start now to plan a club trip to Germany/Austria/Switzerland similar to our highly successful 2005 club venture. This would entail fund raising, hosting by local/clubs or communities, possibly performances by singers/dancers.
3. Form a committee to review and suggest revisions to our By-Laws. It has been a number of years since this was last done and various current realities beg for appropriate revisions that would strengthen the organization.

There is no “pressing” schedule to accomplish these goals, but it would be great to get them underway. If you would like to help with any of these—please let me know—thanks.

John Koerner
President
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. Critical concerns on food vendor and food tent positioning. Need for sponsors. 

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

Daniela Snowden and Jenni Cullen thank those who have already offered to lend them some German sports memorabilia for this year’s Culture Booth at the Germanfest Picnic, but they could still use more. Do any of our members or friends have German jerseys, flags, etc. that they could borrow for the culture tent or ideas on where some might be had inexpensively? Please contact Daniela at butterblume@sbcglobal.net or Jeni at planterjeni@gmail.com. Vielen herzlichen Dank!
FESTIVAL HOURS at the Dayton Convention Center

Friday, May 17, 2018: 5 PM to 11 PM
Saturday, May 18, 2018: 11 AM to 11 PM
Sunday, May 19, 2018: 11 AM to 6 PM

Our Volkstänzer will be sharing German culture through dance at A World A'Fair, **Friday, May 17**th at 6:45 on the Interactive Stage and **Saturday, May 18**th at 4:45 on the Main Stage. Come check them out!

We are still looking to fill some volunteer spaces the World A'Fair. Sign up here: [https://signup.com/go/TpLZAMn](https://signup.com/go/TpLZAMn) If you know of anyone who cannot sign up online just have them contact Laura Duncan 937-369-0158.
George Sine (Peggy Sisson) died last Wednesday, May 8th, just after his son arrived to say farewell. An obituary will appear soon--there will be a service at Westminster Presbyterian Church downtown on May 25th. Our deepest sympathy to Peggy and the family.

JUNE 5

ATTENTION: Your editor will be out of the country for most of June until early July. If you have any material for the June 15 or July 1 issues of Liederkranz Life, it is imperative that you get it to me by JUNE 5. I will compose the issues before I leave and schedule them for mailing at the appropriate times. Please send your information to liederkranzlife@gmail.com, or call 937-672-3498. Danke!

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.