PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Our GermanFest Picnic is less than one month away, but now is the time to think of how you can support the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner during the GermanFest. The dates are August 14, 15, and 16. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen preparing potato salad, assist in loading the truck on Thursday night, set up on Friday morning and tear down on Sunday. Help is needed in preparing and serving food, pumping beer, etc. You can pick your day and time and enjoy working among fun people and making new friends. To sign up you can go to www.daytongermanclub.org and look for picnic.

Lori Hemmelgarn, 937-254-9825, is asking all members for help in selling raffle tickets. The grand prize is a TRIP TO GERMANY or anyplace else with a cash option available. Support your club by selling raffle tickets, obtaining gift certificates or prizes for our continuous raffle, or volunteering. If you are so inclined, you can also make a cash contribution. Make your check out to Dayton History, earmarked for the Liederkranz GermanFest, and you can deduct your contribution from your taxes.

On July 16, we had our Semi-Annual Meeting, and I was pleased to see so many in attendance. It is so important that you attend our business meetings and take an active part in our club. We are continuing to improve the appearance of the club, and we will continue to do so, especially since we will be celebrating our 125-Year Anniversary on November 14.

See you at the GermanFest,
Uli Gaertner
2015 Membership Status

As reported at our recent Semi-Annual Meeting, membership in the DLT is robust and growing. The number of new members over the previous year was the largest gain in quite a few years. We are on pace this year to exceed that growth this year. Let’s keep the momentum going; encourage your family/friends to become part of the organization.

2015 125th Anniversary Liederkranz Directory

The new 125th Anniversary Liederkranz Directory has been printed and distribution is underway. We are trying to hand deliver as many as possible at club functions and meetings in order to avoid the high cost of postage (about $1.50). Retain your copy as extras will be harder to come by in the future.

More

Contact John Koerner at 429-9251 or jabkoerner@aol.com.

German Genealogy Group

The German Genealogy Group (GGG) will have many dedicated members volunteering at the German Genealogy Center at the GermanFest Picnic. With computers at ready, we will attempt to start many on their path to finding their German Ancestral hometown and the family they never knew about.

Our Group has an exciting lineup of presentations for the fall season.

Saturday, September 26, at 1:30PM: Our member Dr. Elfe Dona will give a presentation based on her new book translation, German Pioneers of Montgomery County, Ohio written by H. A. Rattermann.

Saturday, October 24, from 10:00AM until 2:00PM the German Genealogy Group will hold its first Workshop featuring Dana Palmer of the Warren County Historical and Genealogical Society and Bob Rau, expert genealogist of more than 30 years specializing in German family research. They will serve as speakers and facilitators of activity in German Research. A light sandwich lunch will be served.

Saturday, November 21, at 1:30PM, the GGG will have a Work/Share Session. Participants may bring their family research and consult with mentors so that they can possibly further their search with new ideas, web sites, translation, etc. Please also bring your portable computer.

I look forward to your return in the fall for these interesting and helpful presentations.

Best regards,
Louise Gaertner

Karl’s Korner

Carl continues to keep us updated with bits of humor and wisdom for the next couple of months:

- Only on a cruise ship will you pay hundreds of dollars a day to sleep in a closet!
- Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses!
- Modesty is hoping that others will find out by themselves how great you are!
- Old age is when you know all the answers but nobody ever asks you the questions!

Deadline for the next newsletter: September 24, 2015

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32nd ANNUAL GERMANFEST PICNIC

Carillon Park

August 14, 15, 16, 2015

WHAT: Final Picnic Coordination Meetings

WHEN: Thursday July 30, 7:00 PM, DLT Rathskeller

WHO: All are invited. Especially need all event/activity chairpersons; crew chiefs, and interested members, especially anyone wishing to help get things done.

AGENDA: Review decisions made – discuss lay-out, distribute and collect raffle tickets, Finalization of sign/facility orders, distribute yard signs, distribute parking passes. Make final decisions

WHY: To implement our goal of Continuous Improvement and to plan for continued success as a top community festival with 40,000 attendance.

REGRETS: If you can’t make it, but have a report, wish to comment or to volunteer please contact me. Thanks

John Koerner, Chairman, GermanFest Picnic jabkoerner@aol.com, 429-9251
32nd GERMANFEST PICNIC GUIDE

The 32nd Annual GermanFest Picnic will be held August 14, 15, & 16, at Carillon Park. The theme this year focuses on the 125th Anniversary of the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner. Special exhibits will include materials from club archives and other sources. Other than E-Mail, Facebook and possibly Twitter/Instagram, this insert will be the last printed information before the Fest – please review!

If you would like to refresh your memories of the event, watch the video highlights of our 2013 Fest. A 1-minute version and a 14-minute version are available through our website: www.daytongermanclub.org. Open the Picnic tab. Or you can go to You Tube—Dayton GermanFest—there are some older versions on You Tube. These videos will definitely get you into the Fest spirit.

We had one of our best years in 2014 with some 40,000 visitors. We were voted the #3 festival in the region in 2011, and last year we were named by the Dayton Daily News as being one of the top 11 food festivals in the region.

We need all members and their families and friends to support the event—first by volunteering to work, second by attending the Picnic and encouraging everyone you know to attend, and last by publicizing the event and selling our Grand Raffle tickets. Our members and volunteers make all the difference, including various community groups from Special Olympics and the St Anne’s Hill Association as well as Boy Scouts and church groups.

Urgent needs –

#1 Raffle – Lori Hemmelgarn is chairing the Grand Raffle with its great prizes including a Germany trip and $1k cash. All members should have received her letter along with tickets to sell. There are awards for ticket sellers. Net proceeds will help us defray our $30,000 to $40,000 fixed costs. Contact Lori at 937-657-8489 or lhemmelgarn@gmail.com. Sarah Papp is again chairing the Mini Raffle. We now need folks to solicit donations for the Mini Raffle—gift coupons, free pizzas, merchandise, hair sessions, etc. Please ask—the worst they can do is say no. We have donation request letters that can be left with merchants. We also can use booth and ticket selling volunteers—contact her at 614-582-5919 or sannika15@hotmail.com or Brenda Stahl at 254-1477 to help or with prizes/questions.

#2 Loading, Set-up, Teardown, Cleanup

We need folks on Thursday August 13th, 6PM at the clubhouse to help move items from storage to staging area and then to load the trucks and on Friday, August 14th, at 8:30AM at the park 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 5PM and then unload trucks at the DLT. Cleanup at the Klubhaus begins on Monday at 9AM.
**#3 Sponsors/Donors/PR**

Volunteers to help solicit sponsors, donations, and push the PR window—needed NOW. A sponsor/donor guide is available and was recently issued with the Newsletter. Donations can be made to Dayton History/Carillon Park for tax purposes, earmarked for the Picnic. PR is well underway with brochure distribution at World A’fair and other locations. Press releases and ads have been done. Fliers available now. Yard signs available at the June Picnic meeting and remaining supplies will be at the Klubhaus.

**#4 Volunteering**

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 Debbie Venys-313-2609 for master volunteer listing. If you don’t know who to contact call me—John Koerner-429-9251. We have electronic volunteering and slotting—check our website for the latest.

**#5 Food**

We will continue our reduced number of outside food vendors and our expanded Liederkranz food service, including the EXPRESS DINNER line—this was a huge hit last year.

- Eben Bonear/Cashiers – 438-8552
- Card Readers – Benita Dorn-Collins – 545-7227
- Chair – Uli Gaertner – 434-7999
- Main Tent/Potato Salad – Trudy Campbell – 864-5859
- Warmers/Grilling – Mike Venys – 313-2609
- Schnitzels – Ron Sagasser -271-7876
- Sandwich Tent –Debbie Venys –416-1545
- Sandwich Condiments – Jillian Seib – 470-7876
- Cakes – Cornelia Shockey – 253-8242, Maria Duncan – 293-6004 (need cake donations)
- Inventory – Lois Lynch – 278-4606
- Food Service Soft Drinks – Meyer Family – 278-9258

**#6 Beer/Wine**

We will again have the special craft beer trailer this year in addition to our usual unmatched selection of German brews. We plan on using the Carillon Brewery Bier Garten as well as our usual Bier & Wine Gartens. 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.


**#7 Genealogy Corner/Cultural Heritage Area**

We need help at the Genealogy Corner—you don’t need to be an expert; we have www.ancestry.com programs. And Judy can always use help promoting the Liederkranz and our German Heritage.

#8 Kinder Korner

Theresa Warych – 435-4854
Theresa can use some help with the small children who flock to this booth.

#9 Pretzels/Landjaeger

Delicious Landjaeger and pretzels from Rinaldos-The Goudy Family – 435-3978

#10 German Pretzels

Pretzels from Rahn’s-Inge Longbrake–433-3252

#11 Trachten Show

Support the true German ethnic spirit by appearing in the Trachten Show. Call Silvie Schrumpf–705-6060 to participate. The new features she introduced in 2013 were a big hit. Jamie Jarosik, TV2 meteorologist, is expected to emcee the show.

#12 15th GermanFest Picnic 5k/10k

Unique awards and tee shirts will again be featured at our 5k/10k race/walk starting at 6:30PM on Friday the 14th. Registration forms are available at www.keysports.net, or www.itsyourrace.com. Andrew Koerner–269-3359 or djkoerner24@aol.com is the Race Director and could use help from 5pm on Friday. The 10k race is part of a new race series–The Gem City Classic 10k Series.

#13 Opening Ceremonies

Our Opening Ceremony–scholarship awards and keg tapping—is slated for 6:30 Friday with TV 2’s Brian Davis. We will announce the scholarship winners and kick off the Festival. Brian will likely do the weather report from the Spass Platz as he did last year.

#14 HQ Booth

The HQ Tent houses our raffles, but is also where first aid, lost & found, general inquiries, etc. are fielded. This is also our major center for selling DLT souvenirs including tees, posters, pins, etc. Help is always needed. Contact Sarah Papp–614-582-5919/Brenda Stahl-254-1477.

#15 Golf Cart Shuttle

We shuttle a six-passenger golf cart from the parking areas to the event doors, especially for those patrons needing assistance. Drivers are always needed. Contact Butch Martin–434-0048/Bob Eddy–429-0103.

#16 Final Picnic Meeting—Thursday, July 30th, 7 PM–Ratskeller