Hello to my fellow students,

After a long summer off, hopefully enjoyable, we have to get back to work! We will start right at August 25, 7:00 (19 Uhr), first night of singing. We have to start early because in September I will leave for Germany for three weeks. So, I hope to see you there!

Herzlichst,
Inge Longbrake

Picnic Details

Be sure to check out the details later in this newsletter for specific bits of information and areas of need as we prepare for the upcoming GermanFest Picnic. Together, we can maintain the high quality of our event! Make sure you read up so you can decide where you best fit in to ensure an amazing weekend!
Karl’s Corner

A summer road trip must be the inspiration for these next two bits from Carl’s collection. Just fun, and funny!

- Happiness is found along the way, NOT at the end of the road!
- Kids in the back seat cause accidents. Accidents in the back seat cause kids!

Deadline for the next newsletter: September 22, 2016

Brian Shaw
cookiemon110@yahoo.com
252-0941

Beer Ticket Booth Helpers Needed

Margie Wirth is requesting helpers for the Beer Ticket Booth for GermanFest. She needs helpers for checking ID, putting on wrist-bands, and selling tickets. Please contact Margie by phone at 937-254-4110 or by e-mail at marjorie.wirth@sbcglobal.net. It’s a big job, and she can use all the help she can get. She thanks you in advance for your generosity in helping her out!

Cake Booth Help

It’s almost that time for the Picnic and I am once again asking for cake donations or monetary donations toward the purchase of Bienenstich and Strudel. There is a sign-up sheet in the Ratskeller, or you can call or email me. Also, if you are able to work a 2-hour shift, please call or email. Vielen Dank!

Cornelia Shockey
937-253-8242 or cornelia79@roadrunner.com

German Fest Picnic Help Sign-Up

Have some time to spare helping out at the GermanFest Picnic? It’s super easy to sign up for a shift (or two, or several!) to help. All you need to do is go here:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ABAB2DA7FC1-2016

Thanks in advance for any time you can donate to help!

Soft Drink Issue

It has come to my attention that we have a problem with the purchase of Pop. In order to control the purchase of Pop by club by members, please check with Amy Clark before you buy Soft Drinks. Her e-mail is amyclark5670@gmail.com. Without inventory control we have had too much Pop of one kind in the past or Pop that was not consumed by members that we could not use and had to be disposed of.

Thanks for your cooperation,
Uli Gaertner
President

German Genealogy Group

The German Genealogy Group (GGG) will again have a strong representation at our annual GermanFest Picnic at Carillon Park, August 12, 13, and 14. Most of the time the group will have six volunteers with laptop computers to assist German descendants connect with their forefathers.

The GGG presentations this fall will again be on the fourth Saturday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner Rathskeller. I am currently lining up our speakers and will announce the speaker and subject as soon as I can. You can also check our website - daytongermanclub.org for information in mid-August.

Louise Gartner,
The German Genealogy Group

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33rd GERMANFEST PICNIC GUIDE

The 33rd Annual GermanFest Picnic will be held August 12, 13, & 14 at Carillon Park. The theme this year focuses on Fachwerk, the traditional half-timbered houses. 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 one 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 another great year in 2015, with some 45,000 visitors. We were voted the #3 festival in the region in 2011 and in 2014 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, secondly by attending the Picnic and encouraging everyone you know to attend, and lastly 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 again chairing the Grand Raffle with its great prizes. 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 $35,000 to $40,000 fixed costs. Contact Lori at 937-657-8489 or lhemmelgarn@gmail.com. We also 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 Lori if you are willing to provide this urgent help.

#2 Loading, Set-up, Teardown, Cleanup

We need folks on Thursday August 11th, 6PM at the clubhouse to help move items from storage to staging area and then to load the trucks and on Friday, August 12th 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

We have only one sponsor so far in 2016!! Volunteers to help solicit sponsors, donations, and push the PR window—needed NOW. A sponsor/donor guide is available and was included with a past 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 Affair and other locations. Press releases and ads have been done. Fliers available now. No new yard signs this year --please use last year’s signs.

#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 - 416-1545 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—it was not fully operational last year due to technical issues, but should be 100% this year.

Cashiers – Eben Bonear- 438-8552/Mishelle Dicken - 746-9812  
Card Readers – Benita Dorn – 545-7227  
Chair – Jacob Hellickson - 938-5168  
Main Tent/Potato Salad – Jillian Seib - 470-7876  
Schnitzels – Ron Sagasser -271-7876  
Warmers/Grilling - volunteers needed  
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 – Jacob Hellickson - 938-5168  
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 Ancestors.com programs. And Judy can always use help promoting the Liederkranz and our German Heritage. 
Louise Gaertner – 434-7999/Judy Schneider – 433-3451

#8 Kinder Korner

Theresa Warych – 435-4854  
Theresa can use some help with the small children who flock to this booth. We will also have a Puppet Show tent--first time in years.

#9 Pretzels/Landjaeger

Delicious Landjaeger and pretzels - Dave Pepiot - 434-1050/ The Goudy Family – 435-3978

#10 Trachten Show

Support the true German ethnic spirit by appearing in the Trachten Show. Call Judy Schneider- 433 - 3451 to participate. The new features introduced in 2013 have led to increasing popularity. Jamie Jarosik, TV2 meteorologist, has agreed to emcee the show

#11 16th GermanFest Picnic 5k/10k

Unique awards and tee shirts will again be featured at our 5k/10k race/walk starting at 630PM on Friday the 12th. 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 starting at 5pm on Friday. The fun awards ceremony will take place in the Craft Bier Garten.

#12 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 often does.

#13 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.

#14 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 Bob Eddy – 429-0103.