I would like to thank all those who made our 125 Year Anniversary concert a success. It was a lot of work but it was worth every minute. Everyone I talked to had nothing but good things to say. The concert was a success and we had a great dinner afterwards. The only sad part was Eben Bonear falling, but he is OK.

By the time you read this newsletter we have had our final beer tasting and genealogy event for the year. Next on the agenda is our Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 5, at 7:00 PM in the Liederkranz Great Hall. The Liederkranz Chor will be joined by the Jugendchor. Jeanette Filbrun Eakins and Judy Schneider selected wonderful Christmas songs for your enjoyment.

On December 12th and 13th, the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner invites you to our annual Christkindlmarkt. Be sure to bring your family and friends to select that special gift for Christmas. The St. Anne’s Christmas walk is the same weekend so we expect a big crowd. Jacob Hellickson, our great chef, has returned from Germany and will prepare your food. Trudy will have a delicious selection of German cookies and cakes from Servatii’s waiting for you in the Konditorei Brenda and Tom will be serving that wonderful Rüdesheimer coffee and Glühwein.

Please note on your calendar that on Sunday, January 3rd, at 2:00 pm, is our annual meeting with election of board members. The following weekend on Saturday, January 9, is Trudy’s famous Schnitzel Dinner.

Thank you for supporting our events throughout the year.

Bleibt gesund und munter! I wish you Frohe Weihnachten und fürs Neue Jahr das Beste.

Uli Gaertner

Last but by no means last in our yearly activities list is our annual “Liederkranz & GBU Children’s Christmas Party” on Sunday, December 20, at 2:00 pm. As always there will be a special guest so be sure to bring lots of cookies for Santa and for all to enjoy. Santa will hand out gifts and candy to all the children and to the grownups if they were good.

Gifts donated to our raffle always make the party more enjoyable.

See you there,
Uli Gaertner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5 December—Christmas Concert, 7 pm
- 12-13 December—Christkindlmarkt
- 18 December—Game Night
- 20 December—Children’s Christmas Party, 2 pm
- 3 January—Annual Meeting, 2 pm
- 9 January—Trudy’s Famous Schnitzel Dinner
- 15 January—Game Night
- 23 January—German Genealogy Group, 1:30 pm
- 19 February—Game Night

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our various choirs have been hard at work preparing their voices for an evening of seasonal song favorites to present at our annual Weihnachtskonzert on Saturday, December 5, at 7 pm. Please plan on attending and joining them and your other Liederkranz friends at the social hour following the concert. This event is always a highlight of the year that you don’t want to miss, so spread the word and come on out! See the flyer for more information!

CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Small Business Saturday will be extended a bit at the Liederkranz to accommodate our celebration of a German Christmas tradition—the Christkindlmarkt. If you’re searching for a unique gift for that special someone or looking to participate in one of the great holiday traditions in the German-speaking world, you want to be sure to attend our Christmas market the weekend of December 12-13. There will be local vendors selling items you can’t find in the big stores and delicious food and drink to keep you nourished while you shop. Please see the flyer for additional details, and tell everyone you know to come out and support local vendors!
2016 begins with our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 3, at 2:00 pm. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Besides electing your Board members, reports will be given summarizing the past year and a preview of 2016. This will be an important meeting. Members will be voting for a change to the DLT Constitution as the club is applying for a 501(c)(3) status. The change is needed to ensure that our constitution is in agreement of the requirement for a 501(c)(3) organization. That will aid in our fund raising since donors can deduct their gifts from their taxes.

It is time to elect Board members for the next year. The Liederkranz-Turner Nominating Committee consists of Peggy Sisson and Louise Gaertner. They will be asking for members to fill open Board positions. You can also talk to any Board member for more information. Remember that this is Your club and we all need to take responsibility and say yes when asked to fill a Board position or to help at different functions. Without Your help this Club cannot function. The following positions will be open for voting: President, and Vice President also the Picnic, Social and Culture Liaison.

Uli Gaertner, President

Schnitzelfest

It’s that time of year again! Time for Trudy’s Famous Schnitzel Dinner! Be sure not to miss this annual event featuring pan fried Schnitzel prepared to perfection by Trudy and her helpers. And following the concert, you can dance the evening away to the sweet sounds of the Alpen Echoes upstairs in the Great Hall. The evening’s festivities start when the doors open at 5:30 pm on Saturday, January 9, for the dinner. The enclosed flyer has all of the deets to help you make your reservations. See you there!

Game Night Meetings

Our next Tabletop Game Nights will be held on December 18, January 15, and February 19. If you haven’t joined us for a game night yet and are looking for some good, family fun on a Friday night, then we have the place you need to be. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

German Fest Picnic Meeting

Our first 2016 General Picnic Meeting will be in January. As usual, we intend to get started early on key activities, problem resolution including a new Carillon Park contract, new ideas, and especially who are the key folks that we can count on to manage the activities. The 2015 Picnic was our most successful ever, and we continue to be rated as one of the top festivals in the region. With everyone’s help, we can maintain that lofty status.

Member of the Year

Enclosed you will find the voting form for our annual Member of the Year to recognize the efforts of a dedicated member. Voting only takes a moment, and it’s easy to do. Thank you in advance for doing your part in recognizing publicly the dedication of our members who go above and beyond to help this organization continue to do all that it does!

Kitchen Help

“Calling ALL hands! I have the privilege of taking the helm of the kitchen again and desperately need YOUR help. I would love to collaborate with anyone on a menu or specific dish to continue showcasing diversified German cuisine. Of course, I won't be able to do any of this if I don't have physical help in the kitchen. Whether you have been cooking all of your life or have a knack for burning food, I would sincerely appreciate any and all help! The devoted group of kitchen helpers needs your support to be able to continue offering delicious and creative food events.

Please call, email or find me in person. Herzlichen Dank!"

Jacob Hellickson

From the Kitchen

Happy Holidays from the Kitchen! If you would like to be a part of planning kitchen events for 2016, please bring your ideas to attend a meeting Tuesday, January 12, at 7pm in the Rathskeller.

Calling all members to help serve in the kitchen during our Christkindlmarkt! Please contact me with at jacob.a.hellickson@gmail.com or 937-241-9059 with the hours you are able to assist. Thanks!
M e m b e r  C o r n e r

2015 Member of the Year – Voting Now Open

Candidates for this year's MOY award have been nominated by the Board and are presented to the membership for selection. The voting form is included in the Newsletter and will also be available at the DLT Ratskeller and on our website. The honor covers contributions from December of last year through the end of this year. Your vote is important and can be done easily.

2016 Membership Dues

Dues invoices for 2016 will be mailed out to all members owing dues by the end of December. If you are leaving the area for the winter, please pay ahead of time or see that I get a proper address for the invoice. Avoid being deleted from the DLT roster and our Directory.

Dues for 2016 remain the same: Patron - $100 ($190, $270), Family - $55 ($105, $150), Individual - $35 ($66, $95), Student/Young Adult - $20 ($38, $54). The additional amounts reflect two-year and three-year discounted dues. Members who have already paid through 2016 will receive new member cards by mid-January. New membership card will be mailed out to renewing members following payment.

2015/16 Liederkranz Directory

The 2015 125th Anniversary Membership Directory has been distributed to all DLT members in good standing. If your Directory contact information has changed or is incorrect, please send me the corrections. We will be sending UPDATE page(s) along with the 2016 membership cards.

Newsletter Information

The suspicion exists that most members do not read Liederkranz Life or, perhaps, barely scan it. To test that notion, we are offering a potential bonus to readers. If you are reading this clue: "Zeitung15" and send me the clue and your name in any fashion - mail, email, or phone message on my answering machine--you will be entered in a drawing for a free year's membership at your current level--three awards will be made before the invoices go out. If you are a Life Member--you may still enter and get a gift membership for someone of your choosing.

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

G e r m a n  G e n e a l o g y  G r o u p

Greetings Friends of genealogy,

The holiday season is upon us. I wish each of you a memorable "thanks giving" of the gifts we have received from our God.

There will be no meeting of the German Genealogy Group in December. Ich wünsche Euch allen ein frohes Weihnachtsfest. I wish all a joyous and blessed Christmas.

The German Genealogy Group will hold its first meeting of the new year on Saturday, January 23, in the Dayton Liederkranz Rathskeller at 1:30 pm. Anne Wachs, of the Centerville Public Library will be speaking on researching German records using Ancestry.

The Family History Jamboree will be held on February 20, 2016. It is free, an all-day event designed to promote Family History activities. This program is a substitute for our February meeting. Please go to www_fhj1.org for complete information.

Hope to see you on January 23.

Warm Regards,
Louise Gaertner
HELPFUL HELPER THANKS

I would like to thank Margie and Bob Lewis, along with their granddaughter Madison, for their continued support at the picnic with the sandwich booth. They were instrumental in having the booth setup, organized and ready for customers. Madison, who has been volunteering at the picnic longer than I have, has come up with innovative ideas that help the booth run smoother.

I would also like to thank Benita Dorn for all her efforts in researching credit card readers. The club was able to take credit cards as payment in the main food line at the picnic. We have also been able to take credit card payments at Oktoberfest, the 125th Anniversary Celebration, and Beerfest. We plan on being able to take credit card payments at Christkindlmarkt and future events. Thank you Benita!

Debbie Venys

CHRISTMAS DECORATING THANKS

I would like to thank Jacob Hellickson, Pat Moorman, Judy Schneider, Constance and Rick Ordemann, Jeff Hemmelgarn, Mishelle Dicken, and Board members Nichole Lashley and Felicite Lilly and their families for getting the Christmas decorations out of hiding and for decorating the Great Hall. You made a large job much nicer and more manageable.

Danke,
Lori Hemmelgarn

KARL’S KORNER

As we finish this year and move on to the New Year, Carl asks us to reflect on who we are and where we’re going in his words of wisdom for the month. Sage advice, from a true sage and gentleman. Thank you, Carl!

- People who like others are people that others like!
- In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday!

Deadline for the next newsletter: January 28, 2016

Brian Shaw
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VOTING OPEN
DaytonLiederkranz-Turner
Outstanding Member of the Year Award
2015

Purpose
To encourage, recognize and reward a current member for one or more significant and exceptional contributions to the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner. Any member in good standing is eligible to vote. You may mail votes to the DLT, leave in the Rathskeller mailbox, or email to John Koerner.

Selection Criteria
1. Has demonstrated a consistent dedication to the organization. A single or sustained contribution may qualify.
2. Has demonstrated integrity, cooperative spirit, and service to others in his or her efforts on behalf of the organization.

Examples
Someone who has demonstrated outstanding support of club events
Someone who has provided exceptional leadership in chairing a committee
Someone who has provided exceptional leadership on a project
Someone who has shown exceptional leadership as a Board member or
Someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the community

Candidates
In accordance with the revised Member of the Year procedures, the Board has selected three nominees as candidates for the 2015 award. The candidates are: Uli Gaertner, Lori Hemmelgarn, and Debbie Venys. Brief summaries of their respective contributions follow.

Uli Gaertner: As President of the DLT, Uli took over leadership of the 125th Anniversary activities during 2015. Most significant was his management and tireless efforts on behalf of the Anniversary Concert and celebration dinner. This involved everything from arranging for a proper venue and Anniversary Program Book to seeking sponsors, planning the dinner and directing remodeling and clean-up of the clubhaus. Uli also stepped up, with the Food Chairman out of the country, and ran the food preparation operation at this year’s Picnic. He has also run the kitchen operation at several of our events over the last year.
Lori Hemmelgarn: Lori took over and resurrected the Major Raffle at this year’s Picnic. She quickly returned the activity to its former importance by securing significant awards including the trip to Germany, designing and distributing the raffle ticket sales and tracking process, and tirelessly promoting the raffle. Her efforts paid off as winners were pleased and the raffle generated a handsome profit for the Picnic. She has also been a regular prize contributor to club events such as the BierFests.

Debbie Venys: Debbie has continued her critical support for the DLT over the past year by stepping into numerous unfilled voids crying out for help. The most significant of these was taking on leadership of the DLT booth and activities at this year’s World Affair, including volunteer recruitment and assignment. The operation was superior and earned a great return for the club. At the Picnic, she improved the efficiency and direction of the Friday set operation. She also chaired the Sandwich Tent and was instrumental in implementing our first use of charge/debit cards at the Picnic, both of which had a very positive effect on our event outcome.

VOTING

Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner Outstanding Member Award

2015 Official Ballot

Please check the box with your single selection.

☐ Uli Gaertner

☐ Lori Hemmelgarn

☐ Debbie Venys

Member: ____________________________________________

Votes due by December 31. Thank you. JABKOERNER@AOL.COM
Favorite German Music of the Season, performed by the Liederkranz Jugendchor, Directed by Judy Schneider, accompanied by Steve Homan Maennerchor, Damenchor and Gemischtechor Directed by Jeanette Filbrun Eakins, accompanied by Mark Shoemaker

DAYTON LIEDERKRANZ-TURNER
Weihnachtskonzert
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015 7:00 PM

Social Hour Follows the Concert

Dayton Liederkranz-Turner Hall
1400 East Fifth Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402
www.daytongermanclub.org
937-223-9013
Up for election are the President, Vice President and the Picnic, Social and Cultural Liaisons.

Sunday, January 3, 2016
2 pm
Rathskeller
2015

**Dayton Liederkranz Turner**

**Christkindlmarkt**

**Saturday, December 12**
10 am to 5 pm

**Sunday, December 13**
12 noon to 4 pm

You'll find us just east of the Oregon District, right across from Stivers High School

**Contact person:**
Uli Gaertner
(937) 434 7999
uhglhp42@aol.com

Visit the Liederkranz for the annual celebration
of the centuries-old Christmas market tradition that originated in Nuremburg, Germany.

Quality vendors will offer hand crafted ornaments, hand made bath soaps and accessories,
beer steins, amber jewelry from the Baltic, German collectible items, antiques,
stained glass items, unique jewelry, note cards & gifts, paper cut outs, etc.

The annual Liederkranz Christmas Raffle will also feature many wonderful items.

**Food & Drinks**

The kitchen will be selling bratwurst, mettwurst, currywurst, cabbage rolls (while they last),
home made goulash, vegetarian chili and vegetarian lentil soups,

potato pancakes, European pastries and desserts,

and homemade German cookies.

Specialty coffee drinks and glühwein will also be available for purchase.

The bar will be open with a great selection of German Biers and wine.

**Contact Information**

Phone: 937-223-9013
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E-mail: dayton.liederkranz.info@gmail.com
Join us at the Dayton Liederkranz for Trudy’s Famous Schnitzelfest Dinner & Dance!

Doors Open: 5:30 pm  
Dinner Served: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Entertainment: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Installation of New Officers

~ Admission ~
Dinner and Entertainment:  
$15/members, $18/guests  
Children 10 and under:  
$10/members, $13 guests  
Pre-Paid Reservations for the Dinner and Dance can be made by contacting Heidi Gasper at 937.510.1662.  
Checks should be made payable to Dayton Liederkranz & can be sent to 9776 Sandy Run Drive, Waynesville, OH 45068.

Schnitzel Dinner Menu:
Pan Fried Schnitzel (Pork Tenderloin)  
Parsley Buttered Potatoes  
Green Beans with Mushrooms or Red Cabbage  
Applesauce  
Bread and Butter  
Assorted Desserts & Coffee

Reservation Deadline: January 4, 2016!

Music By:  
The Alpen Echoes

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