I saw the first snowflakes driving to the Liederkranz on Saturday morning for the Genealogy Workshop. Not a complete surprise this time of the year but after the nice fall weather I was not quite ready for snow. But it made me think of the manifold activities that the Liederkranz has to offer.

Starting on the December 3, we have our traditional Weihnachtskoncert (Christmas Concert) at 7:00PM. Your beloved Christmas songs will be performed by the Liederkranz Jugendchor, Damenchor and Männerchor. Join us for coffee and cake after the concert.

The following weekend on Saturday, December 10 from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, December 11, from 12 to 4PM is the Christkindlmarkt. Visit our traditional Christmas market for your Christmas shopping. We offer many varieties of German items, amber jewelry, ornaments and many more gift items. Our Chef, Jacob, will be in the kitchen and Trudy has numerous German desserts and cookies waiting for you! Brenda and Tom are preparing the Glühwein and what is a Christmas market without Glühwein? I am looking forward to seeing all of you.

The following Sunday, our last event of the year, is the Christmas Party for the children and of course Santa Claus will be there. On Sunday, January 8 is our Annual Meeting. Plan to attend, and see my separate column on this subject. This is followed by the Schnitzelfest on February 4 and on February 25 is our Karneval. Also plan to attend our Game Night and Genealogy Presentations once a month.

This will be the last newsletter in 2016 as we look forward to a new year and a new beginning. Please see any Board members if you have thoughts about this coming year and the future of the Dayton Liederkranz Turner Society. So for now I would like to wish you all Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein gesundes und friedliches Neujahr.

Your President,
Uli Gaertner

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 3 December—Christmas Concert
- 10-11 December—Christkindlmarkt
- 16 December—Game Night
- 18 December—Children’s /Family Christmas Party
- 8 January—Annual Meeting, 2 pm
- 14 January—Schnitzelfest, 5:30 pm

**2017 BOARD ELECTIONS**

With the beginning of the New Year we will also elect new members to the DLT Board. The positions that are open this year for a two (2) year terms are the Public Relations, Hospitality and House Liaison. I also need to appoint a new person for the Picnic Liaison for one (1) year, and in addition, there is an opening for the position of Secretary for two (2) years due to a resignation.

Public Relations: Is what the name suggest. The Liaison is responsible for press releases and advertising, and coordinates with Event Liaisons. Judy Schneider was appointed last year but needs to be elected this year.

Hospitality Liaison: Coordinates with Event, other Liaisons and the Bar and Kitchen Chairperson for all events.

House Liaison: The House Liaison is responsible for appearance and care of our facilities including the grounds.

Picnic Liaison: Coordinates with the Picnic Chair and reports to the Board on issues regarding the GermanFest Picnic.

Secretary: The Secretary records all minutes of meetings and takes care of general correspondence. As stated above this will be a two (2) tear appointment.

At this time there are two persons assigned to the Nominating Committee, Louise Gaertner (434-7999) and Tom Meier (310-1196). You can also contact any Board member if you are interested in a position on the Board. I cannot over emphasize the importance of being on the Board to help make decisions about the future of our club. Do not count on someone else to step up. We need members who have not held an office to volunteer on the Board or assume different types of responsibility in the club. Please step up to ensure that we have a full slate. Vote for Board members that will guide our club to ensure that we retain our German heritage.

Your President,
Uli Gaertner
**Christkindlmarkt**

We had Small Business Saturday recently, but the idea of supporting local entrepreneurs and participating in a bit of traditional German culture life continues at our annual Christkindlmarkt. Come find some out-of-the-box gift ideas and hang with your friends while enjoying some good holiday foods and drinks from the old country. This year’s market will be held on December 10-11 at the clubhouse. See the flyer for more details.

**Tabletop Game Night**

We will have Game Night on December 16. Our first Game Nights of the new year will be on January 20 and February 17. Come enjoy the fun of friendly competition!

**Schnitzelfest!**

The time is almost here for our annual Schnitzelfest! This is one dinner not to miss, believe me. Join us on January 14 for this delicious meal! The flyer in this issue has all the details, so check it out!

**GBU/Family Christmas Party**

Our annual Children and Family Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. Activities for the children will begin promptly at 2:00. Several crafts can be made for the children to give their family for Christmas. These activities will be for children of all ages. Judy Schneider is going to lead the crowd in singing Christmas carols. Trudy will be the hostess taking care of the snacks furnished by Liederkranz, GBU, and donations brought by attendees. Santa will be present to visit with the children. Families can bring gifts to go under the tree to be given to their child or friend. Raffle tickets will be sold for five large baskets filled with German products. There will be other raffle tickets sold for an assortment of gifts donated by Liederkranz and GBU. GBU will be awarding five scholarships, also. Please plan to attend with your family for an afternoon of enjoyment!

Margie Wirth

**Member Corner**

**2016 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.

**2017 Membership Dues**

Dues invoices for 2017 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 upcoming 2017 Directory.

Dues for 2017 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 2017 will receive new member cards by mid-January. New membership card will be mailed out to renewing members following payment.

**2017 Liederkranz Directory**

The 2015 125th Anniversary Membership Directory was very favorably received. We will be issuing a new 2017 Directory to all members in good standing. If your Directory contact information has changed or is incorrect, please send me the corrections. All members who are in good standing (dues paid) by January 31, 2017 will be included in the Directory.

**Newsletter Information - 2016 Promotion**

The suspicion has existed that most members do not read Liederkranz Life or, perhaps, barely scan it. We tested that notion last year and again this fall with special awards if you sent me the clue listed in the newsletter. The response this year was even less than last year --only 14 entries representing 23 members were received. Even if we TRIPLE the number of entries to account for members who saw the notice, but chose not to enter for one reason or another--that would represent only about 17% of the membership. So my conclusion is that fewer than one in five members reads the newsletter --your thoughts???

The winners this year were Heidi Gasper, Lori Hemmelgarn, and Elsa Schiller. They will be receiving coupons for free dinners at the Liederkranz.

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

**Annual Picnic**

Our first 2017 General Picnic Meeting will be in January. As usual, we intend to get started early on key activities, problem resolution, new ideas, and especially who are the key folks that we can count on to manage the activities. The 2016 Picnic was a weather disaster and hopefully we won’t experience anything like that again for at least a few years. We continue to be rated as one of the top festivals in the region. With everyone’s help, we can maintain that lofty status.
Greetings everyone,

The German Genealogy Group finished out the fall season with the Second Annual Workshop featuring Bob Rau a genealogist with over 30 years of German Genealogy experience. He was assisted by Dr. Renate Sturdevant, advisor to the group and a Professor at Wright State University. The focus of the Workshop was translation of German Script, with a presentation and personal assistance with translation.

A reminder, it is time for annual dues for the remainder of 2016-2017. Please pay at the meeting or send in the check to me. Information is on our web site, www.daytongermanclub.org.

As we approach the holidays I wish you a very “Happy Thanksgiving” with your families and friends.

Louise Gaertner, Chair of the German Genealogy Group

Special Thanks

I would like to thank the members of the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner for the great honor and gift given to me at the Fall Concert on October 22nd. For those members not present, a beautiful lamp designed and made by Tom Hermann was given to me in recognition of my years to service to the Dayton Liedertanz-Turner brought to a close by our move to Dublin, Ohio for health reasons.

The lamp features a shade with pictures of the DLT building, the logo of the Liederkranz Volks­tänzer, the logo of the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner, and my name with a list of the groups and service in which I served the club. It is rimmed on the edges by the purpose of the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner with a middle intersection on all 4 sides of the German flag.

It is truly a one of a kind piece of art which I will display with pride in my new home. I am touched that all of you think so much of me. I miss the club and all of the members. Dublin, Ohio is not too far away, and I plan to come to some of the big events. THANK YOU again!

Lois Lynch

As we get ready to start a new year, two of Carl’s quotes seem to work well for New Year’s resolutions we may be making. They are also worth pondering in consideration of how we conduct ourselves as we transition to the new leadership of our country, I think.

- People who like others are people that others like.
- Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right thing.

Have a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Deadline for the next newsletter: **January 19, 2017**

Brian Shaw
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At the Fall Concert on October 22, Lois Lynch was recognized for her many years of service to the DLT, and the NASB. President Uli Gaertner presented her with a beautiful lamp that had been hand-crafted by DLT member Tom Hermann.

Almost 80 people participated in the St. Martin’s Day Family Celebration on November 5. We made lanterns, enjoyed a delicious chicken pot pie dinner prepared by Lori Hemmelgarn, and paraded thru the St. Anne’s Hill neighborhood with St. Martin on his horse. We ended with a bonfire, hot chocolate and Weckmänner.

The concert was followed by a delicious German meatloaf dinner prepared by Jacob Hellickson and his crew.

**SPRINGERLE MADNESS**

One day for mixing and cutting, another day for baking—time consuming, but soooo worth the effort. Get yours at the Christkindlmarkt on December 10 and 11.
DAYTON LIEDERKRANZ TURNER

Cordially invites you to our

Weihnachtskonzert

7:00 P.M. DECEMBER 3, 2016

Favorite German Music of the Season,
performed by the

Liederkranz Jugendchor,
Directed by Judy Schneider,
accompanied by Steve Homan

Männerchor, Damenchor
and Gemischtechor
Directed by Jeanette Filbrun Eakins,
accompanied by Mark Shoemaker

~Free Admission~
Social Hour follows the Concert
1400 E. Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402
**VISIT & SHOP**

**Christkindlmarkt**
OLD-WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Saturday December 10th**
10AM – 5PM

**Sunday December 11th**
12 Noon – 4PM

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ENJOY THIS OLD-WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET TRADITION AT
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Hand Crafted Ornaments * Hand Made Bath Soaps & Accessories * Beer Steins
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Antiques * Stained Glass Items * Unique Jewelry * Note Cards & Gifts * Paper Cut Outs

* **Annual Liederkranz Christmas Raffle features wonderful gift baskets**

**Food & Drink**

* Bratwurst
* Mettwurst
* Cabbage Rolls *(while they last)*
* Homemade Goulash & Lentil Soups
* European Pastries & Desserts
* Homemade German Cookies
* Specialty Coffee Drinks & Glühwein

* The bar will be open with a great selection of German Biers & Wine.*
Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18 2:00 P.M.

- Children’s activities will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. and end by 2:30. (Make a Christmas card, receive a kit to make a pine cone bird feeder at home, and play bingo.)
- Bring a $5 gift to contribute to raffle prizes for attendees.
- If you wish, you can bring a gift for your child, and place it under the Christmas tree, with the child’s name to be presented by Santa.
- Sing some fun Christmas songs, with Judy Schneider and Raymonde Rougier.
- Snacks provided by Liederkranz, GBU members, and other attendees with coffee and beverages provided by Liederkranz.
- Raffle tickets will be sold for the $5 gifts brought by attendees.
- 5 gift baskets, with all German products, will also be raffled off.
- Santa will be present to greet the crowd (and present gifts, brought by families, for their younger members present) and a small candy bag for each child.

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Up for election are the House, Public Relations and Hospitality Liaisons

Sunday, January 8, 2017
2 pm
Rathskeller
Schnitzelfest!

Saturday,
January 14, 2017

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

Music By:
The Alpen Echoes

Reservation Deadline: January 7, 2017!

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