Our Annual Meeting, as always, kicked off the New Year. First, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting. The Board is elected by you, the members, and without your participation, there would be no Dayton Liederkranz-Turner. My thanks also to the outgoing Board members for their service: Shelle Zechar, Amy Clark, Julie Templeton, Laura Duncan, Dave Witt, and Benita Dorn. Scott Nekrosius is our new Vice President and our previous V. P. Ray Schlegelmilch will share the House Liaison position with Chuck Dulaney. Kara Getrost is our new Secretary and Debbie Venys is our new Picnic Liaison. Abby Shroyer is the new Hospitality Liaison. We still have one Liaison Position that is open, namely the Events Liaison. If you have an interest in coordinating events at the club, please contact a Board member. Thank you. The other positions are unchanged. The current Board was sworn in at Schnitzel Dinner, which was outstanding as always. Thank you Trudy and all your helpers.

Needless to say, this will be a challenging year with the relocation of our annual GermanFest Picnic. John Koerner will need help to accomplish this challenge. Please volunteer to help John, and if called upon, say yes. Your Club cannot function without your participation in our activities. There is a place where all of you can help in running of the club.

This year the Schlachtfest returns to the Liederkranz on February 4th. This is something I am looking forward to. I love blood sausage and the pulled pork. Plans are already under way for our annual Fasching Masquerade Ball on the 25th of February. Come and enjoy! This is followed by Ida's Cabbage Roll Dinner on the 11th of March. Our District Sängerfest this year is in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on the 28-30 April. Come and join us. You do not have to be a singer to explore Ft. Wayne. As a side note, Ft. Wayne only trails the LDS Library in Salt Lake City as a resource for researching genealogy.

Thanks for your support, Uli

Schlachtfest

One of our favorite meals, the Schlachtfest, is returning from hiatus this year! Come out and enjoy a delicious full roasted pig and all of the delicious accoutrements on Saturday, February 4th! The doors open at 5:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:00. The flyer has all of the details, including the reservation deadline, which is fast approaching. If you haven’t yet experienced our Schlachtfest, this is the time to do so! See you there!

Fasching 2017

Time is running out to get your costumes ready for our always-fun Fasching Masquerade Ball! Princess Rita and Prince Wolfgang will get the party started on Saturday, February 25, at 7:00 pm! This is the night to let your hair down and party like never before! There will be great music provided by our friends Prost, there will be fun prizes awarded to costumes in several categories, and there will be fun had by all of the revelers. The flyer has more details, so you don’t want to overlook it. Mark your calendars now, and get your costumes in shape! See you there!

Cabbage Roll Dinner

Don’t feel like cooking dinner one evening? Want to have some delicious food? Feel like taking dinner or lunch home with you? You can do all three at our Cabbage Roll dinner on Saturday, March 11, from 6-7 pm! Come enjoy a scrumptious cabbage roll dinner, and take some home with you! Make your dinner and carry-out reservations soon. The details are all in the flyer, so check it out!

German Genealogy Group

There will be no meeting of the German Genealogy Group (GGG) in February. I contacted several speakers, but none were able to come during February. Information will be on coming on our 25th of March genealogy meeting.

Most of our GGG meetings are at our regular meeting time of the fourth Saturday of the month at 1:30 in the afternoon unless it a holiday or a speaker is unavailable on that date.

A reminder, check our website – www.daytongermanclub.org for the March information.

Louise Gaertner
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Deadline for the next newsletter: March 23, 2017

Brian Shaw
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A World A’Fair, Dayton Convention Center, Friday, May 19-Sunday, May 21, 2017. It is time to start looking to the spring and A World A’Fair. We will need volunteers again this year to help set up / decorate, make potato salad, volunteer to work during event and tear down on Sunday.

Not able to volunteer, yet want to attend? Why pay full price? Dayton Liederkranz Turner and Eintracht will have Pre-Sale tickets available for purchase. You get in at a discounted rate and our German Clubs get a portion of the sale. Win - Win.

Do you have children or grandchildren who enjoy meeting new people? Let them know about the A World A’Fair Youth Committee. The Youth typically meet on the first Sunday of the month at Eintracht, conveniently at the same time as the adults. Applications can be sent to you via email.

If you are interested in more information and/or are willing to help, contact Debbie Venys at 937-416-1545 or via DLTvolunteer@gmail.com.

2017 State of the Membership
As I reported at the Annual Meeting and discussed in the “Strong at 127” letter, the Liederkranz enters its 127th year in very good shape. We continued to add more new members and maintain the highest membership levels in a decade. More of our members, including younger members, stepped up to help lead and manage the organization. The forced exit of our GermanFest Picnic from Carillon Park now presents us with the challenges of a new location and whatever opportunities it may present. Your participation is important.

2016 Member of the Year
The Outstanding Member of the Year award for 2016 was awarded to Jacob Hellickson at the recent Schnitzelfest. Jacob was specifically recognized for his exceptional leadership in planning and implementing all of the food service operations at the club and at the GermanFest Picnic. Voting was up substantially this year--nice.

2017 Membership Dues
Dues invoices for 2017 have been mailed out to all members owing 2017 dues. Please remit by January 31, so that we can avoid the cost of a second notice, which costs the club about an additional dollar each. Prompt response will ensure that you are not on our DELETE list and that you will be included in our new 2017 Directory.

Many thanks to those who have already paid. New Membership cards are being mailed to all members in good standing. If you do not receive one, please contact me. Life Members have permanent cards. If you need a replacement, let me know. Membership cards are now required to receive discounts to some events.

Dues for 2017 remain the same (what a deal): Patron - $100 ($190, $270), Family - $55 ($105, $150), Individual - $35 ($66, $95), Young Adult - $20 ($38, $54). The additional amounts reflect two-year and three-year discounted dues. Donations from members not owing dues are especially appreciated and will be specially recognized.

German Life Subscriptions
Current subscribers or members who wish to renew or to subscribe can so indicate on their 2017 Dues Invoices. If you do not owe dues (no invoice) and wish to subscribe at the discounted rate, please send me a check payable to the Dayton Liederkranz for $18. I must receive your payment by March 1st.

Scholarship/Education Grants
Information and application forms for this year’s scholarship and grant programs are now available. These programs are an attractive Liederkranz member benefit. The scholarship ranges up to $2,000 and the grants are up to $500. More than $40,000 has been distributed to students since program inception. Contact Chairman Ed Ruetschle at 937-429-4466 or klugered@att.net.

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

Thank you to all Liederkranz members and friends, I’d like to express my heartfelt thank you for all the cards and good wishes sent. A very special thank you to my fellow singers for the card with all the signatures, which arrived this week. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Inge Longbrake

Thank you to all the helpers who made the 2016 Christkindlmarkt so successful. Without so many dedicated persons, this special yearly event couldn’t happen.

Trudy Campbell

Thank you to the many helpers at our recent Schnitzelfest. The decorations were beautiful, and the food was hopefully good. Thanks also to all the guests who braved the weather and enjoyed our hospitality. Trudy Campbell

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Please send your suggestions for event ideas for 2017 and beyond to the newsletter editor, Brian Shaw.

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34th ANNUAL GERMANFEST PICNIC

Location - TBD

August 11, 12, 13, 2017

WHAT: Kick-Off General Planning & Crisis Management Meeting for 2017 Picnic

WHEN: Wednesday February 8th, 2017, 7:00 PM, DLT Rathskeller

WHO: All are invited. Especially need all event/activity chairpersons; and interested members who have volunteered to help save the event

AGENDA: Review actual facts pertaining to the Picnic and Kress's attacks. Review all suggested locations and status thereof. Identify new challenges and how we might meet them with respect to new location realities.

WHY: It's critical to the DLT and its continued existence and 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 me. Thanks

John Koerner, Chairman, GermanFest Picnic jabkoerner@aol.com, 429-9251
Prinzessin Rita und Prinz Wolfgang invite you to get your costume ready for the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner FASCHING MASQUERADE BALL

Saturdays, February 25, 2017 7–11 P.M.

Music by PROST, playing your favorite Fasching hits.

Kids are welcome at this family friendly event.
Cash bar. Drink & snack to share. Selected food items will be available for purchase.

Costume Parade with prizes:
Best Couple Best Group of 3 or more Best Single Man Best Single Lady Best Youth (under 18)
$3 Members; $5 non-members

Dayton Liederkranz Turner – 1400 E. Fifth St. – Dayton, OH 45402

www.daytongermanclub.org
Schlachtfest

Saturday, February 4, 2017
6:00 P.M.
(House opens at 5:30 p.m.)

DAYTON LIEDERKRANZ TURNER
1400 E. Fifth Street
Dayton, OH 45402
www.daytongermanclub.org
937-223-9013

Regular Meal
$15.00 members
$20.00 non-members
$10.00 member child under 10
$15.00 non-member child under 10

Mega Meal  add $5.00
(includes serving of liver sausage or blood sausage)

A Schlachtfest is the German term for the ritual or ceremonial slaughter of an animal, which is often followed by festive meal. Today, it usually refers to the practice in many parts of Germany for a celebration or festival involving the ceremonial slaughter of a pig reared or bought by a private household or an inn for that purpose.

Prepaid Reservations Only  to

Kara Getrost
3005 Fairway Dr. Apt. 4,
Dayton , OH 45409    937-677-0840
by January 28

Checks payable to Dayton Liederkranz Turner

~Menu~

- Roast Pork
- Mashed Potatoes
- Red cabbage
- Vegetables
- Bread/Butter
- Dessert
- Coffee/Tea
- Mega meal includes choice of Leberwurst or Blutwurst
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

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DINNER
Adults
Members $12.00
Non-members $14.00

Children under 10
Members $7.00
Non-members $8.00

CABBAGE ROLL CARRY OUT
$5.00 each

♦ Two Cabbage Rolls (one for children)
♦ Mashed Potatoes
♦ Applesauce
♦ Rye Bread and Butter
♦ Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Prepaid Reservations/Orders Only
by Sunday, March 5, 2017 to
Debbie Venys (937-416-1545) dvenys12@gmail.com
983 Thorndale Dr. Dayton, OH 45429

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Did you know?

- DLT has a FREE dance class on Mondays from 7:30 – 9:00 pm
- You don't need prior dance experience or a dance partner
- You will learn traditional German dances and dance styles.
- Fasching officially begins on November 11th at 11:11 am and ends on February 25th which just happens to be DLT’s Fasching party. Learn German dances to be able to dance the night away on February 25th for Fasching.

For more information:
DLTVolunteer@gmail.com
DLT calendar www.daytongermanclub.org,

Come dance with us!