Upcoming Events:

- Monday, July 16 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch at the Liederkranz
- Friday July 20 - 6:30 - 11 p.m. - Tabletop Games Night
- Saturday, July 21 - 11 a.m. - Apfelkuchen Baking Group Demo
- Monday, July 23, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch at the Liederkranz
- Tuesday, July 24 - 7 p.m. - Board Meeting
- Wednesday, July 25 - 7 p.m. - Final Picnic Planning Meeting
- Monday, July 30 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch at the Liederkranz
- Thursday, August 2 - 7:30 p.m. - Polka Mass Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 10, 11 and 12 - GERMANFEST PICNIC at RiverScape MetroPark

For more details about these and other upcoming events, please click HERE
Volunteers Needed!

The Germanfest Picnic is less than a month away. We cannot host a successful event without the help of hundreds of volunteers. There is a perfect spot for everyone who wants to help! Please click HERE to sign up to work for a shift - or two or three!

Calling All Bakers!
We Need You and Your Oven

Help us make enough Apfelkuchen (Apple Cake) so we won't run out all weekend at the GermanFest Picnic in August! The baking group will teach you how to make this delicious and easy recipe at our demo session on Saturday, July 21 at 11:00 am. After attending the demo, we hope you will pitch in and help bake for our most important event of the year.

Contact Shelle Zechar to reserve your spot – shellezechar@gmail.com or 937-974-2987.
Game Night July 20, 6:30 - 11 p.m.

Bring a snack to share and enjoy an evening playing your favorite board games. Bring your friends or come meet new ones. Free admission. The bar will be open with pop and adult beverages.

POLKA MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Attention all singers - whether you are a member of the DLT Choirs or not - we would love to have you join us in the Choir for the Polka Mass at the Germanfest Picnic at RiverScape MetroPark on Sunday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. We will have a brief rehearsal to refresh our memories on the music on Thursday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alpine Room at the Liederkranz Club. Please contact Judy Schneider - germanfestpicnic@gmail.com or 937-672-3498 if you can come, so I can have enough folders prepared. Also, if you would like to serve at Mass in any other capacity, such as...
It's that time again! We are looking for potato peelers for our signature German potato salad for the Germanfest Picnic. Peelers are needed on Wednesday, August 8, **9 am - 3 pm**, preparing German potato salad at the Liederkranz (lunch provided) and Thursday, August 9, **9 am - 1 pm**, preparing German Potato Salad at the Liederkranz (lunch provided). Come and bring your friends. We all have a great time! We also need several strong men to start cooking the potatoes starting at about **5:30 a.m.** on both days, so that the cooked potatoes are ready for the peelers when they arrive. Please call Trudy Campbell at 937-864-5859, and let her know you will be there.
The 35th Annual GermanFest Picnic will be held August 10, 11, & 12 at our new home at RiverScape Metro Park in downtown Dayton on the Great Miami River. Although our terrific website www.germanfestdayton.com has virtually everything you might need to know about the Fest --including maps, volunteer sign-up, and links to the 5k/10k and vendor web sites, this guide will be useful for those without digital access and also as a handy reference. This will be the last printed information before the Fest – please review and keep at hand! Our final general Picnic meeting will be Wednesday, July 25th, 7 PM at the DLT.

We had a surprisingly good turnout for our first year at the new location. We are hopeful that with good weather we will see most of our frequent patrons and a return of the new visitors from last year. Our footprint will be larger this year with the addition of the Crawford Plaza in front of Fifth Third Field and we have added a second stage and beer garden on south Patterson Blvd.

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. We especially need people of all
ages to run, jog, or walk in the 5k or 10k events. You can help publicizing the event in numerous ways --yard signs, distributing fliers, FaceBook, etc. Our members and volunteers make all the difference including the various community groups that help us.

Activities/ Needs –

#1 HQ Tent/Raffle – Lori Hemmelgarn is again chairing the Grand Raffle with its great prizes. Net proceeds will help us defray our over $75,000 in fixed facility costs alone. Contact Lori at 937-657-8489 or lhemmelgarn@gmail.com. Any donations for what used to be the Mini Raffle—gift coupons, free pizzas, merchandise, hair sessions, etc. Please ask—the worst they can do is say no. The donations will be used in gift baskets, door prizes, etc. 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. We need to staff the HQ tent where we sell club souvenirs--tees, posters, pins, dispense info, provide lost & found, coordinate First Aid, etc.

#2 Loading, Set-up, Teardown, Cleanup

We need folks on Thursday August 9th, 6PM at the clubhouse to help move items from storage to staging area and then to load the trucks and on Friday, August 10th at 8:30AM at RiverScape 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 or at our storage unit on Monday AM. Cleanup at the Klubhaus begins on Monday at 9AM.

#3 Sponsors/Donors/PR

We are always in need of sponsors. Our expenses at RiverScape are significantly greater than at CP. Our costs for rent,; tents, tables, &
chairs; electrical support; security; insurance; waste; publicity; and bands exceed $100,000. Any donations will help keep us above water. Volunteers to help solicit sponsors, donations, and push the PR window—needed NOW. A sponsor/donor guide is available, was included with a past Newsletter, and is on the Picnic website. Unfortunately, almost no one is able to solicit sponsorships --our total for this year is under $10,000 meaning that we must earn $90,000 of profit just to break even!! PR is well underway with brochure distribution at World Affair and other locations. Press releases and ads have been done. TV2 has begun publicizing our Fest. Fliers available now. New yard signs are available at the DLT.

#4 Volunteering
If you haven't already, 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 time slotting—check our website, www.germanfestdayton.com to sign up or go to signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2307220/false#/invitation

#5 Food
We have added one outside food vendor this year to expand the reach of German food. Our Liederkranz food service operations include:

Worker Coordinator - Laura Duncan
- signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2307220/false#/invitation
Cashiers – Mishelle Dicken - 746-9812
Card Readers – Kara Getrost - karaget@gmail.com
Chair – Debbie Venys - 416-1545
Potato Salad Preparation - at the DLT/Andrea Hellickson/Trudy Campbell - 864-5859
Schnitzels – Ron Sagasser -271-7876
Warmers/Grilling - volunteers needed/Kurt Gaertner
Express/Sandwich Operation –Christie Kidd - 422-6505/Margie Lewis - gretellewis@gmail.com
Cakes – Cornelia Shockey – 253-8242, Maria Duncan – 293-6004 (need cake donations)
Inventory – Debbie Venys - 416-1545
Food Service Soft Drinks – Meyer Family – 278-9258

#6 Beer/Wine/Tickets
We will have the special craft beer trailer again this year in addition to our usual unmatched selection of German brews. We will have the large HB Bier Garten in the central area of the Fest. There will be a Stein Lift contest and a "hammer" game in the Garten area. We have added two new beer stations this year. First is a trailer serving draft only which will be in the Pavilion. Second is a new Warsteiner Emporium and Bier Garten on South Patterson. It will also serve craft beer from the Dayton Beer Company. There will be two wine/Jaeger booths as well as two ID/Ticket booths. We have added an express ticket booth on South Patterson for peak hours.

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.

John Banford – 848-9070/ Rick Ordeman – 558-6993/ /Amy Clark 974-3634 /Ken Kreitzer - 580 - 7266/ Abby Shroyer - 750-5565
Wine: Nicole Lashley & Felicite Lilly -937-271-1226 or 937-626-3209
Wrist Bands/Tickets – Kate Hodapp – 371-0104
Alcohol Serving/Selling Training
Increasingly, festivals are requiring any workers involved in selling tickets or selling/serving alcohol to undergo training for prevention of underage drinking and non sales to the "impaired". The Ohio Bureau of Alcohol will offer free training at the DLT on two dates: Wednesday July 25th at 6pm and on Tuesday July 31 at 630pm. If you are involved in any way with beer/wine for the Picnic now or in the future, please make an attempt to attend. We will track those trained as it affects our insurance.

#7 Genealogy Tent/Cultural Heritage Tent
We need help at the Genealogy Tent – you don’t need to be an expert; we have Ancestors.com programs. Annie Foos will be taking on a leadership role. And Judy can always use help promoting the Liederkranz and our German Heritage.
Louise Gaertner – 434-7999/Annie Foos - 227-3729
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 under Phyllis Niemeyer. Help needed.

#9 Pretzels/Landjaeger
Delicious Landjaeger and pretzels. GBU members will be staffing.  Dave Pepiot - 434-1050
Chris Van Breukelen - 885-4784

#10 Trachten Show
Support the true German ethnic spirit by appearing in the Trachten Show. Call Silvie Schrumpf - 310-1105 to participate. The new features introduced in 2013 have led to increasing popularity. Jamie Jarosik, TV2 meteorologist,
is expected to emcee the show

#11 18th GermanFest Picnic 5k/10k
Unique awards and tee shirts will again be featured at our 5k/10k race/walk starting at 9AM on Saturday the 11th. Registration forms are available at www.germanfestdayton.com, or on line at www.itsyourrace.com. Andrew Koerner – 269-3359 or djkoerner24@aol.com is the Race Director and could use help starting at 8AM on Saturday. The fun awards ceremony will feature beer from the Dayton Beer Company.

#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 present the scholarship winners and kick off the Festival with a traditional keg tapping. Brian will likely do the weather report from the Spass Platz (Pavilion) as he often does.

#13 Parking/RTA Shuttle
There will be no reserved parking this year. Numerous lots are within three blocks of RiverScape. Ample street parking is also available including HANDICAP Parking along First Street and Jefferson Street near RiverScape.

The parking lot at the Liederkranz and the lots west of Stivers School for the Arts are also available for free. City garages at the Convention Center, Fourth and Jefferson, and the Main Street garage near Monument (a block away) will offer reduced rates. A free RTA shuttle will service all areas during Fest hours including a stop at Fifth & Keowee near the DLT. A route map with stops is on the Picnic website.

#14 Final Picnic Meeting -- Wednesday, July 25th, 7 PM - DLT Ratskeller
New singers and dancers are welcome to join us at any time. Choir rehearsals are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, (starting up again August 30) and dance lessons are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Mondays. Come try it out!

The purpose of *Liederkranz Life* is to keep our members and friends informed of meetings, club events and German cultural happenings in the Dayton area.

**DEADLINE:** *Liederkranz Life* appears on the 1st and 15th of each month. If you have information to be added to or highlighted in this newsletter, please email the Newsletter Team by the 10th or 25th.

PLEASE NOTE: Any events not on the DLT Website Calendar will not be included in this newsletter. Of course, if there is an immediate need to distribute information such as inclement weather or emergency issues, an additional newsletter may be sent, but exceptions will not be made for late material.
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