August 15, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- Fri. Aug. 16, 6 p.m. - Germanfest Picnic Workers' Thank You Party
- Sun. Aug. 18 - **Zum Turner Hof Closed** - Recovering from the Germanfest Picnic!
- Mon. Aug. 19 - **Zum Turner Hof Closed** - Recovering from the Germanfest Picnic!
- Thurs. Aug. 22 - 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsals Resume
- Sun. Aug. 25 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Mon. Aug. 26 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Zum Turner Hof Lunch
- Tues. Aug. 27 - 7 p.m. Board Meeting
- Thurs. Aug. 29 - 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Mon. Sept. 2 - NO GERMAN DANCE LESSONS
"Ich Hab mein Herz in RiverScape verloren, In einer lauen Sommernacht". There were actually two amazing summer nights (and three days) at RiverScape, probably the most enjoyable experiences at our GermanFest Picnic that I’ve had over the last 25 years. All event components were performing like a German-engineered well-oiled machine!

#DaytonStrong crowds in the 50,000 range, heart warming Gemülichkeit everywhere, terrific food, drink, music and more. We can be proud as an organization and as individuals for this special contribution to our community life. And endless thanks to our dedicated Activity Leaders, their workers, and our many volunteers. It’s difficult to relay all of the good things that I hear about the GermanFest and the DLT –trust me they are out there.

We will have a Debriefing meeting later in September when most of the income and expenses will have been processed. And then we’ll start planning on the challenges for next year.

**John Koerner,**
President
Many of our workers spent the majority of their time mainly in their own work area. I managed to observe many areas and wanted to point out the outstanding work of several people that worked tirelessly before during and after the picnic. For most of our volunteers the picnic is over for another year and assume it is over for everyone else. For many others they will continue working through the following days, weeks and months until the next picnic.

First off, I must thank John Koerner and my beautiful wife, Debbie, who spent many hours through the year and during the picnic making sure that we would actually be able to open the festival on time. I was not at the opening ceremony but heard a recording of part of John's opening speech and as is typical he was quite eloquent and did a fantastic job of welcoming our guests. Next would be the treasury's group of workers, who were there almost every
hour during the picnic and for several hours before and after each night counting the money.

The next two people, Dave Witt and his alter-ego Max, worked many many hours prior to the picnic designing and building signs and many other things for us, making sure that we had trucks available and drivers for them, handling the annual reefer truck fiasco, arranging for a sound company, making announcements at both stages, juggling stage schedules when last minute changes were made, shuttling trucks from RiverScape back to the club hours after everyone else had gone home, etc, etc, etc.

Jacob and his culinary crew spent many hours redesigning our food service area to make it more efficient and it worked amazingly well, serving our customers quickly and efficiently. Andrea's Express meal line prepared and served an unbelievable quantity of meals with a very small crew.

One of our newer volunteers, Ken Kreitzer, was amazing. Last year he was in charge of the beer trailer in the pavilion. This year he ran that and all of our beer trucks by the second stage. He continually improved his operation this year, moving things around where they would work better, seeing a need for an additional beer ticket station near the second stage and shifting his own people around so that he could staff it. This made it much more convenient for the customers and appears to have resulted in a huge increase in beer sales at that location. He continually looked for ways to improve his area and has great plans for 2020.

Dave Pepiot and his crew make a higher percentage of profit for us than any other area that I am aware of, and the sale of cheese dip for the pretzels was outstanding this year! Obviously this is only a partial list, as these are the people that I personally know of.

*Der Schatzmeister*
We were blessed to have the Klaberheads and Fr. Dave Brinkmoeller with us at the Polka Mass at the Germanfest this year. Here is an excerpt from Fr. Dave's blog on Caring Bridge:

"...I got home last night from NC just in time to be able to have Mass this morning at Germanfest in downtown Dayton. Ohmygosh, what a treat! An oompah band provided the music, and our German heritage provided the context for a Mass full of praise for a God of all peoples and nations, a Mass of gratitude and togetherness. It was especially cool in that today would have been Mom's 106th birthday, she the daughter of 2 German immigrants. The Mass took every ounce of juice out of me - I slept for two and a half hours when I got home - but it was so worth it. Another of the million blessings of this week..."

Please keep Fr. Dave in your prayers as he continues his battle with cancer. We're praying for a
Springerle Baking Class
(This is a two day course)

When - Saturday and Sunday, 14 & 15 September.
Saturday starts at 10am and lasts till about 3-4pm.
Sunday starts at 1pm and lasts until the cookies are baked and bagged.

Where - Eintracht Singing Society Inc.
2707 Old Troy Pike, Dayton, OH

There are 14 openings for this class. Eight are prioritized for Eintracht members and 6 for others. You do not have to be in a club to learn how to make these wonderful German cookies.
All ingredients will be provided. You will be taking some home. (It’s no fun not to enjoy a cookie.) We will also be freezing some for the DLT Christkindlmarkt.

Reservations are required no later than 6 September. Please call Lori at 937-657-8489 and leave a message.

The 8 prioritized slots will open up on the 7th of September, so please leave your name and number so that I can contact you if a space becomes available.

These cookies take awhile to make but can be frozen and enjoyed all year long. We will be using Else Schiller’s recipe. You will get a copy of the recipe and a bag of cookies to take home.

I hope to have a full house. See you there.

Lori Hemmelgarn

New singers and dancers are welcome to join us at any time. Choir rehearsals are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, 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](mailto:mailchimp) by the 10th or 25th.

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