



NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor's Desk

We're almost halfway through the year, and that means it's time to share with you this latest issue of our newsletter. This issue is our largest issue yet! In it, we have a recap of some of our events from the first part of 2018. There are also details on some great events planned for this summer and the rest of the year. We hope you'll join us for them! A full listing of our upcoming events can be found on page 3. For the latest schedule and details, be sure to visit our web site frequently by going to www.danubeswabian.com.

I would like to thank all of the contributors for this newsletter issue. There are some wonderful stories and photos, which I think you'll really enjoy. As a reminder to all of our readers, if you would like to contribute to any of our future newsletter issues, please send an e-mail to newsletter@danubeswabian.com or talk with a club representative. Have a great summer, and enjoy reading!



The Kindergruppe performs at the Mother's Day Dinner

Visit our web site for the latest news and events!
www.danubeswabian.com

President's Message

Fred Gauss, President

The beginning of this year has been very satisfying. Our membership numbers have increased and our social events have had good member support. Our annual fundraising request in January was the most successful to date. It came in handy as we had two major plumbing issues which needed correction (a water pipe burst in the club during the winter freeze - what a mess - and a sewer line needed to be replaced - ouch \$\$\$\$).

The soccer program has performed well and we currently have swelled to 11 teams so that we cannot establish any more teams due to our limited space. Our upcoming events should be to everyone's liking. The June outdoor concerts (3) and the pig roast (also World Cup final) in July. The 40th Wallfahrt Memorial Mass on Sunday June 3 will be held in a new location (Sisters of the Holy Redeemer Chapel). It is a wonderful location and I hope you will be able to attend.

Enjoy the newsletter – there's a lot of information. I hope to see you at one of our events.

Mother's Day Dinner

On Friday evening, May 11, 2018, we celebrated our Friday night Mother's Day dinner and dancing. The event was well attended. The buffet was extensive with soup, pork, chicken, rot kraut, spaetzle, and cheesecake, and every enjoyed the choices. After dinner, the Kindergruppe consisting of five couples performed three dances, which everyone enjoyed. Children who danced in the group are between the ages of 3 years to 10. After their dance, the children each gave beautiful flowers - "mums" - to all the "moms" and ladies in attendance. It was a wonderful evening and it's great to be able to continue this annual event.

Mother's Day Poems

We hope you'll enjoy this collection of poems for Mother's Day, submitted by board member Gerline Maitz.

"M-O-T-H-E-R"

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold,
"E" is for her eyes, with love – light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell MOTHER, a word that means the world to me.

Liebe Mutter

Lebe glücklich lebe heiter,
lebe in Gesundheit weiter,
lebe viele Jahre noch!
Liebe Mutter, lebe hoch!

Past Events

We would like to thank everyone for attending the many events in the first part of 2018, including our Venison Dinner and Schnitzel Dinners!



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Upcoming Events

- 6/1 Summer Concert Series - No Irish Need Apply
- 6/3 Pilgrimage Mass
- 6/15 Summer Concert Series - Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band
- 6/22 Summer Concert Series - SoundWave Big Band
- 6/23 Philadelphia Sommerfest
- 7/14 Trenton Donauschwaben Auto and Motorcycle Show
- 7/14 Philadelphia Union vs. Eintracht Frankfurt
- 7/15 Club Picnic and Pig Roast
- 8/26 Tag der Donauschwaben
- 9/30 German-American Steuben Parade
- 10/13 Wine Tasting

Please be considerate and make your reservations in a timely manner so the kitchen can properly prepare for each event.

Ladies Auxiliary Update

Submitted by Roswitha Hoenisch

Our Penny Party was held on March 28th, and although it was postponed due to a snowstorm, it was still a rousing success!

We had a packed room of 161 guests. There were many beautiful prizes to be had. Also, this was our second year of having what we called a “man cave” section of prizes geared to the men among

the guests. This is becoming increasingly popular as we are having more male guests, and our ladies also loved the household tools and gardening items. Along with the regular prizes were also raffled items, and this year our first 50/50, which was a great success.

Many thanks to Gerlinde and her team of ladies and to all who donated their time to this popular event!



Friends from the Trenton Donauschwaben enjoying the Penny Party



Guests taking a look at the great prizes



A full house at the 2018 Penny Party!

German-American Steuben Parade

The 48th German-American Steuben Parade will take place on Sunday, September 30, 2018 in Rockledge - Fox Chase, PA!

Our club is looking for a young woman who would like to represent the Donauschwaben in the annual Miss German-American competition to be held at the Steuben Day Observance Committee's Sommerfest on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein. Please contact Fred Gauss if you are interested or if you know of someone who is. The three finalists will receive scholarship money in addition to other prizes from the Steuben Committee. The Philadelphia Sommerfest festival starts at 1 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$7. Tickets are \$10 at the gate.

Finally, come out on Saturday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. as the Philadelphia Union host Eintracht Frankfurt of the German Bundesliga at Talen Energy Stadium! A portion of each ticket purchased through this link will benefit the Association and the German-American Steuben Parade in Philadelphia. Don't miss a great day of German-American fun in Chester. For tickets and more information, please visit the page at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Steubenday>.

Project Updates

The bathroom project at the club continues to move forward. Even with some of the recent maintenance issues at the club, we still hope to commence work in 2018. If you would like to make a contribution or get involved with the project, you can make a donation or contact us via the club's web site. Thank you to those who made generous contributions to the club in the past year to make this project possible!

Hall Rental at the Club

Did you know that if you are a club member, you can rent the hall for a birthday party, wedding reception, Baptism, or other special event? We offer a variety of packages for those interested in renting the hall. Not a member yet? Consider submitting a membership application first and then talk with our hall rental coordination about your options. What better place than the Danube Swabian Association to plan your next event!



Upstairs hall available for rental for your next event

Verband News

This year's National Donauschwaben Labor Day (September 1 and 2) celebration will be held in Kitchner, Ontario. It is a wonderful weekend full of dancing and comradery. Go to the club's web site for more information or call Fred Gauss at 215-722-4253.

The National Memorial Day Donauschwaben Soccer tournament on May 26-27 for men, women, and over-35 will be held in Philadelphia at the United German Hungarian Club. There will be a lot of talent on display so plan on seeing a few games over the weekend.



**Danube Swabian Association
of Philadelphia and Vicinity**

Tag der Donauschwaben

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Gates Open at 11:30 a.m.

Festival Admission: \$5

Soccer Games ♦ Folk Dancing ♦ German Music
Children's Games ♦ German Food and Drink



Catholic Mass in German at 12:15 p.m. in Upstairs Hall

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Recipe Corner

Oma's Kartoffelsalat (Potato Salad)

Ingredients:

- 50 pounds red potatoes
- 5 pounds onions
- 1 bottle (1 quart) Heinz white vinegar
- 2 quarts water
- 5 handfuls of salt (Oma's hand)
- 5 handfuls of sugar (Oma's hand)
- 1 quart Mazola oil
- 1 bunch Italian leaf parsley very finely chopped
- Pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Boil the potatoes with the skin on them.
2. Peel and let them cool. Cold is better for slicing.
3. Slice them very thin with a slicer (mandolin). Oma used a very sharp knife.
4. Chop the onions very fine.
5. Mix the onions with the sugar and salt and let stand until soft.
6. Pour the water and vinegar over the potatoes.
7. Place the onions in the middle of the potatoes.
8. Heat the oil until very hot (do not leave it unattended).
9. Pour the oil over the onions and potatoes.
10. Add the pepper and parsley and mix very gently.
11. Chill.
12. Make it a day ahead for best flavor.

Note: This recipe is from my grandmother, Franziska Andre (born Eckert) who founded the Philadelphia Donauschwaben Kindergruppe in 1960. Over the years, she made thousands of pounds of potato salad for organizations such as the Kolping House, the Donauschwaben, die Deutsche Gesellschaft, and of course her family.

This recipe was contributed by Ronnie McDermott.



Andre Oma at the German Club

We always enjoy contributions from our members! If you would like to submit a recipe to be included in the Recipe Corner in our next newsletter, or if you would like to submit a personal story about your Donauschwaben family, a poem, a memory, or some other item of interest for our newsletter, please contact Michael Rakszawski or send an e-mail to newsletter@danubeswabian.com.

Kindergruppe of the Past



Kindergruppe from around 1989-1991

Pilgrimage Mass

We will be celebrating the 40th Wallfahrt this year. There was concern over the continuation of the event because we needed to relocate it from the Mother Katharine Drexel shrine due to the selling of their property. Well, we have been very lucky. We spoke to the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer who offered us the use of their chapel. It is a lovely decorated chapel, and I can't wait to have us celebrate the Mass there. Many people that live in the Philly suburbs know Holy Redeemer Hospital. The chapel is located in the former Motherhouse on a side street just east of the hospital. The address is 521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

Note: We will not be having the usual lunch at the club after the Pilgrimage Mass this year. Instead, immediately following the Pilgrimage Mass, we will be having a simple reception with coffee and cake in a side room outside the chapel. Once again, there will be no lunch at the club this year.

As for some background, The Redeemer Sisters were founded in 1849 and are currently headquartered in Wurzburg, Germany. Their Founder – Sister Alponse Maria Eppinger – will be beatified in September 2018 in Strasbourg, France. The Sisters came to America in 1924 and Holy Redeemer Hospital was dedicated in 1958.

40th German Pilgrimage

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Sisters of the Holy Redeemer Chapel
521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

10:45 a.m. Procession assembles in front of the chapel

11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass

Celebrant:

Rev. Eugene C. Wilson, Holy Cross Parish, Springfield, PA

The Franz Schubert Mass will be provided by:

Franklinville/Schwartzwald Quartet Club, President Gregor Helmkamp

Damenchor Wald-Echo, President Betty Boyts

The pilgrimage is sponsored by the Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia, Trenton, and New York: a group of Germans who were forced to leave their homeland when the communist tide swept through Europe in 1944-1948.

This memorial Mass is in honor of our people who died in the camps of Yugoslavia, Russia and for those who were forced out of their homes in East Prussia, Silesia, Sudetenland, Bohemia, Gotschee, Baragan, Hungary, and Romania. We remember those who died in our old and new homelands.



Please visit <http://redeemersisters.org/contact> for detailed directions.

Note: Instead of the usual lunch at the club, this year, there will be a simple reception with refreshments served after the Mass in a side room outside the chapel.

Danubia Soccer News

On February 17, the Danubia Youth Soccer Program celebrated with their second annual Youth Soccer Banquet. As our youth program is steadily growing, the banquet was without a seat to spare, with players and parents busting at the seams.

The coaches of each team had an opportunity to highlight the hard work and accomplishments of the players over the past year and we had much to celebrate. Some of the notable successes were:

Pittsgrove Labor Day Tournament Champions

Dynamo

Champions of the Fall 2017 ICSL

Griffins '10

Griffins '09

Gunners White

Hotspur

Finalists of the Fall 2017 ICSL

Cosmos

Lightning

Dynamo

2018 PA Indoor Cup Champions

Gunners

YSC Winter League Champions

Dynamo

March into Cups Tournament Champions

Lightning

The Women's Majors Fury ended their fall outdoor season with a record of 4-3-4. They continued their successes with a first place finish at the YSC Indoor Winter League.

As the Men's Majors 17/18 season starts to come to a close we are putting the word out! We are looking for fresh new faces to continue our rebuilding process. The signings that came through this year were able to get the team closer over the hump but they are not quite there yet. Any players between the ages of 18-30 who are looking for high competition soccer, we are

now looking for you! We are now looking for players for our Men's Reserve Program as we go through this very short off season. Please feel free to contact us for your chance to come out and try out!

All of our teams are heading into the Spring Season with confidence, competing in the PA State Cups and hopeful to bring home another (or more) shiny Cups to the Danubia Soccer Club.

For more information about the soccer club, please contact Hans Kloehn, Jr. or visit our web site at www.fcdanubia.org.



**U-10 Danubia Gunners
2018 EPYSA Indoor State Cup Champions**



**Danubia Hotspur U-12 Boys
EPYSA Indoor State Cup Runner Up**

Suppe und Palatschinken

Submitted by George Brenner

Passing on the Traditional Donauschwaben Meals
- Suppe und Palatschinken Dinner

We can all agree that the best cooks in the world are our mothers and grandmothers. Growing up in a Donauschwaben home, we had the benefit of enjoying the best meals prepared by our best cooks.

One of those traditional meals, which was generally eaten on Fridays in Lent since it was a day of abstaining from meat, was the Suppe und Palatschinken Dinner. This meal features homemade soup and Palatschinken (crepes). Over the years, the homemade soup and Palatschinken dinner has become one of the most anticipated and better attended dinners at the club. This year was no exception. The downstairs hall was full of hungry people and we enjoyed an outstanding potato soup and Palatschinken stuffed with your choice of the traditional farmers cheese filling, apricot, or strawberry jelly.

A mission of the Donauschwaben Club is to carry on the traditions which were passed on to us from our parents to the next generations. With the preparation of a traditional meal, you would expect a few moms or Omas to be in the kitchen preparing the meals. This year the Suppe und Palatschinken dinner was prepared by the next generations! The potato soup was prepared by Matt Gauss who did not search the internet for a recipe but rather learned from his Oma. Cassidy Sudell, a teenager currently studying German in school and who has helped in the kitchen for several events, carefully prepared the batter which is the secret to good Palatschinken. Our multi-generational team then worked hard filling the hundreds of Palatschinken that were enjoyed.

From the people who enjoyed the Suppe und Palatschinken dinner to the next generation we say THANK YOU! You did an excellent job and we look forward to enjoying more great meals at the club. To the mothers and grandmothers who were at the dinner and those that were with us in

spirit, thank you and MISSION
ACCOMPLISHED.



Volunteers showcase their Palatschinken at the annual club-favorite dinner

Club Maintenance

As mentioned in the president's report, we had a wild winter plumbing season. During the extremely cold week in January, a heating pipe located in the upstairs bar burst and leaked water. It was by chance that I stopped at the club that afternoon. On arrival, I found the water coming through the ceiling in the locker room and coat room. The water had already come out into the foyer and vestibule.

Luckily, there was no damage inside the downstairs bar or the upstairs hall. The downstairs rugs have been replaced as well as the upstairs bar floor. We were very fortunate. Thank you to Hans Kloehn and Paul Hoenisch for their work in installing the rugs and floor.

The sewer piper for the rental property was also broken and caused limited damage but there was a major clean-up necessary. The cost for the repairs was roughly \$4,500.

Fly Eagles Fly

Submitted by George Brenner

For many of our members and friends, Super Bowl LII was a very memorable event. Many of us gathered with family and friends or went out to watch the game at a sports bar. We had great food, drinks, comradery and a game that was not over until the last play. And best of all, our beloved Eagles endured to become the World Champions!

How many times during the season did you hear the Eagles fight song? I am confident that even the casual fan knows the words and can sing along to the Fly, Eagles Fly song. At our house, every time the Eagles scored during the Super Bowl game Ingo Kraus pulled out his guitar and led us in a rendition of the Fly, Eagles Fly fight song. The excitement was high, and the music was great, except instead of Fly, Eagles Fly, the words were Flieg, Adler Flieg. We have to thank the Lower Moreland High School German Class for providing the idea and the words which helped make Super Bowl LII even more memorable.

The Flieg, Adler Flieg song was not only sung during the Super Bowl game. There were a few events at the club when the Flieg, Adler Flieg song sheets were passed out and the group started singing Fly, Eagles Fly in German. Hopefully we will hear it again at some of the upcoming events. In case you want to practice for Super Bowl LIII, the words are below.

Flieg, Adler flieg!
Auf dem Weg zu eurem Sieg!
Flieg, Adler flieg!
Macht ein To---or 1,2,3!
Schlagt sie tief! Schlagt sie hoch!
Und schau die Adler Flieg!
Flieg, Adler flieg! Auf dem Weg zu eurem Sieg!
A-D-L-E-R! ADLER!

Membership Note

If you have not already done so, this is a friendly reminder to submit your membership renewal for the club. All members should have received a mailing at the end of 2017 with membership renewal details. If you misplaced yours, you can pick up a new one at the club.

We offer the ability to pay membership dues and make donations to the club on our web site via PayPal. Please visit www.danubeswabian.com and click on "Membership" or "Donate" to learn more.

If you have any questions about club membership, or if you would like to become a member, please contact our membership secretary, Roswitha Hoenisch, at 215-638-8387 or membership@danubeswabian.com.

Wine Tasting

Please join us for our 4th annual wine tasting event, which will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Details will be posted to the club's web site in the coming months.

Danubia-L Mailing List

We welcome you to subscribe to our "Danubia-L" electronic mailing list to stay informed of news and upcoming events.

To sign up for the Danubia-L mailing list, send your name and e-mail address to webmaster@danubeswabian.com.

Member News

We hope you will enjoy reading about the recent accomplishments, birthday milestones, anniversaries, and travels, of our members. If you would like to submit your own member news to be featured in the next newsletter, please send an e-mail with the information to newsletter@danubeswabian.com.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new club members.

- Erika Branham
- Gordon Dunlap, Jr.
- Al Taubenberger
- Bridget Hughes
- Donald & Frances Cook
- Russel and Palma Curtis
- Donna & Michael Fox
- Allan & Helen Kniffin
- Joseph & Mary Sheck
- Grace Wischung Smith
- Theresa & Michael Sutton
- David Rakszawski

New Arrival

Parents George and Elisabeth Clark, sister Cacilie, and brother George welcome Maximilian (Max) Joseph Clark, born August 10, 2017 at 8 lbs. 3 oz. and 20.5 inches.

Birthdays

Congratulations to Katharina Marx who celebrated her 90th birthday with a celebration at the club!

Maria Mattes turned 80 this year on February 22nd. This milestone was celebrated with the upstairs hall filled with family and friends. In lieu of gifts, Frau Mattes requested donations to be sent to two causes of her choosing. This resulted in over \$1600 being collected for the club's newest remodel project. We wish her many more years and thank her for her tireless dedication to the club throughout the years!



Maria Mattes celebrates her 80th birthday with family and friends at the club

Congratulations to Katharina Leisch who celebrated her 95th birthday on December 12, 2017.

Graduations

Patricia Kelly and Regina Kosiek (sisters) both received advanced degrees at this year's commencement exercises at LaSalle University. Patricia received a Master of Science in Nursing and Regina received a Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry. (♪ Sisters, Sisters. There were never such devoted Sisters. ♪)

Christian Matico graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Dayton with a major in English and a minor in Political Science. He did a study abroad for a semester at Korea University in Seoul, South Korea. Mom, Dad, Oma, family and friends are very proud of him!



Christian Matico graduates from the University of Dayton

Engagement

Congratulations to Eric Rakszawski and Jasmine Maloney on their engagement over Mother's Day weekend!

In Memoriam

The past few months have been very difficult for many club members and friends as family members passed away. You are in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult times.

- Magdalena (Schaeffer) Schumm
- Irene (Borowitz) Kronberger
- Rudy Ulrich
- Elizabeth (Schaeffer) Schneider
- Alois Freuhauf
- Maria Auerbach
- Anna Klein
- Robert Stocks
- Susanne (Wenzel) McCloskey
- Isabella Beichl
- Hans Hahn

Other News

Congratulations to Karen Epps, daughter of Carl and Alice Guarino and granddaughter of Michael and Hilde Leisch, who received a Lindback Foundation 2018 Distinguished Philadelphia Teacher Award. She currently teaches Mathematics at Science Leadership Academy @Beeber. She started teaching at Science Leadership Academy in 2014.

Kindergruppe member Maddie Kelly won a Philadelphia Flower Show first place ribbon for her school's garden project. It seems that she has acquired some of Anna Gauss' gardening talents. Maddie is the great-granddaughter of Anna, who had also been awarded in past years two Flower Show ribbons for her garden.

For more information about Maddie's award, visit <https://www.facebook.com/stjpschool> and then navigate to February 16, 2018.



Madeline Kelly and Jenna Miller

A special thank you to Josef "Sepp" Schaeffer and his son Joseph. Many years ago, Sepp wrote his war time experiences in the Yugoslavian starvation camp (Gakova). It was handwritten, 90+ pages. His son Joseph had the memoir published and provided a few copies to the club as well as to the many Filipowa descendants. It is a very moving book about a terrible time which is not known by many people.

Trenton Donauschwaben News

The Trenton Donauschwaben Association Auto and Motorcycle Show will take place on July 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. It is being held at the German American Society in Yardville, NJ. Proceeds support the Danube Swabian Scholarship fund. For more details, visit www.trentondonauschwaben.com.



**Danube Swabian Association
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2018 Friday Night Summer Concert Series

Free and open to the public!

Food and beverages available for purchase starting at 6:00 p.m.

Music begins at 7:00 p.m. in the outdoor picnic area.

- June 1 No Irish Need Apply (Irish / Celtic Rock)**
- June 15 Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band**
- June 22 SoundWave Big Band (Swing Orchestra)**

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Danubia Beer Festival

Club members and friends gathered on Saturday, April 28 for Danubia Beer Festival. The weather was great, and everyone enjoyed tasting the 20 beers available - there were 9 German beers, 1 Czech beer, and 10 beers from the United States. Representatives were also on hand from Round Guys Brewing and Neshaminy Creek Brewing to talk with guests. Two bands entertained the crowd. A homebrew demonstration was also available for those interested. Finally, some guests dared to participate in the Masskrugstemmen competition. The winner, Pat Reily, now moves on to compete with the other Philadelphia area winners at the Philadelphia Sommerfest. Congratulations, Pat! All in all, this year's Danubia Beer Festival was a great event, and we thank all the volunteers who made it possible!



Rob Hessler volunteers at the check-in table



Friends enjoying the beautiful weather



Danubia Beer Festival tasting mugs



Enjoying the day at Danubia Beer Festival



Joanne Taubenberger and Doris Leisch volunteer at Danubia Beer Festival



Club President, Fred Gauss with attendees of Danubia Beer Festival



Competitors in this year's Masskrugstemmen competition



A representative from Neshaminy Creek Brewing Company



Competitors pose for a photo after the fun and friendly competition



One of the great bands at this year's festival



A homebrew demonstration in the works

A Blast from the Past

We thank board member Paul Hoenisch for contributing these great club photos! In this issue, we have photos from various Trachtenfests taken on the grounds of the Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein. The last photo in this set is in memory of Elizabeth (Schaeffer) Schneider.



Trachtenfest in 1969



Trachtenfest in 1969



Trachtenfest in 1969



Trachtenfest in 1971

**Back (left-to-right): Marianne Schaeffer, Linda Hoenisch, Elizabeth Schaeffer
Front: Joe Schaeffer**

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