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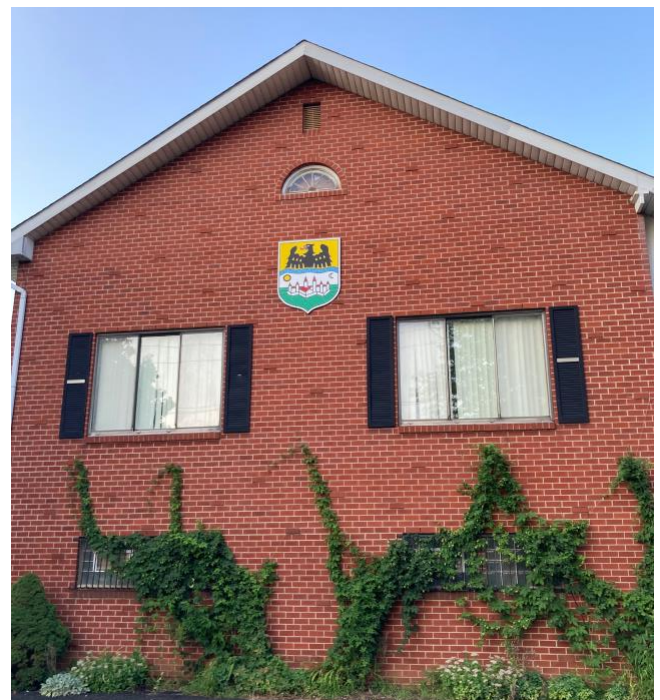
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From the President

Contributed by Fred Gauss

We are not quite back to our normal routine, but it is an improvement from last year. We held our pig roast in July and our Tag der Donauschwaben in August. Our soccer program is scheduled to come back in full force in September. Finally, Fussball at the club. But the virus is still having its effects. We postponed the penny party which we were going to hold in October. It would have been too cramped in the hall. For those who have attended in the past you know what I mean. We will continue to try our best in providing safe activities. The next event is the Wine Tasting which will be held outside. Please come support your club.



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Tag der Donauschwaben

After two years, we were once again able to celebrate our Tag der Donauschwaben festival. The weather cooperated with it being sunny but mild. The afternoon was filled with entertainment by the G.T.V. Almrausch and UGH dancers. The Franklinville-Schwarzwald Maennerchor also performed a sing-along of numerous Volks Lieder from the stage to the delight of the audience. Don Bitterlich as always did a wonderful job providing the accordion music.



A nice afternoon at the festival



UGH dancers



A planter box in the club's picnic area at the festival



Enjoying a good German meal



G.T.V. Almrausch dancers



Ladies Auxiliary Verlosung table

From the Editor's Desk

We are pleased to finally share another content-rich newsletter with you.

This issue provides a recap of some of the events we were able to hold so far this year. We also have some great photos and stories from our members, as usual.

As a reminder, if you would like to contribute to any of our future newsletter issues by sharing a story, a poem, photos, or your memories, please send an e-mail to newsletter@danubeswabian.com or talk with a club representative.

Thank you again for your support of the club, and we hope you enjoy the newsletter!

Upcoming Events

Please check the club web site for continued updates on these upcoming events.

Sat. 9/18	Schnitzel Dinner
Sat. 10/2	Wine Tasting
POSTPONED	Penny Party
Sun. 12/5	Christmas Event (tentative)

Please be considerate and make your reservations in a timely manner so the kitchen can properly prepare for each event. For reservations, please call Gerlinde at 215-673-4423.

Landestreffen 2021

The 2021 National Donauschwaben Treffen was held in Cleveland over the Labor Day weekend. At the time this event was scheduled (in April) there was some hesitation as to what restrictions would be in effect. Luckily come Labor Day there were no restrictions in Ohio; however, just to be cautious, all activities were held outdoors. All U.S.A. Donauschwaben cities were in attendance but Canadian cities were missing because of an imposed travel ban at the last minute. Numerous dance groups performed over the two-day festival. Next year the festival will be held in Trenton over the Labor Day weekend. You can visit <http://www.trentondonauschwaben.com> to learn more about the event in Trenton. Everyone is invited.



Fred Gauss (left) with Frank Herdt and Joe Brandecker from the Trenton Donauschwaben at the Treffen in Cleveland



The Jugend participate in the friendship dance

Club Picnic and Pig Roast

The club hosted its annual picnic and pig roast on Sunday, July 11. While it was a slightly lower turnout than usual, it was really nice to see so many familiar faces at the club again. Thank you to all the members and friends who attended and to all the volunteers who helped to make the event a success.



A great day to be under the tent



Guests enjoying themselves at the annual club picnic



Enjoying a fine afternoon

Membership Note

Thank you to all the members who renewed their membership at the beginning of this year.

Also, a heartfelt thanks to all who donated financially to the club. Your donations are a great help to keep the club going. Again, "Sehr vielen dank." Thank you very much.

As a reminder, 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, please contact our membership secretary, Roswitha Hoenisch, at 215-638-8387 or membership@danubeswabian.com.

Danubia Soccer News

It's only taken 50 years, but the soccer program has finally decided to allow a professional to tackle the soccer field's grass condition – a lot of weeds. To date there have been 5 fertilizer applications with a final fall seeding to take place. No more excuses about field conditions will be accepted starting next spring for missed traps or missed goals. The cost of the treatments is being funded by the sale of advertising banners (3' x 5') along the soccer fence. To date twelve companies have purchased banners. If interested in supporting the field improvements, contact a soccer coach or board member.



Banners hang by the soccer field

The 2021-2022 season has started, and we have seven youth teams and two adult teams. We wish them success in the coming season.

Barry Harvey has retired from his position as coach of the Women's team (Fury). Barry had a long association with the team and had many successful and championship seasons. As a parting gift to the team, Barry supplied them with new summer uniforms. Barry is most definitely a class act.



Barry Harvey with the Women's soccer team

During the summer the soccer program held a cornhole tournament along with a beer tower raffle. The soccer field was turned into a tournament setting with 36 competing teams. It was a huge success for the program.



A great turnout at the cornhole tournament

The u16 Danubia Hotspurs were well represented in Wildwood, NJ on Labor Day weekend as Roman Catholic High School hosted Holy Ghost Prep to the open the 2021 Philadelphia Catholic Soccer Season. Between the 2006 Hotspurs and the 2005 Eagles, Danubia had eleven players representing our club in this game. Roman Catholic won the non-league match 1-0 in a very competitive game.



Danubia soccer players in Wildwood, NJ

The #7 ranked Danubia Gunners won the 2021 Hershey Cup in August to kick off the fall season.



Danubia Gunners in Hershey, PA

Weekend game schedules for the fall can be found on the club's soccer web site, which can be accessed at www.fcdanubia.org.

We would like to thank all of the soccer teams for their support of the club over the past few months!

Club Hours

For those interested, the club is open every Saturday from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Also, starting September 29, a Shuffleboard league will begin at the club on Wednesday nights through the end of the year. The bar will be open from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on these Wednesday nights.

Dance Groups

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our dance groups have not been active for the past few months. However, if you would like to stay in touch and learn more about the club's dance groups, please contact Fred Gauss, Patricia Kelly, or any of the board members.

Youth Reflection

We would like to share a youth group member's thoughts on her 2020/2021 German classes:

Hallo ich heiße Morgan und ich bin dreizehn Jahre alt. This past year at Abington Junior High School I took German as my language. I chose to take German so I can learn more about the country my great grandparents came from and how to speak the language as well. I like how not all of the words are different from English. My Oma and Opa both speak German so I can communicate with them in two languages. I am looking forward to honors German this year and am excited to learn more.



Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity

Outdoor Wine Tasting



with

Victor M. Ykoruk
of
Commonwealth Selections

Join us in our picnic area to sample a variety of wines with lite bite food pairings featuring selections from PA's finest producers including Allegro and Pinnacle Ridge.

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Guests should be seated by 4:00 p.m. for tasting.

(In the event of rain, tasting may be moved inside to ballroom area)

Tickets are \$40. In order to allow for proper ordering of the wine, tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance by Sept 16. Due to social distancing seating recommendations, please make a single reservation for your entire group. We can accommodate groups up to 6 at a single table. Limited seating available. All must follow posted COVID-19 guidelines including mask guidelines.

Please call 215-673-4423 or e-mail wine@danubeswabian.com for tickets.

You must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

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Goulash Dinner

Contributed by George Brenner

Nothing is better than coming inside from a cold autumn or winter day to a plate of Hungarian Goulash. Goulash is a popular cold weather dish that comes from Hungarian gulyas. The word gulya means a herd of cattle in Hungarian and gulyas are the herdsmen. The meat dish prepared by the herdsmen over time became known as gulyashus (goulash meat).

Also, a favorite dish of the Danube Swabians, our club recently prepared a takeout Goulash dinner. While preparing the meal and coordinating the logistics under the current COVID-19 circumstances was a challenge, the real challenge was finding “THE” recipe for Goulash. You can go online and find numerous recipes. The various Donauschwaben Club cookbooks each contain up to four different recipes in one cookbook, and that is just for the Hungarian Goulash. In addition to the Hungarian Goulash recipes, the Philadelphia Donauschwaben cookbook has a recipe for Szekely Goulash and the Trenton Donauschwaben cookbook has a recipe for Tyrolean Goulash.

Besides selecting “THE” recipe, next came the task of deciding how to serve the Goulash. There are several choices such as serving Goulash over noodles, over spaetzle, over rice, or with nothing but the potatoes in the Goulash. Do you include rye bread which some people use to dip into the gravy? How much gravy should Goulash have? If the gravy is very thin, then the dish would be a Goulash Suppe. A thicker gravy makes the dish more like a stew. There was discussion that some people eat Goulash with a spoon and others use a fork. Do you serve Goulash on a plate or in a bowl?

The takeout dinner was held on Saturday, February 20. The weather was perfect because the snowfall earlier in the week made for a perfect environment to enjoy a great Goulash dinner. Thanks to Hans and all the volunteers that worked in the kitchen, our club members and friends enjoyed a fork style Hungarian Goulash served over noodles with a piece of rye bread to make sure the plates were

wiped clean of the very filling and delicious winter meal.

Coincidentally, the following recipe was published in the Staats – Zeitung (aka The German Times) after the Club Goulash dinner. I made this recipe for our family and we enjoyed this version of Goulash as well.



Volunteers David Rakszawski, Roswitha Hoenisch, and Ross Matico package the dinners



Rob Hessler helps to facilitate the dinner pick-up

Recipe Corner

Hungarian Goulash

Ingredients (for steps 1 and 2):

- 2 medium onions
- 2 tsp butter
- 1 tsp caraway seeds
- 2 Tbsp paprika
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 ½ pound stew beef cut into 1” cubes

Ingredients (for step 3):

- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 ½ cup carrots
- 3 cups potatoes
- 1 cup diced tomatoes canned
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper

Directions:

1. In a large pot, melt butter and add onion. Cook until translucent. Stir in caraway seeds and paprika and mix well.
2. In a bowl, coat the chopped beef with flour. Add beef to the onion mixture and cook for about 3 minutes.
3. Add the beef broth to the pot. You will want the broth to lift the brown bits off the bottom of the pot as it adds flavor. Then add tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, salt and pepper.
4. Stir and bring to a boil, cover, then reduce to a simmer for about 1 ½ - 2 hours or until tender.

This recipe was contributed by George Brenner and comes from the Staats – Zeitung (The German Times).

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.

General Membership Meeting

The club's annual general membership meeting was held virtually on Sunday, February 28, 2021. The various sections gave reports and elections were held. Thank you to all those who attended.

Donauschwaben Villages Helping Hands

Are you interested in learning more about your Donauschwaben heritage? If so, along with our club, another great resource is a group called the Donauschwaben Villages Helping Hands. You can visit their web site at www.dvhh.org or find them on Facebook. Their web site in particular has great information regarding the many villages where our families originated.

Thank You!

We again thank all of our members and friends who generously donated to the club over the past year and a half to carry us through the difficult times presented by the pandemic. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

Takeout Dinners

A takeout Kassler Ripchen dinner was held on April 24. It was a nice opportunity for everyone to enjoy a good meal while supporting the club.

A takeout Schnitzel dinner was held on March 27. Many guests enjoyed the meal, and our fabulous volunteers helped the event to run smoothly.



Volunteers Fred Gauss, Lis Reap, and Linde Luczakowsky assist in the kitchen to prepare the schnitzel



A generous portion was provided

Kitchen Help Needed

The club is looking for kitchen and wait staff help. For more information, or if you are interested, please contact Fred Gauss at 215-722-4253.



As previously noted, the annual Donauschwaben Treffen will be held in Trenton, NJ next year during Labor Day weekend 2022. Please save the dates!

Club E-mail List Update

Last year, we changed the platform used for our club e-mail list. The new platform allows us to more easily share news, photos, and other content with you. We hope you are enjoying the new format!

We welcome anyone interested to sign-up for our club e-mails. You can self-subscribe to our e-mail list by visiting our web site at

www.danubeswabian.com and clicking on the link on the right-hand side of the home page.

If you have questions or need help with the new e-mail list, please contact webmaster@danubeswabian.com.



Mrs. Katherina Marx displays some of her beautiful garden flowers

Member Gardens

Thank you to the club members who submitted photos of their gardens to share in this newsletter.



Mary Kelly stands among the flowers she helped plant in her grandfather's garden



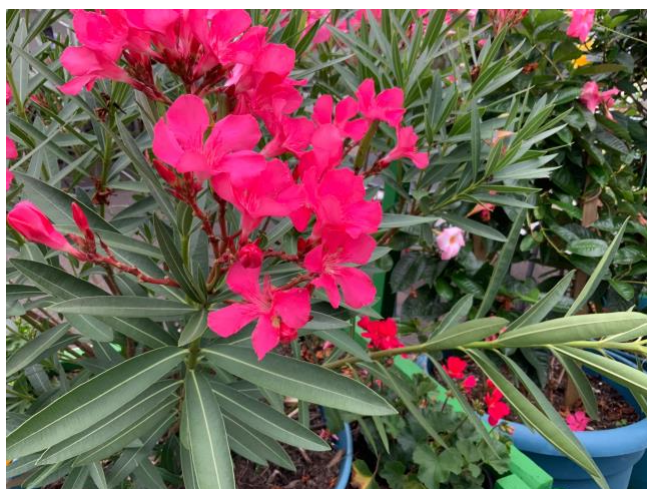
A dwarf yellow sunflower from the garden of newsletter editor Michael Rakszawski

Picnic Area

There are five additional flower boxes in the club's picnic area. The containers were donated by Andy Weyerhauser. They originally held heavy machinery parts and were perfect to be used for flower containers. With the added flower boxes, we were able to continue attaching ancestral hometown names to the boxes. The following city names have been added: Mokrin (Andy's mother's hometown), Ruma, Butin, Apatin, Wien, Ulm, Neusiedel, and Sombor.



Flower box for Mokrin



Beautiful flowers in the club's picnic area



A view of the flower boxes in the club's picnic area



A close-up view of the Kula sign with flowers

Cultural Room

The newly created cultural room is being filled with wonderful memorabilia. The next project for that area will be to display a tracht.

Special thank you to Rosemarie Smith who made a generous donation to the club in memory of her mother, Marie Helmlinger Fischer Huber. The donation is to be used to purchase display cases for the cultural room.

Anyone interested in making a monetary donation toward the cultural room project or donating an appropriate historical Donauschwaben item, please contact Fred Gauss.

Member News

We hope you will enjoy reading about the recent accomplishments, travels, birthday milestones, anniversaries, and other news 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 and/or photos to newsletter@danubeswabian.com.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new club members.

- Maria Antoniak
- Anthony Coco
- Marianne Conville
- Jeff Czechowski
- Pasquale Del Buono
- Bryan and Kristine Hewitt
- Elaine Murtagh
- Charles Nelms, III
- Douglas Placek
- Peter Seliga, III
- Ern Wible
- David Zinck

Celebrations

Former dance group member Anthony Hessler, son of club Vice President Rob Hessler and wife Patti, graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2021 from DeSales University with a dual major of Mathematics and Computer Science. Anthony was awarded the university's Mathematics Award for Academic Excellence, and is currently employed as a software engineer with Lightbeam Health Solutions in Horsham.

Mr. Joseph Wesztergom celebrated his 90th birthday with his family on May 15th. Mr. Wesztergom is a lifetime member of the Donauschwaben. We all wish him the best on this special birthday and wish him many more healthy and happy years!



Celebrating with his family of three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren



It was a surprise party

Past club president Rosalie Matico received “The Philip B. Hofmann Research Scientist Award” for outstanding achievement in the field of research and development. This was awarded for work she performed shortly after joining Janssen, a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson. As you see the shirt she is wearing in the photo, she is a proud graduate of Temple University. Congratulations Rosalie Matico!



Rose Matico stands beside her award plaque

Steuben Parade

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, the German-American Steuben Parade has been cancelled for this year. We hope to see everyone at the parade again in 2022.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to our members on the following new arrivals.

- Frances Moon Scafuro-Gauss to Kimmy Scafuro and Matt Gauss
- Owen Ronald Keough to Diana and James Keough
- Emily Alice Epps to Karen and Greg Epps on April 29
- Elliott Carl Guarino to Eric Guarino and Anna Sunnergren on June 4
- Matthias Frederick Teufel to Christina (Brenner) and Fred Teufel



The Brenner and Teufel family at Tag der Donauschwaben

In Memoriam

We remember the following individuals who passed away during the past few months. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families.

- Ulrich Both
- Franziska Burbage
- Harry Clark
- Anna Hessler
- Ernie Masur
- Theresia Masur
- Theresia Miller

A Blast from the Past

We thank board member Paul Hoenisch for contributing these photos of our Kindergruppe taken at the Cannstatter or Bayern Club in the late sixties and early seventies.



If you would like to share any of your old club photos for the next newsletter, please contact Michael Rakszawski or send an e-mail to newsletter@danubeswabian.com.

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