

Liederkrantz Life

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9 September—Wine Trip to Meier's Wine Cellars
- 15-16 September—Oktoberfest with Gebhard Erler and The Knappers
- 21 October—Fall Concert and Dinner
- 11 November—Trachten Ball
- 1-2 December—Christkindlmarkt
- 9 December—Christmas Concert

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Wow! How else can one express our picnic this year! The attendance and the weather were both great. A very special thank you to **Dave Pepiot, Lois Lynch, and Jerry Schenking** for their tireless efforts in organizing this picnic as well as to all the many, many volunteers, members and non-members alike, and other supporters who made this event such a great success. Thank you to all the various committee chairs and their committees. Together we all worked as a wonderful unit for the benefit of the community and our club. You all deserve a big pat on the back for everything you did to contribute to this successful weekend!

Many members and prospective new members have expressed an interest in genealogy and finding their German roots. We have been in contact with someone who may be interested in offering some starting tips, guidance and information on how to do research and form a group to study genealogy. In order to determine whether we will proceed with this new group,



we need to hear from you, our members, to see how many people are actually interested in participating in such meetings. Initial meetings may be held on a Saturday afternoon at the club. If you are interested, please telephone me (Heidi Gasper) at (937) 294-5829, or email me at heidig728@sbcglobal.net with your name, phone number, and address.

We are also continuing to look for a Deutschland representative, in addition to Rosetta Schaffner. Rosetta is currently very active with DIFI (Dayton International Festival Inc.) as President and we would like to see if someone, in addition to Rosetta, might also like to represent Liederkrantz

at the meetings held. Meetings for DIFI are usually held the first Sunday of the month at the Czech Club. Meetings for Deutschland (which currently consists of Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner and Eintracht Clubs) are typically held on the first Tuesday of the month after the DIFI meeting at the Eintracht Club. We are looking for someone who would attend these meetings and report back to the board regarding any information provided. There is no obligation to head any committee(s) or participate in any other way (unless you want to!) for DIFI or Deutschland. If you are interested, please contact Heidi Gasper (937) 294-5829, or email me at heidig728@sbcglobal.net.

Sarah and I would like to thank all those who attended the German Film Event on Sunday August 27. We had a wonderful turn-out for the showing of *Goodbye Lenin!* There were many new faces and many non-members who attended. Also thank you to those who brought some snacks to share (they were delicious)! Since the interest is growing and the number of people who attended more than doubled since the first showing, we will most definitely show more films in the future. Please keep tuned in to the German Radio program, our website, and your upcoming newsletters for more information on upcoming films. Thank you to all who came. Heidi and Sarah Gasper



OKTOBERFEST 2006 The time is fast approaching for our club's celebration of Oktoberfest, a festival dating back more than a few years (actually a couple of hundred, give or take a few years!). Please join us for the fun and frivolity of this traditional celebration. Our Oktoberfest will occur on **Friday, September 15,**



and Saturday, September 16, 2006, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. There will be delicious food, tasty beer, wonderful music, and TONS of Gemütlichkeit the whole weekend, so you definitely don't want to miss it! Please

see the enclosed flyer for additional details. See you all there!

TRACHTEN SALE It is time again for our annual Trachten Sale, so get out all your Trachten clothing and accessories, shoes, jewelry, hats, or

whatever, and bring it down so we can sell it for you. You can also buy something for yourself. We will be down on **September 7**, for you to bring your things in. The sale will open on **September 14**, for club members, and will continue on for members and the public at the Oktoberfest on **September 15 and 16, 2006**. All we ask is that you please have everything priced before bringing it in. This is very important to help us keep everything in line. Thanks, and see you there!



Auf Wiedersehen,
Maria Duncan and her little elves

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Member of the Year

Nominations for Liederkrantz 2006 Member of the Year are still being accepted and will remain open until **October 31**. The recipient will be announced at the Christmas Concert on December 9. Please keep the following in mind as you consider your nominations. The member must:

- Have demonstrated a consistent dedication to the ideals of the Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner
- Have demonstrated integrity in his/her efforts on behalf of the Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner
- Have demonstrated a spirit of service to others
- Have been nominated by another member currently in good standing
- Have not received the award in any previous year

*Nomination forms for this prestigious award are available on the Ratskeller bulletin board or by request from **John Koerner (429-9251)**.*

New Brochure

The new Dayton Liederkrantz Turner brochure made its debut at the GermanFest Picnic. It's an attractive new format with eye-catching graphics. The design was done by member Constance Ordman. If you did not get one at the Culture Tent, they will be distributed to members later this year. They will also be available at the Liederkrantz for use in attracting new members.

Dayton Philharmonic Blockbusters

Last year, the Liederkrantz enjoyed group event pricing for the Dayton Opera. We now have an opportunity to subscribe to the Dayton Philharmonic Classical Blockbuster series beginning in October with six concerts extending to next May. These could be on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night with prices ranging upward from \$46 to over \$200.

If you are interested in subscribing, **you must act quickly. Please call John Koerner at 429-9251.**

23rd ANNUAL GERMANFEST PICNIC

Thanks to our dedicated people—members, families, and friends—for all the hard work needed to make this year's picnic the success it was.



The advertising and news stories of this event really helped bring the crowds out in record numbers. The weather may have helped just a little. HA-HA! The weather was perfect for all three days! I

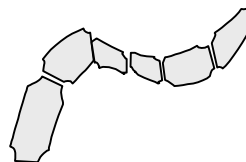
know each of us is truly grateful for the fantastic weather, a variable which no amount of our planning or effort can control.

There were some difficulties. We were short of workers in various areas, but we managed to get most of the jobs done thanks to your extra time and efforts. We ran out of food too early on Sunday, disappointing the crowds and lessening our own profit. However, looking on the brighter side, thanks to the diversified vendors, food was still available so no one had to stay hungry, and the club will benefit from a share of their proceeds. No food was wasted or left over for storage this year. We were able to disassemble the food tent and clean up there while it was still light outside. We were able to complete teardown and get things returned to suppliers or back to the club more quickly and earlier than usual. After a tiring, albeit productive, weekend, this speedy tear-down was a welcomed one.

This picnic, though not our most profitable one, is certainly one of our best. How well we did financially cannot yet be fully determined since invoices as well as payments from vendors are still coming in. You can, however, be proud of the weekend's success and that you were a part of it for the Liederkrantz-Turner.

—Dave Pepiot—

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS



First Prize Winner—Florida Condo Vacation and Travel Voucher:

Judy Yux
8524 Sea Pines
Centerville, OH

Second Prize Winner—Dayton Cultural Arts Package:

Betty Jergens

555 Victory Rd.
 Springfield, Ohio
Third Prize Winner—Hand painted Edelweiss
 Cuckoo Clock:
 Mary E. Murphy
 10163 Cherry Tree Ter.
 Centerville, Ohio
Fourth Prize Winner—Champagne
 Hot Air Balloon Ride:
 Patti Little
 5423 Cynthia Ln.
 Dayton, Ohio

OUR TOP SELLERS



Many thanks to all who supported us in our presale of chances for the Grand Raffle! Your assistance in the purchase and sale of tickets definitely makes a difference to the success of this event. Our top seller Betty Lou Martin with 36 books and 1 single chance sold is the winner of \$50. Next in top sales with 22 books sold and winner of \$25 is Philomene King. Even after the presale contest closed, Philomene's continued presale efforts resulted in the sale of 3 more books and 1 single chance. Congratulations and much appreciation goes to these super saleswomen!

A NOTE OF THANKS

The weather was perfect, attendance was outstanding, and the workers for the Grand Raffle were top notch just like the prizes! Thanks to all for persevering with single chance by single chance sales as well as promoting the purchase of books of chances. Your untiring efforts throughout the picnic grounds and at the booth brought success and greater sales than last year. In addition, I must thank several sellers for insightful suggestions and for invaluable assistance in set-up, tear-down, and money counts. The good humor and multiple efforts throughout the weekend made the raffle flow smoothly and created an event that was fun as well as successful.

—Anne Pepiot—

PICNIC THANKS

Thanks to all who helped load the trucks on Thursday evening as well as Sunday evening at the park. Special thanks go to those who came to the club and helped unload the trucks and carry items downstairs to clean up Monday morning. Thanks to the guys who drove the trucks.

Monday morning, the usual helpers were there plus a few new faces. Everything was washed

and put away for next year by 10:30 a.m. To these people, I say thanks a million. Everything worked very smoothly.

Thanks to those who helped tear down on Sunday evening and set up Friday morning. It seems as if the same people were there carrying the load both times. We'd love to see some new faces next year. Many hands make light work, as they say!

Thanks again for all the help!
 Jerry Schenking

FROM THE TENT CHAIRPERSON I personally would like to thank **Betty Lou Martin and Butch Martin, Janet Boehmer, Francis Houser, Mary Lou Lubinski, Anne Pepiot, and Carol and Herman Sagasser** for helping me with the food line set up on Friday morning and to **Janet Boehmer and Erika Betteridge** for assisting me with all the food line services. A special Thank You to all the Special Olympic helpers, without whom we couldn't have had such a successful weekend.

Thank You,
 Trudy Campbell

A NOTE OF THANKS From the Schnitzel, Brat Grille, and Sandwich Booth: What a wonderful group of volunteers we had cooking the meat and serving in the Sandwich Booth! We thank all of you for your time and talent. Without you, this GermanFest Picnic would not happen. Special thanks goes out to **Dave Pepiot, Helmut Kister, Francis Houser, and Trudy Campbell** for helping with the Schnitzel.

Ron, Herman, and Carol Sagasser

KINDER KORNER THANKS The Kinder Korner was a wonderful success – both in making many children happy and making a profit for our Club. Several ladies remarked that we provided good entertainment for the children. The Booth was continuously busy from the 4 PM opening on Friday to closing on Sunday evening.

We wish to thank the members who donated stuffed animals, etc. for the booth. The children's books we received from the Garage Sale were a big hit as prizes. Also, we had fantastic help from family, members and friends for all 3 busy days. Gabrielle Mueller did a great job with her Puppet Show, giving 6 shows on Saturday. Thanks to Mary Yaney and her family for their help and

guidance in making the kids happy with the games and prizes.

The Kinder Korner is necessary for our Picnic and provides a rewarding experience to those who operate this Booth.

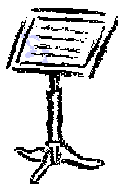
Mary Lou & Tom Hermann

TICKET BOOTH THANKS A huge Thank You to all who worked at the ticket booth at the GermanFest Picnic. You guys are awesome and did a great job! We sold lots of tickets, took in a lot of money, and had a lot of fun doing it! I'm looking forward to working with you all again at next year's picnic!

Margie Wirth

CHOIR NEWS The choir and Liederkrantz owe a great debt of gratitude to **Lew Hann** for the Sing-A-Long CD he made for the choir to use at the Picnic. It was great that the crowd enjoyed singing with us, and all old-timers seemed to enjoy singing, too. The idea is a great improvement to our GermanFest Picnic. Thanks again, Lew!

The choir began practices this year on Thursday, August 24. This doesn't mean you can't come down and join us. Every Thursday at 7:30, we're there for practice. We are working on our Fall Concert, consisting of International songs in German and English, so set your calendars to enjoy the music on **October 21**. The times and other exciting announcements will appear in the next newsletter.



Raymonde Rougier and Grytha Drerup will be in the Ratskeller to begin another season for our Kinderchor. Practice will be from **6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays** and will provide a little German singing, some dancing, and fun for grandchildren, children, neighbors, and friends. The Kinderchor will practice for 6-7 weeks and perform a couple of songs for the Fall Concert. They learn at this age without realizing. Questions can be e-mailed to Raymonde at Roupiano@aol.com or Grytha at Omag49@sbcglobal.net. There are lots of projects ahead, so we hope to see you on Thursday evenings!

PRONUNCIATION CLASS For those of you who need help with the pronunciation of the German text to our choir songs, Inge Longbrake will be heading a pronunciation class to teach you the correct pronunciation. Class will begin on **Thursday, September 7**, and will run before

each Thursday choir practice from **7:00-7:25 p.m.** See you there!

VOLKSTÄNZER NEWS

The Dayton

Liederkrantz-Turner Volkstänzer have begun practicing for the new season and would love to have new members who are interested in learning German, Austrian, and Swiss folk dances (they're not that hard—if you know how to walk, you can lean to dance!). If you're interested in checking things out, please come to our practice on **Monday, September 11, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.** or any Monday thereafter. See you there!



Lois Lynch, dance instructor

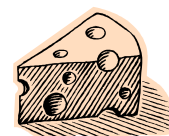
GERMAN AMERICAN DAY FESTIVITIES

This year's German American Day celebration will take place on **Sunday, October 22, at the Eintracht Singing Society**. You are invited to join us for a lunch from 1:00-2:30 p.m. featuring a one-inch smoked pork chop with parsley potatoes, red cabbage, carrot casserole, and assorted desserts. Following the lunch will be a dance from 3-7 p.m. with music provided by the Hank Haller Band. The enclosed flyer has additional important details, so be sure to check it out!

THE LAST WORD It's so nice to have our Carl Zahn back to improving health. I depend on him for a regular contribution, and this one's so



indicative of so many people in our club. It reads, "Age isn't important unless you are a wine or cheese."



How true, and it's great to see so many of our members living by this motto! Have a great month, and I'll see you at Oktoberfest! The deadline for the October newsletter is **September 21, 2006**.

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