



Liederkrantz Life

Bimonthly newsletter of the Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner

July 15, 2017



Upcoming Events:

- Mon. July 17, 7:30 p.m. - German Dance Lessons
- Wed. July 19 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pinochle Group
- Thurs. July 20, 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 Music Committee
- Fri. July 21, 6:30 - p.m. Tabletop Games Night 6:30-11 p.m.
- Mon. July 24 7:30 p.m. - German Dance Lessons
- Wed. July 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pinochle Group
- Wed. July 26, 7 p.m. - FINAL Picnic Planning Meeting
- Mon. July 31, 7:30 p.m. - German Dance Lessons
- Wed. Aug. 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Pinochle Group
- Thurs. Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m. - Germanfest Picnic Polka Mass Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs. Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Wed. Aug. 9, 9 a.m - 3 p.m. - Potato Peeling Party - FREE LUNCH
- Thurs. Aug. 10, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Potato Peeling Party - FREE LUNCH

- Fri., Sat, Sun., Aug. 11, 12 and 13 GERMANFEST PICNIC at RiverScape MetroPark



www.GermanfestDayton.com

34th GERMANFEST PICNIC GUIDE

Everything You Need to Know

The 34th Annual GermanFest Picnic will be held August 11, 12, & 13 at our new and, hopefully, long-term home at RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton on the Great Miami River. Other than E-Mail, Facebook and possibly Twitter/Instagram, this insert will be the last printed information before the Fest – please review and keep at hand! Our final general Picnic meeting will be Wednesday, July 26th, 7 PM at the DLT.

We had a poor year in 2016 due to persistent rain. We are hopeful that with good weather we will see most of our frequent patrons and a host of new visitors. You can reference information about the Fest, including electronic sign-up lists, map and other links on our new Fest website: www.germanfestdayton.com.

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, and lastly by publicizing the event in whatever ways you can --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 \$55,000 to \$65,000 fixed costs. 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. IF we do not have a Mini Raffle--the donations will be used in gift baskets, door prizes, etc. and will become part of gift baskets. 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--teeshirts, posters, pins, etc. and dispense info. Scott Nekrosius will be managing a Membership Table in the HQ Tent. He can use help to cover numerous shifts 434 - 7377.. We hope this addition will boost membership.

#2 Loading, Set-up, Teardown, Cleanup

We need folks on Thursday August 10th, 6PM at the clubhouse to help move items from storage to staging area and then to load the trucks and on Friday, August 11th 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. 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. 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 and was included with a past Newsletter. PR is well underway with brochure distribution at World Affair and other locations. Press releases and ads have been done. Our major sponsor, Dayton City Paper, has begun publicizing our Fest. Fliers available now. New yard signs are available at the DLT.

#4 Volunteering

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.

#5 Food

We will continue our reduced number of outside food vendors and our expanded Liederkranz food service, including the EXPRESS Food Tent. –

Cashiers – Mishelle Dicken - 746-9812

Card Readers – Benita Dorn – 545-7227

Chair – Debbie Venys - 416-1545

Main Tent/Potato Salad – Jillian Seib - 470-7876/Lori Hemmelgarn -657-8489

Potato Salad Preparation - Trudi Campbell - 864-5859

Schnitzels – Ron Sagasser -271-7876

Warmers/Grilling - volunteers needed

Sandwich Tent –Christie Kidd - 422-6505

Sandwich Condiments – Jillian Seib – 470-7876

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

We will again have the special craft beer trailer this year in addition to our usual unmatched selection of German brews. We will have a large Bier Garten in the central area of the Fest. Jake Browning will be staging a Stein Lift contest in the Garten. 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

/Wine: Nicole Lashley & Felicite Lilly -937-271-1226 or 937-626-3209 / Wrist Bands/Tickets – Kate Hodapp – 371-0104

#7 Genealogy Corner/Cultural Heritage Area

We need help at the Genealogy Corner –**you don't need to be an expert; we have** Ancestors.com programs. And Judy can always use help promoting the Liederkrantz and our German Heritage.

Louise Gaertner – 434-7999/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--first time in years. Help needed.

#9 Pretzels/Landjaeger

Delicious Landjaeger and pretzels - Dave Pepiot - 434-1050/ Else Schiller - 433-

1900

#10 Trachten Show

Support the true German ethnic spirit by appearing in the Trachten Show. Call Silvie Schrupf - 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 17th 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 12th. Registration forms are available at www.keysports.net, or 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 and several prominent guests. 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 as he often does. We also have a special dance group that may perform as part of the opening.

#13 Parking/RTA Shuttle

We have reserved two lots for Worker/Member parking. The first is the various lots at St. John's United Church of Christ at 515 East Third Street (entrance) and the second is at the Good Neighbor House at 627 East First Street - enter off of Webster Street. Both lots are within three blocks of RiverScape and both will be served by the free RTA Shuttle.

Parking at these lots will be by pass only--managed by the Boy Scouts. Vehicles with Worker passes will be free, but donations are strongly encouraged to help

defray costs. DLT members may park in these lots for \$2 by showing their DLT membership card (contact John Koerner if your card is missing). Without these passes, you will have to pay commercial rates. All proceeds will go to the Scouts and the non profits providing the lots. The free RTA shuttle will operate during Fest hours. The shuttle routes and stops are shown on our Picnic website. In addition to our reserved lots, the shuttle will serve City parking garages at the Convention Center and at Fourth & Jefferson. The City garage on Main Street at Monument will be open -- it is only one block from the Fest!

[#14 Final Picnic Meeting -- Wednesday, July 26th, 7 PM - Ratskeller](#)



Germanfest Picnic Desserts

I am requesting cake donations or cash donations to help with the purchase of Bienenstich and Strudel. There is a sign-up sheet in the Ratskeller, so if you are able to donate a cake, please sign up or contact me. If you are able to work

a 2 hour shift, please contact me as well. Vielen Dank!

Cornelia Shockey (cornelia79@roadrunner.com or [937-253-8242](tel:937-253-8242))



Volunteers are the heart of our festival. Sign up [HERE](#) to enjoy the Germanfest Picnic from a whole new perspective. Invite your friends to work a shift or two with you, or just come on down and make new friends.

POTATO PEELING PARTY

Trudy needs lots of help to peel a ton and a half of cooked potatoes for our famous German Potato Salad. This is actually an easy, sit-down job at the Dayton Liederkrantz Clubhaus, 1400 E. Fifth Street. Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday August 10. And a delicious lunch is provided!

Please give Trudy Campbell a call at [937-864-5859](tel:937-864-5859), or click [HERE](#) if you can help either or both days.





If you would like to volunteer to work for a 3-hour shift in the **air-conditioned** cash or counting office during the Germanfest Picnic, please contact Mike Venys at [937-313-2609](tel:937-313-2609). Thank you!

POLKA MASS

Singers are needed to help lead the Polka Mass at the Germanfest Picnic on Sunday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to sing, please come to a 1 hour rehearsal on Thursday, August 3 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We also need Holy Communion Distributors. If you are a commissioned Eucharistic Minister for your parish, and would like to help at the Polka Mass, please contact [Judy Schneider](#).



If you are the proud owner of a Dirndl, Lederhosen or Trachten, please sign up to participate in the Fashion Show at the Germanfest Picnic at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12 at RiverScape MetroPark. I will need your name and a short description of your outfit. Please let me know ASAP if you can help. Danke! [Silvie](#)

It's Germanfest Picnic Grand Raffle time!

The grand prize is A Trip for Two to Germany plus \$1,000 spending money (or \$4000 cash). The cost is



just \$2/ticket or \$10/for six tickets. Tickets will be good for every drawing throughout the weekend. All help with selling the tickets prior to August is appreciated. If you would like to sell or buy some for yourself please contact me via email at hemmelgarnl@yahoo.com and we will get them to you as soon as possible. Danke. Lori Hemmelgarn, Chair & Jeff Hemmelgarn, Co-Chair



URGENT NEED - Drivers

We need drivers (2 minimum) to drive our inventory trucks for the Picnic supplies. No special license needed. Driving shifts are Thursday afternoon (August 10), Friday morning (August 11), Sunday evening (August 13) and Monday morning (August 14). Most shifts are relatively short - pick up truck, drive to DLT, drive to RiverScape, etc. Please contact John Koerner at 429-9251 if you can help with this critical logistics function.



Thanks to Scott Nekrosius for this nice photo from the recent presentation of "**Germantown Jamaica.**" L - R - Ralph Petertonjes, unrecognized guest, Presenter David Ritter, President (and Chef for the evening) Uli Gaertner.

Game Night July 21, 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.





The Wednesday Pinochle Group needs more card players.

We play from about 10 AM until around 2 PM.

We brown bag and bring our own refreshments. We'd love to see YOU!



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

DEADLINE: **Liederkrantz 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.

