



Liederkranz Life

Bimonthly newsletter of the Dayton Liederkranz-Turner

August 1, 2017



Upcoming Events:

- Tues. August 1, 7:00 p.m. St. Anne's Hill Neighborhood Assn., Rathskeller
- Thurs. August 3, 6:30 p.m. - Polka Mass Choir rehearsal
- Thurs. August 3, 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Mon. August 7, 7:30 p.m. - German Dance Lessons
- Wed. August 9, 9:00 a.m. Potato Peeling Party; lunch provided
- Thurs. August 10, 9:00 a.m. Potato Peeling Party 9:00 a.m.
Lunch provided
- Thurs. August 10, 6:00 p.m. Load Picnic trucks at DLT
- Fri., Sat, Sun. August 11, 12, 13. - GERMANFEST PICNIC
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK
- Mon. August 14, 9:00 a.m. - Picnic Cleanup @ DLT
- Wed. August 16, 10-2 - Pinochle Group
- Fri. August 18, 6:00 p.m. - Picnic Workers' Thank You Dinner
- Mon. August 21, 7:30 p.m. German Dance Lessons
- Tues., August 22, 7:00 p.m. - Board Meeting
- Wed. August 23 10-2- Pinochle Group

- Thurs. August 24, 6:30 p.m. - Music Committee
- Thurs. August 24, 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Mon. August 28, 7:30 p.m. - German Dance Practice
- Wed. August 30, 10-2 - Pinochle Group
- Thurs., August 31, 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal



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!

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](tel:937-657-8489) or lhommelgarn@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 on the [Webpage](#). WE ARE NOW OFFICIALLY A 501c3 ORGANIZATION, so all contributions are tax-deductable for businesses as well as individuals. 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 Liederkrantz 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](tel:937-271-1226) or [937-626-3209](tel: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. If you have already offered to help, please send Silvie the description of your outfit ASAP.

#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 6:30Friday 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!



Ride your bike out for the GermanFest Picnic and we'll provide FREE Bike Valet Parking. That's right, BIKE valet parking helps festival-goers beat the car-parking-blues. Find the Bike Miami Valley tent just off the trail near the RiverScape Pavilion to check your bike in and **we'll park it. You enjoy the activities and we watch your** bike free of charge. Help the environment and do your part by arriving on two-wheels! Service supported by Bike Miami Valley & a grant from the Ohio EPA, Environmental Education Fund. Bike valet parking runs until sunset.

Website: <http://www.bikemiamivalley.org/biking-to-festivals/>

Times:

Friday 8/11, 5-8 pm

Saturday 8/12, 12-8 pm

Sunday 8/13, 12-6 PM

WE VOLUNTEERS

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.



POLKA MASS

Singers are needed to help lead the Polka Mass at the Germanfest Picnic on Sunday, August 13 at 10:00a.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 would also like to have 3 or 4 young people **in dirndls and/or lederhosen** to bring up the gifts at the offertory at Mass. If you know of anyone who would be willing to do this, please call Judy Schneider at 433-3451.



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.



MARTIN LUTHER HAS ARRIVED IN DAYTON!

Thanks to the German Embassy in Washington, D.C., a lifesized Playmobil figure of Martin has arrived in Dayton to participate in the Culture Exhibit at the Germanfest Picnic. He had a wonderful time rehearsing with our DLT Choir members, has had his own special photo session with our presenting sponsor DAYTON CITY PAPER, and will be available for photo ops throughout the Germanfest weekend at RiverScape MetroPark. Stop by to visit him and take in the poster exhibit [HERE I STAND: MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION](#), on loan to us, courtesy of the German Consulate in Chicago.



Speaking of Martin Luther, his image graces the official 2017 Germanfest Picnic hat pin. #3 in the series.

(Limited numbers of last year's pin are also still available.)

Get yours for just \$5 each at the Headquarters Tent at the Germanfest Picnic.



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!



You are invited to the German Club Edelweiss on Friday nights in August (4, 11, 18, 25) for outside Biergartens from 7 pm to 11. Chris Weiss and friends will be playing a variety of music including: waltz, polka, cha cha, rumba, swing, and foxtrot for listening and dancing.

Admission is \$3 per person. Children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. **There is a children's playground. For Information or Reservations, call [\(937\) 294-3056](tel:937-294-3056).** Please visit our website at germanclubedelweiss.com and put our Oktoberfest on your calendar for Saturday, September 2nd!

The German Club Edelweiss
531 East Wenger Road
Englewood, Ohio 45322-2833
Phone [\(937\) 836-6889](tel:937-836-6889)

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](mailto:TheNewsletterTeam) 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.

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