



Liederkrantz Life

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Bimonthly newsletter of the Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner



President's Letter

DER FRÜHLING HAT GEKOMMT

Our German Springtime has fully arrived. Last weekend's World Affair appears to have been a grand success with good crowds, including newcomers. The Greene County Fairgrounds worked really well as the location and, I suspect, will be a keeper going forward. Our own Liederkrantz Biergarten season will kick off on Saturday, May 20th. Other great activities include the 128th Deutscher Tag celebrations by the German American Citizens League of Cincinnati (representing 42 German heritage organizations in the region) starting with the parade from Findlay Market at 10:30 AM on Saturday June 3rd and continuing at the Newport HB Haus on Sunday. The large Bavarian Fest in Frankenmuth, MI starts on June 8th —I will be taking it all in this year (for the first time in many years), and Kolping's Schutzenfest —America's oldest German Fest (1866), runs from June 16-18.

PICNIC UPDATE

Our next General Picnic Meet will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 7PM. We need to be sure Activity Chairs are “on board” and that “needs” are filled and some progress has been made since last month. If you have yet to attend a meeting and fill a major role in the Fest, please let us know that you can still be counted on! To date, there has been ZERO response to my calls for sponsorship –either in donations or in help to try and secure said donations. Our prospects for raising enough funding to allow the Bomberger Park projects do not appear to be promising. Nonetheless, an all out effort to raise the \$18k (contractor proposals), specifically for power to the park and a new access gate along Fifth Street remains. These projects would represent long-term improvements that would support not only our GermanFest this year, but all future years as well as other potential community events. It would be great if we could find one or several companies/organizations that could help make this happen. Of course, generosity from any quarter is most welcome. We are prepared to offer all available credit to to any specific sponsors—naming rights, various levels of publicity, etc. I am willing to meet with any potential sponsor to discuss details. To facilitate general Fest donations, we have a “Donate Here” link on our GermanFest Picnic web site. Please contact me with any questions or suggestions.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the letter—please help.

Danke.

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President

Upcoming Events		
Day	Time	Event
Saturday, May 13 th	6pm- 10pm	Game Night
Monday, May 15 th	7pm	Baking Group
Tuesday, May 16 th	7pm	Picnic Planning Meeting
Wednesday, May 17 th	7pm- 9pm	German Conversation Lessons
Friday, May 19 th	6pm	German Dance Practice
Friday, May 19 th	8:15pm	Salsa for a Cause
Saturday, May 20 th	5pm- 10pm	Biergarten
Wednesday, May 24 th	7pm- 9pm	German Conversation Lessons
Friday, May 26 th	6pm	German Dance Practice
Saturday, May 27 th	1pm- 3pm	German Genealogy Group
Wednesday, May 31 st	7pm- 9pm	German Conversation Lessons

Event Details



Please join us for our first returning Biergarten on 5/20 from 5pm-10pm.

There will be recorded music, outdoor and indoor seating, over 30 different German biers, German wein and good food for sale. The kitchen will close at 9:00 p.m.

The outdoor space is pet friendly.

We also have German / English coloring books and sidewalk chalk to entertain children of all ages.

All are welcome.

To sign up for volunteering please [Click Here!](#)



German Genealogy Group

On **Saturday, May 27**, from 1-3 p.m., Mark Steinke, one of our members, will be our guest speaker. Mark has researched the German immigrants of the Fryburg, OH area (including Petersburg, Rhine, Botkins and Wapakoneta) extensively, even to the point of visiting the German hometowns of many of these families. Be sure to come and hear about his experiences.



Salsa For A Cause

On Friday, 19 May, Dayton Liederkranz Turner will be the site for a Salsa For A Cause. Event starts at 8:15 with an Intro Class followed by a Social from 9P – 12A. \$10 Prepay via Venmo @MASalsa or pay \$15 Day of Event. No dance partner or experience necessary!



Time to Learn GERMAN

Hallo Leute, Hello Folks!

The Summer German Conversation Lessons begin Wednesday, May 17, and end Wednesday, June 21.

Classes are from 7 til 9 pm. It's 6 weeks of fun and Gemütlichkeit!

\$30 per member for the 6 weeks.

Call Monika Wanamaker to register or ask questions 937.672.3516.



German Dance Practice

Practice continues on Friday's at 6pm. No prior experience or dance partner needed. Hard sole shoes are recommended. Contact

Volkstaenzer@DaytonGermanClub.org

for more information.

Club Business



We have been hearing that calls from our volunteer number have been coming up as “Spam”. Add the DLT Volunteer phone number 937-802-4947 to your contacts!

Other Business

A World A’Fair

Wither you helped with Germany, Scotland, Italy, France, Dayton International Festival or any other volunteer group / organization, thank you. It was wonderful to have the festival again and see so many people in attendance. Most may not know that the Festivals long time president, Rosetta Schaffner, passed away in 2022 and that the contract for the new venue was just signed in October of 2022. The board and committees did a wonderful job reinventing the festival at a new venue! Thank you for your support of A World A’Fair!

Debbie Venys, Deutschland Delegate for A World A’Fair and Dayton Liederkrantz Turner Representative for Deutschland.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Hi there!! I am a local coordinator in the Dayton area for a nonprofit organization, Academic Year in America, and I am in search of 2 families that would have interest in hosting an exchange student from Germany. If you would like to host, or have any suggestions for me making any connections in finding a suitable and hospitable family for 1 or both students arriving in the fall, please contact me.

Danke.

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For all things Liederkranz:

https://Linktr.ee/Kranzi_DLT

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

DEADLINE: **Liederkranz 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.