



# Carpathia Club, Inc.

A Danube-Swabian Culture Club

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Spring 2019

## Notes from our board

It's Spring! New season, new opportunities, new fest sponsor! Thank you, members, for sharing excellent ideas. As you'll see, we are listening and implementing them!

The Generalversammlung (the annual members meeting) had many good ideas and few nice surprises! There was a proposal to do more payments on-line which is a great idea. We are in the process of implementing this now, so - thank you - and expect to see an announcement soon. Also, another member is putting together a large "Fish Fryday" banner which is so needed. Thank you! Finally, congratulations to all of the honors awards recipients. Silver: Walt Hoeckl, Mike Kapraun, Erwin Rauschendorfer. Gold: Susan Brandelik, Monica Forest, Irmgard Krause, Pete Tittjung, Karen Venton. Verdienst Nadel vom Verband (an award through the Danube Swabian Assoc.): Lisa Gerstheimer. Honorary members: Helen Schleis and Mike Schleis

More news, Carpathia Club is going to be part of Restaurant Row at Sterlingfest on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Since we are only doing one festival this year, Sterlingfest is a great way to do a big fundraiser without the effort of setting up our own fest. The extra benefit is that we can show off our delicious food to thousands of people who might not realize we are right down the street. Another bonus, we can bring fliers to promote Carpathia Club and its Untergruppen. Imagine being able to let all those families know we have a Kinder Dance Group, Jäger events, and awesome Kickers soccer teams. Participating in Sterlingfest was also a member suggestion so, again, thank you!

And here's more big news: Our latest Germanfest sponsor is the Eitel Dahm Motor Group! We thank them for their platinum sponsorship, and are excited to work together. Look for their logo on our website, and expect some cool surprises at Germanfest this year!

Finally, welcome to all of our new members! It's exciting to see interest in membership growing. Happy Easter, everyone!



Frühling

## Upcoming Events

**May 12th -  
Mother's Day Brunch**

**May 18th - The Macomers  
sponsored by the Ladies  
Group**

**June 2nd – Café Concert**

**June 2nd – Carpathia Jäger  
Youth Outdoor Day with  
Cabella's**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> – Carpathia  
Kickers Soccer Tryouts**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> to Aug 7<sup>th</sup> –  
Carpathia Kickers Summer  
Soccer Camp**

**July 19, 20, 21 – Germanfest**

**July 25, 26, 27 – SterlingFest**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> – German Heritage  
Night at Jimmy John Field**

**European Brunch every 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday of the Month -  
Guten Appetit!**

## From the President

After a seemingly long and cold winter, we finally see the signs of a fresh, new spring! I, for one, am certainly ready for the change to warm weather and spring flowers.

Carpathia also has some fresh, new events at the club: new food service options, Taste-Haus Thursday evenings and the European Brunch on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Menus feature a variety of delicious German specialties. If you haven't tried them yet, it's time!

Another 'new/old' for 2019 is the festival this summer. Rather than having 2 festivals in the year, we are doing only one (that's new) and the date is July 19-21 (that's old - the same weekend we used to have the Volksfest). Good food, music and fun are in the plans. Please help us make this festival a huge success for our club! Carpathia Club itself is a combination of new and old – trying to get new generations interested in the old history of the Donauschwaben; finding new ways to keep up old traditions. That is a task we all need to work on.

And check out our new website and plan to meet up with some old friends at Carpathia!

Ok, that was the last one – Happy Spring Everyone!

*Submitted by Karin Schwalbe*



Congratulations to our two new Ehren Mitglied, Mike and Helen Schlies! Thank you for your many years of dedication to the club, and for your appreciation of culture that you've shared with your family and the community.

## Meet Our New Board Member

Welcome to Kimmy (Schwager) Furtah, our new recording secretary! While you're congratulating her on her new board position, be sure to give her congrats on her new little baby! Kimmy, her husband Kyle, big sister Nora, and new baby George are all doing well. It's wonderful to see all of our growing, young families around the club. Thank you, Kimmy, for being their voice on the board!



Obviously, this picture is not our new board member. But it's so cute! This is Kimmy's daughter, Nora, reading to her new baby brother. If that's not cute enough, notice that she's holding his little hand. Now you can really say, "Awww!"

## Carpathia Club Board

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*Thanks for being members of the Carpathia Club!*

*Do you have any questions or comments?*

*Contact the board at [carpathiaclub@comcast.net](mailto:carpathiaclub@comcast.net)*

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## 2019 Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange.

When people appreciate their own culture, it's natural to appreciate all cultures. That was the friendly and interested feeling at this year's Cultural Exchange. Carpathia Club did a very nice display table, offered Vanilla Kipfels as a sweet treat, and had German word tiles for people to guess fun German words.



The best part of the event was meeting so many nice people. The Carpathia table had a Käsekuchen prize drawing where many people signed up for our monthly E-mail newsletter – and Fernando won! The following week, he stopped by our TasteHaus Thursday to pick up his German Käsekuchen. It was great to have a beer together, get to know each other, and realize it is a wonderful small world. Great meeting you, Fernando!

## Vanilla Kipfel Recipe

3 sticks of unsalted butter  
 ¾ cup sugar  
 2 tsp. vanilla  
 1 tsp. sour cream  
 3 cups flour  
 2 ¾ cup ground walnuts

Combine all ingredients and work into a smooth dough. Refrigerate at least 1-2 hours or over night. Take small amounts of dough and form into little crescents. Bake at 350 degrees until slightly brown. Roll into sugar, or mix ½ cup sugar with a packet of "Vanilla Zucker" for extra flavor.

Once cooled, one or both ends of crescents can also be dipped into melted chocolate.

*Recipe courtesy of Mirta Rausch-Woodford*

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## Motor Group



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## Frauengruppe Update

Vor einigen Wochen veranstaltet die Frauengruppe eine Card Party. Um 11 Uhr wurde schon das Vereinshaus eroeffnet, angemeldet waren 130 Personen. Aber leider sagten zu viele ab, das Essen war aber schon fuer 130 bestellt; so sollte das ja nicht sein. "Traurig", "Traurig" liebe Mitglieder!

Viceleiterin Mary Virchow begruesste die Gaeste so auch unsere Praesidentin Karin Schwalbe. Zum Lunch gab es Gulasch, Nudel, Kartoffel und Salat und zum Nachtisch wurde ein Teller voll mit Kleingebaeck serviert. Die eifrigen Kartenspieler konnten kaum warten bis die Tische abgeraeumt wurden und man konnte anfangen zu spielen. Fast jeder Tisch spielte ein anders Spielchen. Spaeter gab es dann auch noch Kipfel, die von einigen unseren Frauen gebacken wurden. Und nicht zuvergessen unseren Teigmacher Phillip. "Vielen herzlichen Dank alle". Zum Schluss wurde die vielen schoenen Preise verlost, die von den Frauen und Mitglieder gestiftet wurden.

Hiermit wuensche ich im Namen der Frauengruppe allen Lesern einen schoenen Fruhling und ein frohes Osterfest.

Irene Dietz, Frauengruppe

## Blasmusikanten



Even though the Blasmusikanten are a large, all-ages group, here's a great couple of photos of few of our high school seniors from 2013 to now. The 2013 photo includes Johnny Tisch on the far right, then today's photo from left Elena Miller, Evan Schleis, (George Schleis), Sebastian Cole, and Giovanni Caporuscio. Congrats, seniors!



## Thank you for your membership

Whether it's dance or soccer – or both!  
Whether it's singing or shooting sports – or both!  
Whether it's friendships or family – or both!  
We are one club. And we appreciate your membership and friendship.

In our club, we've sang at the bar, we've held the new baby, we've hugged the grieving spouse, we've stayed friends through laughs, wins, losses, mistakes, joys and heartbreaks. Please stay connected. In today's world of smart phones and tablets, there's something very powerful about being present in each others lives.

That's why our building is important. Having a place to meet and spend time together is how we really get to know each other. We are a non-profit cultural organization run by volunteers. Membership dues help considerably in keeping the doors open. Thank you very much for your membership. It is so important.

## Zum Muttertag

Wir danken, liebe Mutter dir,  
fuer deine grosse Liebe.  
Du bist die Allerbeste hier  
Im grossen Weltgetriebe!

Du lebst nicht nur am Morgen  
Fuer unser Wohlergehn,  
du bist umhegt vor Sorgen  
wenn andre schlafen gehn.

Und stehen wir im Streite  
Lenkt deine Hand uns fort,  
stehst immer an unsere Seite,  
in Handel und in Wort.

Zu diesem Liebesfest,  
wuenschen wir dir heut' viel Glueck,  
Gott schenkt dir das Beste,  
er lenke dein Geschick!

## Carpathia Jäger

### Youth Outdoor Day June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Come out and try Archery, Target Shooting, and Fishing all in one place – at Carpathia Club! Best of all it's free.

From 8 years old to college age – everyone is welcome to try something new!

This year, Cabela's is working with the Jäger to introduce some new experiences. We're excited how much this event continues to grow!

Bring your kids or grandkids, and enjoy a day outdoors. More info: Bob Hammer 586.201.4412 or Alex Rausch 586.212.6468



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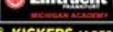


### 2019 Tryouts June 15 & 16

Carpathia Club: 38000 Utica Road,  
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For times & more information  
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## Germanfest July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

Did you try the Beer Stein Holding competition last summer? Or the Sauerkraut eating competition? Expect even more festival fun at this year's Germanfest! Get ethnic and wear your Dirndl or Lederhosen!

Everyone knows Carpathia Club has delicious authentic German food. And, honestly, we have the absolute best potato salad and sauerkraut around. But don't forget about our fun Schnitzel-on-a-Stick!

As for beer, we've expanded our selection of craft beers as well as authentic German beers and other favorites. We'll be posting the beer list on our website once it's finalized! Check out our webpage at <https://www.carpathiaclub.com/fest>

The best part of Germanfest is the relaxed vibe. There's thousands of people, but it still feels friendly. Invite your friends and come as a group! See you there!

## Thank you to our kitchen staff and volunteers!

Thank you to all of the ladies and men in the kitchen who have been the strength behind our kitchen team for so long - honoring classic recipes, cooking for hundreds of people at once, training all of our chefs through the years. At club events, weddings, lunches or brunches, you have shown your talent and work ethic. We are very happy with Chef Brian, our new chef, and we are also very happy with his excellent role models.



Instagram

**Congratulations, seniors!** We are so proud of all of you! The club has loved cheering you on through the years, and that support won't stop just because you graduate. Good luck with all you do, graduates! See more seniors on page 7, too! Do you have a senior in your family? Send in their favorite senior photo for our Summer/Fall edition: [Carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net](mailto:Carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net)



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Dakota High School  
Plays Flugelhorn for Blas



Elena Miller  
Will study Econ/Finance at  
University of Pennsylvania



Dino Raveane  
Carpathia Kickers  
Busch 00



Evan Schleis  
Biosystems Engineering  
Drums for Zenith & Blas



Peter Mackenzie  
Lake Shore High School  
Carpathia Kickers 01 Blue



Sebastian M. Cole  
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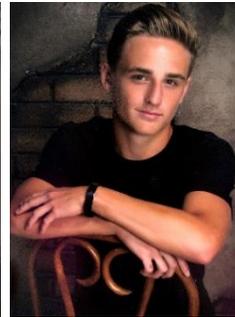
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CLASS of 2019

## Carpathia Choir

The Carpathia Choir had a very successful card party fundraiser this year. The Choir volunteered their time and talent by cooking and baking with all donations in support of the club. They even baked Kipfel for everyone to enjoy. Thank you! The Choir invites you to their upcoming Café Concert on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Expect much joy and happiness.

## Carpathia Kickers Update

Look at how many! Here are some of the high school seniors on the Kickers teams. Thank you to the coaches that inspired these teams to play together for so many years. And congratulations, seniors! Hopefully, Carpathia helped make some great memories for you. Please know, wherever you go in life, you always have a home here.



U19G Doroh - Graduating Seniors:  
Hannah Smigs, Anna Doroh,  
Elaina Monroe, Anna Hebel,  
Hannah Scopas, Riley Bobowski,  
Kendall Carlin, Megan Starkey, Lily  
Janisch, Alyssa Longo, Ashley Kraiza,  
Katherine Barraco



U19B Busch - Graduating Seniors:  
Dylon Baumann, Michael Busch,  
James Ciraulo, Reed Duerbusch,  
Angelo Giambrone, Nikoll Gjonaj,  
Dante Lumetta, Charlie Powers,  
Dino Raveane, Logan Thomas



U18B Janisch Team Graduating Seniors:  
Hunter Bienkiewicz, Tyler Bour,  
Marc Dewey, Stephen Halanski,  
Justin Huttenlocher, Luke Janisch,  
Foster Krause, Alex Leslie-Persons,  
Peter Mackenzie, Luke Steiner,  
Dylan Wismont, Showgo Yoshida

## Kulturreguppe Update

Dancing, Dancing and Fun - Now is the best time to join the Kulturreguppe! We performed and had a great time at Crofest. Our group was on the dancefloor all night learning the Croatian steps and simply having fun with everyone. The Kulturreguppe was recently invited to dance at the Canadian "Landestreffen," an annual event for all of the Canadian Donauschwaben clubs. Both the Landestreffen and the Crofest are more than a dance performance. It's fun to do things as a group and make friends with all of the other groups along the way.

Adults over 21 interested in folk dance and fun should consider the Kulturreguppe. No dance experience necessary! We will teach you, and you'll be surprised how quickly you'll be dancing. Besides, dance is the excuse to get together to hang out, have a beer, and try something new. For more information contact Carsten Grotloh via email, [wcgrotloh@hotmail.com](mailto:wcgrotloh@hotmail.com) or cell 586.255.6527.

## 2019 Welttreffen in Hungary

This is the 4th Welttreffen held in Hungary. It is geared toward Danubeswabian (Donauschwaben) Cultural Clubs throughout the world. Usually dance group leaders, youth, cultural chairpersons and people interested in history and culture attend. The seminar/conference has folk dance workshops, history lectures, culture and tradition presentations, displays and reenactments with visits to authentic historical/preserved sites and communities, cemeteries, and other historically relevant places. This year, the Welttreffen also includes a couple days in Romania. The intent is that participants bring back what they learned to share with the groups.

Since this year's Welttreffen is in June, expect information and workshops to roll-out in the fall. We are also considering an informal "conversation night" after a fish fry or at a TasteHaus Thursday where the Welttreffen participants can share their experiences.



## Choose your favorite!

We are looking for friendly people to serve food in the Carpathia tent at Sterlingfest Restaurant Row on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> - Be our representatives to the community. And, we are also looking for kitchen volunteers, too! Whichever is your favorite and wherever you're most comfortable, please sign up with Karen at [carpathiaclub.membership@comcast.net](mailto:carpathiaclub.membership@comcast.net).

## A Note from our Welttreffen

### Representative: Tim Landenberger

I love to travel, that is definitely something that I am very glad this group has allowed me to do. I have met loads of people and made many friends through traveling, it let's you see the world from a different perspective and shows you the possibilities in life are endless. I have been accepted to go on the 2019 Welttreffen to Hungary and Romania with about 60 other members from other clubs (including 2 others members of Carpathia) around the U.S. and Canada. This is very exciting to me as I am getting to explore more of the world I have yet to experience.



See Tim's photos at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/timland>

## European Brunches Huge Success!

People found us on Facebook, drove over from Howell, Michigan, and loved the brunch! Another family from Graz, Austria, said it was amazingly authentic. In addition to being delicious, our brunches are "gemütlich" and unhurried. European brunches are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Check out the photos below and on our FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/CarpathiaClub/>



## From the Jäger

The Jäger just had their wild game dinner on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and many guests said that the food was delicious. This is the 2nd time Bob Hammer has been king, and he deserved it, being our best shooter last year. Ed Speckhardt took 1st Ritter honors, and Bob Psotka was 2nd Ritter.

Every season we have a buck pool and Christoph Ritter won with a 9-pointer. Nice job, Christoph. The Jäger are having a Euchre party in the members lounge on April 20<sup>th</sup>, always a fun time, so mark the date.

Cabela's is sponsoring our annual Youth Outdoor Day this June 2<sup>nd</sup>, so bring your kids or grandkids and enjoy the day.

If anyone is interested in hunting, shooting (guns or bow) give Bob Psotka a call 586-481-4407.

Thank you

Bob



Carpathia Jäger Wild Game Dinner: Congratulations to Bob Hammer, the new Jäger König! Along with the traditional wine tasting, there was a beer pairing with the each wild game entrées. And, the raffle prize table was impressive with lots of prizes including special donations from Cabela's Chesterfield – Thank you!





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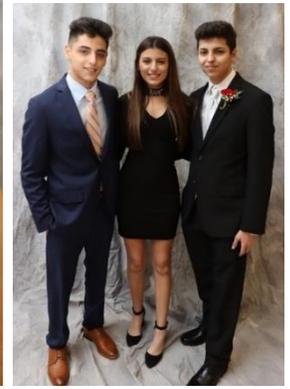
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# Königsball 2019 with Queen Karina



## Culture and Fashion

Are you interested in culture or fashion? Do you have a knack for decorating? We'd like to refresh our culture room, and we'd love to update our mannequins to something more modern. The "Trachts" are a treasure and a piece of fashion history that we want to be able to share. Monetary donations to refresh or replace some mannequins would be very helpful, too! Please contact Monica at 586-703-6358 or [carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net](mailto:carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net)



## Germanfest Sponsors

Do you have good contacts in the local business community? Do you know a business that would like to support our cultural community or that is looking for good promotional opportunities? We could use your help in reaching out to potential Germanfest sponsors. Carpathia Club is a non-profit organization, and Germanfest is our largest fundraiser of the year. It helps keep the hall open for many community organizations including children's groups, folk dancers, choirs, seniors, Jäger, soccer, women's organizations, brass musicians and even table tennis groups. That's what makes every sponsorship so meaningful. Please contact Monica if you can help: [carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net](mailto:carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net)

## Youth Group Plans 2021 Germany Dance Tour

The Carpathia Youth Group is scheduled to dance in Germany in the summer of 2021. If you are interested in participating, this is the best time to join the group! The groups age range is from 13 to 25. For more information, please contact Paul at [3schwalbe@gmail.com](mailto:3schwalbe@gmail.com)

# Frühling

Hoch oben auf dem Eichenast  
Eine bunte Meise laeuetet,  
Ein frohes Lied, ein helles Lied;  
Ich weiss auch, was es bedeutet.



Es schmilzt der Schnee, es kommt  
das Gras,  
Die Blumen werden bluehen;  
Es wird die ganze weite Welt  
In Fruehlingsfarben gluehn.

Die Meise laeuetet den Fruehling  
ein,  
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## Fashion Then and Now

Check out the “JoJo Bows” these girls are wearing in this vintage photo – how cute! JoJo Bows are large hair bows that are very popular with elementary school girls right now. 😊



## Kindergruppe Update

Hello Everyone! Our little group is growing and growing. We are happy that so many of our families are inviting their friends to join – it’s easy to invite when it’s such a nice group! If you have children or grandchildren from ages 3 to 12 years old, stop by and say hi. Our practices are on Sunday's at 4 till 5:30. We hope to see you there!

Anna Marie Tittjung, [tittjung@comcast.net](mailto:tittjung@comcast.net)



## We are looking for feedback!

Are you new to Carpathia Club? Would you like to know more about the culture or history? Are you curious about our “Untergruppen?” Or do you simply want to meet other new members? Let us know if you think a New Member Orientation sounds interesting! Contact Monica Forest at 586-703-6358 or [carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net](mailto:carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net)

## New Fish Frydays Banner

Here is our new banner to promote our Fish Frys. We have fantastic food at Carpathia – we just have to find ways to let the world know. Thank you, Walt Hoeckl, for your great design!

# Fish Frydays!

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## GACC Update

Hello members and friends,

As we all wait patiently for spring to arrive the GACC continues to move forward. Just a bit of back tracking, our members in Dec. enjoyed a wonderful semi - meeting, followed by our annual Christmas dinner. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all. After dinner the Carpathia Blaskapelle came in the room and played several new Christmas songs and then of course played some of our favorite German Christmas carols, at which time of course we all joined in to sing. It is always surprising to me that one can forget many German words but not the words to the German Carols we grew up singing. The day was a great way to start the Christmas season. Of course our affiliated clubs all held their Christmas parties and the Schwäbischer Männerchor had their traditional Christmas concert. So to that end 2018 was written in the books. It is never to late to keep our members in good thoughts for the New Year 2019.

The DASV started 2019, by having their Evening in Budapest, followed by the Carpathia Choir Card party. The Austrian Society held their 72nd Strauss Ball at the Palazzo Grande Ball room. The Carpathia Youth Group, not to be out done, celebrated their Königsball at Club. It was great to get dressed up and dance the night away. Then Karneval season started with the GBU Saxon/Rheingold Choir hosting their annual Fasching. Prince Horst 2nd and his Princess Angela, really put their hearts into this evening for all to enjoy. The royal couple hosted a breakfast on Sunday and then it was time for the younger generation to have Karneval. Christina Griesser, chairwoman and her crew did a great job, keeping to the traditional German customs. Prince Casper and Princess Cecilia gave their all for a fun afternoon. It amazes me that having this event brings in many folks who know little that the GACC/Carpathia are located here in Sterling Heights. We need to keep this event going so our German heritage can continue. The Transylvania Saxons had their Stiftungsfest and the Carpathia Frauengruppe held their annual Card Party. Many different events for all to enjoy. The next function for the GACC will be the Fashion Show on Thursday, May 2, 2019. Fashions will be by "Soft Surroundings", modeled by members of our clubs. A portion of the funds raised is donated to the "Junior Year in Munich program". After that the next event is Deutsche Tag on August 11, 2019.

The GACC held their annual membership meeting on March 31, 2019. It was a time to remember those who are no longer here and honor others. Mr. Eberhardt Wasserbaech was honored by receiving a Honorary Treasurer certificate. He has been instrumental in keeping the GACC funds on track. Thank you Eberhard. We also thanked him and Ingrid Grotloh for serving on the Board of Directors. Voted in their place as Directors at large were Wendy Binder and Buckardt Kniep. Welcome. So another year starts for the GACC as we continue to work with our affiliate clubs and especially the Carpathia Club. Several Ladies and gentlemen from the GACC continue to volunteer in the kitchen and else where when help is needed. The GACC Calendar

listing all events for the year has been updated. Please pick one up and pick and chose which events are special to you. All of our clubs need audience and attendance to keep existing.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer, and hope to see a great many of you at different functions.

Ingrid H. Stein  
GACC President



**Ingrid H. Stein**  
Präsidentin  
**Elisabeth Herster**  
Sekretärin

**Fashion Show**  
**2. Mai**  
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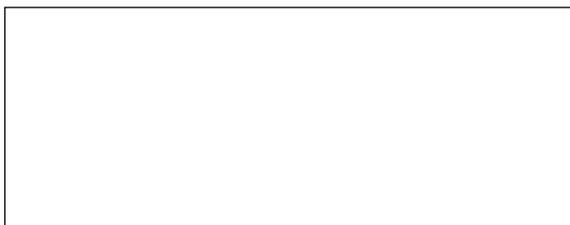


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