



# Carpathia Club, Inc.

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## Notes from our board

Thank you to everyone for attending the February 25<sup>th</sup> Generalversammlung and for participating all year.

Special congratulations to this year's award winners. The silver pin was awarded to Rose Bering, Matthias Eichmann, Marie Eppich, Resi Merli, and Paul Schwalbe. The gold pin went to Appolonia Wolf, and the 'Verdienstnadel vom Verband' was awarded to Carsten Grotloh. Congratulations! Another recognition was for 20+ years on the Carpathia Board. Maria Dosenberger, Irene Dietz, and Theresia Nowak were each recognized for 20+ years of service on the Carpathia board and were awarded a plaque.

Finally, a very wonderful honor was presented: the board nominated Hans Steiner as Ehrenmitglied. He is a member of the Seniors, former member of Donautal Tänzer, supporter of Blasmusikanten, supporter and former chaperone of the Jugendgruppe. He held the positions of Vice President and President, and was the head of the 'Haus' Committee. Honorary membership was voted and approved by the members at the meeting. Congratulations!

The elections started after the main part of the meeting and there are some new faces. Welcome to the new Carpathia board members – AnneMarie Tittjung, Monica Forest, Nick Sippl and Trustee Liz Thomas !

The board has exciting news! Sterling Heights asked Carpathia Club to be a shuttle location for Sterlingfest on July 26, 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. It is just what we need to promote Carpathia Club in the community.

We have a fish fry and a soccer game during Sterlingfest, but that works in our favor. It's good that the Sterling Heights community sees we are an interesting club with a large property, a cool patio and a lot to offer. The best part is that Sterling Heights will market Carpathia Club as a shuttle location which really gets our name out there in a positive way. Great opportunity and great timing. Hopefully, more to come!

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Blasmusikanten Concert**

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mother's Day Brunch**

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ladies and Frauen Banquet**

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Café Concert**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**German Fest**  
**Father's Day Picnic**

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jimmy John's Field German**  
**Heritage Night**

**August 19-21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Dancegroup from**  
**Taks, Hungary**

**September 14, 15, 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Oktoberfest**

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## Message from our President

In this issue I would like to welcome our brand new board members : Monica Forest, Nick Sippl, Liz Thomas and previous member AnnaMarie Tittjung. And a big thank you for years on the board to outgoing members: Kathi Steiner-Cole, Mike Stampfer, Paul Schwalbe, and Helmut Egger who had 18 years as Trustee. The club is grateful for the time and dedication you have put into your positions.

Carpathia Club is fortunate to have members who are willing and able to dedicate their time to our club. It can be a challenging commitment but also very rewarding when things go well. All their efforts go toward the good of the club. Please let them know their work is appreciated.

Another group to mention for their time at the annual General meeting is the Election committee - chairman Tom Forest, with Kurt Seiberling Jr., AnnaMarie Tittjung and Franz Dosenberger. Thank you for a job well done.

Carpathia has many events coming up this spring and summer. Check the calendars and plan to attend! Remember we also have a group coming from Taks, Hungary, on August 19 - 21 and the Schwaben-Combo band from Germany August 12-15. Housing is needed for both groups. Please consider hosting a couple people - I'm sure you won't regret it! Enjoy the spring and summer!

*Karin Schwalbe, President*



## From 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

As second Vice President one of my duties is to schedule bands for Club events as well as the Festivals. What I could use is some input on which bands you like, which bands you do not like and why, and which bands have not played here but you would like to see perform at one of our events.

*Thanks, Carsten Grotloh*

## Carpathia Club Board

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Carsten Grotloh

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Press Secretary: Monica Forest

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Sue Brandelik, Liz Thomas

*Questions? Comments?*

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

## What are you excited about for Spring?



Warm weather  
... and golf!

*Paul Hemond, Friday night and  
Special Events Bartender*



Our new boat!  
*Ed and Judy Smalling,  
new Jäger members*



I haven't seen it  
yet this year.  
I wish it would  
come pretty soon!

*Kathi Dietz, volunteer and  
"eine Oma so lieb"*

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## Notice:

### Cash, not Tickets

The Carpathia Club will be phasing out the use of purple strip tickets at functions within the hall. Bar and food sales will be by cash only. For a limited time, tickets will still be accepted. Please check your evening purses and suit jacket pockets, so you can use up your tickets while you still can!

## Kulturegruppe

### Update

Now is the best time to join the Kulturgruppe as we are not practicing for any particular event and we are in the process of going over all the dances we have learned in the past few years and practicing the classics too. We practice on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm. For more information contact Carsten Grotloh via email, [wcgrotloh@hotmail.com](mailto:wcgrotloh@hotmail.com) or cell 586.255.6527.

*Submitted by Carsten Grotloh*

## Frauengruppe Bankett

Voranzeige Veranstaltung der Carpathia Frauengruppe

Am 19. Mai 2018 feiert die Frauengruppe der Carpathia ihr alljähriges Bankett. Dazu möchten wir Sie jetzt schon herzlich einladen. Wir können mit Sicherheit Ihnen einen schönen Abend versprechen. Die Halle wird um 6pm eröffnet und pünktlich um 7pm wird ein gutes Essen serviert und als Nachtisch wird ein leckeres Stück Kuchen aufgetragen.

Wir haben für diesen Abend eine ganz besondere Überraschung für unsere Gäste und zwar werden die „Macomers“ sie unterhalten. Ja, wer sind die Macomers? Es ist eine Gruppe von 24 Sängern(innen); vom Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

Eine sehr talentierter Show Chor.

Wieder einmal kommt der alte liebe Spruch in den Sinn, wir kennen ihn alle...  
„Wo man singt da lass dich nieder.“

*Submitted by Irene Dietz*

## The Carpathia Club's Frauen and Ladies Group Banquet May 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

*The Frauen and Ladies Group is hosting  
an evening of friendship and fun.  
Delicious Dinner, Dessert and Great Entertainment*

*The Frauen happily welcome the Macomers!*

### THE MACOMBERS



*Family entertainment in a "something for everyone" performance best describes the highly choreographed show choir ensemble known throughout the state as The Macomers, the Goodwill Ambassadors of Macomb Community College.*

*Choir under the direction of Todd Moses*

*The event is sponsored by the Frauen, but everyone is welcome!  
Tickets \$25 members, \$30 guests  
Additional \$5 if purchased at door  
Doors at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
For reservations, please contact Maria Dosenberger  
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## Jugendgruppe

### Jugendgruppe Updates

Along with the changes at the Carpathia Board level came some changes in the Jugendgruppe as well. At the Jugendgruppe meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, myself and Tammy Kapraun were elected as the new leaders of the Jugendgruppe. Along with the change in leaders, we now have Le'Anna Miller as the group's new Secretary and Tony Ochss who has accepted the position of Treasurer again. For those who don't know me (most of you should by now), I have been involved in the various dance groups at Carpathia for over 20 years. I started in the Kindergruppe at three-years-old and continued until I was 24. I participated while both of my parents had the group and during my last few years in the group, I was assistant to my mother while she was Jugendleiterin.

Tammy has proudly watched as all four of her children made their way from the Kindergruppe to the Jugendgruppe. And perhaps even more proudly has watched her grandchildren join the Kindergruppe as well.



### What's Coming Next?

I've had a lot of people ask me what I intend to do with the group now. When my parents had the Jugendgruppe there was constant battle. Mom loved the traditional aspects; the songs, the poems, the history. Papa loved to push the envelope and put on a good show. They usually met somewhere in the middle. I can comfortably say my feelings are right in the middle too. I want to see the Jugend uphold traditions through song and dance but I also want to see them wow an audience. Both Tammy and I are extremely excited to be working with the group and looking forward to the next two years.

Also, as the Jugendgruppe is scheduled to go to Germany in 2021, we're on the lookout for good fundraising ideas. If anybody has some please let us know!

*Submitted by Paul Schwalbe*



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# Jäger Euchre Party



Join us for an evening of fun competition



**Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

It is a random paired partner format for each game. This is a 10 round tournament with two five round halves and a 15 minute break between halves.

Donation for the Euchre Tournament is \$15 per person We ask that everyone please bring a dish or an appetizer to pass

There will be a cash bar with Beer, Wine, and Mixed Drinks

For those not playing euchre you are welcome to bring games along to play as well



Euchre Tournament starts at 7:00 p.m. Sharp!



Please R.S.V.P. By May 1st



Please Contact:  
**Bob Hammer (586) 201-4412 or  
Alex Rausch (586) 212-6468**



Carpathia Club is located @ 38000 Utica Road, Sterling Heights 48312

## Carpathia Kickers Update

The Kickers are getting ready for the spring season after a winter of training and strength conditioning. These kids are working hard!

We have training for the kids at indoor facilities where coaches work on building skills for the outdoor season as well as developing strength. This won't surprise most soccer players, but according to Running World, the average soccer player covers 5 miles or more during a full game. Midfielders sometimes reach up to 9.5 miles! This is one reason why coaches spend time developing endurance among our players. There is no doubt that soccer is a great sport to keep a young athlete in shape.

What to look forward to this season with the Kickers? The teams return to the pitch hungry for some competitive games. Make sure to check the website and catch some games in the area. [WWW.KICKERSFC.NET](http://WWW.KICKERSFC.NET)

Look for Carpathia FC this spring in the United States Premier League! Coach Bruce Wilden and Marcel Schmidt have been putting together another fantastic team. Come watch some fantastic soccer with these guys! The roster and schedule are being finalized at this time – keep watching the website for updates.

*Submitted by Linda McVettie*

## Carpathia Seniors

The Carpathia Seniors meet every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (of course, you can come whenever you like in the morning). The only requirements are that you are a member of Carpathia and are at least 55 years of age.

The new leaders of the group are:

- Tony Huth, President
- Resi Huth, Secretary
- Franz Dosenberger, Treasurer

We play cards, and some tables just visit with each other or try to solve the world's problems. A luncheon is provided for a small fee. It is said that meeting with friends is great for your health. So, come join us.

*Submitted by Betty Brandelik*



## Frauengruppe Card Party

Am 18. Maerz veranstaltet die Frauengruppe der Carpathia ihre alljaehrliche Card Party.

Ein herrlicher Tag lockte die eifrigen Kartenspieler schon um 11:00 Uhr ins Clubhaus.

Puenktlich um 12Uhr begruesste die Leiterin, Frau Irene Dietz zusammen mit unserer Praesidentin , Karin Schwalbe alle Anwesenden und wuenschten ihnen „einen gemuetlichen Nachmittag mit viel Spass!“ Zum Lunch gab es Schnitzel, sowie ausgebackene Kartoffeln mit Gemuese und Salat. Dann wurden alle Tische schnell abgeraeumt , damit die Kartenspieler auf ihre Kosten kommen....

Es wurden verschiedene Kartenspiele gespielt. Darunter Pinochle, Pocker, Ramschle, Skipo, Trash, Love your Neighbor oder so; es handelte sich halt um den Nachbarn.

Dann bekam ein jeder Tisch einen Teller hochaufgefuehlt mit koestlichem Kleingeback.

Spaeter gegen 3:30 Uhr wurde jedem Spieler an seinem Tisch einen Salzkipfel serviert.

Unsere beliebten Kipfel wurden einige Tage zuvor von 12 unserer Frauen und einem Mann, namens Phillip hergestellt “ mit vielem Dank an alle!

Zu Schluss wurde eine grosse Tombola verlost, deren schoene Preise von der Frauengruppe gestiftet wurde. All in Allem kann man sagen dass es ein gemuetlicher Nachmittag war! Die nicht gewonnen haben koennen sich bei unserer naechsten Card Party revangieren.

Bis dann.....auf Wiedersehen!

*Irene Dietz, Frauengruppe*



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## Kindergruppe Update

Hello Everyone!!

As most of you already know, I took the Kinder Gruppe for the next two years. I would like to thank Monique Bates for taking treasurer and Karin Ritter for taking secretary. Most importantly, I would like to take this time to thank Andrea Geyer for all her hard work and dedication and for all that she has done for the group. It's not an easy task running an Untergruppe, and I know that you will still be around to help - and I know I will need it!

If anyone is interested in joining, we would love to have you. My goal is to build the group back up again. Our practices are on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 till 5:30.

For this year's festivals, I would like to build up the Kinder Platz, and I'm looking for some suggestions and for help. If you want more information on the dance group, please feel free to email me. Let's build this group up together.

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



*Carpathia Club welcomes you*  
**Mother's Day Brunch**  
*Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*11:00 am. to 2:00 pm.*

Spend time with your mom in a relaxed and delicious way.  
 German Specialties and Pastries  
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 Mimosas and fun beverages

Homemade food, relaxed atmosphere, and everyone can enjoy themselves.  
 Tickets \$25 with 1 complimentary Mimosa or Bloody Mary  
 Ages 13-20 \$22, Children 6-12 half price, and 5-under are free  
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**Oktoberfest!**  
**Sept. 14, 15, 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Congratulations on 50 Years!*

Carpathia Club celebrates being part of the Sterling Heights community!  
 Join us for events including Oktoberfest, Father's Day Picnic, and our famous Friday Fish Fry.  
 Everyone is welcome!

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 Sport, tradition, food, friendship -  
 One club, many ways to connect.

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## Carpathia's ad for Sterling Heights Anniversary

If you live in Sterling Heights, look for Carpathia Club's ad in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet. Over 52,000 of these booklets will be hand-delivered to every home, business and school in Sterling Heights. It's a nice way to invite the community around us to visit our events and participate in Carpathia Club.

## Choir Update

Liebe Carpathia Mitglieder und Freunde!  
Der Carpathia Chor wünscht Euch allen einen schönen Sommer. Wir hoffen, daß wir viele von Euch bei unserem "Café Concert" sehen und begrüßen können. Das Konzert ist am 3. Juni und fängt um 2:00 Uhr nachmittags an. Das ist ein Sonntag und besonders für unsere Senioren gedacht, damit sie nicht nachts fahren brauchen und doch unser Singen hören können.

Wir üben recht fleissig, weil wir am Samstag, den 28. April 2018 Gastchor sind bei dem Frühjahrs Konzert des Teutonia Chores in Toledo Ohio. Wir werden auch mit den Chören des Michigan Sängerbundes singen beim "German Heritage Day" im Jimmy John's Stadium am 4. August, dann am 12. August beim Deutschen Tag des GACC und beim German-American Day des GACC am 1. Oktober. Wie Ihr seht, sing wir immer mit dabei bei vielen Veranstaltungen. Neue Sänger sind immer willkommen und gern gesehen. Wir würden uns freuen, einige neue Chormitglieder zu bekommen.

Wir haben unsere Choproben Dienstags abends um 7:30 Uhr in der Carpathia Halle. Wir brauchen Eure Unterstützung, um unsere Deutsche Kultur des Liedes und des Chorsingen zu erhalten, zu ehren, und an unsere nächste Generation weiter zu geben.

Mit freundlichem Sängergruß, Michael Schleis

The  
**Carpathia Choir**  
invites you to their  
**"Café Concert"**

Guest Soloist *Monique Bates*



*Sunday, June 3, 2018*  
*At 2:00 PM*

Members \$ 15.00  
Guests \$ 18.00

*There will be a raffle and a few other surprises.  
Food will be available for purchase.*

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## Deutsche Schule

Our German School is preparing for our graduation performance on April 6th. We are doing spring songs and poems followed by a pizza party. This year we only have 10 children and 6 adult students. Over the years, I have seen such a decline in our school. The kids are either too busy to take German or they are getting German in school. I also had difficulty trying to find help from our members to help teach or substitute, so it was very hard to grow the program. I really tried my best to make the German School a great success. This year, a very difficult decision had to be made, for me to have this be my last year leading the German School. I have very much enjoyed teaching and leading the school. I really appreciate those who have supported me throughout the years. I have had great support from our board, president, vice presidents, many members, friends, other Untergruppen leaders, and my family. I remember back when I was appointed to take the German School over by John Huth, Mike Talan, and Arthur Beneker, I was truly honored. I especially want to thank all those past and present teachers who helped me make this German School happen. Irene Dietz, Anna Marie Tittjung, Marianne Krenzer, Ingrid Grotloh, Carsten Grotloh, Ann Szymanski, and Ingrid Horodko. I cannot express enough how much of a great team we all made. You all are great teachers and great friends. If anyone is interested in taking over the German School, please let me know. I would be happy to help out until the new leader feels comfortable.

Submitted by Melissa Morelli

## Carpathia Jäger

I would like to first thank everyone who attended our Wild Game Bankett and Koenigsball. The dinner was very delicious and was a nice evening from start to finish. Congratulations to our new king, Ed Speckhardt and queen Monika.....We raffled off several really nice prizes and for the third year in a row we held a gun raffle which was very successful. We will continue the gun raffle at our future events. I would like to also thank all the guys and gals who helped prepare and butcher the wild game for the dinner. Also, a special thank you goes to Sherwood Brewery of Shelby Township for delivering 3 tasty selections of craft beer. We hope to continue this also in the future.

Spring is here and our group now heads outdoors once again after a few months off after the White Tailed Deer and small game seasons. ...we now will shift gears and start to practice trap shooting and prepare for our shoots with our friends from the Rhine Danube Sportsmans club in Leamington, Canada.

Keep a lookout for a couple dates in the near future...Kids Outdoor Day in May and our annual euchre tournament. Dates will be set very shortly and posted on the club website and around the hall.

If you or any one you know is interested in shooting or hunting and would like to join our group, please contact either myself or Alex Rausch [araus4570@gmail.com](mailto:araus4570@gmail.com). We are always looking for new members and have recently added a couple new members.

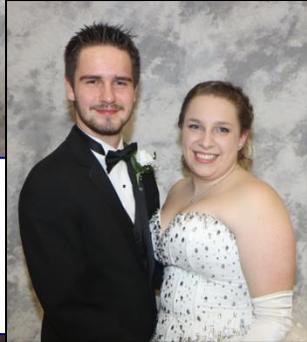
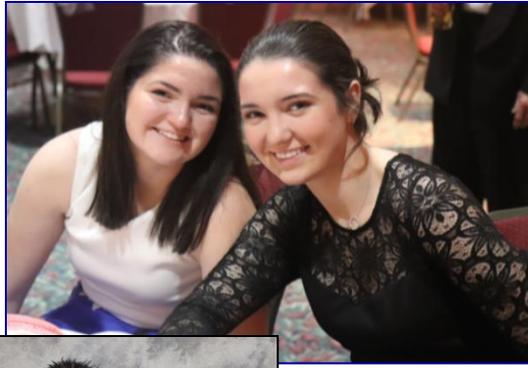
Thank you and enjoy your spring!! See you all around the club and at the Fests!!

Robert Hammer....Oberjäger, [rhammer39@gmail.com](mailto:rhammer39@gmail.com)

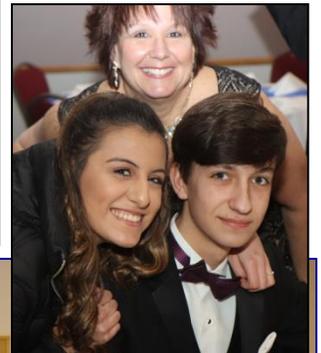


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# Winterball



2018



## Blasmusikanten

### “5 JAHRE BLASMUSIK” .....

..... ist der Title des 5. Konzert der “Carpathia Blasmusikanten” am Sonntag den 6. Mai 2018, in der Carpathia Halle in Sterling Heights. Die Halle öffnet um 13:00 Uhr, Konzert. Beginn ist um 14:00 Uhr. Das Konzert ist bereits das fünfte Konzert für die doch noch sehr junge Gruppe. Wer hätte 2013 damit gerechnet, dass nun fünf Jahre später die Carpathia Blasmusikanten ihr eigenes 5 jähriges Jubiläum feiern können, war doch damals nur ein einmaliger Auftritt zum Anlass des 100. Jubiläums des Carpathia Club geplant. Das diesjährige Program ist wieder bestückt mit zahlreichen Egerländer Melodien, sowie einigen sehr anspruchsvollen Solo Stücken. Die Musiker und Musikerinnen rund um Dirigenten Matthias Eichmann, sind seit Dezember in der Vorbereitung und können es selbst kaum erwarten, Sie mit guter gerländer Blasmusik, und Solo Stücken, zu verwöhnen. “Es ist toll zu sehen, daß alle aktiven Mitglieder so voller Drang sind und Freude haben, diese Art von Musik zu spielen”, sagte George Schleis, Präsident der Blasmusikanten. “Wir sind sehr stolz auf die Entwicklung der Blasmusikanten in den letzten fünf Jahren, und daß wir Musiker in allen Altersgruppen haben”, sagte George weiter.

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Submitted by Kathi Cole



**Fünf Jahre  
Blasmusik**

Mit den  
**Carpathia Blasmusikanten**  
Sunday May 6, 2018

Doors Open at 1 pm  
Event Begins at 2 pm

Dancing Following the  
Performance

\$15 for Members  
\$18 for Guests

Food Available for Purchase  
before the Concert

Join Us for an afternoon of Music performed by  
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## New Member Spotlight

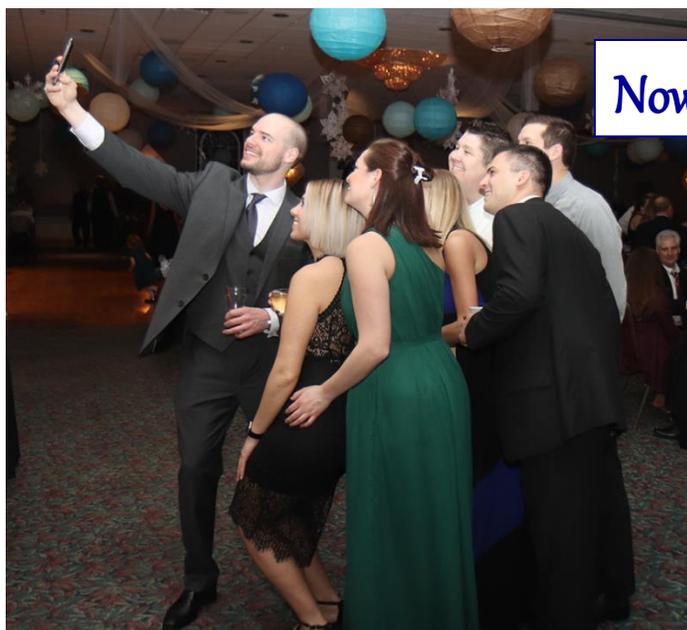
*Note from editor: I met Bonnie and Jon, and found we have so much in common. Ask Bonnie to tell you about climbing ladders with Mr. Dietz! Welcome, Bonnie and Jon!*

"If you want to see me on Father's Day you know where to find me. I'll be under the tent at the Carpathia Club." These words prompted our first visit to the Carpathia Club in June of 2015.

Let us introduce ourselves; we are Jon and Bonnie Middeldorf of Clinton Township. Even though Bonnie has lived in Clinton Township her whole life and Jon has lived there since we were married 30 years ago, we had never visited the Carpathia Club until the Father's Day Festival in June of 2015. Both of our fathers passed away years ago, so we have "adopted" our sister-in-law's father Ray Kosmack as our own and his words quoted above left no doubt on where we needed to be to see Ray and his wife Audrey on Father's Day.

Needless to say our first visit to the Carpathia Club was a life changing event! After that first experience at the Father's Day Festival we decided that we wanted to find out more about the Carpathia Club so we started by attending the Friday night fish fries along with other events at the Club. The warm welcome that we received along with the friendly conversation and fellowship that followed convinced us that this was a club that we wanted to belong to. At the 2015 Oktoberfest Bonnie talked to Carsten Grotloh and he invited her to join the Club. Bonnie was accepted into the Club in 2016 and Jon followed in 2017. Our goal now is to continue to meet new people and to become more involved with volunteering for the club's many fun events

We are both retired middle school teachers. Bonnie retired from the Grosse Pointe School System and Jon retired from the Anchor Bay School System. We are active members of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Detroit. In 1873 Bonnie's great grandfather August Klix arrived in Detroit from Kloster-Lehnnin, Germany and that is when he became a member of Historic Trinity. Since that time Bonnie's family has always had a presence at Historic Trinity and we are continuing that unbroken tradition today. We look forward to seeing you at the Carpathia Club!



**Now that's a selfie I'd love to see!**

Please send any fun photos to Monica Forest at [carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net](mailto:carpathiaclub.press@comcast.net) Thanks!

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## Oma So Lieb

So many of us hold this song in our heart, the song about our sweet Oma with the affectionate laugh that made us feel special no matter what else was happening in our life. Even as children we knew our world would never be the same without them. Why? Because Omas know making a child feel important is not going to spoil the child, it's going to make them feel loved. Omas are always on our side. Omas laugh and listen. Omas share their stories and care about ours. It's beautiful that the song mentions the Oma's hands. It's amazing and true that children remember their Oma's hands. They remember, even when they're all grown up.

*Oma so lieb, Oma so nett,  
ach wenn ich dich, meine Oma nicht hätt,  
wär's auf der Welt  
so traurig und leer,  
denn eine Oma wie dich gibt's nie mehr.  
Ich habe die beste Oma,  
die liebste von der Welt,  
bei dir da darf ich alles,  
wie es mir grad gefällt,  
und schimpft dann meine Mutti ...  
Ach du verwöhnst ihn doch,  
dann lächelt Oma zärtlich  
und sagt ich darf das doch.  
Oma so lieb, Oma so nett,  
ach wenn ich dich, meine Oma nicht hätt,  
wär's auf der Welt  
so traurig und leer,  
denn eine Oma wie dich gibt's nie mehr.  
In Omas kleinem Zimmer  
sitz ich so gern bei ihr.  
Sie weiss die schönsten Märchen,  
und die erzählt sie mir.  
Ich streichle ihre Hände  
und schaut sie mich dann an  
und fragt was ist mein Junge?  
Sag ich ganz leise dann ...  
Oma so lieb, Oma so nett,  
ach wenn ich dich, meine Oma nicht hätt,  
wär's auf der Welt  
so traurig und leer,  
denn eine Oma wie dich gibt's nie mehr.*



## GACC Update

Hello from the GACC. Since the New Year already is in full swing, I still want to wish everyone a healthy and good 2018. Since the last time I wrote, several events transpired. Lets look back on Oct 7, 2017, 30 years of German American day was celebrated. The chairman for this event was Sigfried Charow and we appreciated the many attendees. At this event the GACC gives a \$2,000.00 donation to the Wayne State Jr. Year in Munich program and honors the person selected German American of the year 2017. The president of Carpathia, Karin Schwalbe, was the recipient of this award this year. She has grown up with a family who hold German traditions very dear to their hearts, and whose family has truly dedicated many tired less hours in preserving our German heritage and culture. The Michigan Sanegerbezirk, GTEV Edelweiss and Carpathia dancers all contributed to making this evening special.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Carpathia Choir participated at the Fort Custard ceremony remembering the 26 fallen soldiers that are buried there. The GACC also presented a wreath at this event. December 3<sup>rd</sup> was the semi-annual membership meeting of the GACC with the Christmas dinner that followed. Everyone appreciated the wonderful dinner prepared by the Carpathia ladies, where do you go and the plates are hot? Gemutlichkeit followed with the Carpathia Blasmusikaten coming in and leading all in a sing along of Christmas carols. It is always great to get together with our members, especially the older members who have done so much to get the GACC where it is.

January started with many of our affiliated clubs getting their events going for all to enjoy. Just to name a few, Deutsch Amerikanish Schuetzen Verein held a new event, Evening in Budapest. The Austrian Society had its annual Strauss Ball. Carpathia had its Choir Card party, Jugend Winter Ball, Jäger Banquet, and the Frauengruppe card party. The Transylvania Saxons had their Anniversary party. The GBU Saxoina Rheingold choir celebrated Karnavel under bad weather conditions which caused us to cancel the Kinderfashing that was to be held on the next day.

There truly are many events to chose from and we need to encourage all to attend something.

The Annual GACC meeting was held March 11, and we held elections for delegates at large from the GACC. Each year, 4 delegates are elected for a 3 year term. This year, elected were Joseph Groele, Elisabeth Herster, Marianne Krenzer and Ingrid H. Stein. We thank Hilda Langegger for her many years of service to the GACC. Again, after the meeting we had a delicious gulash lunch, enjoyed by all. The next day the GACC elected the board of directors, President Ingrid H. Stein, 1 Vice President James Binder, 2 Vice President Joseph Groele, Treasurer Ingrid Weiss-Ferguson, Recording Secretary Marlina Voigt-Groele, Corresponding Secretary Elisabeth Herster, Member Secretary Irmgard Krause, Trustees Sigfried Charow, Edith Kuplent, Marianne Krenzer. Two will be elected at the next meeting.

The next few months the GACC will be involved in several events, The Annual Fashion Show, April 19, with Janet Seefried Chair-lady, Fashions will be by Soft Surroundings, from Rochester. Also, all affiliated clubs will be participating at the Jimmy Johns German Heritage night August 4<sup>th</sup> and the at the Deutsche Tag on August 12<sup>th</sup>. This year we will have a band from Germany, The Schwaben Combo, who are bring 18 musicians who will be housed by members of different clubs. They are also bringing a film crew for a TV report for Ulm Germany. So don't be surprised if they ask you a question!

As stated before, if all of us keep pushing ahead with positive attitudes we will continue to keep our clubs going.

See you soon, Mit freundlichen Gruessen  
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