



Carpathia Club, Inc.

A Danube-Swabian Culture Club

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Winter 2019

Notes from our board

“Leise rieselt der Schnee

Still und starr ruht der See

Weihnachtlich glänzet der Wald

Freue dich, Christkind kommt bald“

How many of us remember those lyrics from Carpathia Club's German School or youth group? How many of us are still friends with the kids we met there? Is that why we're still here at club? What is your story that keeps you here?

Memories of great experiences, current friendships, or family connections through the generations are the biggest reasons we are here. The board is trying to grow those experiences with our events and grow our membership with new families and friendships. Thank you to all of our volunteers and Untergruppen that help it happen.

Speaking of Untergruppen, congratulations to five of our Carpathia Choir singers who received an Ehrenurkunde and Pin for singing with German choirs for 60 years. They are: Anton Brandelik, Anna Hammer, Lisa Gerstheimer, Blondine Klimach and Angelo Zarantonello. The pins and Urkunden were given by the Nordamerikanische Sängerbund.

Finally, please join us for the Member's Christmas Party on December 22nd. It's the best way to get a sense of calm and peace and the spirit of Christmas. Until then, Merry Christmas!



Upcoming Events

December 13th – German Christmas Show

December 14th - Carpathia Kickers Banquet

December 22nd - Member's Christmas Party with Nikolaus, sweets and sing-alongs

January 26th - Card Party Hosted by the Choir

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February 8th – Königsball

February 16th - Annual Membership Meeting

February 23rd - Kinderfasching (Child's Masquerade ball)

February 15th - Card Party, Hosted by the Frauen Gruppe

March 17th - Irish Show on St. Patrick's Day

March 21st - Jäger 50th Anniversary Banquet

From the President

As another year comes to a close at Carpathia Club I would like to take the opportunity to thank our members for their time, efforts and continued support of our club! I hope the holidays bring you many cherished hours with family and friends. From my family to yours - we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

And in keeping with my desire to preserve our heritage and language - a greeting for Christmas and beyond:

Liebe Mitglieder,
 "Es wünschen Dir zum Weihnachtsfeste
 alle nur das Allerbeste -
 Gesundheit, Glück, Zufriedenheit
 und das nicht nur zur Weihnachtszeit."

Frohe Weihnacht und viel Glück im Neuen Jahr
 Karin Schwalbe

From the Club Manager

Thank you to everyone that was involved in our Festivals, Fish Frys, and Volunteer Clean-ups and that work and volunteer in the Kitchen and the Bars beyond the Fests and Fish Frys. Thank you to those that do things behind the scenes that most members don't about, but are crucial to our clubs existence. Thank you to those that brought friends and families to our events.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Christmas and an amazing new year!

W. Carsten Grotloh



Thank you to all the busy volunteers that made the club look outstanding for Christmas. Come see their beautiful work at the club's Members Christmas Party.

From the 2nd Vice President

Bring new friends and our old friends and family back to Carpathia. The year 2020 should be a year of rebirth and growth. As I look at the pictures along the back hallway and see many friends and former members. Don't wait until after you get the news of another untimely death, once it is far too late to reconnect. Let us all collectively, and actively, invite our friends and former members to join us once more. It is time to reach out and grow our Family, bring back members that have left, introduce new members. We need to accept and embrace new members. Greet them with a smile and a Hallo! Introduce yourself, show them around, and let them know about the groups or activities you are involved in.

Frohe Weihnachten und guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr.

W. Carsten Grotloh

Carpathia Club Board wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas

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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

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2019 Mexican Abend



Ole!



Thank you to the Dosenberger family for donating decorations and *Ballet Folklórico De Detroit's* dance performance. Also, thank you for preparing the delicious authentic food for this youth group fundraiser!

Congratulations to the new King & Queen!

The Carpathia Youth Group has a new King and Queen: Sebastian Cole and Alexandra Sehling. These are wonderful representatives of all of our youth at Carpathia Club. Here they are introducing themselves in their own words.

Hello, my name is Alexandra Sehling. And it is so odd being referred to as queen! I recently graduated from Michigan State with a degree in Biomedical Laboratory Sciences. I'm currently doing an internship at Ascension St. John in Detroit to become certified in Medical Laboratory Sciences. I've been dancing at the club for about 9 years. I enjoy learning about a variety of dances.

My favorite thing about the club is seeing so many friendly faces. Even if it's been ages since seeing someone, it's always warm and welcoming and the friendship picks up where it left off.

Hi, my name is Sebastian Cole, and I'm 18. I'm from Macomb Twp., but I'm a student in Lansing now. I started my first semester at Michigan State University this Fall and am majoring in music performance.

I've been a member of Carpathia Club since I was four years old, when I started the Kinder Tanzgruppe and Kinder Schuhplattler. I really enjoyed participating with the Kinderplatz and working the Games area at our Fests. At twelve, I joined the Carpathia Blasmusikanten, and play the Fluegelhorn and trumpet. I love playing with the band and hanging out with the older guys- "the professionals." They have taught me so much. I also played the clarinet for various other German functions. Currently, I am a member of the Jugendgruppe, which I joined when I was twelve.

For this article I was asked, what do I like about Club? Well, I like everything - the dancing, the Blaskapelle, the festivals, the food, the Landestreffen each year, and the Kipfeln and Kuchen the ladies bake. I like collecting pins on my vest, my Kirchweih Hat, and grabbing the grapes from the ceiling at Weinlesefest, and ending up in jail. I like the stick dance the boys used to do in the Kindergruppe, and the Lebkuchen the Jugendgruppe would make. I like the rehearsals, the goofy bloopers we make, and I like when a performance is well done. I like our Seniors; they are quirky, and funny, and have interesting stories, and they care about you. I like the building of friendships - friends who are more like family because we know each other so well and for so long. I love my Donauschwaben Oma and Opa; they are the reason why I am at Carpathia to be able to experience and like all of this!

*Der Carpathia Gemischte Chor
wünscht allen Mitglieder und Freunden
Frohe Weihnachten &
Glückliches Neues Jahr*

*Wir laden Euch ein zu unserer
„Card Party“
am Sonntag, den 26. Januar 2020
Um 12:00 Uhr mittags*



Chorleiter: Michael Schleis
Dirigent: Erwin Aufdemberge



Judy Aufdemberge	Anna Hammer	Theresia Nowak
Monique Bates	Philipp Hammer	Inge Pfropper
Arthur Beneker	Anna Kapraun	Philipp Rometsch
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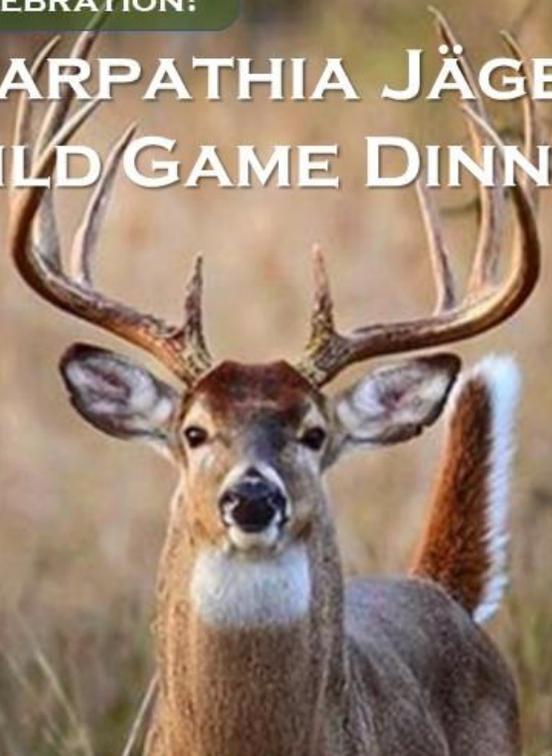
Unsere Probestunden sind jeden Dienstag Abend um 7:30 Uhr.
Neue Sänger sind immer herzlich willkommen.



Oktoberfest 2019

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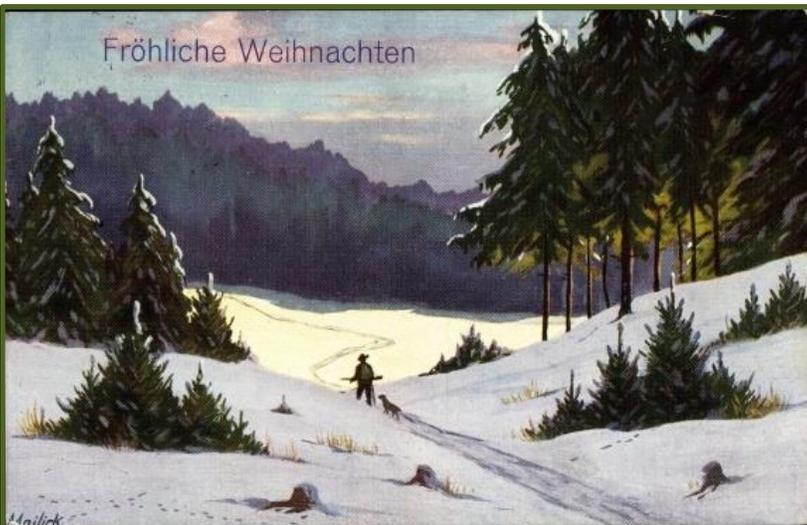
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Merry Christmas From the Carpathia Jäger





**CARPATHIA
BLASMUSIKANTEN**

Frohe Weihnachten

Carpathia Seniors (with editor's note)

The Seniors will be taking a short break during the Christmas holiday, but they very much enjoy their Tuesdays together. One day, I ran into one of the senior ladies in the store and said hello. After a nice chat, she mentioned that she doesn't get out much anymore – except on Tuesdays. Even her grandkids know that Oma is not home on Tuesdays! That's a compliment to the nice friendships and fun the Senior Group offers.

Seniors meet Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to have lunch and play cards. Call the club for more information: 586-978-2292.

Kindergruppe Update

Hello! The Kindergruppe performed their new program for Kirchweih and everyone loved watching it. The kids did so well and had so much fun. They are going to practice for a small performance at the Christmas party and then start preparing for Koenigsball in February.

If you have children or grandchildren from ages 3 to 12 years old, stop by at a practice and say hi. Contact us for practice times and we hope to see you there! [Anna Marie Tittjung, tittjung@comcast.net](mailto:AnnaMarieTittjung@comcast.net)

Kulturregruppe Update

Always looking for new dancers. Now is the time to join. We practice Tuesday Evenings at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Carpathia Club. For more information contact Carsten Grotloh via email: wcgrotloh@hotmail.com or cell 586.255.6527.

Frauengruppe Update

Fashion Show

Im Oktober veranstaltete die Frauengruppe ihre alljaehrliche Fashion Show. In diesem Jahr wurde die neusten Moden fuer Herbst und Winter vom Modehaus Maurieces (Lakeside) zur Verfuegung gestellt.

Nach einer kurzen Begrueessung von Leiterin Irene Dietz und Presidentin Karin Schwalbe wurde ein vorzuegliches Essen serviert. Die Koechinnen Liane und Edith hatten das Essen sehr schmackhaft zubereitet. Nachdem dann die Tische abgeraeumt waren wurde der Saal fuer die Fashion Show frei gegeben.

Assisant Manger Angie stellte jeweils die Modelle for und beschrieb dann die Kleidung. fuer Freizeit und Buero

13 Damen modelierten die schicken Sachen. Mary Ann Virchow, Kaethe Schuh, Nina Sherrerd, Gudrun Neumann, Dina Van Jaarfeld, Karin Schwalbe, Susie Brandelik, Betty Hammer, Karin Baettie, Kathe Reihardt, Rosemarie Marsell, Karin Ritter, Ingrid Stein.

Jean und nochmals Jeans in vielen Farben erhaeltlich. Relaxed Fit ganz laessig mit einem netten Pullover, einer Weste, Kurz-Mantel oder hueftlangen Jacke. Bleached Demin, schmale Jeans, auch zerrissene Jeans mit einer schicken Bluse und Pumps getragen macht den Look interessant. Knoechellang oder Skinny Jeans mit Stifel getragen, dazu ein weicher ,kuscheliger Pullover und nicht zu vergessen Bikerjacken sind gross in der Mode . Fuer jeden wurde etwas gezeigt.

Zum Schluss maschieren alle Modells nochmals durch den Saal und ein grosser Beifall wurde ihnen gegeben. Anschliesend wurden die vielen schoenen Preise verlost.

Ich moechte allen danken die diesen Nachmittag so erfolgreich machten.

Irene Dietz





WELTDACHVERBAND DER DONAUSCHWABEN

**Das Präsidium des
Weltdachverbandes der Donauschwaben
wünscht allen in der Welt lebenden Donauschwaben
ein besinnliches, friedliches und gesegnetes
Weihnachtsfest.**

Für das Jahr

2020

wünschen wir
**viel Gesundheit, Zufriedenheit,
Wohlergehen, Erfolg
und Gottes reichen Segen.
Frieden soll in unseren Herzen
und in der Welt sein!**

Stefan Ihas
Präsident
Weltdachverband der Donauschwaben e.V.

Stories Shared: Donauschwaben New Year's Day

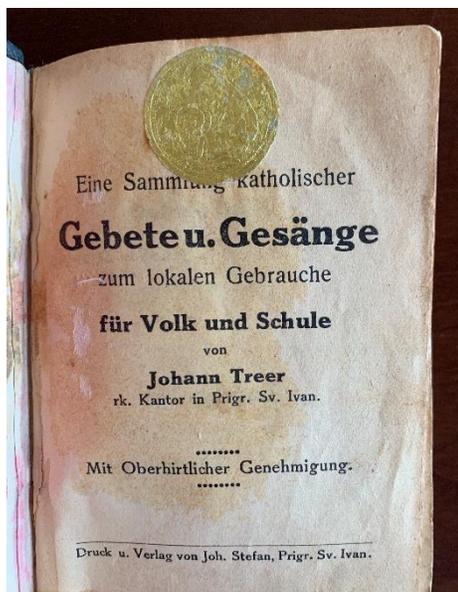
New Year's Day was a time for visiting and greeting each other, especially parents, godparents and grandparents. One story comes from Barbara. She was a young girl and she was very sick on New Year's Day. In fact, she was very sick for days and she could not get out of bed. Early that morning she heard her father come into the front door which made her cry. Why cry? Because she knew her brother and sisters would be the first to wish him a Happy New Year. The tradition was that the first one to wish someone a Happy New Year received money.

In Barbara's town, Sentiwan, the houses were arranged more like row houses, long and narrow. Her bedroom was toward the back of the house and, as she knew would happen, her siblings tore off from the back of the house to the front, racing to greet their father. What no one knew is that, after calling out a hello, her father had quickly run out the front door down the side of the house, snuck into the back door, and ran into Barbara's room. As he sat on the side of her bed smiling, Barbara's tears really started and left her speechless. He took her hand and jokingly asked if she had anything to say. She greeted him with a happy new year, and he filled her hand with coins.

Story shared by Barbara Traub geb. Gassmann

Betebuch brought to America

Printed in 1927, this Betebuch included prayers and songs. (Pictured is the title page and a prayer of parents for their children.)



Leise rieselt der Schnee

Leise rieselt der Schnee
Still und starr ruht der See
Weihnachtlich glänzet der Wald
Freue dich, Christkind kommt bald

In den Herzen ist's warm
Still schweigt Kummer und Harm
Sorge des Lebens verhallt
Freue dich, Christkind kommt bald

Bald ist die heilige Nacht
Chor der Engel erwacht
Hört nur wie lieblich es schallt
Freue dich, Christkind kommt bald

Eduard Ebel

Greetings from the Danube Schwabian Foundation, U.S.A.

Donauschwäbische Stiftung USA - Weihnachten 2019 - As in previous years, we are pleased to share with you two of the youth-oriented events which the Stiftung helped to sponsor in 2019

4. Welttreffen: A Gathering to Remember

Imagine going on a trip where every day was bright and sunny, packed full of meaningful activities and villages that took your breath away AND it was a family gathering of family you didn't even know you had – then you can begin to imagine the Welttreffen.

When we arrived at Internat des Ungarischen Bildungszentrums or UBZ in Baja, Hungary, we were greeted with hugs, kisses and enthusiasm that was contagious and never ending. We could see a huge beautiful facility with a full-sized Ulmer Schachtel in the courtyard. We were assigned our rooms and given time to unpack, relax and mingle before dinner and the first evenings activities.

We stayed for a week at the boarding school. While we were there we attended lectures on the care of trachts and the starching of slips by Erzebet Haklik, the Donauschwaben settlement in Entre Rios, Brazil by Roberto Essert, a folk song class by Jozsef Emmert, and a discussion about the Donauschwaben history by Josef Jerger, past president of the Weltdachverband. We had 4 hour dance workshops with several choreographers; Ilona Koch taught us a particularly cute routine that involved singing and dancing, Simon Kishegyi focused on the old type of polka and tzepple and taught us many moves that we can use in our dances and Rita Fresz shared amazing children's dances that we hope to pass on to our Kindergruppe. We were treated to a formal tour of their expansive school which starts with Kindergarten and goes through high school. The students are taught and must pass tests in both German and Hungarian. The academic standards are so high at this school that there is a waiting list to attend.

During the stay in Hungary we also took many day trips to visit beautiful old Donauschwaben villages and learn how their life changed forever after WWII, as well as to celebrate with them the revitalization their villages are undergoing in the present. In Nadwar, we were spellbound by their cultural presentation which ended with the expulsion from the homelands and had everyone in the audience sobbing. We toured the city, sat in the beautiful church, had dinner at a local wine cellar and ended the evening by "dancing in the streets". In Seetsch, we had classes in strudel and sausage making and toured the Catholic and Serbian Orthodox churches. After lunch we paraded to the Danube River, following the local brass band, where we boarded onto a ferry and had a commemorative wreath laying ceremony on the river. The groups then boarded our buses and visited a working mill in Schomberg and a Schnapps Distillery in Mohatsch. We then returned to Seetsch for a concert, dinner and dance. We ventured to Hajosch where we had a walking tour of the Donauschwaben section after visiting inside another beautiful church. Their dance group performed for us at an outside park and then we enjoyed a lovely dinner and wine-tasting in an outdoor beer garden. The Hajosch singing group performed for us, and we ended the evening by joining them in a sing-along. I am not sure which group was more excited to be singing! We also had a trip to Boly that included a tour of their beautiful town and extensive park system, and a lovely meal and wine tasting at the Roth Wine Cellar. The highlight of the trip to Boly was the folk dancing presentation in their beautiful cultural center. We saw Donauschwaben folk dancing by the Naarad Dance Group from Grossnaarad as well as the Mohatsch Nationalities Folk Dancing Group. Those performances were certainly ones I will always remember.

Saturday, July 27th was a day to remember for sure. We walked to the Town Hall early that morning and had a brief reception with the mayor. The group then boarded the "Bimmelbahn" or cute little passenger trams for an extensive tour of the town. Baja is truly built along the Danube River and has developed a great parklike venue along the waterfront. We were dropped off back at the school where we participated in a wonderful ceremony to dedicate the full-sized Ulmer Schachtel, or boat that carried the Donauschwaben people from Germany down the Danube River to their new homelands. This ceremony was followed by a formal banquet luncheon and later in the evening the Annaball. The Annaball was attended by many townspeople and dignitaries as well as the participants of the Welttreffen. It was an amazing evening of friendship and dancing.

On Wednesday, July 31st we packed our bags and loaded the bus for Hatzfeld, Romania. On our way we had the pleasure of spending an amazing afternoon in Temeschburg. What a beautiful city. Our entire group lucked into a city tour from a local guide who seemed to know ALL of the city history and how the Donauschwaben's history tied into and wrapped around the history of the city. I felt as if she were speaking specifically to me and answering many questions I didn't realize I had. By dinnertime we had arrived at the Hostel Ilina Classic, our home for the next 5 days.

Our time in Romania was filled with amazing lessons and visits as well. We learned about the art of hat decorating with Edith Barta and listened to very emotional presentations on the Russian deportation of Donauschwaben from Josef Koch and Ignaz Fischer. We participated in a lively dance seminar with choreographer Hansi Muller and learned several dances we are eager to share at home. We had a beautiful day's journey that took us to the Banat Donauschwaben Pilgrimage to the Basilica Maria Radna, where we had lunch at the Basilica. We were guided on a tour of Hatzfeld where we laid a wreath on Stefan Jager's gravesite, attended mass at the Catholic Church and were treated to a classical concert. This day ended with a banquet celebration at the Thermalstrand that included music and dancing. One of the biggest highlights of our time in Romania was the participation in not one but two very traditional Kirchweih's. The first was on Saturday in Warjasch and this event was attended by several Donauschwaben groups from the area. Here we watched as the Kirchweih tree was paraded through town and then raised. Then the group paraded through town behind a rousing Blaskapelle and the very traditional Kirchweih bush, visiting 3 different houses that offered Wurst, Brot, Kuchen and Schnapps to the entire group. We marched the Strauss to church where it was blessed in a mass, and took it back to the cultural hall to auction it off. The evening was topped off with dinner and a dance. The very next day we traveled to Nitzkydorf, for another rousing Kirchweih. The group got to see the home of Herta Müller, a Nobel prize winner; walk through town to the cemetery to lay a memorial wreath and then we traveled to the school for coffee and cake. There again was the very traditional parade through town, but the Blaskapelle had to be in the middle for everyone to hear as there were almost 200 couples in this parade. We visited homesteads for snacks and were greeted at the city center by the mayor. This Kirchweih had a festival atmosphere as there were tents with games and foods outside, dance performances by various groups in the courtyard and a 5 course meal and music and dancing inside the cultural center. This evening ended all too soon as did our time in Romania.

On Monday, August 5 we said good-bye to Romania and traveled to a neighborhood outside of Budapest, Torokbalint. After we checked into our rooms, we attended a seminar, "Traveling to Donauschwaben Throughout the World" by Jurgen Harich. This evening ended with a beautiful relaxing 3 hour dinner cruise down the Danube River with the lights of Budapest illuminating the night. It is hard to say which was most appealing - the food selection or the view. On Tuesday, we ventured to the Pest side of the city and walked down the hillside park, across the bridge and into the heart of the Buda side. We had time for shopping and a chance to pick up lunch. Our day ended in Taks, for a farewell party filled with many surprises. The group took a tour of the town in "Trabis" which are Cold War era, 2 cycle engine, tiny cars. We had stops at the Catholic Church and their Heimat Museum. The Taks facility is a lavish clubhouse surrounded by outdoor picnic areas, bandstand and performance stage. Their dance groups performed for us, there was a great band that played dance music all evening, and we were treated to an amazing buffet dinner. What a way to say good-bye to such a lovely place.

From the moment we arrived at the Budapest Airport and were met by Donauschwaben travelers from other cities, to the moment we left Budapest Airport with Donauschwaben friends who were going home to other cities, the eleven members of the Cincinnati delegation were thankful to have been part of this event. The organizers of this unbelievable Treffen, Stefan Ihas, Weltdachverband President, and Anna Fernbach, Weltdachverband member worked tirelessly to make this a meaningful and memorable event from the biggest activity to the smallest detail. We have never been more proud to be Donauschwaben.

"Portable Roots" – the 11th annual Donauschwaben Jugendfreundschaftslager

The Cincinnati Donauschwaben Verein was home to 45 Jugendgruppe members from 6 different cities the last weekend of June, 2019. On June 27th, Jugendgruppe members and their chaperones from Kitchener, Toronto and Leamington, Canada and St. Louis, Detroit and Cincinnati arrived late in the afternoon and began to set up a tent city around the playground. By dinnertime everyone was hungry and ready to get the weekend started. Thursday evening activities included a simulation on immigrating into a new "land", and building Ulmer Schachtels, that would carry the campers down on Danube River. The evening was capped off with an ice cream sundae bar.

Friday found the campers up early and dressed in their orange shirts. They hit the road for a day-long adventure. The first stop was a "drive by" of Union Terminal and a brief history of the importance of this train station to the Donauschwaben who moved to Cincinnati. The next stop was a walking tour of the "Over-the-Rhein" historic district of Cincinnati. Here they heard interesting stories of the buildings that were important to the Donauschwaben people as well as the huge German impact on this area and the city of Cincinnati. The afternoon was filled with a picnic lunch and swimming at Sunlite Pool. We traveled to Smale Park for a beautiful view of the Ohio River and an all-you-can-eat pizza dinner. We walked along the riverfront to the Red's Stadium where we actually saw the Red's beat the Chicago Cubs and had a front row seat for Fireworks Friday.

Saturday, June 29th was set aside for our cultural day. The campers spent the day immersed in activities that taught them of life in the "Heimatland." More members of the Cincinnati Jugendgruppe took advantage of the Jugendfreundschaftslager being on their home turf and joined in the activities for this day. We had a special "Kindergruppelager" take place this day as well. Patty Butterfield and Catherine Dehne designed activities for the day that shadowed what the Jugendgruppe was doing and they joined us for lunch and the history lesson.

After a filling breakfast, the campers were split into groups based on their age and for the remainder of the day, they rotated through a series of five activities. Katy Abt taught several songs, Wahre Freundschaft, Kehr ich ein zur Heimat Wieder, and the Donauschwaben Hymn, to each group. Jen and Johna Stolze discussed the Wappen and then the groups painted the Wappen on clay Christmas ornaments. Lisa Spraul had the groups busy making spaetzle for dinner. Megan Spraul taught each group an upbeat dance that was created by members of our own Jugendgruppe.

Barb Waldeck, Cathi Weissmann and Marty Kunkle worked with the groups to mix, bake and ice a lot of Honig Bursl cookies as well as rolling and dipping "Buckeyes". Joe Abt took time to demonstrate for many interested people the various steps of making Oktoberfest chicken. A very personal and touching presentation was given in the afternoon by Barb Waldeck, Cathi Weissmann and Marty Kunkle. These women spoke of their memories of living in the Lagers in Austria and then what life was like for them as they immigrated to Cincinnati and finally beginning their life anew. It was a marvelous way to tie together the theme of Portable Roots, the information the group learned on the Over-the-Rhein tour and how the Donauschwaben club was central to these women's lives as teen-agers. They brought many artifacts with them that their families had carried from Europe. These items held a special interest for the Jugend and there were plenty of questions afterwards for the ladies.

After a delicious dinner of Oktoberfest chicken and spaetzle, there was a closing ceremony that was followed by a night of dancing to music provided by DJ ED, Eddie Tullius. After breakfast on Sunday, the groups found it hard to say good-bye. There were plenty of pictures taken and promises to keep in touch. Everyone is already looking forward to the Labor Day festivities. Everyone left "Proud to be Donauschwaben".

**Cincinnati wants it to be said that this was the first Jugendfreundschaftslager in eleven years to have NO rain.



Danube- Swabian Association of the USA, Inc.
Verband der Donauschwaben in den USA. e.V.

Liebe Landsleut,

As another year comes to a close, it is once again time to ask you to support our foundation financially. Our expenditures for youth programs have never been stronger. The fourth "Welttreffen der Donauschwaben Jugend", the crown jewel in this year's budget, was a smashing success. Stipends for youth groups, brass bands, German schools, and the annual soccer tournament have never been higher. Thanks to volunteers at the club level, youth participation in club activities remains strong. To maintain the momentum in our youth programs let's reach into our "giving pockets" and make some sizeable donations to our foundation for the holidays!

The Welttreffen trip to Hungary and Romania gave our youth the opportunity to connect with their families' Heimat. Organized by Weltdachverband president Stefan Ihas, this bus tour visited Baja, Nadwar, Hajos, Seetsch, Mohacs, Boly, Temeswar, Hatzfeld, Warjasch, Maria Radna, Nitzkydorf, Budapest, and Taksony. Among the highlights, we participated in the dedication of the Ulmer Schachtel at the Internat, visited with the mayors of several cities, participated in two Kerweih celebrations, heard first-hand reports of Russia-deportations, made Strudel and Bratwurst, visited Weinkellers, danced at the Annaball and other fests, learned new dances and songs, and learned hat-making in Hatzfeld. We visited the pilgrim church at Maria Radna and the graves of Stefan Jaeger, Peter Jung, and others. From Seetsch we boarded a Donau ferry and placed a ceremonial wreath in the Donau! Almost ninety Schwowe from the USA, Canada, Germany, Austria and Brazil attended this Treffen. The average cost to attend, a major commitment for all participants, exceeded \$3000. Our foundation's support enabled many of the youth attending this event to make the trip. Results are already evident as the dances and songs learned in Europe are being introduced to our youth groups. The excitement generated among participants is flaming interest in our culture.

In closing, I once again ask every Schwob who reads this letter to reach into their pocket and make an annual donation of fifty dollars or more.

Frohe Weihnachten!

Robert F. Filippi
President, Landesverband der Donauschwaben
Chairman, Danube Swabian Foundation

**Jugendlager 2020
confirmed:
July 9th-12th**



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2019 Kirchweih



Flashback Photo: Rentner Tanzgruppe 1987



New Start-Up: Mia San Detroit

Travel the world and you're sure to run into a Bayern München football supporter. With 4,500 registered fan clubs, FC Bayern is the biggest football family on the planet. In the United States and Canada there are over 140 fan clubs, more than any other European team in North America. Detroit's official FC Bayern fan club "Mia San Detroit" meets here in our members bar.

"I was looking for a German themed soccer bar that would open at 9:30 am for our watch parties," said Daryl Traver, Chairperson of Mia San Detroit. "Carpathia Club was everything I hoped for and more. The people here are awesome and very accommodating," continues Traver.

As a fairly new fan club, now in their second season, they continue to grow having had a few match days with over twenty people in attendance. "Some days there are two, sometimes around a dozen. There is usually always someone here though. Last season during a Champions League match there were nearly thirty people! It's growing and will take time. My goal is to be up there with the big fan clubs like Toronto or Chicago," says Traver.

However, the watch parties are not just for FC Bayern fans. "Yes, we are Bayern focused and that's our club, but we welcome all. We're a family friendly group. Bring the kids!" Traver continues, "If you are a fan of another team or simply just enjoy soccer, come out as well. We are also here for the Germany and USA International matches."

Be a part of the over 350,000 worldwide fans, and join Mia San Detroit at Carpathia Club as they cheer on the reigning Bundesliga champions. The schedule for dates & times is posted in the members bar and on Carpathia Club's Facebook page. You can find FC Bayern information on their website at fcbayern.com. Mia San Detroit can be followed at twitter.com/MiaSanDetroit.



Carpathia is hiring!

The Carpathia Club is looking for a Cook, Waitstaff, Dishwasher, and Bartenders. For more information contact the Office at 586.978.2292.

Schnee Bussel (Snow Kisses)

2 egg whites
1 cup sugar
1 cup chopped nuts *
1 tsp. vanilla
1/8 tsp. cream of tartar

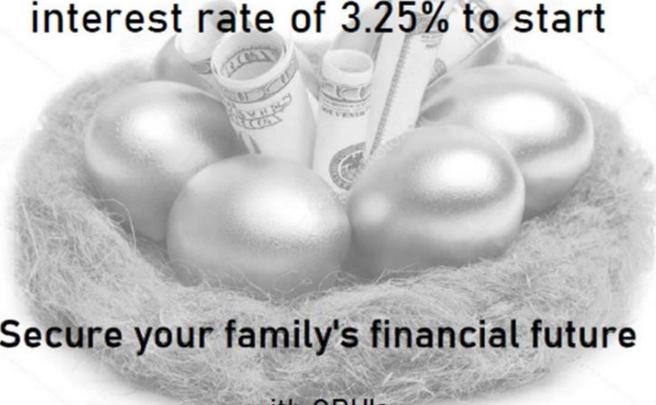
Beat egg whites and cream of tartar until stiff. Slowly add sugar, beating constantly. Fold in chopped nuts and vanilla. Drop by teaspoon onto greased baking sheet and let dry on very low heat 250 degrees for about 10 minutes.

*traditional nuts are walnuts (not black walnuts)



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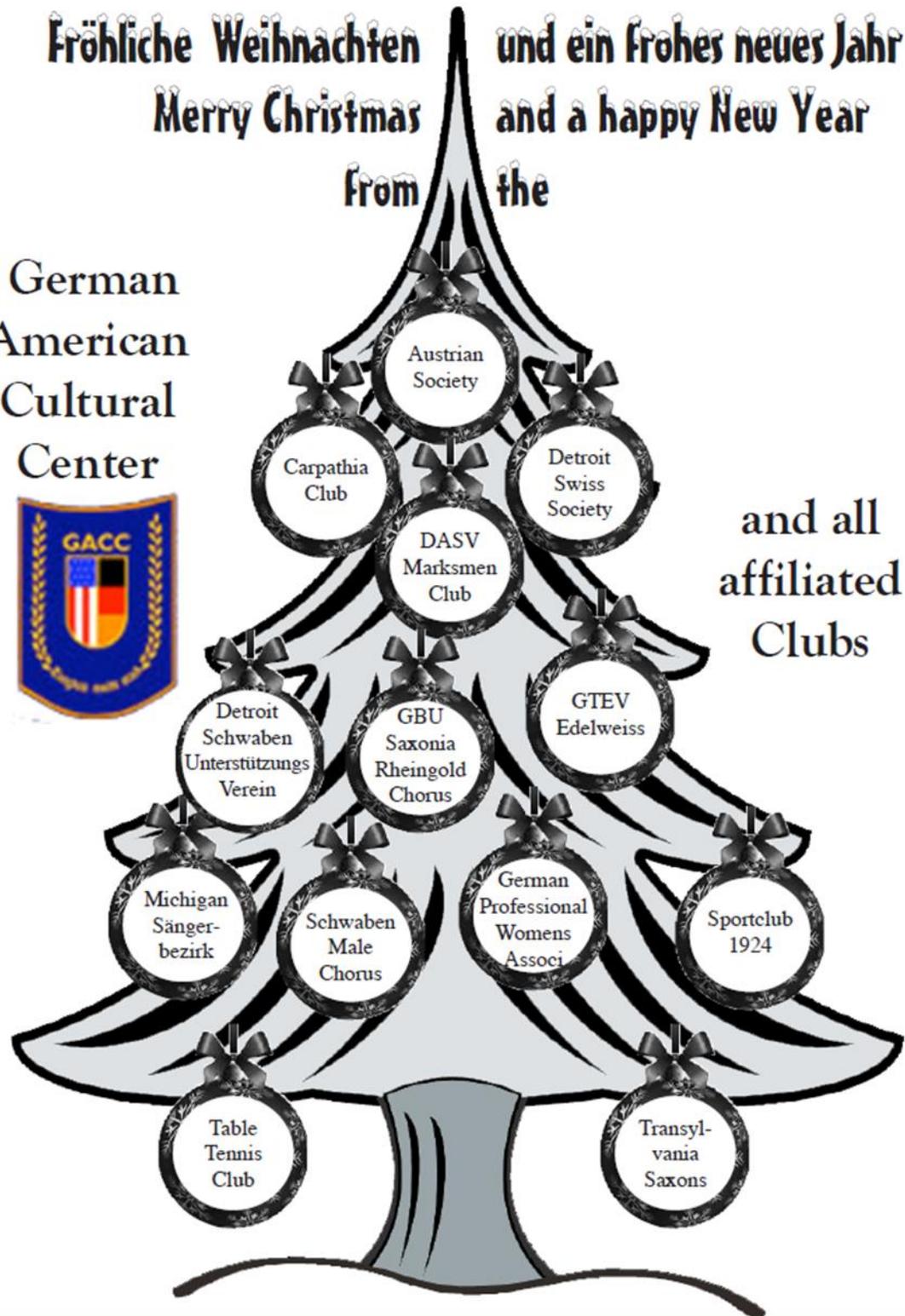
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and a happy New Year**

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GACC Affiliated Clubs: Events

Jan 18 DASV Evening in Budapest, Schützenhaus
 Jan 25 Austrian Society Strauss Ball, Palazzo Grande
 Jan 26 Carpathia Chor Card Party, Carpathia Hall
 Feb 8 Carpathia Club Königsball, Carpathia Hall
 Feb 14 Schwäbischer Männerchor Kraut Night, Carpathia Hall
 Feb 22 GBU Saxonia Rheingold Masquerade Ball, Carpathia Hall

Feb 23 GACC/GBU/Carpathia/GPWA Kinderfasching, Carpathia
 Mar 15 Carpathia Frauengruppe Card Party, Carpathia Hall
 Mar 21 Carpathia Jäger 50th Anniversary Banquet, Carpathia
 Apr 4 Transylvania Saxons Stifungsfest, Carpathia Hall
 Apr 16 GACC Fashion Show, Carpathia Hall
 Apr 18 DASV Bockbierfest, Schützenhaus
 Apr 25 Austrian Society & Ski Club Anniversary, Carpathia Hall

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2020 Carpathia Club Events

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| Jan 26 – Choir Card Party | Aug 14 – Hungarian Dance Group |
| Feb 8 – Königsball | Aug 21, 22, 23 – German Summer Festival |
| Feb 16 – Annual Membership Meeting | Sept 18 - Oktoberfest |
| Feb 23 – Kinderfasching | Sept 27 – Semi Annual Membership Meeting |
| Mar 15 – Frauengruppe Card Party | Oct 9 – Oktoberfest |
| Mar 17 – Irish Show | Oct 17 – Youth Group Event |
| Mar 21 – Jäger 50 th Anniversary Banquet | Oct 21 – Frauengruppe Fashion Show |
| May 3 – Blasmusikanten Concert | Nov 1 – Senior Card Party |
| May 10 – Mother’s Day Brunch | Nov 14 - Kirchweih |
| May 16 – Frauengruppe Bankett | Dec 12 – Kickers Banquet |
| June 7 – Café Concert | Dec 20 – Member’s Christmas Party |