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New Year Greetings from the President

As we look forward to 2016, it is a joy to look back upon a very busy 2015. We are proud of the programs and services offered again this past year. We continued to explore our culture through our many events. We also introduced new events such as our successful Wine Tasting in March and Chili Cook-Off in September. Our dance groups continued to thrive. The Jugend/Adult Group traveled to California to perform at the Landestreffen der Donauschwaben, making new and renewing old friendships. Our Children's Group ended the year with a beautiful Christmas Show featuring 17 talented performers.



2015 Anniversary Dinner

We look forward to continuing quality programming in 2016 and providing new fun ideas such as a beer festival on April 23 (see our web site for details). However, without

your involvement – through membership, volunteerism, and donations – none of this is possible. Thanks for all of your support over this past year. We hope to see you at our upcoming events at the club!

Anniversary Dinner

Our club's 58th anniversary dinner was held on Sunday, October 18, 2015. The main course was Schnitzel, which many of our members enjoyed. After a filling meal, the Kinder and Cultural Group (youth and adult) entertained the attendees with various folk dances. The members of the club should be proud of its dance groups for helping preserve the Donauschwaben culture.



Children's Group at the 2015 Anniversary Dinner

Schlachtfest Success

The club's Schlachtfest was held on Sunday, November 22, 2015. This annual dinner featured homemade meats, sausages, soup, appetizers, and desserts. Many restaurants and other eating establishments use the word "homemade" as advertising to entice you to come and eat their food. You often wonder, "Is it really homemade or made somewhere else and just heated up?"

There is no question that the food prepared for the Schlachtfest at the Donauschwaben was truly homemade. The process started earlier in the week with placing the order for the various cuts of meat and all the other

ingredients that go into making the traditional Donauschwabian Schlachtfest food. On the Thursday before the Schlachtfest, the Schlachters began to swing into high gear. The ingredients were checked, equipment was brought out of hibernation, and the butchering knives were sharpened. It took two days to make all the varieties of wurst, speck, and kramlen. Saturday was a day of rest in anticipation of enjoying a real homemade meal that many of us only get once a year.



Making the Liverwurst



Schlachters hard at work preparing the meats



Cutting the Speck for the Kramlen



The Bratwurst is almost ready to be enjoyed!



The Liverwurst looks delicious!

Over the years, a theme has evolved about the Schlachtfest. The theme is that no one goes home hungry. As in prior years, the 2015 Schlachtfest once again met the challenge, and no one went home hungry. The only perceived hazard in attending the Schlachtfest is possible weight gain and what happens to our waistline. There is no need to panic or worry about your waistline. We just need to keep our New Years resolution to go on a diet.



Schlachters taking a break after a hard day of work

Upcoming Events

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| 2/12 | Suppe und Palatschinken |
| 2/21 | General Membership Meeting |
| 2/27 | Quizzo Night |
| 4/3 | Goulash and Chicken Paprikash Dinner |
| 4/13 | Penny Party |
| 4/23 | Danubia Beer Festival |
| 5/8 | Mother's Day Dinner |
| 6/5 | Pilgrimage Mass and Lunch |
| 7/10 | Club Picnic |

Club Membership

We remind our members to please submit their membership renewals for 2016. We also invite any non-members to submit a new membership form for consideration. We are always looking for new individuals to join our organization! To date, the club welcomes the following new members for 2016:

- Todd and Emily Kelly
- Barbara Mannino
- Richie Matthews
- John and Veronica McDermott
- Lou Oschmann
- Marty Schuj
- Anthony and Erin Simek
- Theresia Treilinger
- Barbara Weiss

If you have any questions about club membership, please contact our membership secretary, Roswitha Hoenisch, at 215-969-9356 or membership@danubeswabian.com.

Children's Christmas Show

The Kindergruppe celebrated the Christmas season with their annual Christmas Play and luncheon. The hall was full of families and friends enjoying the schnitzel and homemade cookies. The children enjoyed spending all their parents' money on the rolled chances for the verlosung.

The Christmas program was full of fun moments and lasting memories. The children sang carols, recited German and English poems, played instruments, and performed skits to Christmas Island, Alvin and the Chipmunks, and the Nativity story, Room for a Little One. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.



Nativity Scene at the Children's Christmas Show

Electronic Donations

This year, we are making an effort to raise money for various projects to make the club more accessible for the disabled. If you would like to make a donation to the club to help this cause, you can do so via a secure donation on our web site using PayPal. Please visit our web site at www.danubeswabian.com to learn more. Thank you for your generosity in helping this worthy cause!

Member News

Congratulations to Anna Gauss (92 years young) who received a Garden of Distinction Award from the PA Horticultural Society for her oleander, hibiscus, mandevilla and geranium filled garden. Her disobedient son nominated her garden for the competition. This is the second award she has received from the organization, which runs the Philadelphia Flower Show. She accepted her award at an evening reception held at the Horticultural Society's Center City office in December.



Anna Gauss in her award-winning garden

Happy Birthday wishes to Matthias Lehman who will be celebrating his 95th birthday in February!

Congratulations to Al Taubenberger, a member of the club, on his recent election to a seat on Philadelphia City Council!

Congratulations to club members Michael Rakszawski and Chelsea Natarian who got engaged on December 27, 2015! We wish them well as they prepare for their wedding in October 2016.

We hope you enjoy reading these stories celebrating our members. If you would like to submit member news to be featured in a future newsletter, please send an e-mail to newsletter@danubeswabian.com with the details. We look forward to hearing from you!

Danubia Beer Festival

*Celebrating the 500th Anniversary
of the German Beer Purity Law*

**Saturday, April 23, 2016
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**



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A Note From the Editor

We are pleased to publish this second issue of our revised newsletter for the Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity. It contains a summary of our year-end events for 2015 and a preview of 2016.

Once again, we welcome you to write an article, submit a news story, or contribute in other ways to our future newsletter issues. To do so, please contact us by sending an e-mail to newsletter@danubeswabian.com or by talking with a club representative. Have a great 2016!

Suppe und Palatschinken

Our first event of 2016 was Suppe und Palatschinken, held on Sunday, January 10 at 12:00 p.m. This simple but member-favorite meal featured delicious soups and crepes. It was also an opportunity for us to come together in the new year for the first time. Many individuals renewed their club membership at the event. Everyone enjoyed the meal, which featured split pea soup, potato soup, and apricot, strawberry, and cheese-filled crepes. Some even brought their own crepe filling! If you missed it, don't worry! The club will have another Suppe und Palatschinken event in February to mark the beginning of Lent. Check out the club's web site for details.



Delicious soups were available for this fun and relaxing Sunday meal



Three kinds of crepes were on hand to be enjoyed

Clothes Donations

The kinder and youth group are collecting usable clothing, linens, shoes, etc., which will be forwarded to a service organization that will reimburse the club for the donation. Go through your closets and help the group. You can drop off your donations at the club anytime. Collections will end on February 21 (at the club's annual meeting).

Danubia-L Mailing List

We welcome you to subscribe to our "Danubia-L" electronic mailing list to stay informed of news and upcoming events.

To sign up for the Danubia-L mailing list, send your name and e-mail address to webmaster@danubeswabian.com.

Friday Night Dinners

Be sure to visit the club's web site at www.danubeswabian.com to view the upcoming schedule of Friday Night Dinners and other events. Come out to enjoy a delicious meal!

Recipe Corner

Linzer Torte

2 c. flour
1 c. sugar
8 oz. ground almonds or hazel nuts
1 c. butter
1 egg
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 c. raspberry jam

Cut butter into flour and add sugar and egg. Use pastry blender and work into a nice dough. Refrigerate ½ hour. Roll out ⅔ of dough and press into a springform 10 inch pan. Press a high edge and fill in jam. Roll remainder of dough and cut strips to create a lattice on top. Bake at 375° for 35 to 45 minutes. Can also be made in 9x12 inch rectangular pan and cut into bars.

This recipe comes from page 63 of the "Favorite Recipes of the Danube Swabian Ladies Auxiliary" cookbook published in 1992.

Cultural Display

The club has received many beautiful items since the successful "Ausstellung" cultural exhibit in 2014. We would like to exhibit these items; however, we are in need of display cases. If members have or know of someone who has access to such items, please contact Fred Gauss.

Quizzo Night

Please join us for our next Quizzo Night at the club on Saturday, February 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy a lively evening of trivia

entertainment. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 13 to 18, and free for children under 13. Bring your own team of friends and show you're the best and the brightest. Of course there might be some soccer and German questions, and there will be plenty of prizes to be won. Table snacks are included. Sandwiches and drink specials will be available for purchase. It is a family-friendly event. Proceeds benefit the children and youth programs. For reservations, please call Jen at 215-435-8778 or Fred at 215-722-4253.

Danubia Beer Festival

Please join us on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Danube Swabian Association for Danubia Beer Festival! We will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reinheitsgebot, the German beer purity law introduced in 1516. There will be German, specialty, and craft beers available for tasting along with entertainment. Tickets are available on our web site. Please visit www.danubeswabian.com and click on the Danubia Beer Festival logo to learn more.



If you would like to volunteer to help at Danubia Beer Festival, please contact Rose Matico at 215-552-9399 or by e-mail at rematico@comcast.net.

Penny Party

The next Penny Party is quickly approaching. It will be held on Wednesday, April 13. We are always looking to improve the gift selection, so if you have items to donate, please contact us and bring them to the club or give them to a board member. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

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