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## A Note From the Editor

We are happy to share with you this latest issue of our newsletter!

In this issue, we invite you to join us at some of our upcoming events including our annual Tag der Donauschwaben festival. This year, we will be having an event the day before Tag der Donauschwaben called Danubia Fussballtag. This event will be geared toward our soccer teams and will be a great time to celebrate the successes of our teams so far this year.

We also invite you to join us at our third annual Wine Tasting event, which will be held on October 14. We anticipate a large crowd at this event, so reserve your tickets early!

As always, we welcome you to contribute to our future newsletter issues by sending an e-mail to [newsletter@danubeswabian.com](mailto:newsletter@danubeswabian.com) or by talking with a club representative. Have a great rest of your summer!



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2017 Philadelphia Donauschwaben Kindergruppe

## ***Congratulations!***

At the spring 2017 Philadelphia Soccer Hall of Fame induction ceremony, two of the inductees, Dennis Sullivan and Michael D'Angelo, had close ties to the Danubia Soccer Club. Dennis played for many years for the men's major program, and Michael played both at the youth and the men's major program. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!

## **Anniversary Celebration**

Please save the date for our club's 60th anniversary celebration, which will take place the evening of Saturday, November 18, 2017. Stay tuned for more details!

## **Club Picnic and Pig Roast**

In July, you never know what the weather will bring, but on the day of our annual Club Picnic and Pig Roast, mother nature was very kind, bringing warm but comfortable weather. The attendees once again were treated to a wonderful assortment of foods, from the roasted pig to chicken and bratwurst, along with the salads, vegetables, desserts and - let's not forget - the drinks. The Kharmacists provided the musical entertainment for the afternoon. There was however, a special surprise in store for the afternoon. The Franklinville-Schwartzwald Mannerchor used our event to hold their summer picnic. Later in the afternoon, they provided song sheets to everyone and they held a sing-a-long of German songs. It was a wonderful unexpected pleasure.



**Hans prepares the pig for the club picnic**



**Members of the Franklinville-Schwartzwald Mannerchor enjoy the club picnic**

## ***In the News...***

Mrs. Kaethe Marx was highlighted in an article which appeared in the Philadelphia Neighborhoods publication, which is part of the Temple University School of Communication. We hope you will enjoy it.

The article can be found at:

<https://philadelphianeighborhoods.com/2017/07/06/fox-chase-survivor-of-danube-swabian-ethnic-cleansing-shares-her-story>

## Wine Tasting

White or red? Sweet or dry? Cabernet, merlot, malbec, or pinot noir? So many choices... There are people who spend years studying wine to recommend and select the most proper vintage and varietal to drink with a particular meal. But then again, shouldn't it just come down to what you really like? On Saturday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m., we will be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting event. During the evening, you will sample five wines each accompanied by a scrumptiously delicious lite-bite food pairing. There will be contests and more during the evening.

We are fortunate to be led once again by Victor Ykoruk from Majestic Wine and Spirits. Known as "Vino Vic" by his friends, Victor has been in the wine industry for 16 years. He will bring his knowledge, experiences, and charm to the event to make it a terrific evening for all. We will be featuring wines from the Deutsch Family portfolio of wines so you might consider this a *Deutsch Meets Deutsch* event!

Tickets are \$35 each and must be purchased in advance of the event. Since our first two wine tasting events were extremely successful and there are a limited number of tickets available, we expect the event to sell out soon. Don't delay! Call 267-632-2482 or email [wine@danubeswabian.com](mailto:wine@danubeswabian.com) to purchase your tickets.

So join us for an evening of fun, some fine wines, and tasty treats. At the end of the evening, you will have learned a little more about wine, but hopefully you can add some additional selections to wines that you just like to drink. Cheers!

## Upcoming Events

- |       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 8/26  | Danubia Fussballtag            |
| 8/26  | German-Hungarian Night at UGH  |
| 8/27  | Tag der Donauschwaben          |
| 9/23  | Soccer Family Day              |
| 10/1  | German-American Steuben Parade |
| 10/14 | Wine Tasting                   |
| 11/18 | 60th Anniversary Celebration   |

*Please be considerate and make your reservations in a timely manner so the kitchen can properly prepare for each event.*

## Steuben Parade

This year's German-American Steuben Parade in Philadelphia will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017 in Rockledge - Fox Chase. The German-American Steuben Parade in New York City will be held on September 16, 2017.

## Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer at our annual Tag der Donauschwaben festival, please contact Fred Gauss or Hans Kloehn. Help is needed with set-up, clean-up, and during the event. Thank you in advance for your support!



**Danube Swabian Association  
of Philadelphia and Vicinity**

# **Tag der Donauschwaben**

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

Gates Open at 11:30 a.m.

Festival Admission: \$5

Soccer Games • Folk Dancing • German Music  
Children's Games • German Food and Drink



Catholic Mass in German at 12:15 p.m. in Upstairs Hall

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## Landestrachtenfest mit Tanzwettbewerb

The annual Labor Day Donauschwaben Treffen will be held in Cincinnati from September 1-3, 2017 at the Cincinnati Donauschwaben Club. Youth groups from around the country will be descending upon Cincinnati. It plans to be a great weekend as it is competition year for the youth groups. This only happens every three years. Those competing groups are asked to present a 15-minute set combining singing, dancing, and poetry recital. It's great for the audience but nerve racking for the youth groups. For information, please call Fred Gauss at 215-722-4253 or visit [www.cincydonau.com](http://www.cincydonau.com) and click on Labor Day from the menu.

## Pilgrimage Mass and Luncheon

*Contributed by Rob Hessler*

On Sunday, June 4, our community gathered at the National Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel in Bensalem for the 39th annual Wallfahrt (pilgrimage). After having last year's event postponed to the fall, we were glad to return to our traditional date in early June. A solemn procession, consisting of the "Den Toten der Heimat" banner, white crosses representing each of the death camps, a statue of the Blessed Mother with her attendants, and flag-bearers, started in the parking lot and entered the church, followed by our new celebrant Father Eugene Wilson of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bensalem. After a brief welcome from club president Fred Gauss, a reverent celebration of Mass took place, accompanied beautifully by the singing of the Franklinville/Schwazwald Männerchor and the Wald-Echo Damenchor.

Father Wilson is to be commended on his excellent command of the German language; we're very happy to have found him, and hope he is able to join us for many years to come. A

luncheon was held at the club after the Pilgrimage Mass. We thank all of our friends who made the effort to be with us: namely, representatives from the Trenton Donauschwaben, the Philadelphia German Society, and other organizations. Sadly, with its closing later this year our successful 3-year run at the Drexel shrine has come to an end. We will need to relocate once again for the 2018 pilgrimage.



**Fr. Wilson delivers the homily at the 2017 Wallfahrt Mass**



**Fr. Wilson and club members after the 2017 Wallfahrt Mass**



**Club members carry crosses representing each of the death camps**



## Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity

### Wine Tasting



with

Victor M. Ykoruk  
of  
Majestic Wine and Spirits

*Evening to include a variety of wines  
with lite bite food pairings featuring  
selections from the **Deutsch Family**  
portfolio of wines.*

Tickets: \$35 (must be purchased in advance)

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Guests should be seated by 7:00 p.m. for tasting.

Please call 267-632-2482 or e-mail [wine@danubeswabian.com](mailto:wine@danubeswabian.com) for tickets.

*You must be 21 years of age or older to attend.*

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## German Day

*Contributed by George Brenner*

In the last newsletter you will recall the article from our April Beer Tasting event that mentioned the Masskrugstemmen competition (beer mug holding competition). Scott Blanche was the winner of the Donauschwaben competition. Scott represented the Donauschwaben at the German Day competition on June 24 at the Vereinigung Erzgebirge. Scott competed against winners from the other German clubs in the Philadelphia area to decide who will represent the Philadelphia region at the competition in New York's Central Park in September.

Holding a liter mug of beer at arms length without bending your arm is no easy task as was demonstrated at our beer tasting in April and once again in June at the German American Day. With a lot of encouragement and cheering from his family and other members of our club, Scott made the Donauschwaben very proud by finishing in third place against some very strong competition. Thank you to Scott and all the Masskrugstemmen competitors for bringing a lot of enthusiasm to our Beer Tasting and the German American Day event.



**Scott Blanche represents the club at the German Day Masskrugstemmen competition**

## Recipe Corner

### Banana Chocolate Chip Bars

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour (white or wheat)
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 sticks butter (melted)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 2 smashed bananas (ripe)
- 1 bag milk chocolate chips

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Mix together flour, salt, and baking powder. Separately, mix together brown sugar, sugar, melted butter, vanilla, and egg. Mix the two sets of ingredients together. Fold in smashed bananas and chocolate chips. Pour batter into a greased/buttered brownie pan. Bake at 325 for 20-30 minutes.

*Contributed by Michael and Chelsea Rakszawski.*

*We always enjoy contributions from our members! If you would like to submit a recipe to be included in the Recipe Corner in our next newsletter, or if you would like to submit a personal story about your Donauschwaben family, a poem, a memory, or some other item of interest for our newsletter, please contact Michael Rakszawski or send an e-mail to [newsletter@danubeschwabian.com](mailto:newsletter@danubeschwabian.com).*

## 4th of July Parade

The club members once again provided the pedal power for the 12-seat bike's participation in the Rockledge 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Everything was going smoothly until the bike reached the top of the hill close to the Austrian Village when the chain broke and was Kaput. After the initial disappointment, we quickly recovered and celebrated our half parade success.

### ***Project Updates***

#### Family Bathroom

The bathroom project at the club continues to move forward! We are completing a final review of the plans before the work will begin. If you would still like to make a contribution or get involved with the project, you can make a donation or contact us via the club's web site.

#### Playground

There's the old adage "Nothing lasts forever" and that applies to the recent dismantling of the playground equipment. It was 20 years old and had provided a lot of fun and activity over the years for the children, but the wooden structure had seen better days and was deemed unsafe. No replacement equipment is planned at this time.

### ***Thank You!***

Special thank you to the Waltraut Gauss family for the donation to the club of books and pictures about Brestowatz and the Donauschwaben. With their downsizing in homes, they thought that the books would help with the eventual establishment of the club's cultural/history room.

### **Member News**

*We hope you will enjoy reading about the recent accomplishments, birthday milestones, anniversaries, and travels, of our members. If you would like to submit your own member news to be featured in the next newsletter, please send an e-mail with the information to [newsletter@danubeswabian.com](mailto:newsletter@danubeswabian.com).*

#### ***New Arrivals***

Congratulations to Kevin and Elizabeth Rakszawski who welcomed their second child, a daughter, Grace Charlotte, on June 20, 2017. Kevin is a former member of the club's Kindergruppe.



**Kevin and Elizabeth Rakszawski with their children John and Grace**



# GERMAN-HUNGARIAN NIGHT



An Evening of Dancing & Music

**Saturday, August 26, 2017**

**Direct from Hungary**

**DONAUSCHWÄBISCHES  
VOLKSTANZENSEMBLE**

**HEIMATTÖNE  
KAPELLE**

The Dance Group from Werischwar will be performing for your viewing pleasure at "GERMAN-HUNGARIAN NIGHT!"

The Heimattöne Kapelle will be performing great music for listening and dancing pleasure at "GERMAN-HUNGARIAN NIGHT!"

**MUSIC • DANCING • FOOD • DRINK • SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY THE GERMAN HUNGARIAN DANCERS**

**TICKETS: \$11.00**

**CHILDREN (AGES 5 & UNDER): FREE**

**DOORS OPEN 5:30PM**

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## Danubia Soccer News

This past spring, our youth teams participated in the EPYSA State Cup Tournament. We are proud to say that two of our teams were State Cup Champions! The Danubia Gunners (U9 Boys) triumphed over Penn Fusion with a score of 3-2 in the final. The Danubia Hotspurs (U11 Boys) edged out West Mont United in a 4-3 win in overtime. Congratulations to all of the players, the coaches and their families for this exciting accomplishment!

### **Boys U9 – Gunners**

Coach, Anthony Cancelliere  
Coach, John Diamond

#### **Players:**

- Matthew Cancelliere
- Tim Comey
- Casey Crowthier
- Mikey Devlin
- Brian “BL” Dugan
- John Diamond
- Chalie Heron
- Shane Lachawiec
- Jack Layton
- Blaise Mulvenna
- Michael Speak
- Christopher Venuti
- Charlie Wetzel

### **Boys U11 – Hotspur**

Coach, Anthony Cancelliere  
Coach, Ken Konopka

#### **Players:**

- Anthony Beideman
- Michael Cancelliere
- Caleb Chait
- Aiden Ercolono
- Nick Jasionowski
- Ryan Kalup
- Kenneth Konopka
- Brady McDonough
- Anthony Ramos

- Ulises Renteria
- Bryan Saylor
- Noah Schick
- Charles Steinmetz



**Coach Anthony Cancelliere of the U9 Boys and U11 Boys with his former coach, Hans Kloehn, Sr. and two current Danubia Soccer Club players**

This June, all of the youth teams participated in the CapeExpress Beach Blast in Wildwood, New Jersey. This 5 vs. 5 tournament on the sand is a fun experience for the players. This year, Danubia Soccer is proud to say that 3 of our teams made it to the finals. The Griffins, our U8 Boys, unfortunately fell short in a 1-0 loss in the final. However, 2 of our teams – the Gunners (U9 Boys) and Hotspur (U11 Boys) - brought home the “Tiki” – the trophy for each bracket winner. Great job boys!

The Fury, our Women’s Majors Team, enjoyed a fun and successful summer league season, with the team undefeated in the regular season! Unfortunately, the ladies suffered a disappointing loss in the semi-finals, but we could not be more proud of them for their awesome summer performance! GO FURY!

Finally, Danubia Soccer Club was featured in the Northeast Times Sports Section. It was a full-page article focusing on the recent successes in the PA State Cup competition. This is the first time the club has received such extensive coverage in the paper. The article can be found at:

<https://northeasttimes.com/danubia-soccer-club-brings-home-two-state-championships-5df54ede20cd>



**Danubia Soccer Club teams celebrate their championship victory**



**Club President, Fred Gauss congratulates the teams on their success this year**

*For more information about the soccer club, please contact Hans Kloehn, Jr. or visit our web site at [www.fcdanubia.org](http://www.fcdanubia.org).*

## ***Membership Note***

As a reminder, we now offer club membership renewal on our web site via PayPal!

If you have any questions about club membership, or if you would like to become a member, please contact our membership secretary, Roswitha Hoenisch, at 215-638-8387 or [membership@danubeswabian.com](mailto:membership@danubeswabian.com).

## **Summer Concert Series**

The club once again welcomed the community to its Summer Concert Series this year! Three concerts were held on Friday nights in June. No Irish Need Apply started out the series with a great performance on June 2. Next, the Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band, a club favorite, took the stage on June 23. Finally, to round out the series, SoundWave Big Band performed on June 30. We thank all of the groups for helping to make this a fun summer for our club and for the local community!

## ***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](mailto:webmaster@danubeswabian.com).

# The Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band Visits Our Club

*Contributed by George Burbage*

The very successful run of Danubia Summer Concert Series continued when the Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band made its annual visit on June 23. Weather was a concern most of the day, but the large crowd enjoyed a wonderful evening with sunshine and strong westerly breezes pushing the humidity out to sea.

As usual, Hans and the hospitality staff provided a menu fitting of such an event: Bratwurst, hotdogs, hamburgers, nachos, potato salad, and snacks. It can almost go without saying the bar was also doing its share contributing to the evening's success.

The Band's concerts always open with the Star-Spangled Banner. From there, the musical offerings were a great mix of classical, Broadway, Swing, and some more contemporary pieces. Musical Director Peter W. Palan introduced each piece and added a nice touch by providing a little background on it. (You not only receive entertainment with great musicianship, you also get a little education!) One of the highlights of the concert was a medley of hits from one of the more successful acts in the 1960s: The Association. The titles included "Cherish," "Never My Love," "Along Comes Mary," and "Windy."

Club President Gauss offered a few remarks and extended an invitation to the Band to return next year, much to the delight of the crowd.

After a brief intermission, the music kept flowing with Broadway and Swing selections from "Guys and Dolls" and their Big Band Medley. The musicians then offered the second highlight of their performance: a salute to the fallen members of our military. With the compositions "Arlington" and "Flight of Valor," this somber yet beautiful tribute included a slide show of sobering photos with an emphasis on Arlington National Military

Cemetery. The concert concluded with their customary, if not required, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Those in attendance really didn't want the evening to end as it was a perfect blend of people, music, and weather. Actually, the party kept going way past a lot of peoples' normal bedtimes.

The Band is now extending its reach beyond those who attended Cardinal Dougherty High. It was heartening to see some children of the alums playing in the ensemble as it helps ensure not only the future of the organization, but also the future of this form of music. When you think about it, this applies to your Club as well. Introducing younger people and re-introducing those who were once involved are the two most important ways we can ensure the sporting and cultural aspects of our heritage will be around for future generations. Please come to your club and see all that we do!



**Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band performs at the 2017 Summer Concert Series**

## Soccer Family Day

Please join Danubia Soccer Club for Soccer Family Day on Saturday, September 23! This event will feature a pig roast, music by the Kharmacists, and lots of fun for our soccer players and their families. Visit our web site in the coming weeks for more details.

## A Blast from the Past

We once again thank board member Paul Hoenisch for contributing these great club photos!



**1971 Donauschwaben Ladies Christmas Party at the Kolping House**



**Donauschwaben Ladies Christmas Party and Luncheon in the Kolping House taken in 1971 before the Club House was built**

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