



NEWSLETTER

What's Inside?

From the Editor's Desk.....	1
Tag der Donauschwaben.....	2
German-American Steuben Parade.....	3
Summer Concert Series	4
Club Picnic and Pig Roast.....	4
Hoenisch Brau	5
Ladies Auxiliary Update	7
Pilgrimage Mass	8
Danubia Soccer News	9
Summer Cleanup.....	9
Member News	10
Long Lost Dirndl.....	13
Oktoberfest at UGH.....	13
Hall Rental at the Club.....	13
Shuffleboard League.....	14
Landestreffen 2018	15
A Blast from the Past.....	15
Club Contacts	16

From the Editor's Desk

It has been a busy summer! Along with our usual events, soccer games, folk dancing, and meetings, we have begun to work on other projects around the club and introduce some new activities such as Shuffleboard. More details can be found throughout this newsletter.

Also, in this issue, you'll find details about our very successful Tag der Donauschwaben celebration this year, perhaps our biggest in recent times. In addition, looking ahead, we are anticipating our upcoming Wine Tasting event, which always proves to be a big hit!

If you would like to contribute to any of our future newsletter issues, please send an e-mail to newsletter@danubeswabian.com or talk with a club representative. Enjoy reading!



Kindergruppe at Tag der Donauschwaben

Visit our web site for the latest news and events!

www.danubeswabian.com

Tag der Donauschwaben

Contributed by George Brenner

The celebration of Tag der Donauschwaben signals the beginning of the Philadelphia German-American community Fall Volksfest season. With perfect late summer weather, the 2018 season started off with the largest attendance in many, many years at this event.

Before the festivities of Tag der Donauschwaben can take place, there is a lot of work and preparation involved to make the day a success. The ladies and gentlemen in the kitchen on Saturday put in a lot of hard work and a lot of laughter while preparing the potato salad, schnitzel, and the other food that was served on Tag der Donauschwaben. The German saying "Viele Hande machen die arbiet schnell am ende" (many hands make the work get done faster) certainly proved true for the food preparation. In addition to the many hands, there were high spirits, constant chatter, and the endless laughter in the kitchen which must have added that special ingredient making the food taste so good on Sunday. We also need to thank the many volunteers that helped with setting up the outside earlier in the week.

On Sunday, the Fest opened with a Catholic Mass in the upstairs hall celebrated in German by Father Eugene Wilson. As in past years, Frau Marx provided the flowers from her garden for the altar and the Blessed Mother statue. Frau Marx also did the readings at the Mass as well as the petitions where we prayed for the Donauschwaben who are no longer with us. Ingo Kraus lead us in song with his guitar. While many of the songs were in English, the last song "Grosser Gott wir loben dich" (Holy God, We Praise Thy Name) was sung in German. We are very grateful to Fr. Wilson, Frau Marx and Ingo Kraus for providing us with a wonderful start to Tag der Donauschwaben.

Many of the other German-American clubs attended the celebration including G.T.V. Almrausch, United German Hungarians, Cannstatter, Bayern, and the Trenton Donauschwaben. Dance groups from the United

German Hungarians, G.T.V. Almrausch, and the Philadelphia-Trenton Donauschwaben performed throughout the afternoon. In between dances, Don Bitterlich played may popular German and American songs on his accordion. With so many teams in our soccer program, the Danubia Soccer teams had games starting at 10:00 in the morning until it was too dark to play.

With all the activities, all the attendees, and the perfect weather, no one went home hungry and it was certainly a fun day for all.

The Donauschwaben would like to thank everyone who came to the club on Tag der Donauschwaben to help us celebrate our heritage and kick off the German-American Volksfest season in the Philadelphia region. We would also like to thank the many members and soccer parents who volunteered to make this day a huge success.



The upstairs hall set up for Mass at Tag der Donauschwaben



A nice crowd gathers for Catholic Mass at Tag der Donauschwaben



After the Mass at Tag der Donauschwaben with Fr. Eugene Wilson



The G.T.V. Almrausch Kindergruppe performs



Guests enjoying the afternoon



The Donauschwaben Kindergruppe performs



Our friends from the UGH perform

Upcoming Events

9/28 Schnitzel Night (\$16 – beer, wine, and soda included)

9/29 Oktoberfest at UGH

9/29 German-American Steuben Parade Gala Banquet

9/30 German-American Steuben Parade

10/13 Wine Tasting (\$35 in advance)

12/2 Children’s Christmas Show

Please be considerate and make your reservations in a timely manner so the kitchen can properly prepare for each event. For reservations, please call Gerlinde at 215-673-4423.

German-American Steuben Parade

The 48th German-American Steuben Parade will take place on Sunday, September 30, 2018 in Rockledge - Fox Chase, PA! If you would like to march with the club in the parade, please contact Fred at 215-722-4253. The annual gala banquet will take place the evening before, on September 29 at the Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein.

Summer Concert Series

Contributed by Fred Gauss

Our three summer Friday night concerts were a success. The series was the best attended to date. The three diverse programs provided members the opportunity to hear a wide range of music. It started off with the Celtic/Rock group “No Irish Need Apply” that plays many familiar Irish melodies, which many times calls for group singalongs. The Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band, which has been the bedrock of our concerts over 20 years ago, did not disappoint. A wide range of marches, Broadway, and classical works kept everyone entertained. We then closed out the series with SoundWave, which provided big band sounds and reminded everyone of the wonderful diversity of music for big bands. They also played a number of polkas, which were appreciated. Thank you to all who attended. We are planning to have a German night included in next year’s schedule.



Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band



Guests enjoy the Summer Concert Series

Club Picnic and Pig Roast

Contributed by Roswitha Hoenisch

Our club’s annual pig roast and family picnic was held on July 16th. Although the weather started out rather ominously with heavy downpours in the morning, it didn’t stop anyone from having a good time. The World Cup final was also played that day, and all the soccer fans were treated to watching the game - either in our upstairs hall, which had a large screen projector TV, or downstairs where people were also watching amidst the camaraderie of family and friends. The food was again excellent. The star of the food table was of course the Pig, roasted to perfection. There were many other foods also, as is the tradition with our Schwobs! No one should go home hungry. After the rain stopped, most people went outside to the picnic area, where we had a sing along with the Männerchor. A great time was had by all. Looking forward to next year already.

Membership Note

It is never too late to submit your membership renewal for the club. As a reminder, we offer the ability to pay membership dues and make donations to the club on our web site via PayPal. Please visit www.danubeswabian.com and click on “Membership” or “Donate” to learn more.

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.

Hoenisch Brau

Contributed by Roswitha Hoenisch

Bob Hoenisch is a former Kindergruppe member and the son of members Roswitha and Stephan Hoenisch. He is an avid grower of hops and grapes. Bob has many varieties of hops that he received from Bavaria that are growing very well. He also brews his own beer. Some photos follow. Bob is true to his Donauschwaben and Bavarian roots. Bob lives in Great Falls, Montana.



Look at those beautiful grapes!



Growing hops



Grapes grown by Bob Hoenisch



Hops harvested for brewing



Donauschwaben beer



Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity

Wine Tasting



with

Victor M. Ykoruk
of
Karamoor



*Evening to include a variety of wines
with lite bite food pairings featuring
selections from the **Karamoor**
and **Dio** collections of wines.*



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

Saturday, October 13, 2018

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

Please call 215-673-4423 or e-mail wine@danubeswabian.com for tickets.

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

Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity
1277 Southampton Road
Philadelphia, PA 19116
215-969-9356
www.danubeswabian.com

Recipe Corner

Tante Rosi's Apple Strudel

Ingredients:

- Puff pastry sheet (Tante Rosi used Karp frozen puff pastry sheets, bought in bulk, but you can also use Pepperidge Farm)
- 2 large Granny Smith apples
- Special K cereal
- 1/2 cup sugar
- Cinnamon
- Golden raisins
- Sugar in the Raw
- Almonds

Directions:

1. Defrost the puff pastry sheet.
2. Cut up apples into about 1-inch size chunks.
3. Spread Special K cereal in the center of dough (to absorb moisture).
4. Lay on the cut-up apples.
5. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup sugar, some cinnamon, and golden raisins.
6. Wet along the inside edges of dough with water, then fold it (do not flip it).
7. Slit a few vents in top with knife.
8. Wet the top with some water.
9. Sprinkle Sugar in the Raw on top and then some slivered almonds (can be made ahead and frozen at this point).
10. Bake 35 minutes at 400 degrees.

This recipe was contributed by newsletter editor, Michael Rakszawski.

Note: Tante Rosi is actually Michael's grandmother's cousin's sister-in-law. She currently resides in Chicago and shared this recipe when Michael's family visited Chicago a few years ago.

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@danubeswabian.com.

Ladies Auxiliary Update

The Ladies Auxiliary once again provided the Verlosung table at the annual Tag der Donauschwaben festival.

Their next event will be the Children's Christmas Show where the ladies will once again be helping and selling Christmas cookies. They also look forward to their Penny Party in the spring.



**Roswitha Hoenisch and Gerlinde Maitz
volunteering at Tag der Donauschwaben**



www.facebook.com/danubeswabian



www.twitter.com/danubeswabian

Pilgrimage Mass

Contributed by Fred Gauss

The Sisters of the Redeemer in Meadowbrook, PA opened their chapel doors and facility to us for our annual Memorial Mass (Wallfahrt) celebration. It was a wonderful celebration at a new location, and we could not have been given a more generous welcome. A special thank you to Sister Anne Marie Haas and Sister Martina Nicklaus who spent numerous hours with us going over the details. There were some concerns that this being the second move of the event in three years would lessen the participation by members and friends, but just the opposite occurred. We had a larger group attend and all were in agreement that they approve of the venue.

The Redeemer Chapel was just renovated, and it looked beautiful. Sister Martina along with Mrs. Kaethe Marx decorated the chapel with numerous bouquets of flowers. Our good friend Rev. Eugene Wilson again celebrated the Mass. The Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor and the Wald Echo ladies chorus provided the inspirational singing of the Schubert Deutsche Messe. The choir also enjoyed the use of the elevator to get to the choir loft. The Trenton Donauschwaben, which co-sponsors this event, provided the named crosses that identify the camps where the people perished. It is always a moving experience when the crosses are carried into the chapel especially by those who survived the camps.

We also started a new tradition of holding a reception immediately after the Mass. It seemed that most people enjoyed staying and conversing with each other. Of course, the coffee and homemade cakes helped.

The Redeemer Sisters have a German background. Their Motherhouse is located in Würzburg. They started their mission in Philadelphia in 1928, and some club members recall them being stationed at St. Henry's Church at 5th and Cayuga. This was also the location where the club held its German School for many years. So it seems we have gone full circle and we are back together again. The Sisters have

already extended to us the invitation to again hold the celebration there next year. We could not have answered "thank you" and "yes" more quickly.

As a follow-up, on September 9, 2018 in Strasbourg, France, Alphonse Maria Eppinger, foundress of the Redeemer Sisters order, was beatified.



The beautiful Redeemer Chapel



A nice gathering for the annual Wallfahrt



Club members participate in the memorial Mass

Danubia Soccer News

The many soccer teams at Danubia continue to do very well. One of our players, Whitney Weinraub (Tucci), from the Danubia Fury (Women's Majors), recently had her jersey retired from the UNC Charlotte 49ers. Whitney is one of only three to have her jersey retired in the 25-year history of the program. Congratulations, Whitney! More details can be found at <https://charlotte49ers.com/news/2018/8/27/women-soccer-weinraub-set-to-be-next-49ers-jersey-retired-sunday.aspx>.

We would also like to thank all of the soccer teams at Danubia for volunteering at Tag der Donauschwaben and for keeping the day fun and exciting with the many games they played. We wish all the teams well in the fall season!

Summer Cleanup

Contributed by Rob Hessler

Several times this summer, despite high heat, sweltering humidity, and threatening rainclouds, hardy volunteers came out to take care of some much-needed housekeeping and grounds maintenance.

- all of the fabric chairs in the club were scrubbed
- the German town/state shields lining the walls downstairs were removed, cleaned, and rehung
- the garden areas along Southampton Road were cleared of dead plants and weeds
- weed whacking was done all along fence edges, sidewalks, and buildings
- the trees along Southampton Road were trimmed back
- the letters were removed from one of the club signs; they will be cleaned, repainted, and installed over the picnic pavilion
- broken picnic tables were repaired and put back into service

This list is not complete, nor does it cover all of the hours of work spent setting up and taking

down Tag der Donauschwaben in late August, or the maintenance done by Hans and Maria on an ongoing basis. The Board is very appreciative of all who gave of their time to help out with these efforts. As the club ages, the list of needed repairs and touch-ups only grows. If you're at the club and notice something that could use some work, and you'd be willing and able to improve it, please don't hesitate to speak with one of the club Board members. We'll arrange a work date that fits your schedule.



A full dumpster after clean-up at the club

Project Updates

The bathroom project at the club continues to be on our agenda. We will continue to provide updates as we move forward. If you would 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. Thank you to those who already made generous contributions to the club to make this project possible!

Please visit our web site for an up-to-date list of events and other information about our club!

www.danubeswabian.com

Member News

We hope you will enjoy reading about the recent accomplishments, travels, birthday milestones, anniversaries, and other news 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 and/or photos to newsletter@danubeswabian.com.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new club members.

- Mary Izzi
- Thomas Kitz

In Memoriam

The Board of Directors extends its deepest sympathy to the families of those listed below who have left us. You are in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult times.

Katherina Juritsch, 98 -- Katherina Juritsch of Filipovo died on July 14, 2018 in the Bronx, New York at the age of 98. She was the mother of longtime club members Joseph Juritsch and wife Rose Juritsch. She probably was one of the oldest Filipowaer living in the United States.

Josef Schnell, 83 -- He was a long-time member who helped build the current club. He was also active in the early soccer program as a coach.

John Kerrigan, 73 -- A more recent member who enjoyed our Schnitzel dinners. His Grandchildren also participated in the Kindergruppe.

Katherina "Käthe" Wendel, 93 -- Käthe was born in Brestowatz on July 13, 1925 and emigrated to the United States in 1948. She passed away on August 8, 2018. She enjoyed baking, gardening, and most especially, spending time with her family. Käthe and her husband Martin attended many club functions in the past. Her son Martin along with his wife Sharon, who have two daughters, are frequent visitors to many of our club functions.

Weddings

Kimberly Pohl and Michael Brennan were married at Rose Bank Winery on August 11, 2018.

Sándor Kádár and Kira Boros were married in Serbia in early August 2018.

Anniversaries

Paul and Anna Hoenisch will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on October 4. They were married at St. Cecilia's Church and have been living in the parish for 50 years. Congratulations!

Travels

Rose, Ross, and Christian Matico traveled to Iceland in September 2018 to escape the Philadelphia heat!



Christian enjoying the scenery in Iceland



Rose and Ross Matico in Iceland



For the end of the trip, needed to unwind at the Blue Lagoon Spa!

The Hesslers spent a week in upstate New York and Vermont. Here they are on top of Mt. Equinox, and ready for tubing on the Battenkill River.



Hessler family vacation



Ready for tubing!

Graduations

William Taubenberger graduated from Julia R. Masterman School and will be attending the University of Connecticut (UConn) as an accounting major in the fall. He is the son of proud parents Joanne (Brenner) Taubenberger and Al Taubenberger.

Brett Sudell is attending Seton Hall University as an accounting major. In addition, he will be playing for the Seton Hall Club Soccer team, after playing for Phoenix Soccer Club and serving as Captain of Lower Moreland High School Varsity Soccer. Brett graduated from Lower Moreland High School in June. His parents, Frank and Sharon, and sister, Cassidy, are quite proud.



Recent graduate Brett Sudell and his family



William Taubenberger and Brett Sudell volunteer at Danubia Beer Festival

Dickmann Picnic

Club members who are part of the extended Dickmann family fondly remember the annual pig roast and picnic at the Dickmann farm in the 1970s and 80s. As children grew up and families moved away, the tradition eventually fell off about 20 years ago. However, this year, Adam Dickmann graciously hosted a revival of the event. On Saturday, August 4, he awoke in the predawn hours to start the fire and withstood

pounding rains to ensure that the pig would be ready. Thankfully, the weather steadily improved, and by early afternoon around 50 family members were enjoying far too much delicious food. Attendees ranged from just a few weeks old (Miles Dickmann) to 91 years old (Anna Dickmann Hessler), and traveled from as far as San Jose, California (Richard Jack) to join the fantastic day of reconnecting, hearing stories old and new, and creating more memories.



Members of the Dickmann family enjoy a picnic

Save the Date -- Children's Christmas Show

Sunday, December 2, 2018

The children and youth group will put us in the Christmas spirit with holiday plays, songs, and poems. A lunch will also be provided. Please check the club's web site at www.danubeswabian.com for more details in the upcoming weeks.



Long Lost Dirndl

Contributed by Roswitha Hoenisch

On Tag der Donauschwaben, a mysterious thing happened to me. I had been looking to buy a new dirndl, and the club had some used dirndls for sale. So, my friend Gerlinde and I were looking through the selection of dirndls for sale. I found one that was exactly the style that I was looking for, and it fit perfectly. I showed it to Gerlinde, and she told me that my Mom (Rosie Jaros) had made that style for the Frauengruppe about 30 years ago. They wore them on the occasions when our club was represented at Penn's Landing. I don't know who had this dirndl or when it was donated back to the club, but I could have cried. Because you see, my mom passed away in 2003, and to find something she made was just so special to me. Guess my Mom is smiling down on me. Thanks to Gerlinde, I probably wouldn't even had looked at the dirndls. It's funny how things are just meant to be.



Roswitha with her "long lost" dirndl

Oktoberfest at UGH

This year, the UGH Oktoberfest celebration is on Saturday, September 29th. The Philadelphia and Trenton Jugend group is planning to dance. Please come out and support the dance group and our neighboring club!

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.

Hall Rental at the Club

Did you know that if you are a club member, you can rent the hall for a birthday party, wedding reception, Baptism, or other special event? We offer a variety of packages for those interested in renting the hall. Not a member yet? Consider submitting a membership application first and then talk with our hall rental coordination about your options. What better place than the Danube Swabian Association to plan your next event!



Upstairs hall available for rental for your next event

Shuffleboard League

Contributed by Rob Hessler

As of this fall, your club now offers a new activity. After some inquiries from some newer members about the possibility of playing shuffleboard here, we learned that board members George and Amy Burbage were willing to loan the club a full-sized shuffleboard table. The only hitch: moving it. This vintage regulation shuffleboard table is 22 feet long! Luckily, Hans Kloehn arranged for the loan of a truck, and on Monday July 16, a group of volunteers traveled to the Burbage house. Many hands made light work of this heavy and unwieldy undertaking. Back at the club, the same group unloaded the table and stored it temporarily in the bottom floor of the former Kolping house. There it stayed until Thursday September 13 when a group gathered prior to that evening's board meeting to move the table into the club, bringing it in through a downstairs window. Interested in joining the Thursday night league? Contact Helen Kniffen at 267-402-7530 or Pat Kerrigan at 267-242-6212. Play starts on September 27.



Happy to be finished with the heavy lifting!



Assembling the shuffleboard table at the club



Volunteer help to transport the (very heavy) shuffleboard to the club



It fits perfectly! Who's ready to play?

Landestreffen 2018

This year's National Donauschwaben Labor Day (September 1 and 2) celebration was held in Kitchener, Ontario. It was a great weekend full of dancing and comradery. The Philadelphia and Trenton Jugend dance group performed to the delight of all in attendance. The next Landestreffen will be held in Milwaukee on Labor Day weekend 2019.



Philadelphia and Trenton Dance Group

A Blast from the Past

These are some old pictures taken when the first original Donauschwaben flag was dedicated in May 1981. Mrs. Thiel donated the flag. The Thiel Family Band played on many dinners and other affairs at the club. On the first picture next to Adam Dickmann is the late Elizabeth Schneider (Schaeffer) holding the Flag.



Donauschwabens flag



Lined up with the United States, Donauschwaben, and German flags



Dedication ceremony



What a nice day at the club!

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

If you would like to share any of your old club photos for the next newsletter, please contact Michael Rakszawski or send an e-mail to newsletter@danubeswabian.com.

Newsletter Contributors

Michael Rakszawski	Editor
George Brenner	Contributor
Joann Brenner	Contributor
Fred Gauss	Contributor
Rob Hessler	Contributor
Paul Hoenisch	Contributor
Roswitha Hoenisch	Contributor
Hans Kloehn, Jr.	Contributor
Gerlinde Maitz	Contributor
Rosalie Matico	Contributor
Ross Matico	Contributor
Barbara Parker	Contributor
Lis Reap	Contributor

Club Contacts

Fred Gauss, President
215-722-4253
president@danubeswabian.com

Fred Gauss, Folk Dance Group
215-722-4253
dance@danubeswabian.com

Hans Kloehn, Jr., Soccer President
215-768-4108
soccer@danubeswabian.com

Roswitha Hoenisch, Membership
215-638-8387
membership@danubeswabian.com

Gerlinde Maitz, Ladies Auxiliary
215-673-4423

Hans Kloehn, Friday Night Dinners
267-770-6898

Barbara Parker, Events and Hall Rental
267-632-2482
events@danubeswabian.com

Michael Rakszawski, Newsletter
newsletter@danubeswabian.com

Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity

1277 Southampton Road
Philadelphia, PA 19116
215-969-9356
www.danubeswabian.com

Danubia Soccer Club
www.fcdanubia.com

