

Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity

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Frühlingslied

Contributed by Fred Gauss

Die Luft ist blau, das Tal ist grün die kleinen Maienglocken blühn und Schlüsselblumen drunter; der Wiesengrund ist schon so bunt und malt sich täglich bunter.

Drum komme, wem der Mai gefällt, und freue sich der schönen Welt und Gottes Vatergüte, die diese Pracht hervorgebracht, den Baum und seine Blüte.

Ludwig Heinrich Christoph Hölty



Danubia Soccer Club EPYSA Indoor State Cup Champions

From the Editor's Desk

Please enjoy this latest issue of our quarterly newsletter! There are some great stories and highlights from events in the first few months of the year. There are also details on our upcoming events such as our annual Pilgrimage Mass, Summer Concert Series, Tag der Donauschwaben festival, and much more. Please remember to check the club's web site often at www.danubeswabian.com for the latest details on all of our events.

In this month of May, I would like to especially wish all of our mothers a very happy Mother's Day!

As a reminder, 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.

Kinder Gedicht zum Muttertag

Kein Vogel sitzt in Flaum und Moos in seinem Nest so warm Wie ich auf meiner Mutter Schoß, auf meiner Mutter Arm.

Und tut mir weh mein Kopf und Fuß, vergeht mir aller Schmerz, gibt mir die Mutter einen Kuß und drückt mich an ihr Herz.

Friedrich Wilhelm Güll

President's Message

Another two-year term begins. I was again elected president at the last annual membership meeting, and I am wondering "Bin ich verrückt?" (am I crazy). I sometimes wonder what Marianne (meine liebe Frau) thinks. Even after all the maintenance and administrative issues that arise, it is still fun being around members and being at the events we hold. The idea of losing our cultural heritage is unacceptable to me and that is the thing that drives me. I actually think we now have to work harder than ever to ensure the continuation of the traditions our mothers and fathers (Omas and Opas) brought to America.

With this thought in mind, we will again be holding our annual Commemorative Mass at the Sisters of the Redeemer on Sunday June 2 at 11:00 a.m. It will mark the 75th anniversary of our parents' and grandparents' expulsion from their homeland and the beginning of their long and treacherous journey to America.

On August 25 we will also be celebrating our annual Danube Swabian Festival. This year's event will be special because we will again, with the help of the Trenton Donauschwaben and the United German Hungarians, be creating a cultural exhibit highlighting Donauschwaben artifacts, pictures and memorabilia. It will be held in the upstairs hall. We last did this in 2014, to fabulous reviews. I hope that all members will attend these two events.

Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter. There are plenty of things to do at the club; please come out and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Fred Gauss

General Membership Meeting

Contributed by Rob Hessler

The turnout for the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, February 24 was good, with one of the larger crowds that we've seen for a few years, and at least one new member joining the club on the spot. The meeting reviewed and summarized all aspects of the club's activities for the preceding year. Per tradition and club rules, all Board of Trustee members were relieved of their duties, and a new board was elected and put into office as of March 1, 2019 for a two-year term. The new board is as follows.

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Gerlinde Maitz

Head of Children's Section

Patricia Kelly

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Lauren Brando, Amy Burbage, George Burbage, Paul Hoenisch, Hans Kloehn, Lisa Kloehn, Linde Luczakowsky, David Rakszawski, Michael Rakszawski, Elisabeth Reap

Of special note, Maria Mattes has retired from the board after decades of faithful service to the club and its endeavors. We also welcome David Rakszawski to the board for the first time.

Anyone wishing to be considered for the board should contact the president or one of the vice presidents at any time.



Recognizing Maria Mattes for many years of service on the board



2019 General Membership Meeting

Project Update

It has been a long time coming, but the finished bathroom is in sight. It should be ready for the summer season. Special thank you to Bernie Schneider and Adam Dickmann for their donation of time and skill to the project.



The locker room area was cleaned out before demolition started



Volunteers knock down the temporary walls to clear the way for the new work



The walls are now up, thanks to the carpenters!

Upcoming Events

Fri. 5/31	Summer Concert Series: SoundWave Big Band
Sun. 6/2	Pilgrimage Mass
Fri. 6/7	Danubia Soccer Banquet
Fri. 6/14	Summer Concert Series: Connolly and Murphy (Irish)
Fri. 6/21	Youth Soccer Tournament
Fri. 6/28	Summer Concert Series: Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band
Sun. 7/14	Club Picnic / Pig Roast (\$15)
Sat. 7/27	Jackapalooza
Sun. 8/25	Tag der Donauschwaben
Sat. 10/5	Wine Tasting
	nsiderate 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.

Visit our web site for the latest news and events!

www.danubeswabian.com

German Community Events

Philadelphia Sommerfest

(Steuben Parade) Saturday, June 22, 2019 1:00 p.m. at VE Club

15th Annual Euro-American Car and Motorcycle Show

(Trenton Donauschwaben) Saturday, July 13, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the German-American Picnic Grove

Trenton Donauschwaben Summer German Program for Kids

Tuesday to Friday: July 15-19 For more information or to sign up for this program, please contact Christa at DSGermanProgram@gmail.com.

German-American Steuben Parade

Sunday, September 29, 2019 Rockledge / Fox Chase, PA

Please visit our web site for information about renting the hall at the club!

www.danubeswabian.com





Pilgrimage Mass

Contributed by Fred Gauss

We will be celebrating the 41st Wallfahrt this year on Sunday, June 2. It will be the second year at the Sisters of the Redeemer Chapel. Many people who live in the Philly suburbs know Holy Redeemer Hospital. The chapel where we will hold the Wallfahrt is located in the former Motherhouse on a side street just east of the hospital. The address is 521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

As for some background, the Redeemer Sisters were founded in 1849 and are currently headquartered in Wurzburg, Germany. Their Founder, Sister Alponse Maria Eppinger, was beatified in September 2018 in Strasbourg, France. The Sisters came to America in 1924 and Holy Redeemer Hospital was dedicated in 1958.

Please see the flyer on the next page for additional details about our Wallfahrt.

Shuffleboard League

Did you know that our club has a shuffleboard league? Many of our club members come out in the evenings and have a great time.



The Wednesday night shuffleboard crew having a nice time at the club

41st German Pilgrimage

and 75th anniversary of the expulsion from our ancestral homeland

Sunday, June 2, 2019 Sisters of the Redeemer Chapel 521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

10:45 a.m. Procession assembles in front of the chapel

11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass

Celebrant:

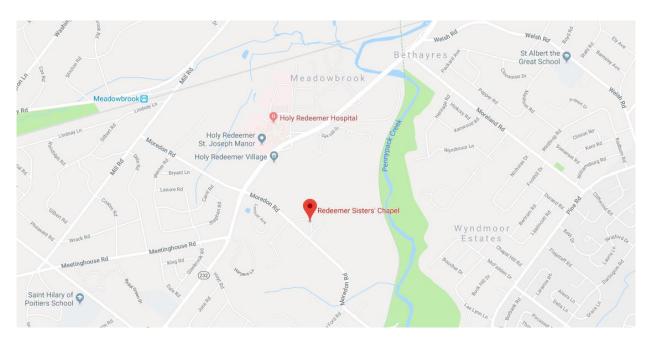
Rev. Eugene C. Wilson, Holy Cross Parish, Springfield, PA

The Franz Schubert Mass will be provided by:

Franklinville/Schwartzwald Quartet Club, President Gregor Helmkamp Damenchor Wald-Echo, President Betty Boyts

The pilgrimage is sponsored by the Danube Swabian Association of Philadelphia, Trenton, and New York: a group of Germans who were forced to leave their homeland when the communist tide swept through Europe in 1944-1948.

This memorial Mass is in honor of our people who died in the camps of Yugoslavia, Russia and for those who were forced out of their homes in East Prussia, Silesia, Sudetenland, Bohemia, Gotschee, Baragan, Hungary, and Romania. We remember those who died in our old and new homelands.



Please visit http://redeemersisters.org/contact for detailed directions.

Note: There will be a reception with light refreshments served after the Mass in a side room outside the chapel.

Recipe Corner

Spaetzle

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 c. milk
- 11/2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 to 3 T. butter

Directions:

Fill large pot 2/3 full of water and add 1 teaspoon salt per quart of water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low or medium so you have a gentle boil. Beat eggs and milk with fork. Combine flour and salt; add to egg mixture, stirring with wooden spoon until smooth. Place mixture in Spaetzle machine and cook in boiling water or spoon dumplings and drop into boiling water. Remove from water when they rise to top. Rinse and mix with melted butter before serving.

This recipe was contributed by newsletter editor Michael Rakszawski and is taken from a family cookbook.

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.

Donauschwaben Cookbooks

The National Donauschwaben Landesverband Frauen have recently put out an over 300-page cookbook with authentic Donauschwaben recipes. Individuals contributed their favorite recipes from the Donauschwaben clubs in Akron, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Mansfield, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Trenton, and Kitchener. It is an impressive collection of ethnic recipes.

As you know, the Donauschwaben Ladies take their baking seriously so the following corrections need to be made to the identified pages of the National Danube Swabian Cookbook.

Cookbook Corrections

Page 105 ... add 1 cup of flour

Page 318 ... change 42 ounces butter to 4.2 ounces

Page 347 ... change 10 tablespoons butter to 3 sticks

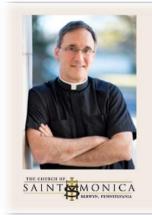
Page 347 ... change 1 1/2 cups walnuts to 3/4 cup

Page 347 ... change 1/2 tablespoon vanilla to 1/2 teaspoon

Page 347 ... remove 1 egg white

Page 347 ... add 1 1/2 cups flour

Happy baking and cooking!



A Spiritual & Cultural Journey to Germany & Austria

On the Occasion of Father Zlock's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

12-Days: September 8 to 19, 2019

Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Charles Zlock

Saint Monica's Parish in Berwyn, Pennsylvania

Group Coordinator: Ms. Peg Alzamora

For more information about this trip and to view a brochure, please visit our web site at <u>www.danubeswabian.com</u> or <u>https://saintmonicachurch.org/pilgrimage-to-germany-austria</u>.

Remembering Maria

As many of you may already know, we had to say goodbye to Maria M. Czirjak.

Sadly, on the morning of January 15, 2019, Maria was in a fatal car accident. Our most sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Maria M. Czirjak.

Maria was like a box of chocolates -- you never really knew what you were going to get ...but what I do know for sure is that she was here to get things done - her contributions to our club for the past 10 years will never be forgotten!

Maria, thank you for being a part of our association and for being such a passionate and dedicated member.

I raise a BECKS glass and say PROST to Maria; thank you and I love you!

Lisa Kloehn

Memories of Maria

I came to know Maria when she served at every Friday night dinner at the club. She was always friendly and I enjoyed talking to her about my Hungarian stepfather and family. I always wanted to learn some Hungarian words from her and she in turn would want to know German words. She became such a big part of our Donauschwaben family. She was always there at every event and always on the go. I think she could outrun everyone even in her high heeled shoes. She was also a hair stylist and I went to her for my haircuts. There too I got to know her better and we had many good talks. I will miss her vibrant personality. There will never be another "Maria". May she rest in peace.

Roswitha Hoenisch









In Memory of

Maria Czirjak

1953 - 2019













Penny Party

Contributed by Roswitha Hoenisch

The Penny Party was amazing again this year. We had a full house with many beautiful prizes. As in previous years, we had our "man cave" section of tools and garden supplies. We had a few more men in attendance this year too. They really enjoyed themselves.

Most of our guests are experts in going to penny parties and we welcome them all along with newcomers who once they get the idea of how a penny party works come back again the next year. It is an enjoyable evening for all.

Our Ladies Auxiliary president Gerlinde and her team of volunteer workers are to be commended for their hard work. Everyone's contribution is appreciated. Another great Penny Party!



The hall is ready for the Penny Party



So many great prizes!



Guests enjoy this year's Penny Party

Landestreffen 2019

The next Landestreffen will be held in Milwaukee on Labor Day weekend 2019. Please contact Fred Gauss if you are interested in attending this exciting event!

Jackapalooza

Save the date! Come out to the club on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of music, entertainment, friends, and family in loving memory of Jack Mattes. This will be a great "reunion" of sorts for previous club members to get together for a night of memories and fun.



Ladies Auxiliary Memories

Thank you to Gerlinde Maitz for submitting these photo remembrances from the club. Do you recognize anyone?



300-year celebration at Penn's Landing (1983)



Kinder and Jugend Fest (1986) - Mrs. Ana Kopp, Barbara Braunschek, Rosewitha Urich, Mrs. Petschi, Gerlinde Maitz, Theresia Masur, Kathy Pittmann, Helen Thiel, Katharina Wittner



Board of Directors - May 12, 1986

Danubia Beer Festival

Thank you to everyone who came out to the club on Saturday, May 4, 2019 for Danubia Beer Festival. It was a great event! Photos and more details from the event will be included in the next newsletter.



Verband News

Congratulations to Joe Brandecker from the Trenton Donauschwaben on being newly elected as Treasurer of the national Donauschwaben Foundation! Also, congratulations go out to Anna Martini who was elected as Jugendstellvertreterin, Michael Fricker who was re-elected as Verbandspresse, and Marlene Fricker who was elected as Region Ost President. Our friend Ray Martini is now Landesverband second VP, and Kathleen Martini was re-elected Landesjugendleiterin. Best wishes to all!

Danubia Soccer News

Contributed by Anthony Cancelliere, John Lock, and Barbara Parker

Danubia was 5th in the medal count for EPYSA indoor state cup medals in 2019. A few years ago, we didn't have five youth teams at the club. To build a program this fast at that level is an accomplishment for everyone involved! We're by far the smallest club out of the group and the only club without any paid coaches!

Gunners won the Bob Urban Bovs U-11 Memorial Tournament hosted by Nether Providence on Saturday, April 20th. Gunners did not let up any goals throughout the tournament going 3-0 defeating Lower Merion, PA Classics and FC USA in the final. Currently, the Gunners are undefeated in EDP Spring League with record of3-0-1. a

Boys U-13 Hotspurs hosted a sweet 16 state cup game on Sunday at the club with a 5 p.m. kick off start time. The Hotspurs went 3-0 winning their group and did not let up a goal in round robin play.

The Griffin's 10' won the Bethesda Premier Cup beating Bethesda Pre-Academy 3-2 in OT, and we also won the Indoor State Cups beating FC Europa 3-1. We played in the semis for outdoor state cups on May 4, where we were matched up against FC Europa again.

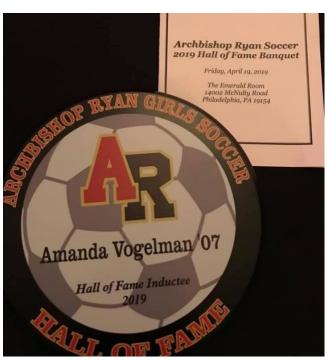


Bethesda Premier Cup Champions

Congratulations to Danubia Fury defender Amanda Vogelman for her induction into Archbishop Ryan's 2019 Hall of Fame!



Congratulations to Amanda Vogelman!



A great achievement!

Winter Schlachtfest

Contributed by Rob Hessler

The club's upstairs ballroom saw a sizable crowd for the Schlachtfest on Sunday, February 17. As usual, a good group gathered twice in advance to do the time-consuming work of preparing the vast assortment of pork-based specialties. Fred Gauss, Paul Hoenisch, Walter Schuetz, Hans Brucker, Adam Dickmann, and Karl Leisch were joined by new 'apprentices' Rich Wilson and Lou Sannutti. Adam Herbert stopped in to ensure everything was being done according to tradition. Diners arrived to find a plate of delectable pork-based hors d'oeuvres, followed by a helping of hot and tasty Leberknödelsuppe (liver dumpling soup). Belts were already being loosened as the main course became available...a buffet including hot Leberwurst (liverwurst), bratwurst, pork loin, sauerkraut, and vegetables. While settling in after dinner, a surprise appearance from "MC Schwein" (Fred Gauss) had everyone doubling over in laughter as he provided entertainment and presented a few lighthearted awards. Finally, everyone had dessert before waddling home full and happy, ensuring yet another year of employment for cardiologists in the Philadelphia region. Thanks to all who helped, including the chefs Hans Kloehn and Maria Mattes, as well as the board members and family and friends who helped with setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Mark your calendar so you can join us next time on November 24.



Preparing the bratwurst and liverwurst for the Schlachtfest



Volunteers helping to prepare the meats for the Schlachtfest



Plenty of nice decorations at the Schlachtfest



The tables are ready for the meal



A nice crowd for the traditional Schlachtfest

Club Dinners

Contributed by George Brenner

The start of 2019 has been a very busy time for the Donauschwaben kitchen. Between the Friday night dinners and two Sunday dinners, Hans and all the volunteers continue to keep us well fed.

2019 kicked off with a Sunday dinner of Suppe und Palatschinken. This meal continues to be a club favorite. The downstairs hall was packed with members enjoying the traditional cheese and jelly filled Palatschinken. Making Palatschinken is a labor-intensive process, and once again, the club benefitted from the help of our younger members. William Taubenberger volunteered to spend his last day home before returning to school after the winter break to make the hundreds of Palatschinken needed to feed the members. The highlight of the meal is always the potato soup that was once again expertly prepared by Matt Gauss. Thank you to William and Matt! I am certain that your Oma's are very proud.

As mentioned already in Rob's article, the Donauschwaben Schlachtfest took place on Sunday, February 27. The Schlachtfest is one of the more popular dinners at the club with the upstairs hall quite full of big appetites. The meal was outstanding and as usual too much food to eat at one time. There were plenty of "doggie bags" distributed for us to enjoy the food again the next day. We believe that the popularity of the Schlachtfest is the food; however, there is also the entertainment value that comes with this Fred Gauss enjoys the pork-themed dinner. dinner and decorated the club with every porkthemed item imaginable. Fred also entertains the members with pork-related trivia questions and This year was no different except the questions and the jokes were delivered by Fred dressed in a pork-themed costume.



A special guest at the Schlachtfest this year

We need to thank all the schlachters who volunteered their time earlier in the week to prepare all the homemade sausages, speck, and krameln. We also need to thank all the club members who helped in the kitchen, doing the serving, and the cleanup. Thanks to everyone who helped make this Schlachtfest a big success and making sure that once again, "no one goes home hungry"!

The last Friday night dinner before the meat-free Lenten dinners started was the Kassler Ripchen dinner on March 1. Hans prepared a delicious smoked pork chop dinner along with sides that pleased everyone. This dinner was also held in the upstairs hall to accommodate all the attendees.



A delicious Kassler Ripchen dinner!

With the start of Lent, the Friday night dinners included a several fish dinners and another Suppe und Palatschinken dinner.

Here is a fun fact. On March 22, parts of Germany celebrate the Bavarian Crepe Day. Bavarian Crepes are a close relative of our beloved Palatschinken. Who knew that the Bavarians actually celebrate one of the Donauschwaben's most loved and popular foods!

Membership Note

If you have not already returned your 2019 membership renewal, please kindly complete the form and return it to the club as soon as possible. Your membership and added donation are very important for the success of the club. Thank you!

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, please contact our membership secretary, Roswitha Hoenisch, at 215-638-8387 or membership@danubeswabian.com.

Christmas Gatherings



The Hoenisch and Juritsch family 2018 Christmas dinner



The Gauss and Kuchar family 2018 Christmas gathering



The Brenner family 2018 Christmas in Germany

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.

- Frank Bauer
- David and Lucy Casper
- Dennis Crean
- Terri DiPrinzio
- Maria Liberto
- Tom and Kathleen McKenna
- Vedron Nazor
- Joe and Cindy Proll
- Joseph Schaeffer
- Rosemarie and Michael Schaffner
- Christopher Siegman
- Kenneth and Cecilia Sipple
- Heidi Weinstein

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Joseph Juritsch (former soccer player and tanzgruppe member) on the birth of his granddaughter Adeline Grace. She is the daughter of Catherine and Eric Paone. Both parents are nurses at Abington Hospital. Happy Great grandparents Joe and Rose (Hoenisch) Juritsch.

James and Diana (Kauffman) Keough had a baby girl, Audry Rose Keough.

Get Well

We continue to wish a speedy recovery to Eva Martini of the Trenton Donauschwaben.

Get well wishes go out to Marty Wendel. We missed you at the beer tasting this year!

Travels

This past Christmas, the Brenner family spent Christmas visiting Christina and her then fiancé Fred in Munich. It was a wonderful time to have the entire family together and experience a true German Christmas celebration. We visited Christmas Villages numerous in Munich. attended Christmas Eve Mass in a beautiful Church, and heard the Christmas hymns sung in the original language. The highlight was hearing Stille Nacht (Silent Night) sung in German in a only illuminated church by candlelight. Christmas dinner was stuffed goose and Semmelknodel (bread dumplings). Christina and Fred also introduced us to a new sport, Eisstockschiessen. Thank you, Christina and Fred, for being such great hosts!



The Brenner family in Germany



Greg, Andrew, and Fred enjoying Christmastime in Germany



A new sport, Eisstockschiessen

Ross and Rose Matico traveled to Bermuda for their 35th wedding anniversary. There were many good captions submitted for their photo.



Christian dons his new Aquaman suit while swimming with mom and dad

In Memoriam

We remember the following individuals who passed away during the past few months. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families.

- Maria Czirjak
- Josef Konrad
- Josefa Brandecker
- Anna Rakszawski

Other News

The Association thanks Renate Brosky for her donation of Donauschwaben books and pictures along with German records. Renate lives in the Allentown area but was connected with the New York Donauschwaben club. Her family comes from Kisker in the Batschka. She attended the palatschinken dinner in January and brought her donations to the 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.

Tag der Donauschwaben

We invite you to join us for our annual Danube Swabian festival! This year, it will take place on Sunday, August 25, 2019. This all-day German celebration features plenty of food, drink, soccer, folk dancing, and German music. All members and friends are invited to attend. Come and enjoy a beautiful day of Gemütlichkeit!

Wine Tasting

Please join us on Saturday, October 5, 2019 for our 5th annual wine tasting event! Victor Ykoruk of Commonwealth Selections returns to lead us through an evening which includes a variety of wines with lite bite food pairings featuring selections. Please call 215-673-4423 or e-mail wine@danubeswabian.com for tickets.

A Blast from the Past

Here are some great photos from when the club was first built. Thank you to board member Paul Hoenisch for contributing these wonderful memories!



This is how the building looked when it was purchased



Paul Hoenisch and the rest of the volunteers handing up the cinder blocks to expand the building to what it is today



Handing up the cinder blocks



Continuing work on the club



Paul Hoenisch drilling the hole for the kitchen fan



Drilling the hole for the kitchen fan



Working on the roof - be careful!



The building takes shape (today, the kitchen area is in the corner in the front-center of this photo)



The finished building!

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.

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