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Editor's Corner

Summer is upon us and with it comes all those outdoor activities we've been dreaming about over the winter: vacations, picnics, barbecues, lounging by the pool, grass cutting... grass cutting? After you put the lawn mower away and sit down with a cold beer, or while you're lounging by the pool, or while you're waiting for the meat to cook on the grill, I hope you will reach for your Carpathia Nachrichten and give it a read.

Your President, Annemarie Gerhardt, has done another outstanding job in translating a portion of the book "Völkermord der Tito-Partisanen". It gives detailed, town by town accounts of the atrocities committed against our people by Tito's Partisans during the last days of WWII and the years immediately following. If you read closely, you may be surprised to find some names you recognize.

We do not publish these types of articles simply because we enjoy dragging up the past, or because we want to gross people out. We publish this information to provide some historical record and to give American-born Donauschwaben the opportunity to learn what really happened to their ancestors. Such an opportunity is rare for our children, since most accounts of the atrocities appear in German. In addition, the mainstream media never has, and never will, expose these historical facts. I urge you to take the time and read "What Really Happened" carefully. You'll be glad you did.

The very prolific and gifted writer and publisher, Frank Schmidt, has provided us with yet another jewel. His story of Ludwig Schwann is a gripping true story of heroism at its finest by a seemingly ordinary man in the worst of circumstances. Of course, it is the worst of times that always exposes a person's true character.

Also in this issue, Kurt Seiberling and Tony Matje have teamed up to bring you thorough coverage of the exciting Donauschwaben Tournament hosted by Carpathia over the Memorial Day weekend. Contributions by Agnes Neumann with GACC Community Talk, Hans Steiner's report on the Donautal Dancers' Freundschaftstanz, and Katharina Schwager's nice article about the Chor und Frauengruppe Bankett, along with the other group reports round out the Summer Nachrichten.

As you can see, I'm excited about this issue of the Carpathia Nachrichten! Hope you feel the same after reading it. Just don't burn the hamburgers. **Richard Gerhardt** 🍀



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