



# Carpathia Club, Inc.

A Danube-Swabian Culture Club

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Summer 2023

## Notes from our board

The board was busy this Fall with Kirchweih, Oktoberfest and with planning the upcoming year. Kirchweih is always an energetic event that showcases great dance performances. It was wonderful to see how much the Kinder Dance Group has grown!

Oktoberfest was a nice success full of familiar faces and many first-time visitors. Crazy competitions, fun raffles, authentic German food and great beer make people want to come back and bring their friends.

## Carpathia Club Board

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## Upcoming Events

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Mid-year Meeting 2-4 PM**

GACC 40450 Hayes Rd.  
Clinton Township, MI

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Carpathia Choir 110<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Concert**

GACC 40450 Hayes Rd.  
Clinton Township, MI

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Kirchweih 1-5 PM**

Ukrainian Cultural Center  
26601 Ryan Rd.  
Warren, MI

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Member's Christmas Party  
2-6 PM**

Lion's Club  
34540v Utica Rd.  
Fraser, MI

# From the President

**Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,**

It's been a few months since my last letter and want to update you on several topics.

As a club, we have already hosted five events this year!

Choir card party in January (Fraser Lion's Club), Frauen card party in March (Fraser Lion's Club), Jaeger Banquet in April (Fraser's Lion's Club), Koenigsball in May (Shelby Gardens) and finally Blasmusik concert in May (American Polish Century Club).

It was great that we were able to get together and celebrate our heritage, visit with friends, and have some gemütlichkeit! Plus the entertainment at Jaeger Banquet, Koenigsball and Blasmusik concert were incredible! It was great celebrating queen Reese and king Evan! And the band's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary was fabulous! Thank you to those who planned these events!

The Future of the Club Committee and Executive Board continue our search for a future home. The committee has toured countless properties, and many of the properties were not zoned for our use, and therefore we were not allowed to move forward with leasing.

In May, George Schleis and I met with Macomb County officials (thank you George for making the connection). We feel the meeting went well and the county is assisting the Club with finding a new home and helping the Club navigate the sometimes complex and arduous zoning regulations.

While we have not found a home, I am confident that the "Future of the Club" committee and executive board **WILL** find a home. We appreciate your patience, and we will continue to host events throughout the year (see schedule of events). I encourage you to support Carpathia events as well as events held by other clubs (such as GACC).

We also successfully transferred \$1.3 million to Ameriprise and we expect our investment to grow into the future and fund future Club operations.

Many on the board attended the Verband meeting in April, where we met with other clubs to learn how each of the clubs are handling day to day operations. Cincinnati was a gracious host and the roasted chicken was outstanding (although I still like the food from our Club the best).

The Treffen is in Mansfield over Labor Day weekend. I encourage you to attend the Treffen to proudly support our heritage and Club.

I wish all of you a WONDERFUL summer! See you in Mansfield!

Grüß Gott,

*Rob Hanschu*

President

Carpathia Club, Inc

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## Greetings from the Choir

Hello to our fellow Carpathia Club Members!

The Carpathia Choir is taking a couple of months Summer Break.

And we are hoping that you are enjoying the Summer also.

Then, come August, we will start our rehearsals and prepare for our 110 Anniversary Concert,

which we hope will be by the end of October.

We will check with the Board of Directors and set the date.

We also promise to let all of you know in plenty of time exactly when it will be and just where we

can celebrate that special occasion.

Our "Thanks" go to our wonderful director, Mr. Erwin Aufdemberge and our Choirleader Mike Schleis,

for the great job they are doing to keep us going.

Of course it always helps, if you have plenty of singers that have good voices, to do justice to the songs

we hope to sing for you. We are proud of all of them for the many years they have been faithful singers in our choir.

As always when our rehearsals start on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm, we hope that they all will come back to sing with us.

Our rehearsals will be at the St. Peters Luth. Church on Chicago Road. If you would like to come and sing with us

please feel free to come and see, if this is something you would like to do. You will be most welcome.

We invite all of the Carpathia Club Members and their friends to come and support our Choir, as they have so

faithfully done in those past 110 years. We also hope that we all will continue to support OUR Carpathia Club.

Mit frohem Saengergruss

Blondine Klimach

# Carpathia Jugendgruppe

Update from the Jugendgruppe

## Königsball 2023

This year's Königsball was held later than usual due to the time spent trying to find a location to host it, however I'm pleased we found the location we did. The event was held May 13th at the Shelby Gardens Banquet Center in Shelby Township. It was a beautiful venue and required very little additional decorating, which I'm personally thankful for.

Despite a few minor quirks and perhaps one small temper tantrum, I couldn't have asked for the evening's program to go any better. From the entrance of this year's Jugend Royalty, Queen Reese Mueller and King Evan Schleis, to the presentation of the royal menu and the performance by both the Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe, everything went well and according to schedule. The program from the Jugendgruppe this year was partially recycled and partially new. We performed a waltz to Lehar's Gold & Silber which was originally choreographed by Karin Schwalbe, with some help from myself, during her time as the Jugendleiterin. Because of the different number of couples this year we had to make a few minor alterations, but it still remains a favorite dance of mine. We did create something brand new for this year, which was a ballroom style waltz to the tune of Merry-Go-Round of Life which is from the film, Howl's Moving Castle.

This year's event was certainly a learning experience for me. From finding a location to host the event (I think I started with a list of between 15-20 recommendations), signing a contract with them, determining ticket prices, and overall just navigating the differences between having our own hall and renting one, I have to admit there is a lot I took for granted when we had the building in Utica. However, rather than lament what we no longer have, I used this as an opportunity to be thankful for what we still have. We still have dance groups. We still have a Club Board willing to help and support us. We still have members willing to come to events. We still have everything we need to keep going. For this reason I look forward to the future and future events.

Overall, I can say with confidence that the evening was a success and I'm proud of my group. Though smaller than it has been in the past, the group is still here and still active.

# Jugendgruppe and Kindergruppe



## Carpathia Jugendgruppe

### Thank You!

I'm thankful for the continued support of everyone within and without our club to keep the Jugendgruppe up and running, but there are few special "thank you's" I'd like to extend. My sincere apologies if there is anyone I missed on this list. Please know you are appreciated!

Galaxy Productions, which consists of our very own Mark Szymanski and Mike Morelli, who were our DJs for the evening!

A heartfelt thank you to Susan Brandelik for all of her help in dressing our young ladies in their ball gowns and successfully keeping some of those dresses in one piece despite their age.

And to Betty Hammer for all of her help in acquiring and assembling raffle gifts and helping run the presentation of the menu and raffle.

To the families of our royalty for their help in putting together the table decorations for the evening. They were beautiful!

A huge thank you the following for their donations to the raffle:

- Carpathia Jaegers
- Carpathia Frauengruppe
- Randy & Karen Beattie
- Tom & Monica Forest
- Furtah Family
- Rob & Inge Hanschu
- Kim Mueller
- Schleis Family
- Schwalbe Family
- Greg & Liz Thomas
- Pete & Annemarie Tittjung
- Karen Venton

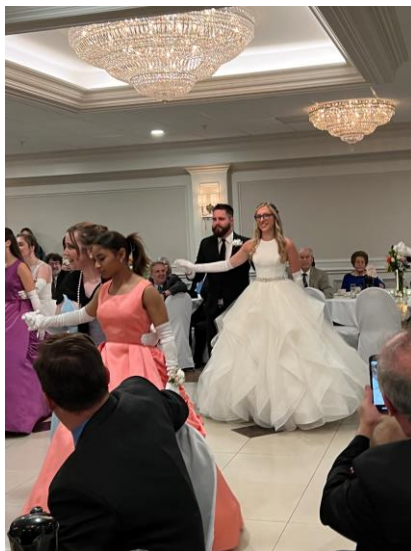
Lastly, thank you to everyone who came to Königsball! I hope you enjoyed it and will enjoy it for years to come.

## Travels

2023 has been a year of travel for the group so far. We had members of our group represent us at: German Family Society of Akron's Trachtenball in January. Cincinnati Donauschwaben Society's Straussball in March. Cleveland Donauschwaben's Schwabenball in April and the Landesverband Meeting in Cincinnati, also in April.

We're looking forward to the rest of the year filled with more travels and hope to see you in Mansfield, Ohio this year for the Landestrachtenfest. This year is also a competition year for the Jugend dance groups. Come join us and I promise you'll see some dances you've never seen before!

Paul Schwalbe  
Jugendleiter



## From the Blasmusikanten

A few words from the Blasmusikanten President:

I would like to begin by saying “Thank You, Thank You, Thank You” to the fans of the Carpathia Blasmusikanten! Without your incredible support we would not be performing this Sunday afternoon of May 21, 2023.

It is amazing that it has been just over 10 years since John Huth and Mike Talan (Pres. and V.P. of Carpathia in 2013) approached me about forming a Blaskapelle for the 100th Anniversary of the Carpathia Club. When I think back on those first rehearsals, I remember how nervous I was about the whole idea. And yet here we are! It is unbelievable that we have been able to continue that experience for 10 years now. On that day in July of 2013, when the Blasmusikanten performed for the 100th anniversary, I thought to myself, “This was such an amazing performance!” and I knew that the band needed to continue.

Over time, some of the original members of the band have left the group, new ones have joined, and in some cases, former ones have returned again. A core group, however, has remained constant and are still playing with us today, 10 years later. We also have three members of the original Carpathia Blaskapelle from the 1970’s performing in the current band, Joe Karner and myself, as well as Wolf Bering, who has since retired. We even have had workers from German companies join the band over the years, such as Ferdinand Grotz from Legau in Bavaria, Germany, who has been with the band for 2 years now. Our members are multi-talented, busy musicians; most play more than one instrument and perform for other ensembles.

We have watched several members literally grow up in the band. One of those young people is Sebastian Cole, who recently graduated from M.S.U. majoring in Music Performance. Another is Christian Goolsby on tenor horn, Giovanni Caporuscio on Flügelhorn, and my own son Evan Schleis, our drummer. I am thrilled to see the younger generation involved, and we have had 20+ kids play with us over the 10 years. At times, they made up half the band!

The group has grown and evolved over the years. Sadly, we have also lost a founding member of the band, Richard “Dicky” Wagner, an integral member of the Carpathia Blasmusikanten. One constant, however, has always been the music and the camaraderie. Dicky embraced this wholeheartedly, and promoted the joy of laughter, friendship and making music together. Dicky, we love you and miss you.

I would also like to say “Thank You” to our former band director Matthias Eichmann – for his many years of directing and performing in the band. The band is what it is today due to his efforts both musically and as a director. A special “Thank You” also goes out to Dean Kratz, our current music director. He stepped into the position last year on short notice and has guided the band forward with grace and patience. A final “Thank You” to all my fellow Blaskapelle members, for your unwavering dedication and commitment to the Carpathia Blasmusikanten.

--- George Schleis, May 2023



## Aus Anlass zum 10-jährigen Bestands-Jubiläum der Carpathia Blaskapelle!

By Herbert Gruber

*Musik ist das, was uns innerlich bewegt,  
Wofür der Name „Carpathia Blaskapelle“ steht.  
Der Alten Heimat und Kultur verbunden  
Musizierten wir für viele Stunden.  
Gestern, heute und auch morgen  
Musik verdrängt so manche Sorgen.  
Wir feiern und bejubeln die Jahre,  
Musik ist und bleibt für uns das Wahre!*

Schier unglaublich das unsere Carpathia Blaskapelle mittlerweile schon das 10-jährigen Vereinsjubiläum erreicht hat! Eigentlich sollte man dem Namen der Blaskapelle das Attribut „Neue“ oder ähnliches beifügen da es zuvor schon einmal diese Formierung gegeben hat. Die ursprüngliche Blaskapelle war in den 70-iger Jahren des vorigen Jahrhunderts aktiv. An anderer Stelle in dieser Broschüre gibt es mehr Details zum Nachlesen über die originale Gründer-gruppe.

Mit sehr viel Eifer und Hingabe von zahllosen Carpathia Mitgliedern wurde die Blaskapelle wie sie heute existiert im Jahre 2013 ins Leben gerufen. Die Musikanten waren und sind bis heute eine bunte Mischung, teilweise Mitglieder der originalen Blaskapelle in den 70-iger Jahren bis hin zu einer nennenswerten Anzahl von jungen Musikanten die großteils noch die Schulbank in der Oberstufe drückten. Vor allem mit den jungen Musikern in der Gruppe gab und gibt es naturgemäß kontinuierliche Umwälzungen da die allermeisten Schulabsolventen allzu oft in ferne Regionen abwandern, um dort entweder ein Studium oder andere Berufs-Möglichkeiten wahr zu nehmen.

Seit der Gründung in 2013 übt George Schleis die Funktion des Obmanns aus. Die musikalische Leitung unterstand ursprünglich Matthias Eichmann, der aber vor einigen Jahren aus dem Verein ausschied. Seither hat Dean Kratz die Funktion des Kapellmeisters inne.

Unser aufrichtigster Dank gilt allen Gästen und unterstützenden Mitgliedern, die uns bei Konzerten mit Ihrem Besuch beehren! Das sind im Wesentlichen unsere Vereinsmitglieder, vor allem die, die halt immer mit dabei sind. Unser Dank gilt natürlich auch allen anderen Gästen, die bei unseren Veranstaltungen mit dabei sind. Was immer Sie mit der Musik und den Zielen unseres Vereines verbindet ist was wir nicht nur sehr hochschätzen sondern auch bemerkenswert finden. Denn nur durch die direkte und auch indirekte Teilnahme an den Veranstaltungen unseres Vereines haben wir eine Grundlage für langjährigen Weiterbestand. Und wir wissen es zu schätzen das Sie trotz aller Unterhaltungs-Möglichkeiten im heutigen Umfeld unserer Musik Ihre Aufmerksamkeit schenken.

Wir freuen uns, um Ihnen auch in den nächsten 10 Jahre und länger frohe Stunden und gute Unterhaltung darbieten zu können.



## The History of the Carpathia Blaskapelle

by Joseph Karner

In the Spring of 2013, I was “working” on my computer and, for fun, did a search for “Carpathia Blaskapelle.” Up popped a copy of Carpathia Club’s latest newsletter, and one notice in particular caught my eye. Apparently, George Schleis was putting together a brass band for the Club’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This was exciting news because I had played clarinet and saxophone with the “original” Blaskapelle from 1968 to 1972! Even though I was no longer a member of the club, I decided to contact George anyway. I asked him what this was about, and he replied, “Yeah, we’re rehearsing on Sunday at the hall. Bring your horn. I’ll have a book for you.” And so, the Carpathia Blaskapelle began again.

But back to the original Blaskapelle, to the fall of 1968. John (Hans) Ams and a few other senior members of the club decided that it was time to have a brass band to complement the vocal music that was the foundation of Carpathia. To the best recollection of Wolfgang Bering and myself, the original members were as follows:

Hans Ams – Director  
 Robert Becker – Clarinet  
 Anton Bering Sr – “Begleitung”  
 Anton Bering Jr – Drums  
 Wolfgang Bering – Trumpet  
 Helmut ? – French Horn  
 Peter Hoffer – Trombone  
 Joe Karner – Clarinet  
 Nick Lambrecht – Trumpet  
 Walter Novak – Trumpet  
 Reiny Pelvay – Clarinet  
 Georg Rebh – “Begleitung”  
 Franz Weitz – Tuba  
 “Etschi” – Trumpet

The band got right to work, rehearsing on Thursday evenings. During the next 6 years, the Blaskapelle presented its talents at a variety of picnics, dances, and festivals, in Michigan and Ohio. Among those events were Carpathia Kirchweihfests, the Schwabenverein’s “Cannstadter Volksfest,” Oktoberfest in London, Ontario, and the Detroit German Ethnic Festival on the Detroit Riverfront at Hart Plaza.

Over the years the band’s membership and repertory evolved. John Ams left after a few years and experienced bandleader Michael Pesamoska stepped in, adding a few of his friends from other bands to the Blaskapelle. After several years Mike stepped down and Peter Hoffer assumed the role of director. Finally, in the mid-seventies, the energy of the Blaskapelle had waned, and so the band, like all good things, came to an end.

Fast forward to April 2013. After a lay-off of forty years, I was attending my first rehearsal with the Carpathia Blaskapelle. Our new director, Matt Eichmann, presented us with a challenging fast march, “Andulka.” A little panicked, I thought, “What have I gotten myself into?!” But my worries were unfounded as I, and the rest of the players, quickly came up to speed. Due to the director’s and band members’ incredible dedication, we were ready in a few short months with a substantial repertory. We first performed at Carpathia Club’s Father’s Day Fest on June

16, 2013. Among the players were experienced adults, along with a group of "junior players," who soon became indispensable members of the band. They included:

Monique Bates - Vocal  
 Nick Bering - Drums  
 Wolfgang Bering – Trumpet  
 Sebastian Cole – Trumpet  
 Matthias Eichmann – Director/Tenorhorn  
 Duane Emrick – Baritone  
 Austin Flowers – Fluegelhorn  
 Herbert Gruber – Clarinet  
 Dennis Hoshield – Tenorhorn  
 Joseph Karner – Clarinet  
 Dean Kratz – Trombone  
 Joshua Kratz – Trombone  
 Elena Miller – Trumpet  
 Jimmy Mueller - Tuba  
 Suzanna Ochss – Trumpet  
 Erwin Rauschendorfer – Tuba  
 Evan Schleis – Drums  
 George Schleis – Trumpet  
 Brigitte (Schwager) Swiatkowski – Clarinet  
 Paul Schwalbe - Drums  
 Michael Stampfer – Trumpet  
 Johnny Tisch – Trumpet  
 †Richard Wagner – Trumpet



Reception by the audience was overwhelmingly enthusiastic and positive! All were excited with anticipation for the band's next performance at Carpathia Club's Centennial Celebration that followed soon after on July 21, 2013.

Success of our first performances in 2013 led to a decision by the members to pursue a continuing home within the Carpathia Club. By-laws were drawn up, officers were elected, and, in early 2014, the Carpathia Blasmusikanten became the newest Untergruppe of the Carpathia Club. Since then, the band has performed at a variety of events, including:

Carpathia Fathers' Day Picnic  
 Carpathia Oktoberfest  
 Carpathia Kirchweih  
 Carpathia Jaegerbankett  
 Edelweiss Gaufest  
 Rochester Mills Brewery Oktoberfest  
 Toledo German Festival  
 German-American Cultural Center German Day  
 Carpathia Blasmusikanten Annual Concerts (Every year except 2020 and 2021)



The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 threw a cloud of uncertainty over both the Carpathia Club and the Blasmusikanten. Events were cancelled. Rehearsals were suspended. Friends and relatives were lost. But the band soldiered on, supporting the club materially and spiritually with informal performances on the "patio", while attendees enjoyed "wurst" and "bier". The end of the pandemic restrictions was symbolically signaled by the return of the Blaskapelle, together with the Gemischter Chor, for a concert in Spring of 2022. Today we are very happy and excited to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Carpathia Blasmusikanten. We hope that our event will help inspire the efforts to a brighter future for Carpathia and the Blasmusikanten.

## From the GACC

Hello Carpathia members,

Wow, it's been 6 months since GACC found and moved into our new location at 40450 Hayes, Clinton Twp. MI 48038, in the Amore plaza between 17 and 18 Mile roads. We were able to get the new hall painted and updated, move our belongings out of storage, and open for everyone to start having their meetings, with a lot of help from the executive board as well as many different members of the GACC. The stained-glass windows, the piano, and several cabinet units just seemed to find a happy home in our hall. Much thanks go out to all who contributed in any way to make this happen in a relatively short time frame. At the December 2022 Christmas party the members voted that the Executive board should locate a place for all club's usage, and in February, 2023 the GACC began hosting events at its new location.

Since opening, many of our 13 affiliated clubs have been having meetings, dance practice, choir practices, a concert and other events were opened to the public. Choir members as well as our Tisch Tennis members have been very happy to have a hall that they can use. It's been a personal pleasure for me to welcome all who are coming to use our facility. We will be scheduling several new events as well as having our DeutscheTag and German American day in our new location. Our website is being currently updated to reflect these new events.

In March the GACC held its annual membership meeting with 90 plus members attending. Our board members of the 13 affiliated clubs and the 12 delegates at large met the next week to elect the executive board and elected were President, Ingrid H. Stein, 1st Vice President, James Binder, 2nd Vice President, David Bohde, Treasurer, Erwin Rauschendorfer, Recording Secretary Marlina Voigt-Groele, Membership Secretary, Irmgard Krause and Corresponding Secretary and Web Master, Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, Trustees Siegfried Charow, Heidi Jarmolinski, head trustee Burkhard Kniep, and Marianne Krenzer.

Our membership has doubled since we acquired our new home, and it has been truly encouraging to see such a positive response to our efforts. This hall will be our home for the next 5 years and if all continues forward in a positive direction we can be there for another 5 years. What a great way to show others that the German Community is continuing to strive ahead to keep our German Heritage alive. We truly welcome all and we continue to seek ideas to make it a place where you want to come to visit and see friends, and make new acquaintances.

The GACC hosted a "get together night" on Friday, June 28, 2023. We are planning to hold several of these type events each with a different theme, on the 3rd Friday of the month. Deutsche Tag is scheduled for Sunday, Aug 13, 2023 and German American Day is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 1, 2023. A letter will be going out shortly to all club members for nominations of the distinguished German American of the Year Award. All Club members have the opportunity to send in nominations, so if you feel someone you know should receive this honor please nominate that person or couple. Carpathia Club has many dedicated members worthy of this award.

Our affiliate clubs are also continuing to host events.. Also the GBU Saxonia Rheingold Chorus will be celebrating their 100 Anniversary on November 5, 2023. Siebenbürger Saxon are hosting the Traungruppe Blaskapelle and trachten gruppen on July 13, 2023 Please check our web site <http://www.germanamericanmetrodetroit.org> for additional information.

In closing, the GACC wishes all of you a wonderful and safe summer. Lots of catching up to do after our last 3 home bound years. Hope to see many of you at the GACC hall as events continue to happen.

Herzliche Grüße,

Ingrid H. Stein

## In Memorium



# Anna Ess

OCTOBER 14, 1931 – JANUARY 23, 2023

Sadly, Anna passed away peacefully during the early hours of January 23, 2023. She died due to complications related to corrective surgery for heart disease. Anna was born and raised in Pardau, Yugoslavia, to Peter and Maria (Albrecht) Zapfl. To truly know Anna, one must have an understanding of her early childhood – a childhood she avoided revisiting later in life, filled with memories of many horrific events. Her happy, carefree life was suddenly changed at the young age of 13. Her father was a soldier as the world was in a stage of war. Her little town was suddenly under siege by the enemy, and she found herself placed into a concentration camp with her mother and sister.

Her family endured 3 years of persecution and suffering. While in captivity, Anna was not expected to survive due to starvation, which prompted a desperate escape by her mother and two daughters. Anna was dressed in several layers of clothing to hide her unhealthy appearance. No one could recognize her as an escaped refugee during their flee. They ultimately made their way to Austria where they were finally safe. Anna recalls having the time of her life in Austria, finally having a chance to fully recuperate while enjoying the beautiful country and warm people.

Soon after she and her family immigrated to America. They arrived December 23, 1952. In America, Anna's life really began to blossom. The very next evening, Christmas Eve in Detroit, she met a man she recalled seeing in pictures. "That is a guy I would like to meet" she had said, and after 8 months of courtship, Peter and Anna were married on August 29, 1953.

Peter and Anna began building a beautiful life – the life they deserved. Anna raised their two wonderful sons while Peter continued working hard, refining his skills in manufacturing. In 1971, Peter and Anna took a risk that would later become a legacy, mortgaging their house to start P-Ess Sheet Metal Fab., Inc. This business continues to thrive today with their sons and grandsons. Together, Peter and Anna enjoyed a rich social life with numerous friends through the Carpathia club. They loved playing cards, bowling, and golfing. Anna participated in the choir and volunteered in the kitchen. They loved to travel and experience the world together.

"Omi" or "Mia" as she was called by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, loved hosting her ever-growing family for holidays and weekend gatherings, both at their home and cottage on Tee Lake. No matter when you showed up, there would always be one of her traditional dishes to enjoy – goulash, uvetch, rouladen, stuffed cabbage and peppers, palacinke, schnitzel, sauerkraut and potato salad. But her true passion was baking cookies, and we all have our favorites! Anna's life was profoundly affected by the atrocities brought on by her experiences during the war. At times known to be "a little stubborn", that was the German ingredient. She was known to have a true sense of appreciation for the simple things in life. She cherished the life she shared with her family and always put family first.

She will always be remembered as the loving, generous, considerate, and caring person she was. She leaves us with a legacy passed on to her family by teaching us the true meaning of family pride. We have so much to be proud of, and we carry her warm spirit in our hearts. Anna was a devout catholic, and prayer was a part of her daily life. We will keep praying for God's blessing, and we will continue her faithfulness.

Anna was predeceased by her parents Peter (1990) and Maria (2008); sister, Rose (1980); aunt, Antje Doetzkies (2022). She is survived by her two sons John (Elaine) Ess and Robert (Lynn) Ess. Also surviving are six grandchildren; Josh (Joray) Ess, Nicole (John) Manion, Jessica (Javier) Marcus, Ryan (Julie) Ess, Jenna (Ryan) Heslin, Sean (Jesse) Ess. She is also survived by 15 great grandchildren, Jaden and Jasmine Ess; Maximo and Maelyn Manion; Joaquin, Miguel and Simone Marcus; Kaitlyn, Nicholas and Matthew Ess; Cooper, Griffin and Layla Heslin; and Jakob and Amelia Ess.

A private family service was held in Anna's honor. In lieu of flowers, please share photos, stories and memories here. Anna was strong-willed, devoted, loving, and a survivor. We will all miss her and the sweetness and warmth she brought to our lives.

# Carpathia Blasmusikanten

*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 2013-2023*



*-- Thank you --*

The Carpathia Blasmusikanten wish to thank everyone  
for their support during the past 10 years.

We couldn't have done it without you!

We look forward to many wonderful years  
of sharing our Blasmusik with you at future events.

*The Carpathia Blasmusikanten*



*Congratulations*

**Sebastian M. Cole**

Michigan State University

Class of 2023

Bachelor of Music in Music Performance



So proud of you! Best Wishes!  
Love Mom, Dad, and the entire Family

Looking forward to seeing  
All of you at our  
Upcoming functions

Mid-Year Meeting

Carpathia Choir 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

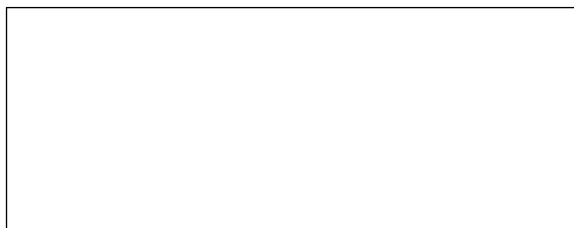
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Carpathia Christmas Party

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