



Carpathia Club, Inc.

A Danube-Swabian Culture Club

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Summer/Fall 2019

Notes from our board

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS! We had a packed Summer which was very successful because of your help. Whether you work in the kitchen, grill outdoors at a fest, tend the property, coach kids in sport and dance, or volunteer at our events, your help makes an important difference. Yes, it certainly helps financially, but your involvement also helps make us a club. Your efforts keep our groups running, our doors open and our friendships growing. Thank you.

Germanfest is our biggest fundraiser of the year and our club did very well. In spite of the heat and rain, the tent was packed! People love our festival! Also, we tried a new fundraising opportunity with Sterlingfest's Restaurant Row. It was our first year participating, and we see good potential there. We learned a lot and have a strong plan for next year's Sterlingfest.

Have you heard about our "Start Ups?" Some Start-Ups include a Bayern-München Detroit Fan Club and a Traditional Recipes Cooking Class. Our latest Start Up is a hiking group called Carpathia Trekkers. Less formal than an "Untergruppe," it's a reason to hang out with friends.

This Summer, the board began looking at the pros and cons of updating our non-profit status. Carpathia Club is already a non-profit organization. But in order to take advantage of tax-exemptions and grants, we have to be a 501(c)3 non-profit. To see what that means to our club, see the article on page 9. The issue will also be addressed at our half-year membership meeting on September 18th.

Thank you again, and hope to see you soon!



Upcoming Events

October 11th – Oktoberfest

October 13th – European Brunch

October 16th – Fashion Show sponsored by Ladies Group

October 19th – Mexican Night Fundraiser sponsored by the Youth Group

November 3rd – Card Party sponsored by the Seniors

November 9th – Kirchweih!

December 13th – German Christmas Show

December 14th – Carpathia Kickers Banquet

December 22nd – Member's Christmas Party with Nikolaus, sweets and sing-alongs

Sommer und Herbst

From the President

Some highlights of the summer season –

Our Germanfest in July was successful even though the weather was not at its best – hot, humid and a little stormy - we still had a nice crowd and good attendance. As always, this festival takes much work to bring it together. Thank you to all the volunteers for their time and effort. A festival could not be accomplished without you!

The following weekend was Sterlingfest in Sterling Heights. Carpathia was a food vendor on Restaurant Row which was a new experience for the club. That same Saturday was also the annual German Heritage Night at Jimmy Johns Baseball Field.

During the last week of August, we again hosted a dance group from Europe. This group of 27 dancers and musicians came from Saar, Hungary, and put on a beautiful performance at the club on Monday August 26th. I hope you didn't miss it!

We are very fortunate to have families who were willing to welcome these guests into their homes during their stay. These families each hosted between 2-5 dancers/musicians: Karen & Randy Beattie, Anni & Philipp Hammer, Irene Dietz, Marianne & Johann Krenzer, Karin & Christoph Ritter, Monica & Tom Forest, Ingrid Grotloh, Rudy Zoller, and Herb Gruber. Thank you to the host families and to Karen Venton, Anna Marie Tittjung, Kimmy Furtah and Liz Thomas for their donations and help in making this a memorable visit for all involved.

A few days later, many of us were able to see our new friends again at the Tag der Donauschwaben in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, over Labor Day Weekend. This annual event, held in a different city each year, was once again a great opportunity to meet up with friends from the U.S. and Canada. While most stay in touch now through social media, it is not the same as sitting at a picnic table together, enjoying a beer, watching dance performances, and just talking. And there were so many little kids - the Donauschwaben have a future!

Upcoming is an event to honor one of our own members. I would like to congratulate the new German-American of the Year 2019 - Lisa Gerstheimer!

German-American Day on October 5th will highlight Lisa's involvement in the German American community and celebrate all of our combined German-American heritage.

Happy Fall
Karin Schwalbe

*Thanks for being members of the Carpathia Club!
Do you have any questions or comments?
Contact the board at carpathiaclub@comcast.net*



So many babies and friends at Tag der Donauschwaben

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October 19th Mexican Night

Dance Performances by
Ballet Folklórico De Detroit
Carpathia Youth Groups
Kitchen and Bar open at 7PM
Dance Performances at 8PM
Authentic Mexican Food and
Drinks available for purchase
Music, Dance, Raffle all night

Youth Group Fundraiser

Standard \$18, Members \$15
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Dancers from Ballet Folklórico De Detroit

2021 Youth Group Germany Tour

It's official! The Youth Group will be performing and touring Germany in the summer of 2021! If you want to know more or if you're interested in participating in the overseas performance, this is the best time to join the group! The groups age range is from 13 to 25. For more information, please contact Paul at 3schwalbe@gmail.com

To offset the cost of the trip, the youth group came up with a great idea for a fundraiser: Mexican Night. Authentic food and drinks, and authentic Mexican dancers - Ballet Folklórico De Detroit will be performing thanks to a generous donation from one of our members. Expect a fun night with a packed dance floor!

Who are the Carpathia Trekkers?

Whether your family came from the Banat, Batschka, or anywhere along the Danube, the love of nature and the outdoors has always been part of the Donauschwaben and German way.

The Carpathia Trekkers carries on that tradition through hiking trails and nature walks. Not all are up for a hard hike so the watchword is variety, from gentle trails to high hills. So if you fit somewhere within this range or have never done a trail walk before, please contact Tom Healey at 734-612-4001 or Monica at mforest@comcast.net to begin the formation of a "Wanderverein" hiking/walking group.



Start Ups or Untergruppen – What's the difference?

"Untergruppen" are official cultural groups of the Carpathia Club, and include groups like the Choir, the Kickers and the Jäger. "Start-Ups" are smaller and less formal. Some start-ups include a Bayern-München Detroit Fan Club, a Traditional Recipes Cooking Class, and the new Carpathia Trekkers. Want to start your own interest group? Invite some friends and start something like a biking or beer tasting group! Carpathia Club is your home base and what we all have in common. Less formal than an "Untergruppe," it's a reason to hang out with friends. Visit our "Join a Group" page at <https://www.carpathiaclub.com/join-a-group> or contact the Carpathia Club for more information.

Saar, Hungary, Visits

Besides their fantastic performance with dance, live music and song, it was wonderful taking these young people into our homes for a couple of days of their U.S. tour. It's like a mini foreign exchange program! They were only here two nights, but we all learned so much about each other's lives. Please consider being a host at the next opportunity. It is a life enriching experience.



Carpathia Youth Group

Curious about the Carpathia Youth Group? This is the time to check it out! A good place to start would be Kirchweih where the group will be doing a traditional performance. Or stop by Mexican Night for something totally different! But the best way to meet everyone is to stop by at a practice. Practices are on Sundays.



The Youth Group is scheduled to dance in Germany in the summer of 2021. If you are interested in participating, this is the best time to join the group! The groups age range is from 13 to 25. For more information, please contact Paul at 3schwalbe@gmail.com

Kindergruppe Update

Hello!

The kids who went to Milwaukee for Labor Day had an excellent time and danced so well. We are excited to learn a brand new program for the upcoming Kirchweih that Karin Ritter learned in Hungary during the Donauschwaben Welttreffen.

If you have children or grandchildren from ages 3 to 12 years old, stop by at a practice and say hi. Contact us for practice times and we hope to see you there!

Anna Marie Tittjung,
tittjung@comcast.net



Attention Former Carpathia Jugendgruppe Girls

Do you still have your red tracht? If so, please return it to us for a refund. We are in need of trachts right now, and are running low on the fabric to have new ones made. These trachts were made with materials purchased by the Jugendgruppe and as such are property of the group. Please contact me at sbrandelik@att.net to make arrangements. Thank You,
Sue Brandelik



Editor's Note: There are so many new girls in need of a youth group tracht - please help them be able to participate. We don't want any girl to feel left out. Thank you!

Carpathia Kickers

The trophy picture is the Champion team, Carpathia Kickers 00 Gold, celebrating the MSPSP Premiere 1 Championship. We beat Midland 4-0 in the final game of season to win the championship. Everyone came to the club afterwards to celebrate and hoist the trophy. Congratulations, Kickers!



This group picture is of the team that has graduated from youth soccer, and the picture is of the current Men's Reserve Team. What makes it great is how these young Kickers finish with the youth team and, at Carpathia, they continue to play on the men's team.



Kickers parents are friends. This picture is of a long tradition of eating at the Cheesecake Factory at every tournament. We have gone to the Cheesecake Factory in Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati



Kickers 07 Girls: A new team, new traditions, a fun bunch together after a tournament game



Carpathia Kickers Soccer Summer Camp was full of new kids and families. Welcome! Thank you to all the coaches for their time and for sharing your skills and enthusiasm for the sport. Also, thank you to all of our teen volunteers! Impressive!



<http://kickersfc.net/>

Frauengruppe Update

Bankett

Am 11.Mai veranstaltete die Frauengruppe ihr alljaehriges Bankett.

Da uns die Macomers im letzten Jahr so gut gefallen hatten, haben wir sie auch wieder in diesem Jahr, fuer diesen Abend arrangiert.

Nach einigen Begruessungsworte von Leiterin Irene Dietz und Presidentin Karin Schwalbe wurde ein vorzuegliches Essen serviert und nicht den guten Nachtisch (Zitronentorte) vergessen. Spaeter fuehrte die Frauengruppe ein kurzes Programm auf.

Gedichte vom Fruehling und Freundschaft wurden aufgesagt.

Anschliessend wurden zwei Damen mit einer Urkunde geehrt.

Inge Pfoffer 30 Jahre Mitgliedschaft, Marie Eppich 10 Jahre Mitgliedschaft.

Herzlichen Glueckwunsch wir hoffe ihr seid noch lange in unserer Runde.

Dann wurde die Buehne fuer die Macomers frei gegeben.

Die Macomers sind eine talentierte Tanz- und Singgruppe von Macomb College unter der Leitung von Todd Moses. Sie brachten wieder eine tolle Veranstaltung und die Gaeste waren vollauf begeistert

Sommerfeste

Wir ,die Frauengruppe, haben wieder tuechtig am Sommerfest ausgeholfen.

Ich bin sehr stolz auf unsere Frauen. Drei Tage mit viel Muehe,Schweiss und Arbeit.Wir alle tun das fuer unseren Verein.Danke,Danke meinen Damen...

Wie in allen Gruppen; es werden immer weniger die helfen koennen und von Jahr zu Jahr wird es schwieriger Hilfe zu bekommen.

Ein jedes Mitglied sollte helfen.....

Wir sollen stolz sein dass wir einen so starken Verein noch haben und vorallem ein schoenes Club-Haus oder Heim wie viele sagen.

Auch am Deutschen Tag haben wieder einige Frauen Kuchen und Kaffee verkauft.

Fuer das Sterling Fest halfen einige Frauen in der Kueche.

Muss sagen wir waren etwas beschaeftigt in diesem Sommer.

Ja, die Feste sind vorbei,es wird etwas ruhiger fuer uns und unsere Gruppe hat einige Casino Trips geplant. Alle koennen mit fahren.

Als naechste Veranstaltung ist unsere Fashion Show

Wednesday, Oktober,16.2019 (Lunch at12:00pm)

Fashion from Maurices at Lakeside

For Reservation call: Maria Dosenberger 586-822-2366

Mit freundliche Gruesse ihre Irene Dietz

A Poem from Frauengruppe

Ich moechte Sie mit einem Gedicht von Frau Tupachka begruessen, sie war ein langjaehriges Mitglied der Frauengruppe. „Der Vater,“ geschrieben 1991

Editor's note: The following poem was written by Mrs. Tupachka, a long-time Ladies Group member. „The Father,“ written in 1991

Der Vater

Der Vater zog den Ackergrunde
die Furchen Reih an Reih
in frueher Daemmerstunde,
als die Nacht vorbei.

Der Vater haette moegen singen
und jubeln durch das Feld,
das weit mein Ruf soll dringen:
wie schoen ist Gottes Welt!

Da ploetzlich kam mit Klagen
ein aengstliches Voeglein nah
als wollte es schuchtern sagen:
Vater sieh doch mein Nestchen da.

Und vor mir in der Naehe,
dicht an des Pfluges Schar
zu rechten Zeit ich sah,
dass dort sein Nestchen war.

Der Vater hob sein Geraet zur Seite
Und fuhr aufs neu davon;
das Voeglein sang vor Freude,
sang Lieder ihm zum Lohn.

Ich habe dacht erschuettert
an meines Schicksals Pflug.
Denn, naht er einst,es zittert
mein Herz vor seinem Zug.

Zwei Wochen spaeter da kam
der Vater wieder auf das Feld.
Da sitzt das Voeglein auf den Schollen
und singt dem Vater zu.

Doch ein Lied zum Dank,
der Vater schaute zum Himmel hinauf
und denkt sich im Stillen
wie schoen ist doch die Welt.

Und stehen wir im Streite
Lenkt deine Hand uns fort,
stehst immer an unsere Seite,
in Handel und in Wort.

Zu diesem Liebesfest,
wuenschen wir dir heut' viel Glueck,
Gott schenkt dir das Beste,
er lenke dein Geschick!

From the Jäger

The Jäger started the summer with our annual Kids Day on June 2nd, and it was a big hit once again. This year's event included a fish tank for the first time, with the help of our friends at Cabela's.

We also had 2 trap shooting competitions against the Rhine Danube Sportsmen Club from Leamington, Ontario. Sorry to say (2nd place) at both events.

Our annual Kings Shoot is September 14th at Huron Pointe. This year's King will celebrate his victory at our 50th anniversary party and Wild Game Dinner which is on March 21, 2020, so please mark your calendars for this nice event.

On Thursdays we have a bow and arrow league, which should get us ready for deer season which starts October 1st. Good luck to all our hunters.

If you would like to join the Jäger, call or text Bob Pstoka @ 586-481-4407. We have a meeting every first Thursday of the month.

Kulturregruppe Update

In hopes of gaining more dancers, the Kulturregruppe changed practices to Tuesday nights, beginning at approx. 7 pm until 8:30 pm, here at the Carpathia club. Did it work? We did gain a former dancer.

The Kulturregruppe, along with the Kinder und Jugend Gruppen, and a handful of guest groups, performed at this year's Germanfest, July 19, 20, & 21, 2019. The Kulturregruppe and the Jugend Gruppe combined groups to perform at this year's Deutsche Tag, at the Austrian Park, on Sunday, August 11, 2019. The ability of the groups being able to help each other out is the future of the dance groups.

We are always looking for new dancers. Adults over 21 interested in folk dance and fun should consider the Kulturregruppe. No dance experience necessary! We will teach you, and you'll be surprised how quickly you'll be dancing. Besides, dance is the excuse to get together to hang out, have a beer, and try something new. For more information contact Carsten Grotloh via email, wcgrotloh@hotmail.com or cell 586.255.6527.

2019 Jäger Youth Outdoor Day



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2019 Welttreffen in Hungary and Romania

4th Welttreffen Donauschwäbischer Kulturgruppen in Ungarn/Romänien, 24 Juli - 7 August 2019

This trip is not your average Schwob gathering. One thing that had been expressed to me beforehand, which I very quickly realized was more than true, was that this was not another Landestreffen. We were here to visit the Heimatland and learn more about our history and culture, not only to party in a different part of the world. Some people took longer than others to fall into line, but in the end everyone got the message and realized what the importance of this trip was.

We started our trip out by meeting, quite literally, a bus-load of people at the airport. After about 4.5 hours we left for the boarding school we were staying in in Baja, Hungary (about a 2 hour drive). Upon arriving, Stefan Ihas, President of the Weltdachverband der Donauschwaben, greeted us at the door. After dinner we began introductions, of all 90+ people, by calling name tags (Mine having the first name misspelt, now being Timothy, becoming my nickname for the trip). The person whose name had gotten called, grabbed their name tag and a very large shot glass of Schnapps which we started referring to as jet fuel. I will never forget my first day/night on this trip, I met so many people and made so many friends. Within an hour of getting assigned rooms some of us, me included, had changed rooms. I ended up bunking with the 3 jugend guys from LA.

During our week of staying at the boarding school we made so many memories and did so much. Even as I write about this, tears come to my eyes in memory all the great things we did together as a group. We had many dance practices where we learned new dances. It was at that moment I knew I didn't need to speak their language to learn their dances. I have so many great memories that we made at the school. One of them being the day where we went into Nadwar/Nemesnádudvar to tour the "wein kellers" and graveyard. To end the day we had a wine tasting, which blew my mind. The wine and dinner, Spanferkel with Sauerkraut a Dampfnudel, was so amazing that I wanted to eat it all. We all ended up dancing in the middle of the little lane that was in front of the cellar we were using that night. Another favorite of mine, we had a naming ceremony for a full-sized Ulmer Schachtel. We even buried a time capsule, containing everyone's names to be opened in 50 years. That night we had the Annaball in celebration. Seeing so many people from so many different groups, from so many different countries, made me so proud to be apart of something this large.

After a week of us being in Baja we left to go to a hostel in Hatzfeld/Jimbolia. Most of the guys had gotten put into a wing with a group of rooms with some displeasure in the communal bathrooms. This gave us the idea to dub our living quarters the "Dog House" even evolving into a secret handshake and call sign. The first full day in Romania we had a dance practice down the road from our accommodations. Led by Hansi Müller, he had joked he was going to break us, that was not a joke. He taught us some new and very cool dances. We were all drenched in sweat by the end of our class. The most exciting part of our trip was the two Kirchweichs we participated in. For our first Kirchweichwe arrived in Warjasch/Varias to start the celebrations. We started the march to two of three houses shortly after 1pm. We spent the following 4 hours walking around the town before stopping to attend a Kirchweich mass. After mass we went to our last house and made our way back to where we had started that afternoon. We had dinner and started dancing until we were practically shoved onto on the bus by leaders. The second Kirchweich was similar to, but shorter than, the first ending the same way as the first.

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2019 Welttreffen in Hungary and Romania (continued)

The next morning we left to go back to Hungary, this time Törökbalint, outside of Budapest. We all met on the bus that evening to go into Budapest to go on a cruise tour of the Donau. The view was incredible and breathtaking. The last day we all got to walk around Budapest to learn about a little bit of the history and shop around. That evening we left to go visit the Taks/Taksony group for a program. When we arrived we found out that we would all be taking tours of the city in little electric Trabant cars. That night about half of the people left for the airport to catch their earlier flights. We all said our goodbyes to each other and left to return to our hotel. The next morning after a quick breakfast everyone got onto the bus to go to the airport. I, instead, got into a taxi to further explore Europe for another week.

At one point on the trip, Landesverband President Ed Tullius called us to attention. He wanted to let the people who were treating this trip as an excuse to drink, that this was not the time or place. He said that we will all have this "Lightbulb Moment" where we realize that this trip is bigger than we thought it was. After a little bit of consideration, I realized that my "Lightbulb Moment" was every second of every moment this whole trip. There isn't a memory that I don't look back at with fondness and want to go back and relive millions of times again.

I owe a great debt to the Carpathia Club Board and Jugendgruppe for showing me and helping me to take part in this trip. I also owe so much the Weltdachverband for making this trip happen and showing so many people the importance of trips like this. Thank you to my new friends who without them I would not be so excited to participate in events such as Landestreffen in Milwaukee. Thank you to Paul Schwalbe and Tammy Kapraun for encouraging me to go on this trip and live my dream of traveling. Thank you to Karin Schwalbe for helping me before this trip and during it. Thank you to Ed Tullius for showing us that we can always find a lightbulb moment in every part of our life. And the biggest thank you of all, Anna and Stefan, thank you for taking the time and effort to put this amazing trip together, putting up with the constant noise during breakfast (or any time) while you would try to talk to us about news for the day, the drunken singing from the bus every evening, and even the occasional dancing at inappropriate times. This trip would not have been the same without you and I look forward to seeing you again one day.

Timothy Landenberger, Detroit Jugendgruppe.
"Together, We Are Strong." - Hansi Müller



See Tim's photos at
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/timland>

What is a 501(c)3?

What is a 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization?

Currently, Carpathia Club, Inc. is a 501(c)7 which is a type of non-profit organization. But, to be tax-exempt, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)3, and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual.

How could this benefit Carpathia Club?

Carpathia as a 501(c)3 would pay no taxes and would qualify for various grants. Also, as a charitable organization, a 501(c)3 status would provide incentive to solicit donations from businesses and individuals.

What issues are there to consider?

There are costs involved to apply and organize, as well as regulations to follow. Carpathia would start a separate corporation – ex: Carpathia Foundation – that has this tax-exempt status. The purpose of the Foundation would be to preserve and uphold our cultural heritage. All income and expenditures would have to be strictly for this purpose. Carpathia Club, Inc. would continue as it is now.



Photos from a Kirchweih celebration at the Welttreffen. Karin Ritter who also attended says "The Welttreffen was truly an experience I will never forget. I am so thankful for the cultural programs, songs we sung, dances we learned, but most importantly, I will never forget the new friends we made along the way!



So incredibly proud of who we are and where we come from, and that is something we will carry with us forever."

Gedicht von der Kirchweih.

Mit Rosmarein in der Hand
feiern wir heut wie im Schwabenland,
das Kirchweihfest wie jedes Jahr
grad so wie es frueher war.

Des Urahn arbeitsharte Hand
brachte ihn in dieses Land,
setzte ihn in die rauhe Erde,
damit er unser Begleiter werde.

Du schoener Strauss in deiner Pracht
halts ueber Sitten und Gebraeuche wacht.
Wir wollen heute um dich gepaart,
Kirchweih feiern nach alter Art.

Den Wein zu trinken,
den Burschen zu winken,
im Tanz sich lustig drehn,
so muss es auf der Kirchweih gehn.

Schaut euch mal an den schoenen Strauss
wo er hin kommt ist Glueck im Haus.
Er ist so schoen geputzt mit Baendern fein,
ein jeder kann mit dem Strauss so Stolz drauf sein.

Nur blut mein Herz, wenn ich dran denk,
dass nur einer ihn mit nach Hause nimmt.
Ein jeder kann lizitieren drauf,
so wie nach altem Kirchweih Brauch.

Tag der Donauschwaben



Carpathia Club participated in Tag der Donauschwaben, an annual event held on Labor Day Weekend. Anyone interested in Donauschwaben culture, history, dance, sport, food, song, and friendship is invited!

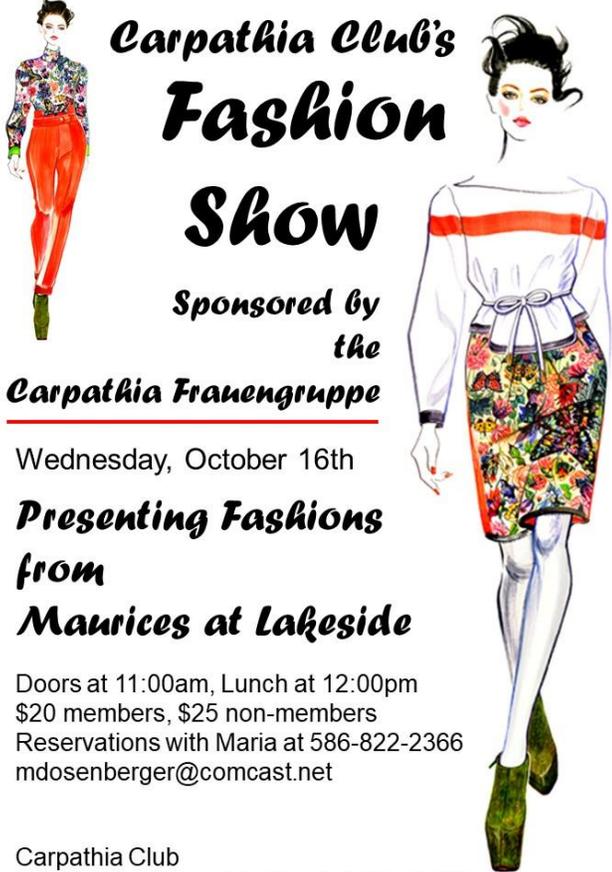
Carpathia Choir

The choir did a lot of cooking for both festivals this summer, but they also did a lot of singing. The Carpathia Choir sang together at German Heritage Day at Jimmy Johns Field. Also, they had a very good turn out when they sang at Deutsche Tag. Right now they're getting ready to support Lisa, their choir member, at her award for German American of the Year



Blasmusikanten Road Trip

On Saturday, August 24th, the Carpathia Blasmusikanten took it's first annual road trip [and first time performing as a group out of state] to the German American Festival in Oregon, Ohio. Band members and devoted followers took a tour bus to the fest. The band played from 12-3pm and the authentic German band music and singing was much enjoyed by festival goers. Afterwards everyone enjoyed the fest. The Glockenspiel stage held shows, there were carnival games and rides, and even a men and women's Swiss rock (as in a 140 Lb. boulder) throwing contest. We are already planning repeat performance for next year. Thanks to all who supported the band! *Submitted by Grace Caprouscio*



**Carpathia Club's
Fashion
Show**

*Sponsored by
the
Carpathia Frauengruppe*

Wednesday, October 16th

**Presenting Fashions
from
Maurices at Lakeside**

Doors at 11:00am, Lunch at 12:00pm
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2019 Germanfest

Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers! People love Germanfest! We couldn't have done it without your help.

Thank you to everyone that came out to the festival! Your Facebook posts and check-ins were really fun - and helpful, too! Thanks! Stay in touch for German Festival updates!

<https://www.carpathiaclub.com/fest>
<https://www.facebook.com/CarpathiaClub/>

And check out photos of our wonderful volunteers on their own FB page
https://www.facebook.com/groups/163226327140554/?source_id=203813346315496



Straussball Practice

Be a debutante to experience a once-in-a-lifetime moment, or simply to make your Omas and Grandmas happy. Because this event is only one night, Straussball is a good introductory event for young people who are curious about dancing. Straussball is January 25th, 2020, and practice starts soon! Contact Karen Venton at venton.karen@gmail.com



Thank you Germanfest Sponsors

Thank you to our 2019 Festival Sponsors! We appreciate your support.

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Carpathia Seniors

The Seniors are sponsoring a fun card party on Nov 3rd. Bring your games to play. And bring a friend, too!

Seniors meet every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to lunch and play cards. They are a nice community of supportive friends. Please stop by and introduce yourself! There's always cards and games to play. The more the merrier! Call the club for more information: 586-978-2292.

Book Your Holiday Parties Soon!

Carpathia Club is very busy during the holiday season which is a very good thing for the club. But if you have a holiday party in mind for your corporate event, office party or family gathering, please book soon! The large banquet hall or smaller rooms are still available on select days.

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GACC Update

Hello, from The GACC, It is hard to believe that the summer is coming to a fast end.

Since the last printing of the newsletter the GACC continues to showcase our German Heritage. Our annual Fashion Show was held on May 2, 2019, with fashions by Soft Surroundings, located in Rochester. Many ladies, and a few gentlemen, enjoyed the luncheon, new items, and the show. We are very grateful to our 13 affiliated clubs, and a few other donors, for the raffle prizes. Monies raised are donated to the Jr. Year in Munich program via Wayne State. Chairwoman, Janet Seefried, and her co workers did an outstanding job in making this annual event a great success by again bringing some new ideas forward. Dr. Mark Ferguson, in charge of this program, gave a short presentation about the exciting exchange opportunities. As in the last few years, we asked one of our affiliated clubs to show a Tracht and give an introduction to what it represents. This year, Roger Kraft, and Karin Dean Kraft, members of the GTEV Edelweiss presented a very in depth presentation about the Tracht they were wearing from their club.

In June it was time to vote on a new German American of the Year. Marianne Krenzer's year went by fast and she represented us well. We congratulate Lisa Gerstheimer, who was voted in as the new German American of the year. She has many years of volunteering, and being active in keeping our German Heritage alive. She is a member of the Carpathia Club, as well as the DASV Schützenverein, Deutsche Unterstützungs-Verein and the Schwaben Ladies.

The second Sunday of August, this year the 11th, was the date for the 69th Annual Deutsche Tag held in the beautiful Austrian Park. Our clubs can be very proud that the Austrian Society keeps this very well maintained park available for different events. Another year with beautiful weather, and a great number of people came out to enjoy a day of Gemütlichkeit. Our clubs filled the much needed roles in keeping the festival booths supplied with goods, and accommodating the festival attendees with food and drink. The Carpathia dance groups, and the GTEV Edelweiss dance groups entertained us during the breaks of the bands. The music entertainment started with the Siaswasser Tanzmusi and then Tommy Schober and the Sorgenbrecher. After the flag presentation, anthem singing, by the members of the Michigan Sängerbzirk, and introductions, it was time to welcome, and be entertained by the Eintracht Singing Society of Dayton Ohio.

The next event took place Aug 24, at Jimmy Johns Field in Utica, Thanks to the many clubs that took part in the flag parade. Members of the Michigan Sängerbzirk sang the German anthem. The DASV again served as the honor guard, carrying the national flags. The Carpathia club had members of their dance group perform. This being a Saturday night this year, the ballpark had many attendees and the weather was perfect.

The fall seems to be filled with many activities to attend. Please find time to support our clubs, only this way will we be able to continue preserving our heritage. The next event for the GACC will be the German American Day on Sat. Oct.5 2019 at which time we will be honoring Lisa Gerstheimer.

Mit freundlichem Gruss
Ingrid H. Stein
Interim President

GACC Affiliated Clubs: Events

- Sept 13 DASV Octoberfest, Schuetzen Grounds
- Sept 21 GACC Tisch Tennis 50th Anniversary Carpathia Hall
- Oct 5 German American Day, Carpathia Hall
- Oct 13 Michigan Sanger Bezirk Kommerz, Carpathia Hall
- Oct 16 Carpathia Ladies Fashion Show, Carpathia Hall
- Oct 19 Mexician Abend Youth Group Fundraiser, Carpathia Hall
- Oct 26 DASV Coronation Ball, Schuetzen Haus
- Oct 27 Transylvania Saxons Jaegerball, Carpathia Hall
- Nov 2 Austrian Society, Abend in Wein, Carpathia Hall
- Nov 3 Carpathia Sr. Card Party, Carpathia Hall
- Nov 9 Carpathia Kirchweih, Carpathia Hall
- Nov 10 GTEV Edelweiss Gedaechnis Messe, St. Clement of Romeo
- Nov 16 GBU Saxonia Rheingold Fall Concert, Carpathia Hall
- Dec 1 GBU Saxonia Rheingold Christmas Market, Carpathia Hall





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