

# A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

As I write this letter, my wife and I are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For Thanksgiving, I bake the pumpkin pies *(always extra cinnamon)* and Inge has started making cookie dough. Thanksgiving and frankly, the "holiday period" are one of my favorite times of the year, as I am what I eat *(turkey)*. I also get to spend a lot of quality time with my family and friends.

The Hall Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 19th and I am looking forward to seeing everyone, and I am "hopeful" that I get to see Santa this year. I seem to miss him every year!?

We had a VERY successful Oktoberfest! I want to thank our Chairman, Adam Zeig for his leadership; I also want to thank the Oktoberfest committee AND all of our amazing volunteers, sub-committee chair members, and cooks! We grossed approximately \$63K and made a profit of over \$37K! I cannot thank you enough! And **VIELEN DANK** for those who attended the event and purchased the delicious food and beer!

We continue to make progress towards resolving health and safety issues. A new glass dishwasher was installed *(per health inspector)* and I want to thank the bartenders for cleaning glasses in the Members' Bar dishwasher. We also had additional fire suppression installed in the walk-in freezer and beer cooler *(per Fire Marshall)*. We replaced more broken fluorescent lights with LED lights, which will result in fewer light bulb replacements and a dramatic reduction in electricity consumption *(reducing cost)*.

The Carpathia Foundation hosted Kirchweih and we had over 230 people attend the event. The hall was beautifully decorated by the Youth Groups. Thank you to Paul, Karin, and volunteers!

The Membership Meeting will be held on February 20, 2022 and the board will present plans to the membership for discussion and direction. At the meeting, membership will also vote for new board positions.

Finally, we hired a new Hall and Bar Manager, Tina Templin. Tina comes from outside the club and has **extensive** restaurant and event experience. Please welcome Tina with as much gemütlichkeit as possible! We also would like to thank Carsten Grotloh for his years of service as Hall Manager and Karen Beattie for stepping in as Interim Hall Manager after Carsten's departure.

I wish all of you "Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr!

FROHE weihnachten.

Grüß Gott, Rob Hanschu President Carpathia Club, Inc





#### Landesverband der Donauschwaben USA, Inc

October 17, 2021

Liewi Landsleit!

The COVID Challenge

As we approach another yearend, I ask you all to join me in donating \$100 to the Donauschwaben Foundation!

Let's call it our COVID Challenge contribution. Most of us have received additional funds from our national treasury in 2020 and 2021. Surely, both your clubs and the national foundation can use the funds to survive this "pandemic."

Since the inception of the Donauschwaben Foundation many hundreds of thousands of dollars have been paid out to our cultural groups in cities across this country. The good that has been done by that funding became readily apparent to a Donauschwab doctor and his wife in Canada. Our efforts were rewarded by their generous donation several years ago to both us and to the Canadian Verband. Let's keep their trust and build on the momentum started by their gift.

Let me state unequivocally, if we want our clubs and our culture to survive beyond the anniversaries that have been celebrated – St. Louis 75 years, Milwaukee 75 years, UGH Philadelphia 110 years, Detroit 100 years, and so on – we must support our youth activities not only with our dedication, but also with our pocketbooks.

So join me in the Challenge and email (flips@centurytel.net) me when you've mailed your contribution to the foundation. You won't hurt my feelings if you donate more or less! Thank you – Danke Schön.

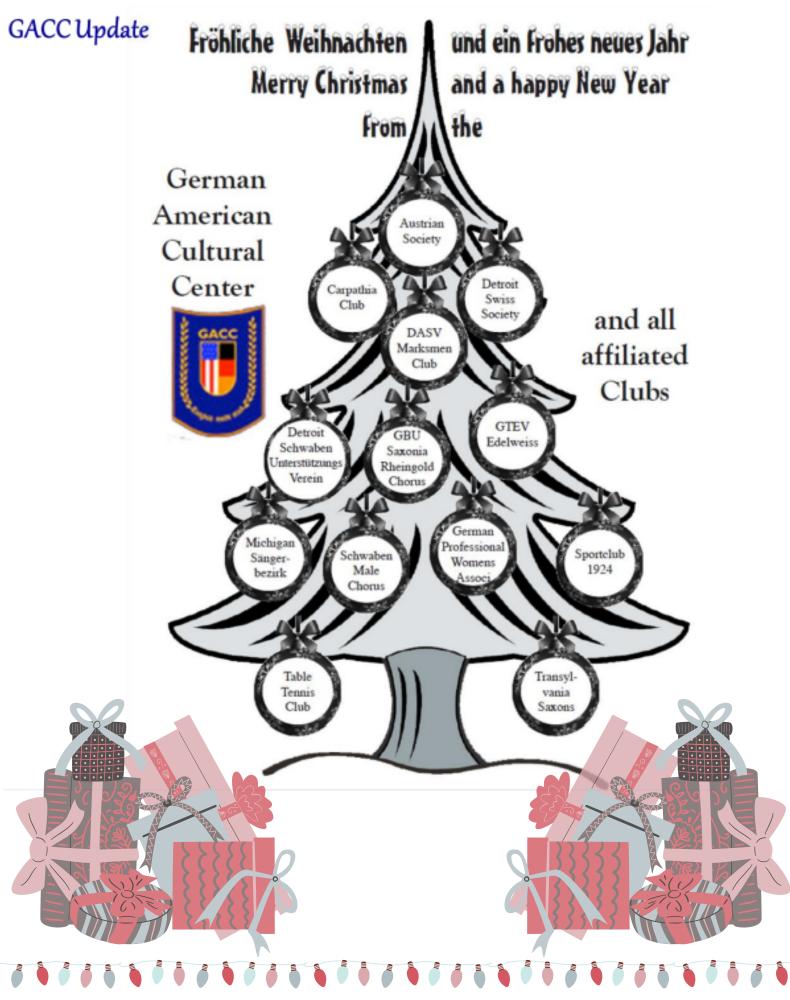
In Donauschwaben Unity,

Robert F. Filippi

Robert F. Filippi Landespräsident



# A NOTE FROM THE GACC!





#### Hello Carpathia Members,

I sure was hoping that in this Christmas newsletter I could say the worst is behind us. As the news media continues to keep us informed about Covid sickness, it seems like we're still in a battle to *get* healthy and **stay** healthy. Please remember the choices you make could certainly have an effect on others. Stay positive and move forward, but make choices that are in the better interest for your fellow members, family, and friends.

The GACC and its' affiliated clubs continued to make connections with their members this summer. The Austrian Society, DASV, GTEV Edelweiss, Swiss Society, Schwaebischer Mannerchor, The Schwaben Unterstuezungs Verein, the GBU Saxonia/Rheingold mixed chorus, and of course Carpathia were able to hold summer events outside. It was amazing to witness how much members missed each other. Hopefully 2022 brings us better news so we can again meet and greet our members.

On October 10th, the GACC held the Annual German American Day Celebration. We were able to welcome 165 members and their friends. This occasion, of course, is geared to present the new German American of the Year. We thank Lisa Gerstheimer for representing our German Clubs the last two years. This year, Erwin Rauschendorfer was voted in to receive this honor! He is a member of the Carpathia Blasmusikanten and has been the leader of GTEV Edelweiss for many years. He has a great passion to keep our German Heritage alive, his musical contributions are many, and he is always willing to help in many areas.

Most clubs will be getting together finally to celebrate the Christmas Season. The GACC will be having their Christmas gathering on December 5th 2021.

We thank the Carpathia Club and its' members for their continued support for volunteering to keep this, our home also, moving in a positive direction.

On behalf of all our 12 affiliated clubs, We wish all of you a blessed Christmas season and may 2022 bring, much joy, happiness and good health to all of you,

-Ingrid H. Stein

## WELL WISHES FROM OUR UNTERGRUPPEN: FROM THE KULTURGRUPPE:



#### FROM THE SENIORS:

The Senioren started back the Tuesday after Labor Day. Although attendance has been small we are still enjoying ourselves and it is good just to see everyone. Because of the small and unpredictable attendance,

we are only able to have pizza, which can be ordered without prior notice. After Oktoberfest we did have wurst and chicken, which we all enjoyed. I am planning a Christmas party sometime before Christmas. Finally I want to wish all the Senioren ein Frohiliche Weihnachten und ein gluckliches neues Jahr,.

-Tony Huth

#### FROM THE KICKERS:

Wishing our Carpathia Family a very blessed Holiday Season. Remember the Kickers' Banquet in January and secure your tickets! Merry Christmas from The Kickers!

#### FROM GBU:

I wish for everyone to have the best Christmas ever! As your GBU Service Representative, I would love to help with any financial questions you may have! -Marianne Krenzer PAGE 6

## HERZLICHE WEINACHTSGRUESSE VON DER FRAUENGRUPPE 2021

Ich frage mich wo ist das Jahr nur hingegangen? Es war wieder ein hektisches Jahr. Hoffe wir koennen uns im naechsten Jahr oeffters sehen und es geht wieder alles im alten Rhythmus. Hiermit wuenscht die Frauengruppe allen Mitgliedern und Freunde Gesundheit, Freude und Frieden fuer 2022

-Irene Dietz

#### Winternacht

Vor Kaelte ist die Luft erstart Es kracht der Schnee von meinen Tritten Es dampft mein Hauch,es klirrt mein Bart; Nur fort , nur immer fortgeschritten!

Wie feierlich die Gegend schweigt! Der Mond beschneit die kalten Fichten Die, sehnsuchtsvoll zum Tod geneigt Den Zweig zurueck zur Erde richten.

Frost,friere mir ins Herz hinein Tief in das heissbewegte, wilde! Dass einmal Ruh mag drinnen sein Wie hier im naechtlichen Gefilde!

-Nikolaus Lenau

CARPATHIA CLUE

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## HERZLICHE WEINACHTSGRUESSE VON DER GEMISCHTE CHOR 2021

Der Carpathia Gemischte Chor wuenscht allen Mitglieder und Freunden Frohe Weihnachten & ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr

> Wir laden Euch alle ein zu unserer "CARD PARTY" am Sonntag, den 30. Januar 2022 um 12:00 Uhr mittags

Chorleiter: Michael Schleis Dirigent: Erwin Aufdemberge

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### The Danube-Swabian Foundation of the U.S.A., Inc. Die Donauschwäbische Stiftung der H.S.A., e.V.

#### **Commitment**

"Commitment": being dedicated to a cause, agreement to do something. This simple definition of the word "commitment" carries much weight, value, meaning and promise. A successful life depends on making major commitments: to a spouse and family, a faith or philosophy, a community, a vocation, a vision of your future and honoring your past. But how do we choose what we will commit to, and how do we execute those commitments? We are taught early on by parents, teachers, coaches and ministers to adhere to a cause, an attitude or beliefs. We are taught that being committed truly means take the plunge rather than making a half-hearted effort. We must accept responsibility. We must honor our word. We put complete trust, faith and focus on long-term goals rather than seeking immediate gain. We join in and think as one. We are taught to build together, grow together, and win together. Give first. Give with an open hand and the odds are high that your deed will be reciprocated.

The Danube Swabian Foundation functions deeply within this definition of commitment. Our original Founders and current Directors, members of each Schwaben Club throughout the U.S. set a goal to reach one million dollars in the course of the Foundation's existence. I am proud to announce that goal has been met. Individuals (Schwobs) took trust and faith in the Foundation and it's cause to give generously for this goal to be reached. The Foundation has dedicated itself to continuing to foster the Donauschwaben culture and values. Historical books have been translated and written with the support of the Foundation. A major DVD collection that depicts the hardship, life's stories through oral history of our own people as they were forced from the Heimat was supported financially by the Foundation. Today's youth, their sport, music, school, travel and dance are significantly supported by the Foundation. What can possibly be better to be committed to?

During this holiday season and <u>throughout the year</u>, please take time to assess what you are committed to. Take a time to teach our younger Schwobs in your life what is important, worth making a commitment toward. Trust, faith, focus, all in, honor and giving without expectation is the Schwaben way. What better values to live by? The Foundation is committed (long term) to foster our youth to continue the Donauschwaben culture. One million may seem like it could go a long way in support and I am here to say the cost of supporting our youth is priceless. Please give to the Foundation and through the commitment of the Directors and myself, we agree to carry Donauschwaben traditions into the future for our youth's children.

#### Es ist eine Ehre, ihnen zu dienen.

Im Namen des Vorständs Ihrer Donauschwäbischen Stiftung wünschen wir Ihnen und Ihrer Familien Frohe Weihnachten und ein Glükliches Neues Jahr

Eddie Tullius Stiftungsprasident USA

# The Carpathía Blasmusíkanten





Thank you – Danke schön For your wonderful support! The Carpathía Blasmusíkanten wísh you a Merry Chrístmas – Fröhlíche Weíhnachten And a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!









# SEASONS GREETINGS!



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## BUWE, MÄDLE, WAS HAM MIR HEUT -KIRCHWEIH!!!

That was the call heard at Carpathia Club on November 13th! After missing the 2020 dance season, it was good to see the hall nicely decorated and filled with friends ready to celebrate this traditional dance again. Kirchweih is surely the longest held dance within the clubs' history. This year the event was sponsored by the newly created Carpathia Foundation, Inc. I must say, for our first event, it was a success.

Guests were greeted at the door with a pin of Rosmarein and ribbons – for luck and health. In Carpathia fashion, a delicious Schnitzel dinner was served followed by a warm welcome to guests from near and far; far being Milwaukee, Philadelphia, and the Landesjugendleiterin, Kathleen Martini from "Everywhere".



The program began with the Carpathia Jugendgruppe crowning the new Royalty. Outgoing King and Queen, Sebastian Cole and Alexandra Sehling, who reigned for a record setting 2 years, passed the crown to new King, Timothy Landenberger, and Queen Kylie Kapraun. Congratulations to you both! The new royalty was immediately put to work. Taking the colorful beribboned Strauss, they led the Kirchweih March throughout the hall, inviting guests to join in along the way. The procession ended with the dance floor full of happy participants ready to begin the celebration. **'Was ham mir heut? Ja, Kirchweih!** 





The Kindergruppe charmed the audience, as usual, with their entertaining performance. Even the broom made it to the dance floor for a fun 'Besen Tanz'. Great job Kinder and Leiterinen, Karin Schulz and Kimmy Furtah.

Next up – the lively Strauss auction. Between the bidding, the Jugendgruppe delighted the crowd with spins, flying girls, flips, and dancing to music provided by Rob Schwalbe. The lucky winner: Helga Kniep, who coaxed husband Burkhard to join her for the Ehrenwalzer. Thanks to auctioneers George Schleis and Kurt Seiberling.



The Jugendgruppe performance began with much enthusiasm. Marching in holding decorated arches, the first dance included a nod back to the Kronen Tanz of years ago. A new program of uptempo dances showed their dancing skills and delighted the audience. Jugendleiter Paul Schwalbe is credited for the new choreography; with Tammy Kapraun as assistant. The last dance of the evening was by a combined Jugend- and Kulturgruppe performance. Another great job from everyone involved.

*Und zur Musik...* The Carpathia Blasmikanten provided music for our listening and dancing pleasure. A traditional evening requires a traditional music and the Blasmusikanten fit that perfectly.

We are proud of all our groups that have persevered through the pandemic to continue the traditions and keep our culture alive. I hope everyone appreciates their continued efforts!





-Karin Schwalbe The Carpathia Foundation, Inc.





## 2020 Royalty Farewell



Photo:Kathí Steiner Cole

Alexandra Sehling and Sebastian Cole outgoing Jugend Royalty of 2020 wish to thank everyone for their support!



Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



## Jugend Royalty at Kirchweih! By Kathi Steiner Cole



Jugendkönig Sebastian Cole and Jugendkönigin Alexandra Sehling announced the new 2022 Royalty of the Jugendgruppe at Kirchweih this year... Congratulations to König Timothy Landenberger and Königin Kylie Kapraun!











# *Kirchweih* 2021



#### Photo:Kathi Steiner Cole

**Congratulations!** Happy winners of this years' Rosemary Bush -

## Burkhard & Helga Kniep



#### DONAUSCHWÄBISCHE STIFTUNG 2021

#### Die Weihnachtszeit

(Peter Kramer)

Wenn draußen weiße Flocken fallen; Die Erde kriegt ein neues Kleid. Wenn frohe Lieder hell erschallen, Dann Kommt sie bald, die Weihnachtszeit.

Man stellt dann einen Weihnachtsbaum, Mit Zucker, Nuss' und Mandelkerne, Und vielen Lichtlein an dem Baum, Die Kinder helfen immer gerne.

Wir kaufen allen viel Geschenke. Denn dies' ist eine Gabenzeit. Ein jeder seinem Freund gedenke, Wenn er nicht nah, und weg so weit. Man schafft auch Frieden in dem Herzen, Vergibt, vergisst die schweren Zeiten. Und schiebt zur Seite alle Schmerzen, Und lässt sich nur vom Frohsinn leiten.

Heut' ist uns Jesus Christ geboren, Der Retter aller in der Welt, Sonst wären wir Sünder längst verloren, Hier unter diesem Sternenzelt.

Die Weihnachtszeit sollt' Frieden bringen Für alle Menschen dieser Welt; Dann würden alle wir lobsingen, Weil dies' die Herzen froh erhält.

The year 2021 has been very much like the year 2020. We again reflect on our past and our heritage which we so dearly treasure.

#### DANUBE SWABIAN FOUNDATION, USA

Robert Filippi, Chairman Ed Tullius, President Monika Lorenz, Vice-President Joseph Brandecker, Treasurer Rosalia Burmeister, Secretary







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The Oma Abt Award

The Oma Abt Youth Heritage Award was created in 2013 in memory of my oma, Maria Abt. Maria was a long time member of the Landesverband. She served as the Landesverband Frauenleiteren, the leader of the Milwaukee Jugendgruppe, and also as the leader of the Milwaukee Frauengruppe. My oma loved seeing the youth get together and share in the customs and traditions of the Donauschwaben people. She died in 2012 after a battle with cancer. Given her love for the Donauschwaben, I wanted to do something to honor her memory and thus the Oma Abt Youth Heritage Award was created.

Each year the youth groups are given a prompt that asks for an essay or a creative arts display. Some examples of these prompts are "How did you/are you applying the lessons from the experiences of the Donauschwaben to the COVID-19 pandemic?", "Interview someone who remembers living in the Heitmatland about their experiences. Then write a reflection on how hearing their story shapes the way you think about the Donauschwaben identity", "What do you enjoy most about being Donauschaben?", and "Why is it important to carry on your Donauschwaben heritage?".

The entries are judged by members of the Abt family and members of the Stiftung to determine the winners. The winners are announced at each national gathering, usually Labor Day weekend, and receive a monetary award funded by the Stiftung and Abt family.

This contest allows members of the youth groups to share their thoughts and ideas about the Donauschwaben. My hope when creating this contest was to help our young people become more involved in the Donauschwaben community. I also wanted our youth to dig deep into their Donauschwaben roots and ask questions to our Alte Schwobe. I am honored to continue to coordinate this activity to help keep the Donauschwaben heritage alive.

#### Katy Abt

The Kulturprize winners for 2021 are Betty Leipold (Akron) and Maria Mattes (Philadelphia Donauschwaben). These prize winners are nominated and selected by the Landesverband and are each awarded \$1000 by the Danube Swabian Foundation annually.

We hope to see you all again soon!

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