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CARPATHIA CLUB

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Carpathia Club's Board of Director wishes our club members, our affiliated club members, and all their families a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years! This year has been unprecedented, to say the least, so may 2021 bring good tidings to everyone!

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Timeline of 2020
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Monica's Challenge
A Personal Note

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2020 Board Members:

Interim President and First Vice President: Alex Rausch, Second Vice President: Carsten Grotloh, Treasurer: Karen Venton, Membership Secretary: Paula Dietz, Press Secretary: Samantha Sesko, Ticket Chairperson: Maria Dosenberger, Building Manager: Mike Stampfer, Correspondence Secretary: Amanda Schwager, Recording Secretary: Kimmy Furtah, Trustees: Theresa Nowak, Susie Brandelik, Franz Dosenberger, & Anna Marie Tittjung

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A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Liebe Mitglieder,

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, hopefully 2021 will be a better year than 2020. This past year has brought us many challenges operating the Club! We have been shutdown, reopened, run at a limited capacity, and shutdown again. It has been frustrating to say the least.

Since the end of July, we have started to try some fundraising ideas to generate income, albeit at a reduced capacity. We came up with Beer and Brats events on the patio and Members Bar every other week. Fortunately, the weather cooperated each week and music graciously provided by the Carpathia Bläßmuzikanten helped boost attendance. Eventually, we ran out of warm weather by October and were forced to shut down again because of limited occupancy. Thank you to all the volunteers for each of the Friday night patio parties.

The committee for researching the feasibility on whether we should stay at our current location, sell the club and move/build at a new location, or disband met a few times in September and October. We covered a lot of information and spent time evaluating the best solution for the club. The information was compiled and presented to the Executive Board to review and present at the December 6th membership emergency meeting. Unfortunately, the meeting had to be postponed because of the shutdown mandated by the Governor. We notified the membership and will be sending out informational letters so everyone will have a chance to review the committee's proposal. The vote will be rescheduled to the February annual membership meeting.

In November, we decided to have a carryout fundraiser where people would order menu items ahead of time, pay for it in advance, and then pickup curbside. It was met with great interest and was a very successful event. We were able to generate some income for the club, which was needed since inside events ground to a halt. I would like to thank Liane Egger and Edith Sehling for volunteering their time every day the week of pickup for preparing the food, and also, all the volunteers who helped in the kitchen, prepared the orders, and running the orders to customers.

Thank you again to all who have donated money and/or volunteered their time throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated. We all need to continue banding together in this difficult time to keep our Club, please donate if you can or help where you can. Every little bit helps. Thank you.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr,

Alex Rausch

President

Fröhliche Weihnachten
Merry Christmas

und ein frohes neues Jahr
and a happy New Year

From the

German
American
Cultural
Center



and all
affiliated
Clubs



Christmas blessings to all of our members, your families, and friends of our affiliated 13 clubs! 2020 will not be forgotten, but this gives us more to strive for in 2021 to make it the best. Best of health and much love to everyone.

Let's hope we can again come together soon.

Frohe Weihnachter und einen guten Rutsch ins Neue Jahr.

The board of Directors of the GACC

A LETTER FROM CLUB'S MANAGER



This year has been an unprecedented year for the Carpathia Club and the rest of the world. 2020 started out with many events scheduled: Weddings, Graduation Parties, Showers, Concerts, Festivals, Fish Frydays, and the many rehearsals and events of all the groups under the umbrella of the GACC. Then Mid March, The Carpathia Club, along with many other businesses, followed the guidelines set by the Governor (and the Health Department) and closed our doors for 3 months. In this time all events had to be postponed or rescheduled, and some had to be flat-out cancelled.

Mid June restrictions were eased and the members bar was opened up for rentals and for members to enjoy on Thursday and Friday nights. Samantha was kind enough to volunteer her time to cook for the customers that found hunger, as well as thirst, in the members bar.

Thursday nights, you could find the Jaeger practicing Archery - getting ready for bow season; the Over30/Over 40/Over 48 Kickers scrimmaging - trying to run off the extra weight added during the past 3 months; and the Tisch Tennis guys, playing, well, obviously, table tennis.

Beer, Brats, and Brass events were held about every other Friday during the months of July, August, and September, and brought in some much needed revenue for the Carpathia Club. A special Thank You to all the many volunteers for these events and to the Brass Band for the entertainment.

Once again, in November, we were shut down from having any indoor events, and are still unable to host any events until Jan 15 (as of the time of this report).

Thanks to Maria Dosenberger repeatedly reminding Alex and I what the other clubs are doing, Carpathia decided to do a Takeout Fundraiser in November. To say this event was a success would be an understatement. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and Thank you to all that order food. We will be doing another Take out Fundraiser in the New Year.

Our Calendar year ended with a Christmas performance by the Brass Band while members sat in their cars and enjoyed. Thank you to all the attended, volunteered, and performed.

Carpathia will start the New Year with a Pre-Order Fish Fry on Friday, January 8, 2021. And I heard a rumor about Rouladen in early February.

The Carpathia Club received many donations this year and would like to sincerely thank all that were able to make a financial contribution to ensure the legacy of the Carpathia Club.

I would like to say merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and your families,

*W. Carsten Grotloh
Hall Manager*



March 14th, 2020

The Bayern Fan Club gathers in the Members' Bar to watch Bayern vs. Berlin



March 23rd, 2020

Carpathia Club closes due to Executive Orders



April 14th, 2020

Carpathia Club hosts a blood drive that helped collect twenty samples, potentially saving the lives of up to sixty individuals



June 19th, 2020

Carpathia Club hosts a trial and error Friday night on the patio!



July 24th, 2020

Beers, Brats, and Burgers

August 7th, 2020

Beers, Brats, Brass & Schnitzel BLT's

September 11th, 2020

Beers, Brats & Brass

September 25th, 2020

Beers and Brats

4 Pieces Carpathia's Famous Schnitzel \$14.00	4 Pieces Jäger Schnitzel (w/Mushroom Gravy) \$16.00	4 Pieces Zigeuner Schnitzel (w/Pepper and Onion) \$14.00
Goulash 3Zoz. (w/1/2 oz. pig, dry egg noodles) \$25.00	Horn Hock \$12.00	Hungarian Bratwurst (4 Links) \$12.00
Weinwurst (Bratwurst) (4 Links) \$12.00	Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy 3Zoz. \$8.00	Potato Salad 3Zoz. \$8.00
Sauerkraut 3Zoz. \$8.00	Nut or Poppyseed Strudel - 2 pcs. \$4.00	Apple or Cherry Strudel - 2 pcs. \$4.00

November 21st, 2020

First Carry-Out Fundraiser

January 8th, 2020

Fish Fry Carry-Out Fundraiser



August 21st, 2020

Beers, Brats & Brass

September 18th, 2020

Fish Fryday

2020 Christmas Carols
with the
Carpathia Blasmusikanten!
Sunday December 20th
2:00-3:00 pm
Join the Carpathia Blasmusikanten for a
Christmas Carol Drive-In
This Free Event takes place outside of Club.
Enjoy your favorite Christmas Music
From the comfort of your car. Drive-in style
Guests pull up, park, and listen from their car
Parking will begin at 1:00pm
Donations to Carpathia Club greatly appreciated

December 20th, 2020

Drive-by Christmas Carols with the Blasmusikanten

In Loving Memory

**Jakob and Katharina Keil
(Keil Ota und Keil Oma)**



**In memory of our loving parents.
Mom & Dad, we miss you every day but even more
during the holidays.
You will always be in our hearts, thoughts and
prayers.
Love Rich, Lisette, Cosette, Ed & Nancy**

*Carpathia's Board of Director's would like to extend condolences to any members
and affiliated club members who have lost a loved one during these hard times.
Your Carpathia Family is thinking about you.*



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Herzliche Weihnachtsgruesse von der Frauengruppe 2020

*Der helle Glanz des Weihnachtssterns erstrahle Euch im Herzen,
in Euren Seelen spiegle sich das warme Licht der Kerzen.*

*Lasset uns beim Feiern in der Nacht, beim Singen und Schenke
nan alle, die nicht feiern koennen, auch einwenig denken.*

*Und dafuer sorgen, dass auch sie zur Weihnacht Glueck verspueren,
lasst uns deshalb die Herzen oeffnen, aber auch die Tueren.*

*Den Reichtum sende gerne aus, die Armut holt herein,
dann wird auch die Weihnachtszeit fuer uns wahrhaft foehrlich sein.*

*In herzlicher Verbundenheit seid froh gegruesst zur Weihnachtszeit.
Wir wollen eines nur schenken, dass wir gerne aneinander denken.*

Leiterin Irene Dietz, Vizeleiterin Mary Ann Virchow, Sekretaerin Katharina Schwager, Kassenwart Pamela Gassel
Otti Amann, Louise Busch, Sue Brandelik, Kathi Dietz, Marie Eppich, Helen Gassel, Resie Gerber, Kaethe Groedl, Anni Hammer, Betty Hammer, Marie Hammer, Resie Huth, Helga Kniep, Wilma Koberstein, Katharina Kohl, Rosa Koehlmann, Leni Kolling, Maria Lorenz, Elfriede Palovcik, Inge Pfropper, Nancy Purz, Hilde Schmid, Kaethe Schuh, Kathy Schuck, Karin Schwalbe, Dina Vanjaarsveld, Loni Wolf, Anna Wunsch

Ein recht frohes und besinnliches Weihnachtsfest und ein friedvolles Neues Jahr 2021 Ich hoffe das Jahr 2021 ein besseres Jahr fuer uns alle wird und wir uns alle wieder gesund in unserem Carpathia Club wieder sehen.

-Irene Dietz

FISH FRY IS BACK!

 **Carpathia Club Carryout Fish Fry** 

(Kind of)



Fried Perch Dinner
Includes; 2 pieces Fish, Green Beans, French Fries and Cole Slaw
\$12.00



Fried Cod Dinner
Includes; 2 pieces Fish, Green Beans, French Fries and Cole Slaw
\$11.00



Baked Cod Dinner
Includes; 2 pieces Fish, Green Beans, French Fries and Cole Slaw
\$11.00



Chicken Tenders Meal
Includes; 4 tenders and French Fries
\$6.00



Potato Salad
16oz.
\$4.00

**All orders must be received by
January 2nd 2021 at 8p.m.**

**If paying by cash or check please
drop off payment by
Wednesday, January 6th 2021**

To place your orders please call:

**Maria Dosenberger(586)822-2366, Karen Venton (586)604-7718,
Alex Rausch (586)212-6468 or Carpathia Club (586)718-3780**

Cash, Check or Credit Card

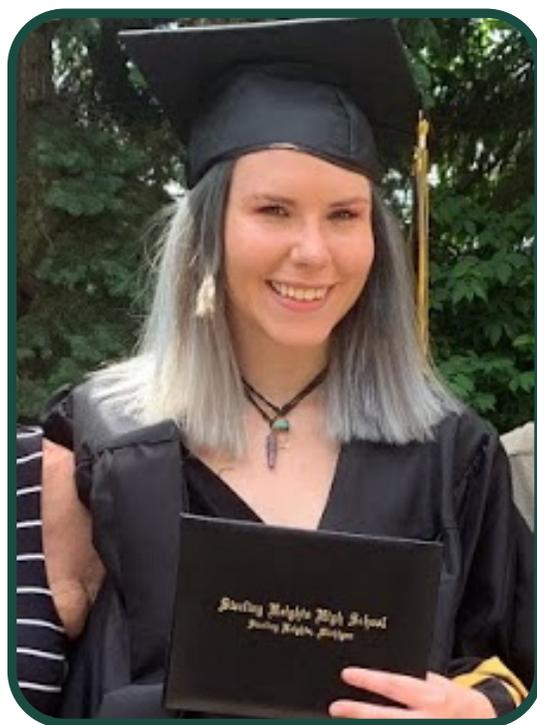
**You will be able to pick up your order curbside on
Friday, January 8th 2021 between 4:00pm to 7:00 pm**

Congratulations!

Everyone has missed out on something due to this pandemic, but our seniors missed out on graduating, prom, and a proper college send off. I would like to congratulate all of our seniors for, not only receiving their diploma, but getting their first semester of (virtual) college under their belt. It hasn't been easy, but we persevere!



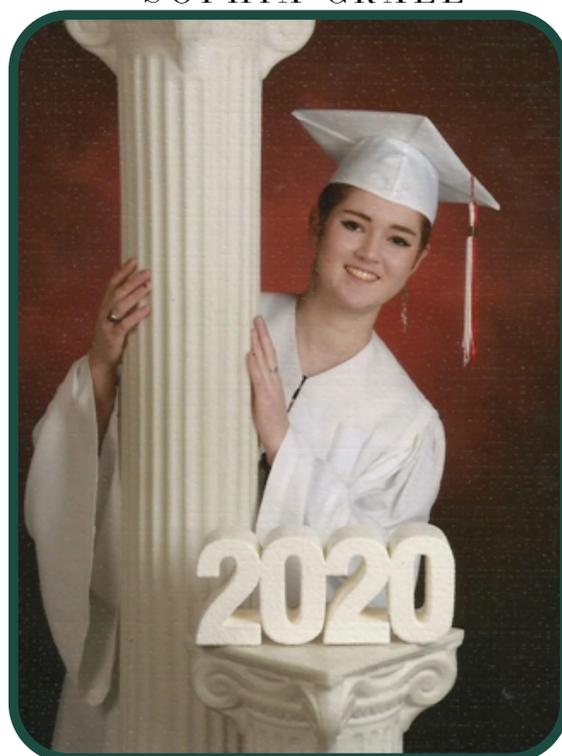
NATHAN BELL



SOPHIA CRALL



ISABELLA DENIER



AUDREY KNOTTS

Congratulations!

WISHING ALL OUR GRADUATES A SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR
WHEREVER LIFE TAKES THEM.



BETHANY LANDENBERGER



HOPE RAUSCH



JACOB RAUSCH



SELAH RUSSELL



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Die Donauschwaben

Die Donauschwaben sind der jüngste entstandene
Deutscher Volksstamm.

Die deutschen Ansiedler kamen im 18. Jahrhundert
aus vielen deutschen Sprachgebieten
in die pannonische Tiefebene.

Sie wurden gerufen um eine öde Landschaft urbar
zu machen.

Ein Spruch sagt „nicht mit dem Schwerte,
mit dem Pflugschar eroberten sie das Land“.

Fast alle Nachbarvölker nannten sie immer schon „Schwaben“,
ohne Berücksichtigung ihrer Herkunft und ihres Dialektes.
Man lebte friedlich zusammen in einer toleranten Gemeinschaft
und respektierte die Eigenart der Anderen.

Nach dem Ersten Weltkrieg wurde das Siedlungsgebiet
der „Donauschwaben“ auf die Länder: Ungarn, Rumänien
und das Königreich der Serben, Slowenen und Kroaten,
später Jugoslawien aufgeteilt.

Unter den neuen Landesherrn entwickelte sich die Kultur
der deutschen Minderheit verschieden.

In Rumänien gab es deutsche Schulen und Bildungsstätten.

In Ungarn war man bestrebt alles zu Magyarisieren
und in Jugoslawien musste eine Stiftung gegründet werden
um eine deutsche Lehrerbildungsanstalt gründen zu dürfen.

Der Name „Donauschwaben“ wurde
nachweislich 1922 nachweislich zum ersten Mal erwähnt.
Die schlechter werdende politische und wirtschaftliche Situation
in den Heimatländern, war Grund für die
erste Auswanderungswelle nach Übersee,
meistens nach Amerika.

Nach dem 2. Weltkrieg wurden unsere Landsleute
schließlich durch Flucht und Vertreibung
in der ganzen Welt zerstreut.

Heute leben Sie in den verschiedenen Staaten,
zusammen mit fremden Menschen und Kulturen.

Aber in all den langen Jahrzehnten haben sie ihre Identität
bis heute bewahrt und so wird es bleiben,
den der Wahlspruch lautet:

**Ja wir sind Donauschwaben,
mit Herz und Schwung und Tradition.
Wir bleiben Donauschwaben,
egal in welcher Weltregion!**

Mitglieder des Präsidiums sind:

Präsident: Stefan Ihas, Deutschland

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Jerger, Deutschland

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Dieter Lütze, Österreich

Rose-Maria Hauer, USA

Pressereferent (Berufen, nicht gewählt)

Manfred Mayrhofer

EVER WANT TO VOLUNTEER, BUT SOMETIMES FORGET TO SIGN-UP? OR ARE YOU SOMETIMES UNSURE HOW TO?

If your answer is yes to either, LOOK NO FURTHER!

CARPATHIA IS CREATING A VOLUNTEER DATABASE!



If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please send the following information to carpathiaclub.volunteers@gmail.com

Name (*First & Last*):

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Preferred Method of Contact: (*Text, Call, or Email*)

Areas of Interest: (*ex: kitchen, food prep, gardening, outdoor or indoor maintenance, set up/tear down, bar service, etc.*)

FROM OUR FORMER PRESS SECRETARY

A Fun Challenge: Give It A Try!

Hi Carpathia Club members! Are you up for a fun challenge? Let's each invite someone new to a Carpathia Club event this coming year.

Why invite?

Certainly, inviting new people is a great way to showcase our hall for future customers and it could bring enthusiastic future members. You never know who might be interested in singing or soccer. But most importantly, we're inviting our friends to spend time with us. Carpathia's events give us a reason to invite and reconnect in person.

Who to invite:

Is there someone in your own family that hasn't been to the club in a while? Consider that neighbor or friend that's always curious about all of your crazy club stories. It would be easy to invite them out for a beer and wurst at the German festival or Oktoberfest. Even in our own membership, there are people that might be feeling lonely or stressed - people that might need your phone call and invitation to reconnect. Think about who they might be and choose an event with them.

Please be specific:

Let's face it, it's intimidating for people to walk through our door just based on a flyer or a note on Facebook. They're much more likely to visit if they know they have a seat at your table for an event or a festival. Maybe even pick them up on the way! In the time you were reading this, I'll bet someone's name came to mind. I encourage you to take the challenge and invite them. Yes, you're doing it for the club, but it's more meaningful than that.

You're doing it for yourself and your friend.

Respectively,

Monica Forest

A NOTE FROM YOURS TRULY

I would like to, first, thank all those who were somehow involved in my nomination for this board position. With Oma as my first (and biggest) advocate, it is an honor to hold a position that she once held, and have something new that she can (and has) provide me guidance and knowledge with. Transitioning from a child of Carpathia to an adult member comes with a few responsibilities (like *actually* remembering names to faces) but it also comes with a newfound appreciation, and knowledge, for what Carpathia and all our sister clubs represent. It wasn't until I got older and more involved that I truly understood all the history and stories that line the walls of our club. Being a member of the board has given me a deeper meaning to being part of something, and for that I am thankful.

To say it has been an odd handful of months would be an understatement, and I think it goes without saying that the COVID-19 pandemic has really showed us how empty our lives can seem without somewhere to go to reunite with family and friends in a safe environment, over a schnapps or maybe, schnitzel and kartofel salat. I know that many of you have been waiting on a newsletter (as Oma continually, and rightfully, reminds me) so I would like to apologize for the wait. With club operations coming to a full halt, I did not want to put a newsletter together full of bad news. In trying times like this, our membership needs positivity and good news, and that's what I intend to bring to you. Although there were many restrictions still in place, events at Carpathia Club had slowly begun. Our Member's Bar was able to open on Thursdays and Fridays, starting at 6PM with a limited food menu. Tisch Tennis had resumed their practices and some Untergruppen had started to assemble, including our very own Youth Group. We successfully held a few Beer, Brats, and Brass on the patio and Maria's Cardsharks faithfully showed up to play Rummi every week! As most of you know, I can usually be found somewhere in Club Thursdays through Sundays and seeing familiar faces weekly had been absolutely refreshing. Being away from a place we all consider a second home is rough, but seeing our membership come together to keep Carpathia's house our home makes up for it, tenfold. As I'm sure you're all aware, it is not as easy as it looks to put on volunteer-ran events. The different "positions" in the Kitchen take half a soccer team, alone. Yet, despite being amidst a pandemic, our members came together multiple times, each as a standalone gear, fueling the Carpathia machine. In order for us to open our doors again, there were proper safety and procedural protocols that had to be followed. With everyone's help working together, as gears must, we were able to do so. Thank you to everyone who has helped, in any way. I think I'm right in saying your club and its' membership appreciate you. Now we must patiently wait for restrictions to be lifted, so we can open our doors again; hopefully sooner than later!

Things may not be back to the way we all know it, but they do seem to be to what may just be the new normal. As we all continue to integrate back to normalcy, I wish that everybody stays safe and healthy. I thank you again for your patience, and I can't wait to start seeing everybody more often as time progresses.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Alles Liebe!

Samantha Seska

Press Secretary

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