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6th Annual Germanfest and Father's Day Picnic

The annual Germanfest and Father's Day Picnic held at the Carpathia Club is getting bigger and bigger each year. This year's focus was to draw in more people from the community, and boy did we ever! Not only did Carpathia's parking lot fill up, but every space available at our neighbors, Rock Point Church, filled up as well. Some people even had to park at the practice field! Many people from the community were looking for "German Gemütlichkeit"!

Unfortunately for our inside and outside cooks, this meant a lot more work. By the end of Saturday night, we had already served all the potato salad that the cooks made for the entire weekend. Mrs. Grusling, Mrs. Hammer, and many of other volunteers jumped in Sunday morning to help make extra potato salad. All in all, over 700 lbs of potato salad was served during this 3 day event! Once again the Hungarian wurst was a crowd favorite, as well as schnitzel dinners.

The dance floor was hopping to the sounds of the Sorgenbrecher, Martin Brothers, Hank Haller, Spass, and Enzian. During the band breaks, the crowd was entertained by the Carpathia dance groups. The shooting booth, bounce house, and Kinderplatz provided entertainment for the kids as well. On Sunday, various Kickers' soccer teams played valiantly in front of an enormous crowd.

The only hiccup for the entire weekend occurred on Friday when a wind storm forced us to close the tent at 10:00 PM. However, the crowd that remained went up to the Club's Member's room and continued to party there. A special thank you to our bartenders for jumping in at this spur of the moment event.

Sunday was extra special to a lot of the Kicker veterans as they found out the Kicker's 1st team won the Region II Amateur Cup tournament in Chicago. After the festival ended on Sunday, 20-30 faithful fans stuck around until 11:30 PM to greet these players as they came off the bus. Tears of joy were shed by many.

The Carpathia Board wishes to express a sincere "Thank You" to Rob Seiberling, his festival committee, and to all the volunteers who helped out and worked. Without your help, this festival would not be the success it has become.

Submitted by:
Chris Pesta

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60th National Saengerfest, San Antonio, Texas April 9-11, 2010

By Michelle Egger

This year the 60th National Saengerfest was held in San Antonio, Texas at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. Members from the Carpathia Gemischer Chor, GBU/Saxonia Rheingold, and the Schwaebischer Mannerchor traveled throughout the day on Thursday into San Antonio. Some drove, some flew. The airport was flooded with Schwobs!

On Friday morning, a group of us gathered in the hotel lobby to take the Riverwalk Cruise. What a beautiful place! The tour guide filled us in with many stories about San Antonio and the famous Riverwalk. After the cruise it was time for the singers to head to the Convention Center for some rehearsals. A few of us “guests” were able to enjoy the pool at the hotel and relax a bit and others strolled around downtown San Antonio.



Friday night the event room was filled with a mass of people dressed in black and white. The night started off with an introduction of the choirs from all over America. Each choir, one after the other, stood up from within the crowd, walked towards the front of the room and sang some beautiful traditional German songs. The Carpathia Gemischer Chor sang in the Michigan District along with GBU/Saxonia Rheingold and the Schwaebischer Mannerchor. The singing was just beautiful! The choirs were directed by Erwin Aufdemberge and Bob Barnhart. After the concert, there was music and dancing for everybody to enjoy! Blondine Klimach was also sworn in for her second term as President of the NASB on this evening.



Saturday morning the singers headed back to the Convention Center for the Mass choir Rehearsals. I myself, enjoyed the day by walking around San Antonio and doing a little bit of shopping and enjoying the sunshine at the pool! Saturday evening started with a wonderful dinner at the Convention Center. It was just amazing to see over 1,000 people sitting down to eat dinner all at the same time. The food was delicious! We then headed to the auditorium where the main concert would take place. It was just amazing to see all those singers sitting on risers – a “Sea of White”! The evening started out with the Posting of Colors by the US Army North 5th Army Division and many introductions of dignitaries. Then the parade of flags began. Helmut Egger carried the Carpathia Flag along with Christel Psotka and myself. It was a very proud moment and an honor for me to be there with my dad and help carry our flag! I thank the Carpathia Choir for having me be a part it.



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The singing then began and it was just beautiful! The mixed, Ladies and Men's Choruses all sang together and they also sang separately! Over 1,000 singers singing at the same time! I have to admit, my favorite part was listening to just the men sing! Once the concert was over we had another evening of music and dancing.



Sunday morning The Texas Choirs hosted a Früh-schoppen at the La Villita Assembly Hall. Lots of dancing and music and singing! Some good Texas beer was flowing too. Then Sunday afternoon a bus tour was arranged for a group of us to see more sites of Downtown San Antonio.



On Monday, another bus tour was planned for the day and we headed to Fredricksburg, a quaint, little German town. We first started out at the World War II museum, and then spent a few hours in town to eat lunch at one of the many cute little German restaurants and to do some shopping! I for one could have used a lot more time for shopping! Next we were off to the Wild Flower Seed Farm and after that we stopped at a winery.

I would like to say a big Thank You to Edith Kuplent for organizing the bus tours. We had a lot of fun on the bus – lots of singing and a lot of good stories and jokes were also told on the bus! There was never a dull moment!

Of course, it's not a trip without a few little evening parties. Every night, we would come back from the convention center and guess what we did – we PLAYED CARDS!



Of course, I do have to share one story with you that I will never forget. I was the youngest one of the bunch, and we were all sitting in the lobby waiting for a few people to come down and they were late. Well, somebody said to me – where are the hotel house phones so I can call their room. I laughed really hard and said, hotels don't have house phones anymore, we usually just call or text their cell phone!

I am very happy that I decided to go on this trip to experience a Saengerfest!! I thank my mom and dad for letting me come with them. I enjoyed it tremendously and I look forward to going again to Milwaukee in 2013!



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Frauengruppe

Submitted by Irene Dietz

Die Abende sind nun lang und warm und die Blumen des des Sommers duften so reich.
 Ich hoffe das alle das sommerliche Wetter geniessen, wenn es vielleicht auch manchmal zu heiss ist etwa dreissig Grad oder so. Denkt mal was wir sagten im Winter?
 Ich habe ein passendes Lied ueber den Sommer gefunden hier sind einige Verse fuer Sie.

Sommerlied
 Paul Gerhardt

Geh aus mein Herz und suche Freud
 In dieser lieben Sommerzeit
 An deines Gottes Gaben;
 Schau an der schoenen Gaerten Zier
 Und siehe ,wie sie mir und dir
 Sich ausgeschmuecket haben.

Die Lerche schwingt sich in die Luft,
 das Taebchen fleucht aus seiner Kluft
 und macht sich in die Waelder.
 Die hochgelobte Nachtigall
 Ergoetzt und fuellt mit ihrem Schall
 Berg, Huegel, Tal und Felder.

Die unverdrossne Bienenschar
 Fleucht hin und her, sucht hier und dar
 Ihr edle Honigspeise;
 Des sussen Weinstock starker Saft
 Bringt taeglich neue Staerke und Kraft
 In seinem schwachen Reise.

Ich selber kann und darf nicht ruhn,
 des grossen Gottes grosses Tun
 erweckt mir alle Sinnen;
 Ich singe mit, wenn alles singt,
 und lasse ,was dem Hoechsten klingt,
 aus meinem Herzen rinnen.



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Das Bankett der Frauengruppe und Chor war am 15. Mai in diesem Jahr. Schon am Freitagabend kamen einige Frauen der Frauengruppe zum Tische decken und dekorieren damit dann weniger fuer Samstag war. Frau Elisabeth Toepfner sprach das Tischgebet und puenktlich um 7pm wurde ein schmackhaftes Essen serviert und anschliessend gab es leckeren Nachtisch. In diesem Jahr war die Frauengruppe fuer die Tombola verantwortlich. Frau Blondine Klimach stellte die Gaeste vor und uebernahm die Leitung des Programms. Karin Schwalbe, Jane Koelhofer, Margret Pelvay, Theresia Schneider und Irene Dietz sagten Gedichte auf. Leni Blasius bekam die Ehrennadel fuer 40 Jahre Mitgliedschaft in der Frauengruppe. Dann folgte der Chor mit seinem Programm. Anschliessend spielte Enzian zum Tanz auf.



German Fest

Das Wetter war perfekt fuer die drei Tage. Die Frauengruppe hat wieder ganz tuechtig am German Fest mit geholfen. Wir waren wieder fuer den Kuchen - und Kipfel Verkauf verantwortlich. Schon einige Wochen zuvor wurden Kipfeln gebacken. Etwa 400 Stueck an der Zahl. Der Kuchen und Kipfel Verkauf war sehr gut und ich moechte mich bei allen Untergruppen bedanken die Kuchen gebracht haben. Samstag kamen wir kaum mit dem schneiden nach. In diesem Jahr haben wir viel mehr Kuchenspenden bekommen. Nochmals recht vielen Dank an all die Helfer und die Kuchenspender.



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Eine Reise durch den blühenden Mai in Michigan

Der Mai ist gekommen, die Bäume schlagen aus,
Da bleibe, wer Lust hat, mit Sorgen zu Haus.....usw.

Ja, Emanuel Geibels Text zu diesem schönen deutschen Wanderlied war wohl auch der Vorsatz unserer Leiterin, Frau Irene Dietz und allen wanderslustigen Freunden einen kurzen Urlaub vom alltäglichen Tun und Treiben vorzuschlagen. Wer macht mit?

Viele sagten zu, und so wurde aus dem Planen Wirklichkeit. Eine Mini Maien – Reise durch unser blühendes, grünes Michigan wurde arrangiert mit zwei absichtliche Ziele:

Das erste Ziel: Das jährliche „Tulip Festival“ im schönen Städtchen Holland! (Dort, wo weit über eine Millionen Tulpen blühen). Ziel Nummer zwei: Übernachten in Manistees „Little River Casio Resort!“ (Dort in aller Ruhe Zeit verbringen...Geld verschwenden, je nach Wunsch).

So, dann am 3. Mai in aller Herrgottsfrüh machte sich ein vollgeladener Wagen ... also ein Überland-Bus mit 49 Freunden und Bekannten auf den Weg ins Tulpenland. Hollands Convention-Center erwartete uns schon mit einem vorzüglichen Mittagsmahl. Anschliessend, mit einem sehr schönen Konzert und einem Programm, manchmal witzig, manchmal zum Nachdenken dar gestellt. Viele von uns waren freudig überrascht zu erfahren, dass auch die dortigen Senioren (die allzeit-jungen) ihre Zeit, Kräfte, ihre Kenntnisse „täglich“ dem Besucher dem Publikum als „Volunteer“ darbieten: Sie singen und tanzen, sie halten Vorträge, tragen Speisen auf. Sie heissen Besucher „Willkommen“ und sagen beim Abschiednehmen: „Dankeschön und Aufwiedersehn!“ (Thank you..till we meet again!) Sehr ähnlich, wie es sich in unserm Carpathia Club-Haus abspielt. Für viele unter uns war diese Erfahrung dort eine „erneute Einsicht“, dass die Senioren trotz ihren angehaeuften Jahren ihrer Umwelt immer noch viel zu offerieren haben. Auf deutsch gesagt: Sie hocken immer noch am Draht! Ihnen gebuehrt Ehre und Respekt!



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Nach dem Mittagsschmaus und nach dem Konzert wurde unserem Bus dann eine Auskunftsleiterin zugestellt, und es ging los, die Stadt – Sehenswürdigkeiten näher kennen zu lernen: Hope College, Western Theological Seminary, Heinz Ketchup-Factory, Lake Macawata, dann die originale Windmühle die seinerzeit von Holland in Teile abmontiert und via Schiff nach hier gebracht wurde und wieder aufgebaut. In Michigans Holland eine zweite Heimat fand. Bei der Fahrt durch die Stadt wanderte der Blick immer wieder an die mit Tausenden von Tulpen geschmückten Strassenränder. Eine wahres Freudenmeer! Uns wurde gesagt, dass wir gerade zur richtigen Zeit kamen.

Denn „Mutter-Natur“ und ihre vier Wetterboten- Wind, Regen, Sturm und Sonnenschein spielen immer eine Hauptrolle beim Tulpenfest. A big thank you Mother Nature! Weiter ging es in Richtung Norden. Draußen im Gelände öffneten sich die Frühlingsschnecken im erwärmten Sonnenschein. Drinnen - im Bus, öffneten sich die hochgeknöpften Blusen und Hemden. Auch im Bus schien es immer wärmer zu werden. Was war los? Lag es an der Luft -Kühlung, die es nicht mehr schaffen konnte? Oder waren die Witze, die vielleicht zuviel Hitze erzeugten? Man sah rote Wangen, man hörte schelmisches Gelaechter ... Ob es dieses oder jenes war ... der Bus erreichte sein Ziel und das war die Hauptsache! Wow! Ein fabelhaftes Gelände! Grosse, reine Zimmer mit Bad! Ein gediegenes Nachtmahl. „Mensch, was brauchst noch mehr?“ Ach ja ..D-O-L-L-A-R-S aber natürlich! Also gute Unterhaltung und viel Glück dabei! Auf dem Heimweg, nach Umfrage im Bus, ob sich denn Gewinner unter uns befinden, erschallte von allen vier Seiten ein klares „YES“ „YES“ Good for you dear friends! Und nun zur Sache: Unsere vielmals geehrten, wanderslustigen Leiterin der Carpathia Frauengruppe, unserer lieben „Irene Dietz“ ein von Herzen kommendes „Danke Schoen“ fuer diesen kurzen aber schoenen Urlaub!

K.S.

FISH FRY SCHEDULE

Every Friday

from 4:30 PM- 7:00 PM

\$9.00 Adults, \$4.50 Children (12 yrs. and under)

Hamhocks \$10.00

Featuring Baked or Fried Fish and a weekly selection

<u>Date</u>	<u>Menu Item</u>	<u>Untergruppen</u>
August 6	Goulash	Senioren
August 13	Pork Roast	Chor
August 20	Sarma (Stuffed Cabbage)	Frauen
August 27	Chicken Schnitzel	Kulturgruppe
September 17	Ham Hocks	Jaeger
September 24	Kassler Rippchen	Kickers
October 1	Roasted Chicken	Jugendgruppe
October 8	Sarma (Stuffed Cabbage)	Senioren
October 15	Beef Stroganoff	Chor
October 22	Frikadella (Beef Patties)	Frauen
October 29	Goulash	Kulturgruppe
November 5	Lemon Chicken w/ Stuffing	Jaeger
November 12	Turkey w/ Stuffing	Kickers
November 19	Ham Hocks	Jugendgruppe

*Carpathia Club, Inc.***36th Annual U.S. National Donauschwaben Soccer Tournament**

This past Memorial Day weekend, Akron German Family Society hosted the 36th Annual US National Donauschwaben Soccer Tournament. Carpathia Club sent three teams to participate in this tournament; Men's 1st team, Men's Over 35 team, and the Women's team.

The Men's 1st team competed in the Men's Major Division, of which a total of 10 teams competed. The Kickers won their first game against Akron GFS II by a score of 2-1. Later that day, the Men's 1st team won a tough match against Philadelphia Danubia as Justin Meram juked past the helpless Danubia defender and scored within the closing minutes of the game. On Sunday morning, a well rested Kickers team dominated the play against the Mansfield Liederkrantz as five different players found the back of the net for a 7-0 victory. The Kickers entered their last game against the Chicago Green-White SC needing a tie or a win to advance to the cup finals. Unfortunately the game did not go as planned, and the Kickers lost 0-1, ending their dream of returning home with the tournament cup.

The Men's Over 35 team had a good tournament run, as they posted a 2-0 record after the first day with victories over the Chicago Green-White and Mansfield Liederkrantz. On Sunday, the Over 35 team won their first two games with victories over the Windsor Teutonia and Cleveland Concordia. Their third game on Sunday against Akron GFS proved to be too difficult to overcome. The Over 35 team ended their tournament with a 4-1 record, and was the Runner-Ups for their division.

In the Women's Open Division, 4 teams competed. The Women Kickers lost their first game on Saturday to the Mansfield Liederkrantz, but bounced back with a victory against Akron GFS. On Sunday, the Women won their first game, but lost their next, taking home the Runner Up trophy.

Congratulations to all our teams for an excellent showing on and off the field, as well as to Akron GFS for hosting this event.

Submitted by Chris Pesta



Thank you to Linda Gerhardt for taking photo's at this tournament.



*Carpathia Club, Inc.***2010 World Cup**

The Carpathia Club Member's Bar was alive and rocking this World Cup Season as over 20 games was viewed by our Club members and friends. Unfortunately the time zone difference between Michigan and South Africa prohibited many from viewing the qualifying matches at the Club. For those who did come, our bar tenders Frank, Michelle, and Carsten, were happy to greet our Fußball fans.

The highest attended game was on Wednesday July 7th, when the crowd favorite, Germany, lost to the eventual World Cup winner, Spain in the Semi-Final match. Club patrons proudly wore the black, yellow, and red colors of Germany, and some even were brave enough to blow a vuvuzela horn.

A special thank you goes out to the White Eagle Soccer Club for taking these photos during the Semi-Final match. On their website, they posted a message that is true to many; "For some of us, World Cup is a big deal. We're watching not just to cheer our own team on, but because we love the game. We'll watch it through to the bitter end, with or without our country's presence."

In 2014, the World Cup will take place in Brazil, which should allow more patrons to come and watch.



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Schule

Das Schuljahr 2009-2010 endete am 14. Mai mit einer Abschlussfeier. Ich hatte die Ehre einen besonderen Gast vorzustellen Herrn Franz Pelvay Ehren- praesident und Gruender der Carpathia Wochenendschule. Er dankte den Lehrerinnen fuer ihre Muehe und Arbeit. Und sprach zu den Schuelern wie wichtig es ist eine Zweit-Sprache zuerlernen. Dann wurde das Proqramm mit dem Lied: Wir lernen Deutsch eroeffnet. Die 1. Klasse brachte einige Gedichte und danach fuehrten sie ein Taenzchen auf. Danach folgte die 2. und 3. Klasse mit Fruehlingsliedern und Gedichten. Die Schueler und Schuelerinnen hatten sehr fleissig gelernt fuer den heutigen Abend. Das Programm lief wie am Schnuerrchen, sie alle haben ihre Gedichte fabelhaft aufgesagt. Zum Schluss wurden alle Kinder zu einer Pizza Party eingeladen und fuer die Gaeste gab es Kaffee und Kuchen.

Ich hoffe das alle einen recht erholsamen Sommer haben und die Schueler mit Freude und Energie wieder zurueck zur Schule kommen.

Der 1. Schultag ist am 17. September 7pm. Kinder im Alter von 5 -16 Jahre sind herzlich willkommen.

Ein Schueler schreibt ueber die Schule .

Ich heisse Adrian Pledl und bin 11 Jahre alt. Die Deusch-Schule macht mir viel Spass. Ich lerne gerne die Sprache und die Traditionen von Deutschland. Eine Woche vor Ostern haben wir Eier ausgeblasen und bemalt. Dann wurden die Eier an einen Strauch gehaengt. So machen wir viele andere Sachen. Die Deutsch-Schule ist jede Woche.

Irene Dietz



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The Carpathia Club's German School

Guten Tag
Wie geht es Ihnen?

Danke schön!

Bitte schön

Ich habe dich lieb

Ich mag Schokolade

Ich spreche Deutsch

Ich verstehe Deutsch

Das gefällt mir

Bis bald!



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The Carpathia Club's German school gives children from 5 to 14 the advantage of speaking and understanding a second language. The school also teaches German culture through recitals and "Weihnachts Programm."

All classes are held on Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. September 24, 2010 through May 2011. The tuition is only \$100 for the year And is the best value around!

Interested in enrolling or receiving more information? Please contact Irene Dietz at (586) 752-6265
Hurry - enrollment has started!

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Germanfest & Fathers Day Picnic, 2010



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Germanfest & Fathers Day Picnic - Thanks to the Workers

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*Carpathia Club, Inc.***KICKERS MEN'S 1ST TEAM – REGION II AMATEUR CHAMPIONS!**

By Nick Kristoc (Defender for the Kickers)

Recently, the Carpathia Kickers Men's Team traveled to Chicago, Illinois to play for a US Amateur Regional Championship. In a rollercoaster weekend of emotion and drama, the Kickers emerged as the Regional Champions!

Three group-stage games were played before the final. The first game was scheduled to be Friday night, but vicious thunderstorms and torrential rainfall made the fields unplayable that evening. On Saturday morning, the weather cooperated and the tournament began.

The Kicker's first game was against a strong Croatian team from Cleveland. The field conditions were soggy, muddy, and very slow. On top of all of this, the Kickers went down early 1-0, but battled back to win 3-2 in an exciting finish with superb defending.

The next game was Saturday afternoon. The sun was beating down on a dry, bumpy pitch. The Kickers were playing another Croatian team, this time from Wisconsin. It was a very defensive game by both squads, and they played to a scoreless draw.

In a change of plans, the Kickers played their rescheduled game on Sunday morning. Not letting this mess with their heads, they came out hungry from the start and won 7-0 against Indiana.

The Kickers advanced to the Regional Final to play Inferno SC, a strong team from the Chicago area. The game was physical and intense, and it looked like the first half was going to end without drama when in the 39' minute, a Carpathia defender was sent off with a red card. The Kickers would have to play the rest of the game a man down.

Inspired from the setback, the Kickers came out in the second half with a surprisingly offensive attitude. On a close free kick in the 60' minute, Kickers captain Ryan Rzepka hit a bullet diving header at the Inferno goalkeeper. A brilliant save was made on the initial shot, but Carpathia Forward Justin Meram was right there to tuck away the rebound. Kicker's Goal!

Just when things started to look good for Carpathia, another Kickers player, this time the goal scorer Meram, was sent off with another questionable red card. The Kickers were now two men down for the rest of the game, fighting to survive with their one goal lead.

Shot after shot was fired by the Inferno team, but every bounce and every hop seemed to be going the Kicker's way. Something had to give, and with about ten minutes left in regulation, that something came in the form of a bomb shot from an Inferno midfielder. The ball bulletted into the lower right corner, and the game was tied. The second half ended minutes after the goal. Overtime was inevitable.

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Any other team playing down nine guys against eleven would surely have hung their heads and mentally checked out, but Kickers players Ryan Rzepka and Brady Vance made sure this wasn't the case. With constant support from the nine on the field and the seven on the bench, the Kickers battled through two fifteen-minute halves of overtime.

Chances in overtime heavily favored the Inferno, with the ball in the Carpathia half almost the entire time. With a lot of heart and a little bit of luck, the Kickers withstood the Inferno onslaught, and extra time ended still tied 1-1.

The playing field was now even as they went to a penalty kick shootout to determine who would be crowned Regional Champions and continue on to the National Championships. Combine amazing, athletic saves from Billy Mezhonek with excellent penalty kick goals from Kickers Ryan Rzepka, Matt Connor, Brady Vance, and the kickers found themselves one shot away from a trip to Philadelphia for Nationals.

With a chance to win the game, Kickers midfielder Avdo Jakupovic stepped up to the line. The goalie jumped left, but Jakupovic shot right, and with that one goal the Kickers had won the Regional Championship! Dogpiles, chanting, and celebrating that will be remembered forever soon followed.

The Kickers brought the Championship trophy home later that night to be shared with all the Kicker's supporters. Discipline, heart, and a little stroke of fortunate luck all contributed to this amazing win. Captain Ryan Rzepka said after the game, "This is legendary. We all played a role. This is the best Kickers victory ever and I am so proud of everyone on my team."

The Kickers are now preparing for a trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 30-August 1 where they will do their absolute best to bring home another championship trophy, this time a US Amateur National Championship trophy, for the Carpathia Club. Every day is a great day to be a Kicker. Go Kickers!



*Carpathia Club, Inc.***KICKERS MEN'S 1ST TEAM – USASA NATIONAL CUP FINALIST**

By George Schleis and Chris Pesta

The Carpathia Men's First Team, under the direction of Coaches Mike Talan, John Huth, and Manager Mike Dolan, arrived in Philadelphia to compete in the United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA) National Cup Men's Amateur Finals which took place on July 30 through August 1 at the United German Hungarian's Club (UGH) facility. UGH is one of the two Donauschwaben Club's in Philadelphia. The Kicker's, winners of the Midwest Region, were one of four teams to compete in this National Cup competition, one of the oldest soccer tournaments in the United States. The Kicker's won this tournament in 1962 and lost in the finals in 1965.

Their first game was on July 30 against the Barracuda's FC out of Texas. This game was quite historic for the Kickers... they have not been in this position for almost four decades. As the game kicked off it was easy to see the Kicker's were playing a home like game with many, many, fans for the local Donauschwaben Club coming out to support the team on. The Kicker's showed no mercy as they easily handled the Barracuda's with 5-0 score. This victory ensured the Kickers would play on Sunday in the cup finals against a strong Boston Olympiakos (MA) team.

Carpathia Nation was buzzing as phone calls and text messages were shared amongst the faithful fans that traveled with the team to Philadelphia and for those who were home. Some were checking into car pooling to Philadelphia, while others checking into airfare. In the end, a few members made the 11 hour trip to Philadelphia to support the Kicker's team.



Sunday, August 1st, Kicker fans started to arrive in the Carpathia Club Member's bar hoping to watch the game. Unfortunately, there was no video coverage of this game, and the faithful patrons had to rely on the cell phone calls from our friends who were at the game. The start of the game was delayed for nearly 2 hours due to a rain delay as the other final games going into overtime and shoot outs. During the delay, a group of "Old Timers" (Adolph Hammer, Peter Wild, Arthur Mueller, Werner Bock, and Helmut Egger) shared many stories from their past. When Peter Wild heard about the rain delay, he shook his head and said "I hoped they brought their long cleats"!



The game finally started at 3:45 PM at that same time it started to rain like in a monsoon. Boston came out strong, scoring a quick goal in the opening minutes. The Kickers came back to tie the game a short time later as Ryan Rzepka whistled a left footer shot past the goal keeper. Boston scored again just before half time on a corner kick. The Kickers came out at half time and slowly started to enforce their will on Boston. By half way through the 2nd half, the Kickers were controlling 80% of the game as Boston held on. With 6 minutes left the Kicker's tied the game on another goal by Ryan. The bench and stands immediately erupted. The Member's Bar was so loud, I'm sure the fans in Philadelphia heard them. From the restart of the goal the Kicker's were in complete control of the game and were just off the

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mark with several opportunities. As the game neared the end of the 2nd half Boston broke out on a 2 on one play against the Kicker's as one of the Kicker's defenders slipped on the slick turf. Boston's striker hammered a shot at the Kicker's goal, the Kicker's goalie Billy Melenounk made a diving attempt and just touched the ball to his right. The ball hit the far right post, spun outside the net, and then barely rolled across the line. A collective sigh could be heard all the way from the Carpathia ... a valiant, determined effort ... dashed in the last moments of the match. The Team and fans at the game were devastated.

Carpathia fans showed their support by making banners that hung out at the entrance of the Carpathia Club for the players to see. Even some supporters came out at 5:30 AM to greet the players as the bus arrived home.

Only a Kickers player can understand the magnitude of having come this far, worked so hard, dreamt of what could have been and can still dream of what WILL BE next time they get this far! The excitement that this team generated at the club ... will not be soon forgotten. They reminded us all what it means to wear a Kickers Uniform and to be proud ... really proud to have represented such a great soccer organization. This team has meant a lot to all the past and current Kicker's players. 9 year old Kicker defender Evan Schleis' message on the banner said it all, "I want to be just like you guys!"



Kickers Korner

The Kicker's are an extremely proud group these days! We welcomed home the Region II Men's Amateur Champions. The team left for Chicago on a bus on Father's Day weekend – and returned as champions. We are so excited for this team and I hope that they will return in August from Philadelphia as the National Champions! More so, we hope that the group of men that once held that title are able to go, or watch this game via technology, as it is played.

There is so much excitement with World Cup going on – this has given us our own local “world cup” excitement! This team has brought back a special memory for our “old timers”, a sense of excitement for our young players and a renewed camaraderie amongst others! I hope you will all join me in cheering this team on as they travel to Philadelphia on July 29th.

In other Kicker news, we recently completed tryouts for our youth program. This was one of the most successful tryouts that we have had in a long time. The new teams have formed and we are focused on the fall season. Everything seems to happen so fast. It seems like last month I was writing an article about the spring season, and now here we are facing the fall season so soon. A special thanks to Anna Distefano, Tim Busch, Bridget Huesgen, Melissa Janisch and all the others who gave their time to ensure a successful tryout and uniform fitting. Your constant support is so greatly appreciated.

I wish all Kicker's Teams the best of luck. We have a great group entered into the leagues this year – from our little guys to our men's and ladies teams! It's exciting to watch all the success surrounding the Kicker's teams.

Keith McVettie, General Manager

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Kicker Team Updates

U18 Boys – by: Linda McVettie

I watched the U18 boys play their last game at the Club in May. This team originated at U11 and still retained most of the original players at U18. I watched these boys grow into men. I recently attended a graduation party of one of the boy's and his mother said to me "remember when we first started playing together? You said to me that we will all become friends, have some great times, and one day we will be attending graduation parties for these guys. And here we are."

I remembered that day, and I remembered making that very statement. I watched these boys in their goofy stage, and as they entered middle school, and then high school. I watched them play soccer at the Club and then in high school and I watched them grow into better soccer players and even better men. We experienced losses together – and wins – some were big losses and some were even bigger wins. I got to enjoy their accomplishments all through their youth, and I also shared their sadness at times. I cheered for them, got angry with them, and loved them.

When they were younger we started this "gold star" routine – presenting the player who really gave it all during the game this badge of honor. Sometimes we gave one gold star, other times two – and there were games where we gave them all a star. They became a metal for their soccer bag and they loved the idea – even as they got older. So at this last game I had the honor of giving all my boys their final star. Although I won't see them play as the 92 Gold team anymore – I hope to see them playing. Some are moving on to play at college, some onto Men's teams and some at intramural sports – whatever their choice – I am excited to watch them play in their new surroundings.

We talked about having reunion games the same weekend of every year. Most of the time – people say these things and they never transpire, but with these guys I have hope.

92 Gold - you will be missed – you are a great group of guys!



92 Gold at their last Club game – May 2010



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Kindergruppe

This spring the Kindergruppe hosted an Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to everyone who stuffed eggs, especially Ann Szymanski and her father. There were hundreds of them! The weather was not very cooperative, so we were forced to hide the eggs in the hall. That practice was a little difficult, since the kids all knew they were going on a hunt after we were done! Within minutes, all the eggs were found and then everyone enjoyed all their treats, stickers and other surprises in their eggs.

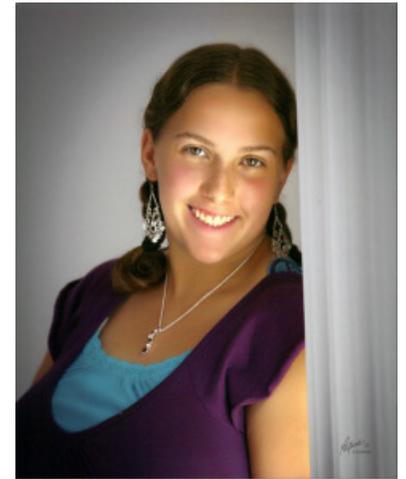
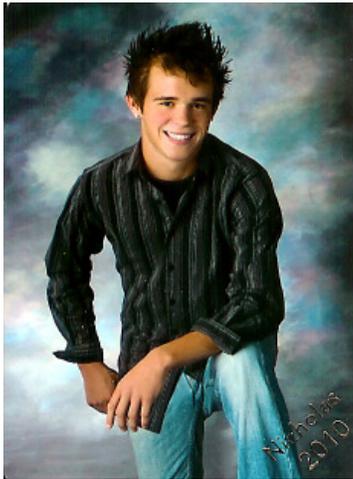
What a dilemma we have had in the Kindergruppe, too many boys! Who would have thought that? Normally the group is always short boys and a girl ends up dancing the boy's part. We have more boys than girls, so boys learned a dance involving poles and Schuplattler, just the boys, no girls. Their big debut was at the Bavarian Festival in Frankenmuth. It was a great crowd pleaser. Everyone loved it. The encore performance was a success at the Father's Day picnic. The Kinderplatz kept everyone busy, working or playing the games. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make it so successful.

We have been busy practicing for our trip to Philadelphia for the Landestreffen in August, as well as all the upcoming Oktoberfests in the fall. We are always looking for new dancers to join the group. We practice Sunday evenings. Come on by we would love to show you all our dances. You can contact Cindy Schleis (586) 468-3951 or Christine Pesta (586) 264-2058 for more information. Grandparents, bring your grandchildren. The kids love to perform for their Oma and Opa.

Christine Pesta



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2010 Jugendgruppe High School Graduates

The Carpathia Dance Group Leaders would like to congratulate our current and former dance group members. Take pride in your accomplishments and best of luck in your future endeavors.

- Nicholas Talan - Macomb Community College
- Sebastian Schwager - Macomb Community College
- Allison Hammer - Oakland University
- Wendy Lenhardt - Oakland University
- Kristian Beattie - Oakland Community College



Eric Schwalbe completed his Bachelor's Degree in 'Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention/ Exercise Science' from Oakland University this spring.



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Jugendgruppe

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! We wish you a bright and successful future and many memorable experiences.

It is Summer time! The commencements are over but the grad parties and picnics are still going on. Most of our college kids are back for the summer and have been dancing with us. At the Carpathia Maifest this spring, the Jugendgruppe mixed a little old and new with an updated version of the Bandltanz. There are so many variations and ways this dance can be done, so we put together a version unique to our group!

The Jugendgruppe danced each day at the Germanfest/Fathers Day weekend. I think everyone had a good time there. Even Friday evening's storm didn't slow them down: tornado sirens outside – just go inside to the bar and continue the festivities!

As you are reading this, we most likely have returned from the Donauschwaben Landestreffen which was held in Philadelphia for the first time. The date was moved from the traditional Labor Day weekend to August 6-8, to allow families to do some sight seeing in the area. We'll have to report on that in the next issue. Everyone is looking forward to that and excited to see their friends from other cities again – and there are many, many friendships! Now with free minutes after 7:00 pm and weekends, Facebook and Skype everyone easily stays in touch all year long. Not like it was 'back in the day' when I was in the Jugendgruppe! Some of you may remember writing letters (each word spelled out completely) and mailing them, enclosing photographs that took a week to develop! LOL!

We are planning a Jugendgruppe picnic in August – just for fun before it is back to school.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Karin Schwalbe



*Carpathia Club, Inc.***SCHUHPLATTLER GROUP**

The Carpathia Schuhplattler Group has been hard at work perfecting old dances, learning new dances, and even learning new versions of old dances. If it wasn't for the overwhelming enthusiasm of our members, specifically Paul Schwalbe, we would still be performing the dances I was dancing twenty years ago (okay, thirty years ago)! As the Schuhplattler group leader (and I use that term loosely), it is refreshing coming to practice and the participants are ready and excited to get started. One day I will figure out how to get the ladies more involved, because the ladies rarely get excited to get up and twirl!



The Carpathia Schuhplattler group gave the audience at the annual Sommerfest on Fathers' Day weekend a little glimpse into some of the new dances we will be performing in the future. We are looking forward to dancing at the Oktoberfest at Rochester Mills Brewery at the end of September again as well as at the many functions at Carpathia. Hope you come out to see the show!



Practices are on Sundays from 4 to 5 PM in the Practice Room (subject to change) or if you are just curious as to what we are about, come and watch. We are always accepting new members (fourteen and older please, with exceptions).

For more information you can find us on the web www.carpathiaclub.com under the Untergruppen heading.

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*Carpathia Club, Inc.***KULTURGRUPPE**

The Carpathia Kulturgruppe (along with all the Carpathia dance groups) performed at this year's Sommerfest on Fathers' Day weekend. In hopes to recruit more dancers we decided to change our last performance and include two audience participation dances. I didn't see as many people on the dance floor as I had hoped but was very happy to see those that did decide to join in. I know I had fun and it looked like they did too. Maybe they may want to come back and dance?



The Carpathia Kulturgruppe will be hosting Carpathia's Weinlesefest on October 23, 2010. Come on out and test your skills of deception and see if you can get some goodies without getting caught!



Practices are held every Sunday from 6 to 8 pm in the Practice Room or GACC Room (subject to change). We are always accepting new members (twenty-one and older please, with exceptions).

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The Carpathia Club expresses our condolences to the families of these members:

Anna Bering
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Barbara Becker
Elly Istok

If a name is forgotten, we apologize. Please contact Ruth Seiberling, Membership Chairperson, at krseiberling@wideopenwest.com or 586-668-9108 for any changed or editions.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Anna Bering



August 13, 1923
May 17, 2010

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters; He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.....

Please welcome our newest members who have joined the Carpathia Club:

Veronika Fritz
Daniel Dierolf

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Erinnerung an Hansi Mueller

Er war ein Kicker der ersten Stunde bei der Gründung im Jahr 1953, und er blieb den Carpathia Kickers treu bis zum Ende. Am 3. Februar 2010 schied Hansi Mueller für immer von uns. Er erholte sich nicht mehr von einer schweren Operation, geschwächt durch die Behandlung einer kürzlich entdeckten Leukämie.

Hansi Mueller erblickte das Licht der Welt am 9. Oktober 1936 in Bachsentiwan (Sonthofen) in der serbischen Batschka unweit dem ungarischen Szombor. Mit den Eltern und der Schwester Anna kam er in der ersten grossen Einwandererwelle nach dem 2. Weltkrieg nach Detroit, wo er die Fachoberschule Wilbur Wright am Detroitter Städtischen Flughafen absolvierte. Er leistete seinen US-Militärdienst ab und stieg später bei General Motors ein, wo er 30 Jahre lang im TechCenter in der Vorstadt Warren diente. Seine Liebe aber galt stets dem Fussball. In der Position auf Halblinks spielte er oft den zwingenden Pass zum Torerfolg, erzielte aber selbst auch eigene Treffer. Seine erfolgreichste Zeit bei Carpathia Kickers kam in den späten fünfziger Jahren beim Hallenfussball der Detroit Soccer League im State Fair Coliseum. Das Duo Berti Martin-Hansi Mueller war damals die 1-2 auf der Schützenliste. Höhepunkte waren immer wieder Turnierspiele gegen Teutonia Windsor, wo vier Geier-Brüder in der Stammelf standen, einer von ihnen, Hans, war sein Schwager. Nach seiner aktiven Zeit leistete Hansi Dienste in der Carpathia-Halle, oftmals als Bartender bei Vereinsanlässen. Das Kartenspielen im Mitgliederzimmer in vertrauter Runde behagte ihm sehr.

Hansi Mueller hinterlässt Schwester Anna Geier, Neffen Frank Geier mit Frau Beverley, Grossnichte Courtney, Grossneffen Frankie, Garrett und Troy und Urgrossneffen Jaden „Blu J“ Geier. Er wurde am 8. Februar im Friedhof Resurrection zur Ruhe getragen.

**Many thanks to all!**

I would like to thank everyone for attending my fund raiser on May 16th, at Carpathia Club it was a great success. First off I would like to thank the ladies in the kitchen for their hard work and excellent meal, as well as the Carpathia vorstand for donating the hall and the food for the event I can't thank you enough. I would like to also thank all the ladies who baked the kipfel and all who donated cakes, pastries, cookies, etc.... for the bake sale. And to all my family and friends who helped decorate the hall and organize the fund raiser thank you so much. And to all who donated to the Rausch Rehab & Therapy fund thank you so much I am forever grateful. I am a very fortunate man to have the love and support of family and friends throughout this difficult time in my life and that is what helps me keep working towards walking once again for that I will always be grateful.

Thanks again,

Alex Rausch

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What a joy it has been in spring of 2010 watching all the beautiful gardens around the club blossom and bloom. Thank you to all the hard working members and friends who came together to really dress up the outdoors.

Inside, the club also looks better than ever. New paint and carpeting. Our new cleaning company seems very dedicated and very proud of their work. The restrooms have never looked so clean.

We all have reasons to be very satisfied with the very hard work our elected officers and each volunteer has done. "Hat's off!" "Bravo!" "Job well done!"

It is sad to see so many friends and family members struggling to find jobs and keep food on the tables. Some are doing "fine", but working harder than ever before, and for less money. But, one thing which remains strong amongst all our members is our sense of "community" to each other. We come together to hold fundraisers, we offer reduced cost funeral luncheons, there are many ways we help each other.

Please do not be afraid to ask for help if you think it might be needed. That is why we are here, to help each other.

We are all very proud people, but do not be too proud such that you forget, "The one you stop to help today, may be the first to come to your aid tomorrow."

Thank you to everyone who comes to meetings. Your attendance helps our boards feel worthwhile and respected. Thank you to all who help prepare food and refreshments for our events and festivals. And, thank you to all our members and friends who are not afraid to get a bit of dirt under their fingernails, and who have beautified our property!

George Schemmel Jr.
President, GACC

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	12	Carpathia	Oktoberfest	Hank Haller/Martin Brothers
	19	Carpathia	Semi-Annual Membership Mtg.	
OCTOBER	9	Carpathia	Hunters' KingsBall	Tradewinds
	13	Carpathia	Fashion Show - Ladies Group	
	23	Carpathia	Wine Fest (WeinleseFest)	Enzian
NOVEMBER	7	Carpathia	Seniors Card Party	
	13	Carpathia	Kirchweih	Hank Haller
DECEMBER	8	Carpathia	German Christmas Show	
	11	Carpathia	Kicker's Banquet	
	19	Carpathia	Members Christmas Party	
	25		Merry Christmas	
	31	Carpathia	New Year's Eve Party	Hank Haller

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