Dear Members, Liebe Mitglieder

As our busy season comes to an end, there were many events which contributed to the continued success of our organization. The dedication and continued diligence of the various committees, leaders, and volunteers is greatly appreciated. Highlights of these recent events are included in this column.

Our third Sommerfest and second Wiener’n’Schnitzel Dinner were fairly well attended, however I believe we can do more with advertising for these events in order to get some of the local crowd involved. The special dance performance by the Jugendgruppe at the Wiener’n’Schnitzel dinner is always great.

Kirchweih 2013

Kirchweih is the most traditional Donauschwaben event, which according to one of our historians, Mr. Roland Thalheimer, we have celebrated in St. Louis since 1951. It started at Das Deutsche Haus. It is the time when the ladies wear tracht in place of dirndls and the guys get to pretend they have money to spend in order to impress the girls :) Hopefully everyone enjoyed the traditional “Broatwurst” and Goulash dinners. Thanks to those who cooked and prepared the altar and Sträusslein for our most traditional event. Thanks to the families who donated Rosemarein: Ballew, Erk, Fox, Maus, Rohatsch, Schweiss, and to everyone who worked to make the 2013 Kirchweihfest a success.

After the welcome, the members of the Pappert family were presented an award which Mr. Pappert received at the annual meeting of the Landesverband der Donauschwaben U.S.A.

Landesverband President, Robert Fillippi, presented a select few with this first time award “For a World of Dedication”– the globe represents the efforts and contributions made by these individuals in preserving and fostering the Donauschwaben culture on a world-wide scale. Mr. Pappert was an honorary recipient for the World of Difference that he made in the national Donauschwaben community. This award was intended to recognize “Schwowe” above and beyond a gold pin. Given by the founders of the Verband, the leaders of our individual clubs, and people who have put their entire lives on hold for the good of the many. The expression “making a world of difference” describes those people that have received this award.

Robert Fillippi, President of the Dachverband, said that Hans Pappert, along with Michael Wendl, made a “world of difference” in 2005 when a busload of Schwowe were heading west to LA for the Treffen. “They hosted all of us very warmly in typical St. Louis Schwowe fashion–lunch, tours, dinner, etc. That day meant so much to me and our group. Thanks to Hans Pappert!”

“John Pappert served the German Cultural Society in many roles: Vice President for several terms and President for over fifteen years. In addition, John represented St. Louis as a member of the Donauschwäbishe Landesverband. He served as Vice President of the Stiftung and as President of the German American Committee in St. Louis. Clearly, John’s focus
was to preserve the German Culture by his exemplary leadership. Today, on behalf of the Dachverband, I am pleased to present to John Pappert, posthumously, the World of Dedication Award. I ask Anne Pappert and the Pappert family to accept this award with our deep gratitude for John's priceless contributions to preserve our German Heritage."

We are determined to follow in the footsteps of all those who have helped continue the heritage and traditions of our beloved Heimat. These are very large shoes to fill—I am confident that we can continue this journey together.

The Pappert family was also given the memorial pin, which each of our current dance group members have already been given to wear, in remembrance of the constant encouragement and praise from Mr. Pappert. This pin, in the shape of the Society emblem in a red, white and blue color scheme depicts our current Heimat with the St. Louis Gateway Arch and Mississippi River and the words “Forever Grateful, Never Forgotten J. Pappert 3-15-13”

Schwabenball

On August 28th, 2013 we hosted the Schwabenball: an evening of traditional music, song and dance from the visiting Banater Tanzgruppe mit Eisenbahner Musikanten aus Freiburg as our guests from Germany (the Banater Schwaben Folkdance group and Eisenbahner Musicians from Freiburg). We were also joined by Lansing Hecker, the Honorary Consul of the FDR, with jurisdiction in Missouri & southern Illinois of the Federal Republic of Germany. The leaders of the groups included: Theresia Teichert, Barbara Fetzer, Josef Zippel, and Renate Krispin. Monika Lorenz presented a plaque "Zur Errinnerung an Euren besuch in St. Louis schenken wir Euch dieses Andenken" und Vereins Nadeln.

The various German Organizations in attendance/represented were: German American Committee: John Wittenberg German-American Heritage society Deutscher Männerchor: Klemens Wolf Schuetzenverein: Helmut Leukert, Norman Waterwiese

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The German Cultural Society is a cultural, charitable, not for profit and non-political organization.

Deutschmeister: Helmuth Glatt
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The various groups from GCS

Thank you to Mr. Michael Wendl and Mrs. Christine Hoffmann for co-organizing this event. Special thanks to the Festkommittee and Bar members and all of the host families.

Landestreffen

The German Cultural Society was well represented at the Landestreffen der Donauschwaben in Detroit, Michigan. Whether travelling by bus, airplane, or personal vehicles, we all made it to the festival for a weekend of dancing, fun, and both new and renewed friendships.

See pages 19 and 20 for a few pictures from the event.

DKV Oktoberfest 2013

We had a very successful two-day DKV Oktoberfest this year with music by Die Spitzbuam and the Deutschmeister Brass Band, performances by all dance groups, soccer, kinder puppet show, Dachshund race game, and more! We also had the benefit of using our two new picnic tables built by Dago Glassl and his Eagle Scout project team. The Stein Club and Collectibles Shop were also a big hit.

Thanks to all who helped and attended to make it a success.

St. Charles Oktoberfest

The St. Charles Oktoberfest was the last three-day event which required a lot of time and effort. Although we were successful in selling the Bavarian Sliders and the new Hungarian Hamburgers this year, the festival attendance seemed to be less than last year. We did not make as much money as at our own two-day Oktoberfest at Donau Park, but every dollar helps : )

I also believe we had a few of our members running in the 5K as well! Congratulations to Olivia and Marilyn Heidbrink and Monika Lorenz for running with their headbands and dirndl t-shirts. Thanks to all those who helped in the booth and setting up and tearing down as well.

Liederabend

The Liederabend presented by the Damenchor: The ladies continue to bless us with their songs, both traditional and always a little fun added in. This year the “I am Kreising über Freising” brought a smile to many faces. The soloists and quartet were also a big hit! The Deutschmeister Brass Band then played for the rest of the evening.

Monika Lorenz
Upcoming Events

See page 39 for the full Kalender

Saturday, December 7
Tag des Deutschen Kulturvereins
Day of the German Cultural Society
DKV Hall

Sunday, December 15
Weihnachtsgottesdienst
German Christmas Worship Service
at
Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 22
Weihnachtsfeier
German Christmas Celebration
DKV Hall

Saturday, March 1, 2014
Rosenball
Jugendgruppe Dance – DKV Hall

Listing of Groups

Bastelgruppe
Arts & Crafts Group
Coordinator: Käthe Tullmann .......... 314-842-6798
Ktullmann@charter.net
Please call for information and schedule.

Damenchor
Ladies’ Chorus
Coordinator: Käthe Tullmann .......... 314-842-6798
Music Director: Peggy Pancella
Choir Practice: Monday @ 7:30 p.m. at DKV Hall

Kindergarten
Co-Instructor: Janine Jordan .....................
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Co-Instructor: Marlen Knoppik ..................
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Parents’ committee: Cathy Martarella...........
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Classes: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
9:30-11:00 a.m. at DKV Hall

Lesekreis
Reading Circle (German Literature)
Coordinator: Käthe Tullmann .......... 314-842-6798
Meetings: Please call for the next scheduled meeting.

Seniorengruppe
Seniors’ Group
Coordinators:
Rose Lengenfelder ......................... 314-631-4364
Becky Haas ................................. 314-487-7852
Senioren Gathering Afternoon: 2nd Tuesday of each month weather permitting from 1 to 4 pm at DKV Hall.
Please call for information.
Performing Groups

Deutschmeister Blaskapelle
Deutschmeister Brass Band
President: Helmuth Glatt
Vice-President: John Ampleman ............636-532-0290
johnampleman@att.net
Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Weber
Members at Large: Becky Fischer, Terri Gudowicz
Band Practice: Wednesdays @ 8:00 p.m. at DKV Hall

Tanzgruppen
Dance Groups
Kindertanzgruppe
Children's Dance Group (ages 3-9)
Practice: generally 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
Call Birgit for practice and performance schedules
Practice: DKV Hall
Coordinator: Birgit Sterzl McMullen ...... 618-654-1340

Mittlere Tanzgruppe
Middle Dance Group (ages 10-14)
Coordinator: Ruth VanderPluym ............. 618-538-9975
See website/call Ruth for practice schedule.

Jugendgruppe
Youth Group
Coordinator: Rosemarie Ficken .............. 314-487-3969
Instructors: Jessica Romvari, Jennifer Taylor
See website/call Rosemarie for practice schedules.
Practice: DKV Hall

Volkstanzgruppe
Coordinator: Monika Lorenz
For practice & performance schedules contact:
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A thank you to all!
Named and unnamed—we appreciate all who help throughout the year to make the German Cultural Society the success that it is today.

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Group 2: John Haas, Lorenz Kaiser, Sepp Neulinger
Group 3: Hans Lengenfelder, Steve Meinberg, John Mueller, Matt Stark
Group 4: Eberhard Pfitzner, Matt Potje, Steve Potje, Joe Vaughan
Group 5: Steve Ballew, Susan Bauer, Marilyn Heidbrink, Charles Tate, Liz Young
Group 6: Joe Borasuk, James Provo, Rudi Sterzl
Reserves: Walt Busch, Ralph Hoffarth, Ann Mathes, Ian Romvari, Helga Thalheimer

Donau Park Development Group
- The Wednesday Group -
Coordinator: Open
Meets every Wednesday to develop and maintain our Donau Park in Jefferson County on a year-round basis.
Thanks to Brian Schaffer for helping during this transition.

Donau Park Expansion Project Committee
Coordinator: Fred Goebel
Frank Irovic, Kiemens Wolf, John Romvari, Ted Mayer

Gartenverein
Meets to plant and maintain flowers at both locations.
Coordinator: Becky Haas
Intermediary for Jugendgruppe helpers: Anna Eder
Members: Sarah Birtwistle, Kathy Heitzmann, Rose Lengenfelder, Caroline Messmer, Barb Potje, Anni Ruppe, Lucille Schweiss, Kathy Stark, Irma Wittendorfer

Facebook Presence
St. Louis German Cultural Society
It has been approximately 2 months since the start of the German Cultural Society Facebook page. I wanted to provide a brief status report. The stats change week to week depending on the number of activities and posts, but the statistics below provide a nice overview.

How many people do we reach a week? 225-1575
131 Likes

Typical Age Demographic Reach- -/+-%
18-24 - 8%
25-34 - 15%
35-44 - 40%
45-54 - 19%
55-64 - 10%
65+ - 5+

People from the US, Germany, UD, Canada, Australia, & Malaysia are viewing our posts.
Typically our pictures receive 50-100 views.
But, the pictures of our kinder typically receive 300+ views!!!
Update: We now have 158 followers. ;)
Prepared and reported by Diane Reim.

2013
Grün-Weiβ Soccer News

The Grün Weiss team currently holds a 3-3 record with 4 matches left in the Charlie Columbo CYC Mens O30 Fall League.
We might have to win all 4 to lock up a playoff. It depends on how much the other teams are ahead of us in points before the season's over.
More to come...
Steve Ballew

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Festkomitee
Responsible for the planning and executing of all menus for DKV-sponsored events, including ordering and receiving of the required supplies, the preparing and serving of food, and the workman-like maintenance of our kitchen facilities and related equipment.

Coordinator:
Pete Heddell .......................................... 314-498-6996

The Festkomitee could not function without the numerous helpers who volunteer every time either in the preparation or the serving of food. We need your help! To help the Festkomitee, please call Pete.

Hall Maintenance Organization
- The Thursday Group -
Meets every Thursday to maintain our hall on Jefferson Ave. year-round.

Members: Henry Erk, Hans Fischer, Nick Glasz, John Haas, Mike Wendl, Frank Irovic, Hans Lengenfelder
For information about volunteering for the Thursday Group, please contact Terry Ficken, Coordinator, at 314-566-2080.

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Kirchweih  Sunday, August 18, 2013

German Celebration of the Harvest & Church Consecration

Mr. Lorenz did a fine job once again in reciting for us in German the Strauss poem while the Jugend bid for the Strauss.

But here is a very, very loose translation for you in English. Forwarded by Christine Slabinger, American Aid Society, Chicago:

Strauss, Strauss, big and fine
How I wish that you were mine.
We march and march and do our thing
And then we find out everything.
Whose name is pulled we can’t wait to see
I hope and hope that it is me.
Dollar for dollar is what is met
The Strauss is what the winner will get.
We love to stay up late to party
It is not for the weak but instead the hearty.
Breakfast comes when the band is done
And then off to bed is where we run.
The Strauss gets cut up and replanted
From that we hope next year’s Strauss is granted.
Kirchweih is a custom old of date
It was sometimes used to find a mate.
Kirchweih is what we like best.
It is our very favorite fest.
Another year has come and passed
Obviously, this will not be the last.

We always remember and appreciate our talented volunteers and workers!
Buwe, was ham’r Heit?
Kirchweih!

KIRCHWEIFEST
Dieser Strauss hier in Meiner Hand
Erinnert an unser Heimatland.
Und nicht nur an die Heimat soweit,
Sondern auch an die schöner Zeit
Die wir draussen erlebt, und auch hier.
Sind wir vergnugt bei Tanz und Bier!
Und sind wir auch unsere Heimat fern,
An unser Schwabenland denken wir gern!
Und so feiern wir in Amerika drauss,
Die “Kirweih” grad so wie zuhaus!

Dieser Strauss kam zu uns über das Meer,
Zu uns Schwäbischen Landsleut kam er her.
Er ist hübsch und grad so fein
Wie unser Kirweih soll sein.
Nach Band und Rosmarein riecht er nicht allein,
Er schmeckt sogar nach Bier und Wein!

Dieser Strauss ist gewachsen in Regen und Wind
Im Stuermen wild und Lüften lind.
Doch nicht in Regen und Wind allein,
Er wuchs auch im Mond und Sonnenschein.
Er kommt aus dem Keller im Schwarzen Grund,
Ich verletzter ihn mit meinem Mund.
Wer bietet nun mal auf diesen Strauss?
Ob jung oder alt - das macht mir nichts aus.
Ob hübsch oder hässlich, arm oder reich,
Es kann jeder drauf bieten das ist mir ganz gleich.
Ob gross oder klein das kommt nicht drauf an,
Aber Geld muss man haben das man bezahlen kann.
Kirchweih Continued. . .

Even the Mittleregruppe girls wore some authentic Schwowe tracht items!
OK it’s time. We’ll need to get some people out to put these babies to bed. I mean the gardens [in the city and at the Donaupark], of course. Luckily the city garden doesn’t require too much, yet. [Of course things might change in the future especially if those mums mentioned below get into the ground.] The various seasons have treated us fairly well. Most of the summer was not too horrendously hot and the fall is turning out to be just “lovely.”

In preparation of the German ladies’ concert, two of us went to a nursery [Heimo’s] in Milstadt. The manager was such a generous lady who donated 6 large mums to our decorating efforts. I was truly impressed. It was thanks to Anni Ruppe’s expertise that garnered these results. Hope to plant the mums along the drive at the city location. A flyer announced Heimo’s Greenhouse is hosting a Poinsettia Wonderland Open House tours from 10 - 3 that day only at their property 6667 Route 158 Millstadt. November 24, 2013. Sounds like some Christmas fun. I plan to attend.

This is a thank you to all those who have helped with gardening, donations of time, plants and money. If I start to name all the individuals who have contributed there’d be no room for the rest of the contributors and I think this article would be scrapped. I doubt I’d be given that kind of space.

May the coming seasons bring you abundant joy and health.

Becky Haas, Garden Club coordinator

Hans Wolfram Hockl’s Kirchweihspruch

News from the Chorus

We have just completed our annual Concert, and I am pleased to report that we had good attendance. Unfortunately, this is such a busy time of the year for everyone. So we really appreciated the support of our own members as well as the other clubs. Thank you all. We hope we entertained you with good songs and a little humor.

Now to the thank yous: Of course, there is Peggy Pancella, our director, who works with us so much to make us sound good. And the Deutschmeister Brass Band never sounded better. The Quartet from the Männerchor provided a little change from the women’s voices, and they are really good. Our soloist, Barbara Potje, brought back sentimental memories with “Wir Sind für Einander Bestimmt,” and Nicky Klotz again showed off her skills playing the piano. The kitchen staff may get inflated egos if I repeat all the comments I heard regarding the food. Let us just say it was delicious. John Unterreiner helps us every year with the sound, and he makes sure that the mikes don’t whistle. Thank you, John. Of course, our own singers baked great Torten and do the decorating among other things.

To all, I wish to express my gratitude.

But, obligations continue, and on November 3rd was the annual All Souls remembrance day (Totengedenktag) at Sunset Cemetery. Right after that, we will prepare for various Christmas Programs. Please remember that we have to change the Peace Lutheran Service to December 15th, and the Schulverein Weihnachtsfeier to the 22nd.

That sums up the activities of the Chorus.

We wish everyone a beautiful Missouri Fall and Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein Gesegnetes Neues Jahr.

Katherine Tullmann

Congratulations go to:

Helmuth Glatt and Steve Gallagher, who were both recently recognized for employee service longevity at the Nidec Motor Corporation annual awards banquet. This event was held October 18th at Norwood Hills Country Club. Helmuth is Vice President of Engineering and was honored for twenty-five years of service. Steve is a Senior Financial Analyst in Accounting and was honored for fifteen years of service.

Imagine that...German heritage even came up in some of the conversation that evening! Congratulations again to Helmuth and Steve on being recognized for such dedicated service!
We are excited to start the new School year with a fresh change in the German Kindergarten. Frau Susi Goebel has been the Kindergarten Instructor since 1995 and decided after so many years of serving the German Kindergarten to move on.

Marlen Knoppik and I, Janine Jordan, will be fulfilling the honor that Frau Susi Goebel had. We are two young ladies who grew up in Germany and are enthusiastic to fill the footsteps of Frau Susi and to bring some new ideas into the German Kindergarten group. We will teach the children in a fun and playful way the basics of German. The German Kindergarten is meeting every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month and is looking forward to a great year. New children that are excited to learn the German language and about the German culture are encouraged to join. So come and check us out!!

Janine Jordan, new Instructor of the German Kindergarten Group

Most 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:30 am

3652 South Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, 63118
Park & enter in rear of building

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and the children of Peace Lutheran School (grades 4-8) perform
at the German Christmas Worship Service

Ethnic refreshments & socializing follow the service

Sunday December 15, 2:30 pm

Peace Lutheran Church
737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, MO 63125
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The Rev. Dennis A. Kastens, Pastor, 314-892-5610
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The service will be broadcast over radio station KFUO 850-AM Saturday, Dec. 15
The following program description offers a volunteer opportunity for German speakers, or for youths seeking service hours for their schools or programs. Please see the contact information below if you are interested in teaching kids about our culture.

The GROW Program

The GROW Program at Green Park Lutheran School is an after-school enrichment opportunity for our students where they can explore a variety of learning topics in a small, focused environment.

Enrichment sessions run 4-6 weeks and are one time per week. Sessions are grouped by age/grade level to assure appropriate learning and socialization opportunities. We believe in multi-age groups to foster social relationships and opportunities for younger children to observe and learn from older children (similar to our Faith Family Program at school).

Past GROW topics have included chess, visual art (watercolor, acrylics, sculpture), Christian community service, guitar, computer programming and robotics.

Proposal for Joint Program Development with German Cultural Society

Topic: Introduction to German Language and Culture
Age Group: 1st - 4th Grade
Session Length: 4-6 weeks, 1 hour per session (3:30-4:30)
Session Cost for Parents: $45-$65 (depending on session length and cost of materials/curriculum)
Minimum/Maximum Enrollment: 6 / 10 Students per session; supply and demand—option of more than one session if there are enough Instructors?
Mentor Stipend: Donation to the DKV
Curriculum/Materials: Budgeted $2.50 per child per session (example: 6 children enrolled for a 4 week session = $60 for materials/curriculum/supplies for the session)

Session Description: The German Cultural Society/Deutscher Kulturverein seeks to preserve, cultivate, and advance German cultural ties. Society membership actively share their roots through native language, heritage, customs, traditions, fellowship, and song. Sessions will be designed with some diversity in mind, and will be geared toward both general and more specific area/s of German culture. Sessions will include a "binder to build on", with some very basic beginner vocabulary words.

General outline of Session area/s that will be developed by the German Cultural Society:

Session 1: General theme: Very basic introductions, greetings, salutations, etc. Maybe even some games? Title: Hello, and how do you say that in German?
Session 2: General theme: Cooking. Title: In die Kuche (In the kitchen), baking German pretzels
Session 3: General theme: Winter. Title: Winterzeit (Winter Time in Germany)
Session 4: General theme: German dance. Title: Lasst uns Tanzen! Let's Dance and Have Fun (with Frau Birgit McMullen)
Session 5 (Optional?) General theme: Costuming and clothing?
Session 6 (Optional?) General themes: Colors, Numbers, or Families? Maybe even origins, some family trees for older children?

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Saturday, March 22, 2014

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Käthe Tullmann

Arts & Crafts

Arts and Crafts has had a long summer vacation, but now it's time to get back into the swing of things. We are trying to get enough items together for a nice display at the Vereinsabend as well as the Weihnachtsfeier.

We have some very talented people doing a variety of crafts, and all our creations are beautifully handcrafted.

We can always use more help. Our meetings are usually on Tuesday mornings, but that can change according our members’ availability.

If anyone is interested in joining, I invite you to get in touch with me at ktullmann@charter.net or (314) 842-6798

Wishing everyone a colorful Fall and Frohe Weihnachten und ein Gesegnetes Neues Jahr on behalf of the Arts and Crafts members

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2013 Weihnachtsfeier

Sunday, December 22, 2013

Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

Hear the *Deutschmeister Brass Band*
perform carols starting at 2:00 p.m.
at the German Cultural Society Hall

Performing are:  Students of the German School Association,
                The German Cultural Society Kindergarten
                and  The Damenchor

SANTA will visit at the end of the program with presents for all children

Coffee, Soda, and Christmas cookies will be provided for all.

Traditional Glühwein & Schmalzbrot will be available for purchase.

A small donation per person is requested at the door • Proceeds benefit the German School Association

ALL GERMAN LANGUAGE newsletter submissions are highly appreciated.
Please consider submitting your story or a found story in German!
The Advent Calendar can be traced back to the 19th Century, when some families would make chalk marks on the door each day of December, and some children would hang drawings on the wall daily.

The first known hand-made advent calendar is from 1851. Early styles included the Adventclock or the Adventcandle, a display with a candle for each of the 24 days until Christmas. In 1902, a Christian book shop in Hamburg published a printed “Christmas Clock.”

In 1904, a December calendar was printed in the newspaper “Neues Tagblatt Stuttgart” as a gift for their readers. Researcher Esther Gajek reports that the first printed calendar was made in 1908 by a Swabian printer, Gerhard Lang (1881-1974), whose mother had made him a calendar with 24 “Wibbele” (little candies) which were stuck on cardboard. Lang’s printing company, Reichhold & Lang, produced the “Munich Christmas-Calendar”, a large, cardboard calendar with little colored pictures to attach each day of December.

By the beginning of the 20th century, Lang produced the first Advent Calendars with little doors to open with a treat for each day. A Swiss printer started making religious Advent Calendars with Bible verses rather than candies. Lang produced over thirty calendar designs before his business was closed in the 1930s.

The first known printed calendars after the second world war were produced by Stuttgart printer, Richard Sellmer, in 1946. The product became universally popular in the 1950s, when it became an affordable mass-produced item. Richard Sellmer Verlag is the only publishing house in the world that concentrates exclusively on the production of Advent calendars.

The very first Advent calendar, “The Little Town”, which Richard Sellmer made in his living room by hand, demonstrates painstaking attention to detail and a sophisticated, artistic design. The American authorities, who controlled Stuttgart at the time, granted permission to print them on December 9, 1946.

Richard Sellmer Verlag has since replaced handcrafting by automation, but there is no change in the loving design of the popular products: whatever is hidden behind the doors must, as always, match the motif of the calendar design.

Since the founder’s death in 1969, the printer has been run by his son, Tim, and now by his grandsons, Frank and Oliver Sellmer. The publishing house has eleven employees and 15 agents, yet makes more advent calendars than any other printer, world wide. The production and marketing of the “paper jewels” go on year round.

U.S. Presidents Nixon and Eisenhower have been photographed for a charity campaign with calendars. President Bill Clinton personally sent the company a card in thanks for the design and production of a special advent calendar with the White House as its motif.
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The Jugendgruppe of the German Cultural Society Cordially invites you to their Annual

**ROSENBALL**

Saturday, March 1, 2014, 8:00 p.m.

Kitchen opens at 6:00 p.m.

at the German Cultural Society Hall
3652 South Jefferson Avenue

Admission $15.00
Children 10 and under are free

Traditional German Food & Drink
Music by Die Spitzbuam
Spring Events

Fundraiser for the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt held each year at Donau Park

Kaffeeklatsch

Join us at the DKV Hall for some Gemütlichkeit, Bingo, raffles.

Light snacks, Coffee, and desserts will be offered.

Sunday March 9, 2014 2:00 pm

Osterkonzert im Donau-Park

Easter Egg Hunt & Band Concert at our Donau-Park Facilities in Jefferson County

Saturday, April 19, 2014 starting at 1:30 p.m.

Deutschmeister Brass Band Easter Egg Hunt

Admission is free. Everybody is welcome.

April 13, 2014

Wurstmarkt

Sunday, April 13 at the DKV Hall 12 noon-5 pm

Homemade Sausage Dinner & 5 lb. bags of fresh sausage for sale

It really is good, folks, and the proceeds benefit our Youth Group!
The Kinder-Tanzgruppe

Starting with the youngest Kind(er) at age three to the more “seasoned” Kind(er) at the age of nine, the Kinder-Tanzgruppe (Children’s dance group), the parents, relatives, friends and volunteers all play a vital role in providing the means to a little German culture and tradition.

This year we are looking forward to making friends with our new Kinder-Tanzgruppe members and re-uniting friendships of the past all the while learning German culture through music, song and dance.

Benefits of joining the Kinder-Tanzgruppe:
• Dancing helps develop coordination, confidence and team work
• Provides an opportunity to learn a little more about German culture and make new friends
You don’t have to be German to Dance!
We look forward to seeing you!

For more information contact:
Birgit Sterzl McMullen,
dance instructor
618-654-1340 or 314-852-1340

Reported by John Ampleman

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Report from the Deutschmeister Brass Band

Not just another season under our belts, but the celebration of our Fiftieth year is just about complete. Our members, current and past, our families and friends all got together for music, food and fun at Donau Park on September 8th for our anniversary party.

We had two new venues this year. We played for an Oktoberfest at the Urban Chestnut Brewery. Our stage was set very close to the crowd and they seemed to get in the mood (not Glenn Miller’s tune) to celebrate right away. Also new this year was Bevo Mill. In addition to playing for their Oktoberfest, we played four German Night dinners. We will also be playing for two more Bevo German Nights, November 15 and December 20th. Be sure to make reservations, seating is limited.

Our member profiles will resume in the next edition of the newsletter.

For information on booking the band or joining, please see our web site: www.germanband.com.

Reported by John Ampleman

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Christmas Cookie Sale

To order Christmas Cookies please return payment & order form to:
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Phone Number ____________________  (X $10) = $ _________  Total amount due: $ _________

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Orders can be picked up at our S. Jefferson location, address above, on Sat. Dec. 14, 2013
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At the Landestreffen der Donauschwaben in Detroit this year, two cousins of the Achs Family of Johannisfeld met for the first time – Kathy Achs Heitzman of St. Louis, Missouri and Susan Clarkson of Croswell, Michigan. They met by chance, or perhaps destiny, when Susan stopped at the St. Louis table to say hello. Susan contributed her publication, “History of German Settlements in Southern Hungary,” for the St. Louis youth program, and has since received the Deutscher Kulturverein Rundschreiben. She wanted to meet some of the St. Louis delegates and was completely surprised when the first person she met was Kathy. She knew immediately who Kathy was, because she has been researching all of the Johannisfeld families since 1997 and has published a Familienbuch for the town.

Kathy and Susan are 6th cousins – One has to go back to Engelbert Achs, born about 1743 in Rudersdorf, Westphalia, to find their common ancestor. Engelbert Achs married Gertrud Reikes in 1773 in Oberhundem, Westphalia and they had four children there before emigrating to Hungary. Four more children were born in the town of Ostern, Hungary. The family moved to Johannisfeld, Hungary in 1806 and were among the founding settlers of the town. Six more generations of Achs families were born in Johannisfeld, all of them stemming from Engelbert Achs.

Kathy Achs Heitzman, born in Johannisfeld, is the daughter of Johann Achs and Anna Heidenfelder. Susan Clarkson, born in Michigan, is the great-granddaughter of Johann Bayerle and Margaretha Achs of Johannisfeld. They have many more cousins in the US, as other Achs families from Johannisfeld have emigrated to St. Louis, Missouri, Chicago, Illinois, Allenton, Michigan, Detroit, Michigan, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Cincinnati, Ohio. Perhaps another chance meeting will occur, uniting even more cousins of the Achs family.

Sources: Church Records of Oberhundem, Westphalia, Ostern, Hungary, Johannisfeld, Hungary

Want to become a member of the German Cultural Society?
Please call us at 314-771-8368 to request a membership application.

**Membership Dues**

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At least one parent must be a member for children in the dance groups.

Dues may be paid in person or by check made out to “German Cultural Society” and mailed to:

Kathy Stark, Membership
9533 Donalds Ct
St. Louis, MO 63126

Thank you for your support which is needed & appreciated.

Kathy Stark, Membership
GIFT FOR THE JUGENDGRUPPE

On October 5, 2013, at the German-American Day celebration at the German Cultural Society Hall, Mr. John Wittenberg, President of the German-American Committee, presented a check for $2,500.00 to Rosemarie Ficken, Jugendleiterin, as a gift for the Kulturverein Jugendgruppe trip to Europe in 2014. The Jugend danced at the German-American Day celebration.

The Jugendgruppe and the German Cultural Society thank the German-American Committee for their very generous gift. The Jugendgruppe's trip to Europe next year will coincide with the 250th Anniversary of the City of St. Louis.

Mike Wendl
German Cultural Society Hall and Donau Park Maintenance

2013 has been a very tough year for all of us at the Kulturverein. With the loss of some very important key people, we have found ourselves more than a little lost in moving forward. The people in our maintenance groups, like our Wednesday group at the hall and our Thursday group at Donau Park, had all worked side by side every week, working to maintain the buildings and grounds to help make the Verein what it is today. Those people who made up these groups enjoyed the work and contributions they made to the Verein, but more importantly they enjoyed the friendships that kept them coming back each week.

Unfortunately a lot of changes came along with the loss of our dear friends (relatives), I was asked to help out with rebuilding and re-organizing our existing maintenance groups. My plan was to find out the things that are done throughout the year both at the hall and Donau Park and write them down so anyone interested in helping would know the basics. At times it’s been like pulling teeth or bumping heads just to find out what each groups “duties” have been over the years, but I’m still determined to accomplish this task. Help is still needed, even if during the day or week isn’t possible, arrangements for “work” days can always be made for a certain evening or weekend.

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns or if you can help out. I do know that all of us need to work together, especially during this transition time. We need to keep our traditions, ethics and heritage intact for generations to come.

This is a compiled list of both groups, please forgive me if any names have been forgotten, now or in previous newsletter issue. You are all important to this society!

German Culture Society Hall Maintenance group:
Members: Henry Erk, Hans Fischer, Nick Glasz, John Haas, Mike Wendl, Frank Irovic, Hans Langenfelder

Donau Park Maintenance group

Terry Ficken, Maintenance Coordinator
314 566-2080

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Donau-Park Facilities in Jefferson County
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The entrance to Donau-Park is the first driveway at the right.
Vereinskalender  
Event Calendar

**2013**

**Sat DEC 7**  
**Tag des Deutschen Kulturvereins**  
Membership Appreciation

**Sun DEC 15**  
**Weihnachtsgottesdienst**  
German Christmas Service,  
Peace Lutheran Church

**Sun DEC 22**  
**Weihnachtsfeier**  
German Christmas Celebration

**2014**

**Sun JAN 19**  
**Generalversammlung**  
General Annual Meeting

**Sat JAN 25**  
**Einführung der Vereinsvertreter**  
Installation of Officers & Group

**Sat MAR 1**  
**Rosenball * By the Jugendgruppe**

**Sun MAR 9**  
**Kaffeeklatsch & Springo!**

**Sat MAR 22**  
**Trivia Night**  
at the Jefferson Ave. Hall

**Sat APR 19**  
**Ostereiersuchen - Donau Park**  
Easter Egg Hunt & Concert

**Sun APR 13**  
**Wurstmarkt**

**Sun AUG 24**  
**Kirchweihfest**  
German Church Consecration

**Mon JUN 16 - Fri JUN 20**  
**Kinder Sommer Verein**

**Sat JUN 21**  
**Sommerfest**

**Sun JUL 20**  
**Wiener’n’Schnitzl Dinner - Donau Park**

**Sun AUG 24**  
**Kirchweihfest**  
German Church Consecration

**SEP 13, 14**  
**Oktoberfest**

**Sun OCT 25**  
**Liederabend und Tanz***  
An Evening of German Song & Dance

**Sun NOV 2**  
**Totengedenkfeier**  
Memorial Tribute

**Sat DEC 6**  
**Tag des Deutschen Kulturvereins**  
Membership Appreciation

**Sun DEC 14**  
**Weihnachtsgottesdienst**  
Peace Lutheran Church German Service

**Sun DEC 21**  
**Weihnachtsfeier**  
German Christmas Celebration

**Wed DEC 31**  
**Silvesterfeier**  
New Years Eve***

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**Membership Meetings**

The Membership Meetings are held every odd-numbered month (i.e. JAN, MAR, MAY, JUL, SEP, NOV) on the first Thursday of that month at 7:30 p.m. at our Hall on Jefferson Ave.

**Executive Board Meetings**

The Executive Board meets on even numbered months (i.e. FEB, APR, JUN, AUG, OCT, DEC) on the first Thursday of that month at 7:30 p.m. at our Hall on Jefferson Ave.

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**Reminder & Information regarding the 2014 Generalversammlung**

The executive board encourages all members to attend both membership meetings and the General Meeting to help continue the progress and longevity of the verein. It is at these meetings where both operational and functional information is recommended, communicated, discussed, and solutions are decided upon. John Unterreiner will chair the election committee for nominations and elections of Executive Board members. The various group leaders and coordinators will also be determined. In addition to the current Executive Board positions, the current Executive Board has recommended the position of Assistant Treasurer be returned. Please contact John U. with nominations or interest. 314.771.8368

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**Labor Day Trip 2014!**  
**August 30 through Sept 1, 2014**

**Contact John Unterreiner for information on travel**  
jjunterreiner@aol.com

**Tag der Donauschwaben**  
One bus is reserved for this trip to Milwaukee, WI
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