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New Website

St. Louis German Cultural Society
Youth Group Folk Dancers

http://www.germanstl.org/ YGwebsite.htm
Dear Members, Liebe Mitglieder

Our Sommer Verein is getting ready to meet this summer! Our club invites your children and grandchildren to participate in a week of fun-filled summer camp activities! Sommer Verein will run June 15-19, 2015 at our beautiful Donau Park facilities!

Our German-style camp, for kinder ages 4-12 features a variety of activities including: Natur (brief nature walks), planting/gardening, cooking, Fussball (instructional soccer), Wasserspiel (water-play), crafts and more!! PLEASE HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION POST-MARKED BY JUNE 1, 2015 so that we can finalize our planning and activities for the kinder.

Thanks to all for the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of kinder! We are looking forward to it!

See page 16... Vielen Dank!

Frau Susie Gallagher
Frau Mistti und Herr Peter Ritter
Parent Coordinators

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Bill Wolz, Newsletter Editor wolz256@gmail.com

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The purpose of the German Cultural Society

“To foster and practice our culture, customs and folklore in all its forms ... meaning language, music, song, dance, crafts, sports and good fellowship –Gemütlichkeit.”

To do this as good citizens of the country we live in and to promote understanding with other ethnic groups.

The German Cultural Society is a cultural, charitable, not for profit and non-political organization.
This last Weihnachtsfeier was another year of talent, and holiday spirit with songs by the Ladies Chor, a nativity, solo music, fun songs and poems, and of course Christmas songs in our German language!
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Upcoming Events

See page 39 for the full Kalender

Saturday & Sunday, May 16-17

Maifest
at Donau Park
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Kinder Sommer Verein
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followed by
the June 20

Sommerfest
Donau Park
Open to everyone!
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at Donau Park
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Kirchweihfest
at the Hall
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August 7-9
Landestreffen
der Donauschwaben
Los Angeles, CA See page 15 for details

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
See page 13 for more information
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:
Monika Lorenz ............................................. 314-894-5561

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.*

Willkommen!

DKV New Members for 2014

Josef Ruppe
Chris & Jennifer Hoefke
Edward Lanfer, grandchild Briana Rose Jackson
Janet & Richard Muraski, Kathryn, Jessica
William & Christine Kersting
Garik & Kelly Allen & Morgan in Youth Group
Pam, Tyrus & Ralph Ulmer
Stanley Lienhop
Roger & Cheryl Lahr
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Bar Co-Manager: Frank Rohatsch .......... 314-843-5295

Bartenders -
Group 1: Denise Ballew, John Lasinski, Brian Schaffer
Group 2: John Haas, Lorenz Kaiser
Group 3: Hans Lengenfelder, Steve Meinberg,
John Mueller, Matt Stark
Group 4: Matt Potje, Steve Potje, Joe Vaughan
Group 5: Steve Ballew, Susan Bauer, Marilyn Heidbrink,
Christian Hoefke, Charles Tate, Liz Young
Group 6: James Provo, Rudi Sterzl
Reserves: Ralph Hoffarth, Monika Lorenz, Herbert
Lorenz, Ian Romvari, Helga Thalheimer

Donau Park Development Group
- The Wednesday Group -
Meets every Wednesday to develop and maintain our
Donau Park in Jefferson County on a year-round basis.
Members: Herbert Fritz, Ralph Hoffarth, Frank Irovic,
Hans Lengenfelder, Sepp Messmer, John Mueller, Sepp
Neulinger, Matt Potje, Frank Rohatsch, George Ruppe,
Rudi Sterzl, Willy Tullmann, Marvin Young

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

Gartenverein
Meets to plant and maintain flowers at both locations.
Coordinator: Becky Haas
Intermediary for Jugendgruppe: Rosemarie Ficken
Members:
Denise Ballew, Rose Hoh, Rose Lengenfelder, Monika
Lorenz, Karola & Ted Mayer, Mistti Ritter,
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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 the Hall.

Hall Maintenance Organization
- The Thursday Group -

Meets every Thursday to maintain our hall on Jefferson Avenue 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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The Kinder-Tanzgruppe

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

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
Report from the Deutschmeister Brass Band

Reported by John Ampleman

“What goes around comes around.” The organizer of the Cessna Pilot Association’s meeting last year was so pleased with the Deutschmeister that he has now hired us for another pilot organization’s Oktoberfest this year at Spirit of St. Louis Airport. That is one of several new venues for the band for this year. We will be at Concordia Seminary to play for their Brew in the Lou event on October 24th. Another new venue for this year will be the Spaßfest in Germantown, IL on August 15th.

The band held elections of officers at its annual meeting in January. Helmuth Glatt continues as President; re-elected were John Ampleman, Vice-president, and Becky Fischer, member at large; newly elected were Terri Gudowicz, Secretary-Treasurer, and Norbert Glassl, member at large. Pete Krege was re-appointed at Music Director.

We play almost every month for the German night at Bevo Mill. Great food, and of course, great music. It is held on the third Friday of the month. Reservations are required. See their web site at www.thebevomill.com for more information.

Continuing with band member profiles, this edition spotlights Dolores Ullrich. Introduced to the clarinet at the tender age of 8 by her music teacher at Milton Elementary in Alton, IL, Dolores has been going strong for seven decades. She played in grade school and high school bands and then went on to receive a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. She continued her education at SIU Carbondale where she earned a Master’s Degree in Music Education. She has taught band, orchestra, and chorus at many local area grade schools and high schools. She has played in and directed numerous area bands and orchestras. She has been the director of the St. Louis Letter Carriers Band for 28 years.

Dolores was first introduced to the Deutschmeister at one of our performances in Baden almost 40 years ago. She and her husband Don joined the band immediately, making Dolores the first female member of the band. She has been with us ever since. Even though she could play in any other group of her liking, she has stayed with the Deutschmeister for one simple reason, she likes our German music.

The Deutschmeister is always looking for new members. No audition required. For information on booking the band or becoming a member contact:

John Ampleman at 636-532-0290 or Visit our web site at www.germanband.com.

Some of the instruments played by Dolores Ullrich.
The newsletter below wrote up an article about the European trip that the Jugend Group took last summer. If you are interested in the newsletter or the rest of the article see the web below. The pictures included to the right are in the article presenting our group, some of the activities, and their counterparts in Europe.
JUGENDTANZGRUPPE AUS ST. LOUIS IN UNGARN SCHAMBEK UNS SAAR

DONAUSCHWÄBISCHE JUGENDTANZGRUPPE ST. LOUIS UND UNGARNEUTSCHE TANZGRUPPE AUS SAAR IN ULM UND REUTLINGEN

KIRCHWEIH UMZUG IN REUTLINGEN

TRACHT AUS SAAR (VORDERGRUND) UND ST. LOUIS (HINTERGRUND)
### Deceased Members

**German Cultural Society**

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Dorris Keeven-Franke, Executive Director
Email: missourigermans@gmail.com
Cell: 636.221.1524

2015 Landestreffen in Los Angeles, California

August (6th), 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2015
Here is some tentative information regarding the Landestreffen for this year. Since it is in Los Angeles this year it will not be held on Labor Day weekend but will be held August 7th through the 9th.
HOTEL: $150-$200 per night, per room
FLIGHTS: (round trip) to & from Los Angeles, California – approx. $310.00-$380.00
ENTRANCE FEE for the Landestreffen:
   Adults: $20 or $25 Youth dancers: FREE
FOOD & DRINK: $15-$20 per meal
# Registration

The program from June 15-19, 2015, 9:30-3:30, is $120.00 per child for **DKV Members** or $150 for nonmembers*. A $40.00 deposit is due by June 1, 2015. Balances are due no later than June 15, 2015. Checks are payable to German Cultural Society.

For questions, contact: Susan Gallagher sewg@sbcglobal.net 314.791.1561 or Mistti Ritter misttiritter@msn.com 314.503.5095

Please Print (A separate form must be completed for each child.)

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**Health and Emergency**  
If you are not present, this form will be made available to emergency personnel should your child need immediate care. Treatment will not be given without your permission unless it is an emergency. All participants must provide their own medical insurance. List a person to be contacted in emergency if a parent/guardian cannot be reached:

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List Allergies, Medical or Dietary information, Special Needs, Chronic problems, and Medications child is presently taking:

_________________________________________________________________________________________

Under no circumstances will camp staff allow a child to be released to someone other than those designated on this form. In addition to the above contacts, my child may only be released to the following person(s):

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**Sunscreen & Repellent**  
We recognize the effects the sun can have on our children's skin, and want to ensure they're protected. We ask that you help us in this effort by covering them in sunscreen prior to their arrival at camp each outdoor day. For children ages 4-8, sunscreen may be applied to exposed skin (but not eyelids or delicate eye area) including face, tops of ears, nose, bare shoulders, arms, legs and back. Swim shirts are recommended because sunscreen will not be applied to the chest area by a staff member. For those children ages 9-12, we assume they will apply their own sunscreen without assistance. You will need to provide sunscreen and insect repellent that best suits my child, labeled with my child's name.

**Discipline**  
It is very important to the staff that the children have fun while they are with the program, but we also expect the children to be respectful of our authority and cooperate with us. The staff is depending on each child's parent/guardian to impress upon their child the necessity of good behavior. Camp staff will communicate with the parent/guardian of any behavior problem. A persistent problem may result in being expelled from the program. No refunds will be issued.

**Day Camp Agreement**  
I (We) understand the **DKV**, the organizers, and volunteer staff of the **DKV Sommer Verein**, assume no responsibility for accidents, injuries or losses sustained by the above child while taking part in this program, activities or trips. I (We) verify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate, agree to abide by the rules and the fee structure for services rendered, and give consent for child to receive emergency medical care and be transported by our staff or EMS personnel in an emergency.

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* Membership in **DKV** is required to participate in the **DKV Sommer Verein**. **DKV Sommer Verein**  
$150 nonmember price includes $30 for DKV membership ($25 for one adult & $5 for one child DKV memberships). As DKV members, you may participate in all DKV programs through the year. For membership info, contact: Kathy Stark, we4starks@sbcglobal.net; 9533 Donalds Ct, St Louis, MO 63126; or call 314.771.8368
DKV Sommerverein at Donau Park

Summer Daycamp
German style!

June 15-19, 2015
For ages 4-12
from 9:30-3:30
includes camp shirt, lunch & activities

Kultur und Küche
Try your hand at making some German treats.

Handwerk und Musik
Make crafts and sing along with your friends.

Volksmarch und Natur
Explore nature at DKV Donau Park and try to collect all the badges.

Fußball und Wasserspiele
Games to learn basic skills—and then cool off.

Wandertag
On Friday, families are invited to join the Kinder to play in the wading pool and fountains and enjoy a picnic lunch at Tower Grove Park.

Sommerfest
A DKV celebration with great food, music & fun on Saturday night, June 20.

$120 for DKV Members
$150 for Nonmembers
(includes $30 for one adult & one child DKV membership)

Ask about Junior Counselor positions, ages 13+

To register, visit www.germanstl.org or contact a volunteer Camp Coordinator:
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Why do we say Servus?

This is a southern German greeting, which can be used as a goodbye as well. Similar to Grüß dich, you might hear Servus used in Bayern and Austria, as well as elsewhere in Central and Eastern Europe. Servus is the Latin word for “servant,” and as a greeting or goodbye it was originally a shortened version of the Latin phrase “At your service.”
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Lord, set boundaries to the abundance
And make the boundaries superfluous.
Let the people make no false money
And the money no false people.

Take the last word away from the wives
And remind the husbands of their first.
Give more truth to our friends
And more friends to the truth.

Give the government a better German
And the Germans a better government.
Lord, see to it
That we all get to heaven,
But not just yet!

(Prayer by the parish priest of Saint-Lambert church in Münster, 1883)   Translated by N.Tullius 2010/03/01

Kirchweih
“Consecration of the church”

The consecration or blessing of a church usually took place on a weekend. The date celebrated was determined by the date the church was blessed. As an example, if a church was blessed on Sunday, October 15, 1850, and October 15 in 1853 would fall on a Wednesday, the Kirchweih would be celebrated on the Sunday following that Wednesday. Some Kirchweih dates were later moved to the fall, so that they would not interfere with the work in the fields. Eventually Kirchweih became the most important annual secular festival in every village. To accommodate visitors from other villages, Kirchweih was celebrated on a different weekend in each village.
Rosenball 2015
March 7 at the hall

Presented by the Jugendgruppe of the German Cultural Society

The Rosenball on March 7th was entertaining, as we welcomed the new Rosenball Königin and König, Corinne and Max.

The Jugend had a large group this year, and performed in all their finery, followed by dancing and fun to the music of the St. Louis Express.

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It was a beautiful evening capping an exciting 2014 year with their trip to Europe. It must be relaxing to prepare the dances for the home team here in St. Louis!

This year the tables were turned on the ladies in the formal dress department: The young men were allowed free-rein as to the color and style of formal suit, and the ladies were limited to a few colors of formal dresses like black, white, silver. They were all stunning!

See more at the website below:
http://www.germanstl.org/YGwebsite.htm

For more information about joining the Jugendgruppe, please contact Rosemarie Ficken 314-487-3969.
Notes from the Chor

After winter recess, we are actively practicing again, selecting songs for our concert in October. It’s mostly trial and error. Thanks to the loan of Gerda’s books, we are able to select new songs, giving our repertoire a fresh look, or should I say sound.

We will attend the Cole Camp Saengerfest in June in preparation for the National Saengerfest scheduled for Memorial Day weekend 2016 in Pittsburgh. Hopefully some of us will be able to attend under the grouping “St. Louis District”

As usual, I invite anyone interested in German song to join us. Special talents are not required. We practice Monday evenings at 7:30. Our musical director, Peggy Pancella, is very good and a joy to work with.

For more information, please contact me at ktullmann@charter.net or (314) 842-6798. The Chor wishes everyone a pleasant spring and summer!

Käthe Tullmann
German Cultural Society of St. Louis
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Wiener N' Schnitzel
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Dear Utopia friends,

It took some time but now the English Utopia DVD is available on Amazon US and at two museum shops: in the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis and in the German-American Heritage Museum in Washington DC.

The price for the Double DVD is $24.95. The 1st DVD shows the 90 min. documentary Utopia – Revisiting German State in America, directed by Peter Roloff.

Utopia shares the nearly forgotten story of the Giessen Emigration Society, which grew out of the early 19th-century turmoil and political unrest in Germany and eventually had a profound impact in Missouri. In 1833, Friedrich Muench and Paul Follenius founded the society, with the goal of creating a German state in America, and the film traces the story of the original 500 German emigrants who came in search of America’s freedoms. They were a diverse group, ranging from teachers, lawyers, doctors, and merchants to farmers, blacksmiths, and carpenters.

Like the Emigration Society, a research team makes its way from Hesse to Bremen, via an emergency bivouac on the island of Harriersand, finishing in the USA, in Missouri. They surprisingly come across a multitude of original sites and scenes. Here we discover the driving force of Muench and Follenius and how the utopian project has continued in Missouri, albeit in a different form.

The 2nd DVD contains six bonus videos:

* Hesse – Securing of Evidence (12 min.), with Ludwig Brake, head of the Giessen City Archives
* Dutzow, Germany (16 min.) (German only), with Henry Schneider, inspirer of the Traveling Summer Republic
* Bremen – City of Emigrants (12 min.), with historian Diethelm Knauf and the famous Bremen Town Musicians
* Investigating ancestry (18 min.), with the Kunze descendants Dana Kunze and Shirley Ross
* VideoBook Ralph Gregory (55 min.), with philosopher and historian Ralph Gregory (100plus)
* Rare Book Room, Washington, MO (12 min.), with George Bocklage

You may follow the documentary on facebook.com/UtopiaDocumentary. Please share!

Herzliche Grüße from a sunny Germany, Peter Roloff,
Maxim film & Traveling Summer Republic

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Teens Making History

While visiting the US, and St. Louis, the German teens, students, were invited to make a presentation at the Missouri History Museum Utopia display, and later for some socializing at our Jefferson Hall.

Our Jugend joined them for a dinner of pizza and an exchange of ideas there.

The Teens dancing with the Jugend and our members.
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Senioren Meeting-February

Hello to everyone from the Senioren Group! We are happy to see all of our friends on the 2nd Tuesday of every month!

Below is the schedule for the rest of the year for the Senioren Afternoon Gathering at 1:00 pm.

May 12th, Mother's Day
June 9th, Father's Day
July 14th, Independence Day
August, No Senioren
September, No Senioren
October 13th, Autumn & Fall
November 10th, Thanksgiving
December 8th, Christmas Lunch at 12:00 pm

Thanks! Rose Lengenfelder
Kirchweihfest
German Celebration of the Harvest & Church Consecration

Sunday, August 23, 2015
at 11:00 am

German Cultural Society Hall
3652 South Jefferson Avenue

The Ladies Choir will sing at
German Catholic Mass
at 11:00 a.m. in our hall.
Festivities to follow the mass.

*FOLK DANCING*
*GERMAN FOOD & DRINK*
*LIVE MUSIC*

SEE YOU THERE!
Gardening Club

So far this year no gardening work has been done at either location. Except my minimal foray into one of the rose bushes at the hall during a bit of free time on Senioren day. And I have a few battle scars to prove it. Did a lot of damage [oh excuse me], trimmed it very brutally. Poor bush. Hope it’s not going to cry too much. I’m not happy about the blotches I noticed on the canes. Shall be investigating to find out what caused this.

Can you believe it? I’ve actually hit writer’s block and can’t seem to find a thing to write. Oh wait, just remember, did a poem last year and hope I hadn’t already sent it to print. Look around for it.

E-mails galore going out and about trying to get workers. By the time this gets to any/all of you that issue will be resolved.

Becky Haas, Garden Club coordinator

Weeds and Mother Nature

Bindweed bindweed go away
Don’t come back another day
You’re such a horrid reminder
That Mother Nature could be kinder
Give me weeds easy to pull
And sweat free work days that are cool

Bermuda and nut grasses abound
Creating carpets no one wants around
We spray we dig all to no avail
They cause the bushes and flowers to pale
Give me lovely blooms galore
I’ll ask for little more

Mother Nature provides sunshine and rain
Pulling all those weeds mentioned is a pain
Makes my back ache creating muscles so sore
Riotous flowers prompt praise galore
People enjoy seeing the floral display
Whether it be for a season a week or a day

7/16/14 Becky Haas, Garden Club coordinator

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When
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- Monday – Friday July 20 - 24, 2015 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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Where
- St. Paul’s Lutheran School
  1100 N. Delaware Pk at Manchester (across from West County Shopping Center)

Tuition
- Affordable tuition information available on our website www.germanschoolstl.org
- Register online www.germanschoolstl.org (for tuition payment with debit or credit cards)

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Classes
- Beginner through Advanced levels

When
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Where
- German Cultural Society Hall
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Fasching at the German School Association 2015
Want to become a member of the German Cultural Society?
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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

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Hall & Office

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## Vereinskalender Event Calendar

### 2015

- **Sat MAY 16-Sun MAY 17** Maifest at Donau Park
- **Mon JUN 15-Fri JUN 19** Kinder Sommer Verein TBD per weather
- **Sat JUN 20** Sommerfest at Donau Park
- **Sun JUL 19** Wiener’n’ Schnitzl Dinner at Donau Park
- **Sun AUG 23** Kirchweihfest
  - German Church Consecration at the Jefferson Ave. Hall
- **Sat SEP 12-Sun SEP 13** Oktoberfest at Donau Park
- **Sat OCT 24** Liederabend und Tanz*
  - Evening of German Song & Dance at Jefferson Ave. Hall
- **Sun NOV 1** Totengedenkfeier
  - Memorial Tribute at Sunset Memorial Park
- **SAT DEC 5** German Cultural Society Day
- **Sun DEC 13** Weihnachtsgottesdienst
  - German Service at Peace Lutheran Church
- **Sun DEC 20** Weihnachtsfeier
  - German Christmas Celebration at the Jefferson Ave. Hall
- **Thur DEC 31** Silvesterfeier New Years Eve at the Jefferson Ave. Hall

### Membership Meetings

The Membership Meetings will change times, and will be announced at the Generalversammlung, the General meeting.

### Executive Board Meetings

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

### Volunteer opportunity!

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The Jugendgruppe dancers pass the Rosenball crowns to a new royal couple.