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Youth, Middle, Kinder Dance Groups

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

Kathy Stark, Membership
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Thank you for your support which is always appreciated.

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German Cultural Society Newsletter

Published by the German Cultural Society of St. Louis three times each year, and delivered to our members. If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter, please contact us for details.

Members please send submissions of articles and photographs by:
· March 1 for the Summer issue
· November 1 for the Winter issue

Liz Young | lizy681@gmail.com

Meetings: General membership meetings are on odd months (JAN, MAR, MAY, JULY, SEPT, NOV) and the Executive Board meets on even months (FEB, APR, JUNE, AUG, OCT, DEC) on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Events

July 15
Wiener’n’Schnitzel
at the DKV Donau Park

August 19
Kirchweih
at the DKV Hall

August 26
Tanzgruppe & Musikanten from Taks, Hungary
at the DKV Hall
See page 20 for details

September 8-9, 15-16
Oktoberfest
at the DKV Donau Park

October 13
Mannerchor
at the DKV Donau Park

October 27
Liederabend und Tanz
at the DKV Hall

November 4
Totengedank
at the DKV Hall

December 6
German American Day
at the DKV Hall

December 8
Weihnachtsfeier
at the DKV Hall

December 31
NYE Sylvester Tanz
at the DKV Hall
Dear Members,

The seasons of Spring and Summer represent a fresh start with the environment and our tradition of Maifest celebrates the next few months. Congratulations to the 2018 Mai Princess Mattie and Prince Tyler. We look forward to seeing you represent the German Cultural Society with the 2018 Rosen Koenigin, Stephanie and Rosen Koenig, Mark.

The summer months bring vacation times and visiting with family and friends. Starting with the 10th anniversary of the Jugendfreundschaftslager which was started as a Jugendgruppe campout where the youth can make new friendships and learn more about the Donauschwenben culture and traditions. This 10 year strong tradition started in 2017 in St. Louis, is supported by the Stiftung (The Danube Foundation of the U.S.A., Inc.). Please contact Rosemarie Ficken if you can contribute to the activities of the weekend June 28 – July 1.

Next is our Wiener’Sn Schnitzl dinner at Donau Park on Sunday July 15th. Please invite your family and friends for this delicious dinner to support the DKV efforts.

August 19 will bring our traditional Kirchweihfest – celebration of the harvest and consecration of the church and is the one festival where we wear formal tracht in respect for our heritage.

We have the opportunity to host another dance group and band from Taks, Hungary. The group will arrive on Saturday evening August 25. We will have a dinner reception and freundschafts abend with guests and host families at Donau Park followed by a presentation and dance Schwabenball on Sunday August 26 at 1 pm at the Jefferson Ave. hall. I have personally met some of the 30 guests and am excited that they will share their folkdancing and musical talent with us. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity!

from the President and Vice President

Monika Lorenz
& Terry Ficken

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.

Executive Committee

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This newsletter can also be found on our website, www.GermanSTL.org

On the cover: Stephanie Stock and Mark Young are crowned at Rosenball.
Groups

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

Seniorengruppe  *Seniors Group*
Coordinators: Rose Lengenfelder 314-631-4364
Becky Haas ............. 314-487-7852

Senioren Gathering Afternoons: 2nd Tuesday each month, weather permitting, from 1-4pm at the DKV Hall.
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Performance Groups

Deutschmeister Blaskapelle  *Deutschmeister Brass Band*
President: Helmuth Glatt ................. 314-566-9557
Secretary/Treasurer: Terri Gudowicz
Members at Large: Norbert Glassl and Becky Fischer
Band Practice: Wednesdays @ 8:00 p.m. at DKV Hall

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

Tanzgruppen  *Dance Groups*

Kindertanzgruppe  *Children’s Dance Group (ages 3-12)*
“PLEASE SEE PAGE 19 FOR MORE INFORMATION”

Jugendgruppe  *Youth Dance Group (Ages 13-26)*
Coordinator: Rosemarie Ficken ...... 314-487-3969
Instructors: Jessica Romvari, Jennifer Taylor
Practice: at DKV Hall. See website/call Rosemarie for practice schedules.

Die Heimatgruppe  *Young Adult Dance Group (Ages 18-30)*
Coordinator: Joey Wendl .... stheimatgruppe@gmail.com
Practice: at DKV Hall. For practice & performance schedule, see website, email: stheimatgruppe@gmail.com, Facebook: Die Heimatgruppe of St Louis, Facebook Messenger: @stheimatgruppe. Die Heimatgruppe is the newest dance group at the German Cultural Society! Passionate about celebrating our German and Donauschwaben heritage, we are mainly traditional, but incorporate modern dances as well. Everyone is welcome to join! If you are interested, please consider coming to a practice or watching us perform.

Volkstanzgruppe  *Adult Dance Group*
Coordinator: Monika Lorenz............. 314-402-0679
Practice: at DKV Hall. For schedules contact Monika.

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Service Groups

Bar Committee
Bar Managers: John Lasinski ...................... 314-313-9802
Herbert Lorenz .................. 314-717-5303
Bar Co-Manager: Steve Ballew

Bartenders
Group 1: Denise Ballew, John Lasinski, Brian Schaffer
Group 3: Hans Lengenfelder, Steve Meinberg, Matt Stark
Group 4: Matt Potje, Steve Potje, Joe Vaughan
Group 5: Steve Ballew, Susan Bauer, Marilyn Heidbrink, Christian Hoefke, Liz Young
Group 6: James Provo, Rudi Sterzl
Reserves: Ralph Hoffarth, Monika Lorenz, John Haas, 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, Rudi Sterzl, Willy Tullmann, Marvin Young

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

Gartenverein
Maintains plants and flowers at both locations.
Coordinator: Becky Haas .......... 314-487-7852
Intermediary for Jugendgruppe: Rosemarie Ficken

Members
2017 list of garden volunteers
Ballew Denise, Boncek Vicky, Breitenstein Frank, Haas Becky, Lengenfelder Rose, Potje Barb, Schweiss Lucille, Stark Kathy, Wagner Joe, Witte David, Wolf Gabi

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.


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 year-round to maintain our hall on Jefferson Avenue.

Members
Henry Erk, Hans Fischer, Nick Glasz, John Haas, Mike Wendl, Frank Irovic, Hans Lengenfelder, Joe Wagner

For information about volunteering for the Thursday Group, please contact Terry Ficken, Coordinator, at 314-566-2080.

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Starting another new year in gardening. In January, Terry F. had approached Ralph H. and me about making a section of that large meadow for a picture taking [photo op] area. Frank B. mentioned that he had a tree specialist [Tom] who would be helping with suggestions. Frank and I had gone to the Donaupark along with Ralph to meet Tom and decide the best location. Much walking back and forth taking pictures; Frank walking off the planned path; and Tom helping decide which trees would work well. A path is to be created, both sides lined with various trees. Some flowering bushes are also planned.

The flowering part of the garden is only being prepped for the actual growing season. Final frost danger is on until right around Mother’s Day. However, we’ve had good luck with planting the final week in April or the first week in May. Shall work toward that [Mother Naturing permitting, of course. As you know “You don’t fool with Mother Nature”!!!]

Here’s hoping the garden itself will also cooperate. See you at the Maifest.

Becky Haas
Garden Club Coordinator
This year’s Rosenball is definitely one for the books! The Jugendgruppe gave a phenomenal performance that included: The Sound of Music, Until by Sting, And the Waltz Goes On by Sir Anthony Hopkins, La La Kura, The 2nd waltz, and Tango Fernando. Each dancer did an amazing job performing as well as practicing for the event. Starting in January, the dancers came every Sunday for two hours to learn and practice. Soon, February came, and practice extended an extra hour for a perfect performance.

Both sadly, and happily, our 2017 king and queen, Joey Wendl and Leah Stock, had to pass their reign to Mark Young and Stephanie Stock. Joey and Leah did an outstanding job as king and queen and have set the bar high for 2018’s king and queen. Their dedication helped the youth group not only learn new dances for competition, but they also taught them about the culture of Germany and the Donauschwaben.

2018 Rosenball was definitely a memorable one because of the dances and because the queen reign was passed from sister to sister. Leah and I both dreamt of becoming queen when we were both in the Kindertanzgruppe and we not only both received queen, but Leah passed it on to me, her younger sister. Mark is also the first Young to become Rosenball King.

There were about 200 people in attendance at our 2018 Rosenball. Die Spitzbuam did another amazing job and were able to get people out of their chairs and onto the dance floor with their great music. There are so many people that are involved in making this Rosenball a success. Many thanks to our President & board members, our parents & club members and the Jugendgruppe who were all involved in helping with all of the preparations. The hall looked great, the food delicious, the raffle & prizes astounding, and the performance was beautiful. We thank everyone for making this another successful Rosenball. As King & Queen, we are looking forward to making 2018 a very successful year for the Jugendgruppe.

Sincerely,

Queen Stephanie Stock
and King Mark Young
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   Departure: 6:00 AM Friday August 31, 2018
   Departure location: TBD (Somewhere in south county)
   Return: 11:00 PM Sunday Sept. 2, 2018

Bus Cost:
   Dancers: $100 per person
   Non-dancers: $150 per person

Money due: July 1 (non-refundable)

If we do not have enough people for the bus a decision will be made by July 7. Refunds will be made if we cancel the bus.

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Link for reservation

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3652 South Jefferson Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63118

Directions: From I-44, turn south at the Jefferson Ave exit. The Hall is on the left, a block north of the Jefferson/ Broadway/Chippewa intersection.

Or from I-55, turn north at the 4500 Broadway exit. Proceed to Jefferson Ave and the hall is on the right.

German Cultural Society’s Donau-Park
5020 West Four Ridge Road
House Springs, MO 63051

Directions: From I-270, take HWY 21 south past HWY 141 to the exit at Old Route 21-Shady Valley and turn left (south). Turn Right on West Four Ridge Rd and the entrance to the Donau Park is on the right.

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