

Donauschwaben's

German-American Cultural Center Deutsch-Amerikanisches Kultur Zentrum

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Dear Members of Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center (DGACC),

Herzliche Grüße! As we come to the end of 2017 we are thankful for many things....mostly we are thankful for family and friends that we see throughout the year at our beloved Lenau Park. This is also an opportunity for the Board of Trustees to update you on the events and projects that were undertaken in 2017.

We hope that you were able to attend our traditional cultural events held throughout the year:

- Tag der Donauschwaben (*a fun day to celebrate our Donauschwaben heritage*)
- Kirchweih (*a traditional festival to commemorate the church dedication anniversary*)
- Weihnachtsfeier der Donauschwaben (*a festive afternoon celebrating Christmas with German songs, poems, and the German Language School performing the traditional "Krippenspiel"*)

Were you able to attend some of the Society's fun events?

- Beer and Brats nights in the summer months
- Polka Nights
- Beer & Wine Tasting

And of course, we hosted our **Sommer Oktoberfest**, celebrating the festival under the big tent with our dance groups, brass bands, and many performers. Our 2017 Oktoberfest was successful due to our many volunteers, like you. We sincerely thank you! And look forward to seeing you again in 2018!

There were also many projects undertaken for our building and grounds throughout 2017. Some of these were emergency or maintenance repairs, while others were upgrades to our facility:

- Two hot water tanks replaced
- WiFi upgrades throughout the facility
- String lighting in Holzer Halle (main hall)
- Uplighting in Holzer Halle (main hall)
- Replaced failed back flow system for the soccer field sprinkler system
- Wall screens and projector in Holzer Halle
- Storm sewer maintenance
- Parking lot asphalt sealed
- Lighting on lower patio

As you can see, there are many events, projects, and maintenance expenses that occur throughout the year. We invite you to support our efforts in promoting and developing German culture with a tax-deductible donation. At this thankful time of year, please consider giving a contribution to **Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center (DGACC)**.

Enclosed is your membership renewal invoice, a 2018 calendar of events and club dates, as well as an invite to our Annual Meeting. Please send payment in the enclosed, addressed envelope before January 30, 2018. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year! *Wiedersehen macht Freude!*

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Margot Maurer, President
Ingrid Pejisa, First Vice President
Anita Kalkhof, Second Vice President
Heidi Kun, Treasurer
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Heidi Szeltner, Membership Chair
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The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees
Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center (DGACC)

MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY PLANNING (MAP) COMMITTEE

Invitation Open to all Members!

We are actively looking for members to participate in a

“Membership Advisory Planning” (MAP) Committee

This is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts about our current DGACC membership and how to increase the membership. It will be a fun, interactive session and will include refreshments.

Choose from one of the three sessions below...all will be held at Lenau Park:

Friday.....January 12, 2018 at 7:00pm

Tuesday...January 16, 2018 at 7:00pm

Sunday....January 21, 2018 at 2:30pm (*after* the Chinese Auction)

To RSVP please:

email membership@donauschwabencleveland.com

or

call Heidi Szeltner at 440-666-1486.

To stay up-to-date on events and activities...please visit our webpage often and follow us on Facebook.

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