



Donauschwaben's German American Cultural Center

Der Trommler

MARCH / SPRING 2023

Upcoming Events:

**March 12, 2023
Annual Meeting of the
Members & Elections**

**March 17, 2023-April 7, 2023
Fish Fry**

**March 26, 2023
Bunny Brunch**

**April 22, 2023
Schwabenball**

**June 18, 2023
Father's Day Car Show**

**June 23, 2023
Bier & Brats**



Message from the President, Margot Maurer

I know that it's already March, but Happy New Year anyway! It is my hope that the first Trommler of 2023 greets you in good health and good spirits. We have seen many changes as we distance ourselves from the pandemic, most of them good, so I sincerely hope that 2023 continues to see our world be a better place. This edition of the Trommler coincides with our Annual Meeting of the Members & Elections, and I hope you are in attendance at Lenau Park. We will be sharing quite a bit of information about our organization. Whether you attend the general meeting or not, I want to thank my fellow DGACC Executive Board Officers who have served so diligently in 2022.

1st Vice President: Edmund Meister

2nd Vice President: Erika Rounds

Treasurer: Anita Kalkhof

Finance Secretary: Ingrid Wagner

Recording Secretary: Astrid Julian

Communications Secretary: Karina Gross

Group Liaison: John Berger

Membership Chair: Norbert Manz

Activities Chair: Erik Maurer

I would also like to thank our Trustees, Mike Welker, Al Klass and Eric Schade, and our LLC Board including Karin Nitsch and Herb Haller with Karina Gross serving as the recording secretary. Finally, I want to thank our staff at Lenau Park for all their contributions in 2022.

One big event that is currently underway is the annual Fish Fry. It started on February 24th and will run through Good Friday on April 7th. We are always looking for volunteers for this event, so if you are interested, please contact Erika Rounds in the office. You can also join us for a delicious fish dinner. We have all the usual offerings of fried and baked fish, shrimp, chicken, and a variety of sides. On March 17th, we will be offering cabbage and noodles for St. Patrick's day. A larger version

"FRY DAY"
FISH FRY
 FUNDRAISER



DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
 BAKED OR FRIED FISH,
 FRIED SHRIMP &
 CHICKEN TENDER
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Prost!
 at Lenau Park
 Biergarten & Restaurant

of this flyer is included at the end of this newsletter.

As the days grow longer and spring approaches, we have many events to look forward to. Flyers for events like the Bunny Brunch, Schwabenball, Seniorengruppe Lunches, Bunter Nachmittag, and the Father's Day Car Show are also included at the end of the newsletter. **With that in mind, I want to put forth a challenge to members!** I challenge all of you to patronize or support Lenau Park a minimum of twelve times in 2023! What do I mean by this? I propose that members find activities they enjoy and make it a point to attend those activities. Support our restaurant, *Prost! At Lenau Park* by dining in or using our take-out option. Attend Schwabenball, Bunny Brunch, Kirchweih and/or Weihnachtsfeier. Join us at our fish fry and/or Oktoberfest, either as a guest, a volunteer, or both! Join one of our many in-house subgroups and participate in practices, meetings, or events. Bring family and friends for an evening at one of our Bier and Brats. These are just a few examples of what I mean. We want and need our members to come back to Lenau Park!

Our membership drive for 2023 is also in full swing. Invitations to renew were sent in November. If you did not receive an email or letter, please check with Erika Rounds in the office at 440-235-2646 to make sure your contact information is current. It's not too late to renew for 2023, or to become a member for the first time.

Our restaurant, "*Prost! at Lenau Park,*" is worth a visit if you have not already done so. Seating in the bar has a great "Bierstube" atmosphere, and in the warmer months, our patio overlooking the pond and fountain makes for a great setting to accompany a delicious meal. We have a diverse menu including lots of favorite German entrees and sides along with weekly specials. Our bar features an extensive collection of beers, wines, and cocktails. Prost! is open from 4-8 pm on Tuesday through Saturday, and Noon-4 pm on Sunday.

As Spring approaches, there is much to do at Lenau Park to keep our "home away from home" in good shape. Our Wednesday crew is always in need of a few good hands, whether that is weekly, monthly, or a more varied schedule. There's no bad time to volunteer. As the name suggests, they meet Wednesday mornings at Lenau Park and finish their work in time for lunch provided by our kitchen staff. I want to say thank you to those who already volunteer in this important role. Your help is immeasurable.



Message from the Director, Marianne Buechler

You may be seeing new faces at Lenau Park as we fill in job openings. Allow me to tell you about some of them.

Carol Curtin joined our office in February as part of the team replacing two full time vacancies in our front office. She is a skilled and experienced bookkeeper/accountant and grabbed the challenge of understanding how we operate and catching us up with both hands.

Regina Cupedro and Heather Warren both started their time on our team job sharing the role of office/admin. Regina works M-F 9:00-1:00 and Heather is in the office M-F 12:30-5:00. Both were eager to work at Lenau Park and have already volunteered at one or more fish frys!

Reid Perry recently graduated from college and has been working as our housekeeper/janitor and in maintenance since February until he begins a job in Lichtenstein in July. Victor Torres assists in housekeeping/janitorial part-time and will increase his hours when Reid leaves. Please let them both know how much we appreciate their hard work in keeping our facilities clean.

Kim Wargo is the new face in Prost! at Lenau Park and behind the bar at functions. She joined us at the end of last year when Julz took a leave of absence to be with her new baby. Kim fits right in and handles the position well. Look for her in a Dirndl at the next few functions.

Although Christine Gray joined us last June, I wanted to make sure that she is known to you as she does an outstanding job as our Event Manager. Christine sells the facility for catered functions and then coordinates and often assists in executing them. She also works with our subgroups to organize their fundraisers. Christine has expanded the banquet team with Cathy Boscovitch and Marian Flannigan over the last few months filling a few vacancies.

Our staff welcomes each of our new employees onto our team as you welcome them into our Lenau Park family!

New Voting Members



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We would like to congratulate and recognize the following new voting members voted in at the most recent Board of Trustees meeting:

- ★ Chantal Kloos
- ★ Adrea Adamik
- ★ John Adamik
- ★ Drew Goettemoeller
- ★ Kieran Mulhausen
- ★ William Mulhausen
- ★ Edgar Balta
- ★ Zachary Bendzuck
- ★ Robert Elshaw

Weihnachtsfeier



Above: Students wait for their turn on the stage.

Top left: The Blaskapelle entertains everyone with lively renditions of Christmas favorites!



Members gather to enjoy the afternoon!



Deutsche Sprachschule students present their program!



The Jugendgruppe and Kindergruppe team up to sing annual favorites!



The Banater Chor performs some Weihnachtsfeier favorites!



The German School - Deutsche Sprachschule, honors retiring principal, Heike Haddenbrock.



Deutsche Sprachschule students present the annual Krippenspiel!



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St. Nikolaus closes out the afternoon festivities with goodies for all the good boys and girls!

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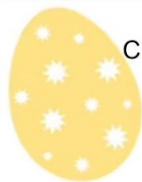


The Kindergruppe Presents

Bunny Brunch & Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 26, 2023
10am-12pm

Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center
7370 Columbia Road Olmsted Falls, OH 44138



Chicken Tenders, Sausage, Tater Tots, Scrambled Eggs,
Honey Glazed Carrots, Donuts, Fruit Salad,
Coffee, Juices, Tea

- Buffet available 10am - 11:30am
- Egg Hunt 11:30am (12 & Under) - Outside (Will be held indoors if rain or snow)
 - Take your own pictures with the Easter Bunny!
 - Children's Crafts
 - Raffle Baskets

Adults (13+): \$20 ♦ Children 2-12 \$15 ♦ Under 2 Free (does not include a meal)

Reservations Required, due by 3/17. All sales final.

Online with PayPal or Credit Card: www.donauschwabencleveland.com -under calendar

Information & Seating Requests: 440-476-3405 or lvankuren.kindergruppe@gmail.com

*Seating is assigned — requests are taken, please email them.
Due to a large # of children please note highchairs may be limited. You may bring your own.*



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Donauschwaben Seniorengruppe



Come join us for our monthly luncheon on:

**Thursday
April 6, 2023**

followed by a brief meeting.

Calling All Seniors!

The buffet luncheon, served at 1:00 p.m., will include:
Pork Schnitzel, Spätzle, Blaukraut, and a Dessert
\$20 per person

For reservations, please call Theresa Pfaff at 440-779-8522
or Willie Loeffler at 440-984-9082

After the meeting, entertainment
will be provided by:

**Erynn Krebs
and her steel drums**



Alt macht nicht die Zahl der Jahre
Alt macht nicht die grauen Haare
Alt ist wer den Mut verliert
Und sich für nichts mer interessiert.

Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional!

We do not stop playing because we grow old,
we grow old because we stop playing!

Years may wrinkle the skin,
but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

We don't grow older, we grow riper!



**Contact us at:
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The Cleveland Donauschwaben and the
Donauschwäbische Jugendgruppe
cordially invite all to attend

Schwabenball

on the 22nd of April, 2023 at the
Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center

The Jugendgruppe will present a program and our newly selected
Miss Donauschwaben & Mr. Donauschwaben 2023 will be crowned

Entertainment will be provided by our Donauschwäbische Blaskapelle
with a special appearance by our Kindergruppe dancers

Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.

Dinner options include:

Zigeunerschnitzel with Garlic Mashed Potatoes or
Vegetarian Teriyaki Stir Fry.

All meals include green beans, salad, rolls, and dessert.

Gluten free available upon request. Adult or child portions are available.

Please specify your dinner option when making your reservation.

All dinner tickets are \$30. on or before April 16th, and are
\$32. as of April 17th. All Jugend and children tickets are \$15.

Reservations: Erika Rounds at 440-934-0283 or roundserika@gmail.com
or online at: www.donauschwabencleveland.com/calendar

Please save the date for this special evening. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events



Bunter Nachmittag

presented by
S.T.V. Bavaria

April 16, 2023

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Program to start at 2:30 p.m.
Kaffee und Kuchen to follow

\$12 TICKETS

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Ohio Arts
COUNCIL 

26th Annual Father's Day Car Show



June 18, 2023

German American Cultural Center

7370 Columbia Rd. Olmsted Twp.

Dash Plaques
Huge Pavilion for Shade
Grass Parking
Pond for R/C Boats
Indoor/Outdoor Food Options
Prizes / Raffles / Oldies Music

Day of Show
Registration \$10.
Registration open 8 am -> Full
Judging until 1 pm
Cash or Checks
Spectators Welcome

Sponsored by the Youth Dance Group