

Trentoner Donauschwaben Nachrichten

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Points of Interest

- Donauschwaben Colonization dates. "The Great Swabian Trek" (Der Grosse Schwabenzug). Three major phases under named Hapsburg ruler:
 - 1718-1737 Caroline Colonization under Charles VI.
 - 1744-1772 Maria Theresia Colonization.
 - 1782-1787 Josephine Colonization under Joseph II.
- At first Catholic immigrants, then Protestant immigrants.
- They came down the Danube from Ulm, Germany on barges (Ulmer Schachtel). Wood from these barges was used to construct their homes and shops.
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2019 Presidents Message - Dear Members and Friends of the Donauschwaben

What a great year 2018 was for our organization. We celebrated our 62th Anniversary in October. How fortunate we are to be able to say that, especially in this day and age. Our members even ventured north to Kitchener, Canada and attended the Labor Day 2018 DonauschwabenTreffen. We look to the future to what lies ahead of us.

This past year saw sold out monthly dinners; a growing number of volunteers both young and old; and a continued, strong commitment for all of our customs and traditions. These include our dance group and school activities; our memorial services; our cultural programming throughout the year; and our delicious pig roasts, Schlachtfeste, and, yes, even a Fischpaprikaschessen, among other things. We look forward to our 15th Annual Euro-American Auto and Cycle Show in 2019, a joint event with our friends at the German-American Society. These funds support our yearly student scholarships that we issue each year to local high school students.

Unfortunately a number of our longtime members passed away in 2018. They will truly be missed but certainly not forgotten. May they rest in peace.

My sincerest thanks to everyone who made all of this possible and to all those whose support made the events successful.

I look forward to seeing all of our members and friends in 2019 as we continue writing another wonderful chapter in the history of our cherished organization. Once again, thank you one and all.

Sincerely, *Joseph Brandecker*



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Club Matters, Members & Stuff

January 13, 2019 Winter Essen Dinner.....

Even though we were greeted by "Mother Nature (snow)", it didn't keep our faithful members and friends away! Another fabulous meal of Sauerbraten and all the trimmings, roasted chicken, etc. and "Gemuetlichkeit" at our Club!



Once again...THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS IN THE KITCHEN (pictured above) WHO MADE IT HAPPEN, especially Kim Walter and Helga Kusenko and our "hands-on" President Joe Brandecker! And a huge thank you to our "younger generation" who always step up to help! We are so fortunate to have them!

And also for the Schlachtfest: Our sincere thanks to all who attended and supported our Schools who joined us with their teacher and family members. A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who spent four days (since Thursday) shopping, cleaning, washing, chopping, mixing, grinding, preparing, cooking, decorating, serving etc. to bring you this fabulous feast and beautifully decorated hall!



Annual Membership Business Meeting - January 27, 2019

With great attendance and an engaged group of Directors, Officers and members was a topic of discussion and how we can continue to grow and achieve our goals. We thank our Directors and Officers for their vision and hard work to keep our Club moving forward. We also thank our members, and particularly our younger generation, who value their heritage and continue to be involved, a review of 2018 was discussed to make certain that we hold true to our mission of keeping our tradition, culture and heritage alive in 2019 and beyond. ***



**Penny wars once again!
Announcing our
"Pfennigkrieg"
Ongoing throughout this year!**

But this time, it can be any loose change or even bills! How does it work? Look for the penny jar at the entrance to our Club. Bring your pennies, loose change, dollars, to our events throughout the year, which then goes to the *Donauschwaben Foundation USA*. The money that's donated to the Foundation goes into a variety of financial funds. Those funds earn interest. That interest is then distributed back to the clubs for cultural and youth oriented activities, and a variety of other undertakings that are important to the preservation of our heritage. In fact, we receive hundreds of dollars each and every year in support of such activities.***



Happy 69th Wedding Anniversary

Club members wish Sepp and Sophie Brandecker a Happy 69th Wedding Anniversary. In February.



Update on Eva "Omi" Martini

Many of you have been asking how to send cards and good wishes to Eva. She is now back at Morris Hall (St. Lawrence), after a week at Cooper, and is making progress, although slow. She is asking about everyone and sends her best. You can send good wishes her way at the address below:



Mrs. Eva Martini
Morris Hall
Room 229
One Bishops' Drive
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Donauschwaben History & Culture



**Genocide Memorial at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery
Hamilton, NJ**

Our Club constructed a Genocide memorial at the Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery in the 1970s. It contains three monuments describing the Donauschwaben Genocide 1944-48 and lists club family members that died during this period. Not all past and now newer members have their family members inscribed and some have expressed interest in having these names added to the memorial.

As a follow the club surveying club members who would like family member names added to the memorial so that we can obtain a cost estimate for this addition to the site. Please contact Hans Martini if you are interested in the project. ***

"Back Home Again" Dinner
March 17, 2019

1 p.m. sharp



We hope you'll join us for our wonderful culinary delights, just like "Back Home" featuring a choice of Fisch Paprikasch, Rindsgulasch (Beef Gulasch) or Roasted Chicken.....whichever you prefer! Of course this will be followed by a fabulous dessert to top things off and coffee/tea! Please let us know how many are coming and which dish is preferred, so that we can better accommodate everyone! Remember, this event, like every other, only succeeds with your support. Please let your friends and family know. Kindly rsvp to (609) 586-6109; DSATrenton@aol.com; or simply reply to this email.

Thank you! We look forward to being with you. **

Membership News



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Joseph Brandecker, Jr. President. Dennis J. Bauer, Vice President/Newsletter Editor
Bob Walter, Vice President. Kim Walter, Club Photographer
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Mail Room Coordinator: Eva Martini



Get Well/Thinking of you to members, **Eva Martini, Eva & Katharina Schmidt, Tony Walter, Sepp & Sophie Brandecker, Hilde Schintzler, Richard West and Erika Volltrauer**, and those members that we were not aware of.

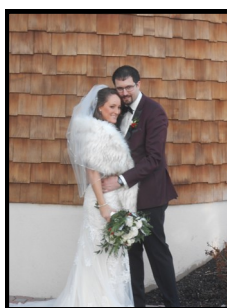


Welcome to new members; **Roderic and Barbara Schmidt** of Wareton, NJ.

Membership Happenings (births, engagements, weddings, deaths, anniversaries, graduations)



Congrats to members **Joseph Brandecker** and **Emma Belardo** on their recent wedding. Joe is the son of our **Joe and Caroline Brandecker**. The wedding party included club members; Bridemaids, **Brittaney and Greta Brandecker** (sisters of the Groom), Best Man, **Jacob Burke** and Flower Girl, **Tina Brandecker** (cousin of the Groom). We wish the couple all the best of luck and best wishes. ***



Daughter of the late Paul and Frieda (Weishaupt) Bartel, Elvira is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, John J. Anasenz (Palankaer) of Hamilton, NJ; her children, Marie and her husband, Sean Gorman, of Hamilton; her son, John J. Anasenz of Mansfield; grandchildren, and several loving relatives and friends. ****

Anton J. "Tony" Walter of Rockledge, Pennsylvania died Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at St. John Neumann Center. He was 81 years old. Tony was born July 2, 1937 in Bukin, Yugoslavia, son of the late Jacob Walter and the late Maria Walter (nee - Stopper). He is the beloved father of Lorraine Walter and her husband James Lostetter, Robert Walter and his wife Kim, and Catherine Poole and her husband Michael Spicer; grandfather of Sofi, Nickolas, and Emma Walter, Jordan and London Poole; brother of the late Joseph Walter. He is also survived by his long time companion Patricia Treacy. Tony was born and raised in Yugoslavia before immigrating to the United States at age 15. He was a graduate of Trenton Central High School in Trenton, NJ. Although Tony made his living as a tool and die maker, his true passion was playing tenor saxophone and leading the Tony Walter Band. Tony had a lifelong love of soccer from his many years on the field to following his favorite European teams. He also kept active biking, hiking and traveling. His favorite destination was returning to Europe where he grew up. Tony was a proud member of the Trenton Donauschwaben Association. Services are pending. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to The Trenton Donauschwaben Association. ****



Condolences to the members the **Chuck Pinkerton** and **Anne Suttman** families on the passing of their brother Allan "Al" Pinkerton of Philadelphia, PA on January 23, 2019 at Albert Einstein Medical Center. He was only 48 years old. Al was born May 13, 1970 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of the late William Pinkerton and the late Catherine Pinkerton (nee - Maguire). He is the beloved husband of Barbara Pinkerton (nee Brown); father of Michael McGuire and his wife Geri and Owen McGuire and his wife Kim; grandfather of 7; brother of John Pinkerton and his wife Lynn, Cathy Pinkerton, Charles Pinkerton and his wife Theresa, Anne Suttman and her husband Walter, Robert Pinkerton, and the late William Pinkerton.. A memorial gathering was held on Sunday, January 26, 2019 at Crestlawn American Legion Post 832, 301 East Godfrey Avenue, Philadelphia, PA **

Also our condolences to the Anasenz family on the passing of member **Elvira R. Anasenz**, 84, of Hamilton, on Feb. 23, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was a commercial artist for over 15 years. She was an active member of the St. Raphael School PTA, and was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and a devoted caregiver to many of her family members.

Also our condolences to the **Walter Suttman** family on the passing of Walt's mother, Stephanie Suttman, age 88, on January 8, 2019. Wife of Otto, devoted mother of Bruno, Werner, Otto, Erich and Walter (Anne), loving grandmother of eight. Survived by nieces and nephews in America and Switzerland. ***

See additional Condolence on page 14

Deutsche Ecke, Seite I (Staff Update)

Trenton Donauschwaben Club Officers and Staff

(Updated 1/27/2019)

Club Officers:

- President: Joseph Brandecker
- Vice Presidents: Dennis j. Bauer, Christa Pullion & Robert Walter
- Treasurer: Al Tindall & Assistant Treasurer: Mike Lenyo
- Secretary: Hans Martini
- Financial Trustees: Chris Carson, Andrew LaRue & Katie Tindall
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- Newsletter Editor: Dennis J. Bauer & Assistant Newsletter Editor: Melanie Brandecker
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- Jugendreferentinnen: Christina Martini & Emma Walter
- Artistic Director: Ron Kernast & Assistant Artistic Director: Sofi Walter

- Webmasters: Tom Rubino & Joe Brandecker, Jr.
- Memorial Committee: Hans Martini & Christa Pullion

Direktoren:

- Chair: Liz Tindall 2015 – 2021
- Secretary: Mark Gruzlovic 2015 – 2021
- Joe Brandecker, Jr. 2019 – 2025
- Eva Martini 2019 - 2025
- Kim Walter 2019 – 2025
- Anna Martini 2017 – 2023
- Katie Tindall 2017 – 2023

Trenton's Verband Representatives:

- Joe Brandecker
- Hans Martini
- Ray Martini

Verband Officers:

- Kathleen Martini, Landesjugendleiterin, Dachverband USA
- Joe Brandecker, Assistant Treasurer, DS Stiftung USA
- Hans Martini, Eastern Region President, Dachverband USA



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Making of Bratwurst

By Late Jacob A. Bauer (reprint
from April 2008 newsletter)



As the club approaches its 2008 annual February Schlachtfest, it is certainly appropriate that I recall my memories of making bratwurst as a youth in Lower Bucks County, PA during the Great Depression.

I was born in 1927 to Donauschwaben immigrants, Jacob Bauer from Backa Palanka and Theresa Helleis from Batsch. Both towns are in the southern part of the Batschka region of then Austria-Hungary (now Serbia). High quality hog production in the Batschka was widely known and pigs were exported throughout Europe. My sister, Elsie Penrith (nee Bauer) was born in 1924 in Falls Township, Bucks County, PA.

My grandfather, Christian Bauer came to the USA and settled in Trenton, NJ in 1901 with his wife, Elisabeth Bohnert and their sons, Charles and Jacob (my father), then an infant. The Bauers became tenant farmers in Falls Township from 1904 until 1917, when they bought their own farm on Tyburn Road in Falls Township, Bucks County, PA. My Bauer grandparents grew; asparagus, string beans, tomatoes and peppers on their farm and had one horse for farming duties. However, "Blackie", the horse, was finally replaced by a tractor but remained a family "pet" until he died. Their two sons and two daughters helped on the farm until they got married. Christian finally sold the farm in 1946 and moved in with his daughter Elisabeth Meszaros and husband in Fallsington Heights (now Fairless Hills). He died there in 1950.

My grandfather, Lorenz Helleis, wife, Barbara Blank and children, Barbara, Lorenz, Jr, Theresa (then 11 years old, my mother) and Frank came to the USA and settled in Trenton in 1913. The Helleis children, Maria and Adam remained in Batsch. The Helleis family moved to a rental farm, owned by the Balderstons, across the road from the Bauers around 1924. They grew cabbage, corn, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, cantaloupes and water melons on a farm somewhat larger in acreage than the Bauers. They had two horses which were used for farm duties and a cow. Son, Frank and daughter-in-law, Kate lived on the farm also and did most of the farming work until Lorenz died in 1938. The other children married and lived elsewhere. My grandmother Helleis, then moved in with us in Fallsington Heights. Both were "truck farmers" selling their produce at the Trenton Farmer's Market near the Delaware River, on Rt. 29 near the present day Trenton minor league baseball park on Cass Street.

Christian was an active member of the Trenton Aurora Club. However, both families were active members of the Trenton Arbeiter and members of the Roman Catholic church community, first in Trenton and then Morrisville, PA. My parents, Jacob and Theresa met at German social events in Trenton and were married in Trenton on 28 January 1923. Both the Bauers and Helleis' family members are buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hamilton, NJ.

My uncle Frank Helleis and his wife Katie Maas Helleis later joined the Trenton Donauschwaben, followed by my son, Dennis Bauer and his family (their children and their grandchildren), my wife, Carol and I and then my nephew Dan Penrith and his family. Uncle Frank and Aunt Kate Helleis were also members and Kate was active in our club kitchen for many years, including at Schlachtfest time.

As in the "old country", Fall was the time to butcher pigs and make bratwurst and other pork-based meats for family use during the Winter and Spring. Extra pork products were often sold at the farmers market by my grandparents. Making sausage was a special family event, including young and old. My sausage making memories go back to the mid-1930s in Falls Township.

Both my grandparents raised piglets for the event. At times, full grown hogs were purchased from farmers in the Trenton area and brought home for sausage and pork production in Uncle Frank Helleis' truck.

The pigs were killed using a 22 caliber rifle and then bled into a "Trog" or trough. They were then de-haired using hot water, hung up, be-headed and split in half. My job as a youth was to prepare the intestines for the sausage casings. This was a nasty job which I still vividly remember some 70 years later. I had to turn the pig intestines inside out, scrap and then clean them while my elders butchered the pigs, removed the meat for grinding and mixing with ingredients (garlic juice, salt, white and black pepper, paprika and special spices). My grandfathers used hand-made metal tubes and wood plungers (Wurstspritz) to inject the casings with the tasty finished sausage mix. In addition to bratwurst (Brootworscht), we also made liver wurst (Lewerworscht) and blood wurst (Blutworscht). Two feet sections of stuffed casings were then cut and tied off for sausage links. Some were used for fresh sausage and some were hung and cured in grandpop's (Grossvater) smoking shed out back behind the farmhouse. He used hickory chips to smoke the sausage and hams. My grandfathers would insert cloves of garlic in the hams centers prior to curing them in the smoking shed. After the preparation, sometimes over several days, the family sampled their product at a meal of fresh bratwurst and Gulaschsuppe over noodles.

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Bratwurst (continued from page 6)

In addition, we used other parts of the pig for bacon, spare ribs, pork roast (Schweinebraten), head cheese (Schwartelmaga), pigs feet (Schweinschachse), brain and lard for cooking. Our family efforts certainly paid off and supplied us with meat throughout the Winter and Spring during the Depression years. We would also make weekly fishing trips to the New Jersey shore in preparation for our weekly Friday dinner meal, being good Catholics.

These memories are brought to mind each November and February when I participate in the leberwurst and bratwurst making duties here at the club under the watchful eye of our "Papa J" Jakober. For those in the club that have not participated in the event, you are truly missing a lot "Gemütlichkeit" not to mention a truly cultural fun filled day introducing you to an ancestral tradition. Membership is always open to join the Bratwurst Boys (and girls) at the club the Friday and Saturday before our feast on Sunday, February 17th. **Mahlzeit!! *******

SCHWOB SMOKEHOUSE

-By Hans Martini-



This is my backyard smoke house in action recently with some tasty club Bratwurst contained therein. The process starts with a good, hot coal base in the big 55 gallon drum (which, at that point, is not connected to the smokehouse). Sausages or other meats are then hung on wooden rods inside a sealed closet within the shed – our "smokehouse".

The flames are then doused with moistened hickory sawdust which then generates just the right type and quantity of smoke. The large pipe/duct is then put into place to direct the smoke into the smokehouse. The smoke will enter at the bottom, rise through the hanging meat, and then exit out the chimney.

The smoking will go on for about half a day and requires about 4 additions of moistened sawdust. The meat and meat products (Brats) are then hung elsewhere for further drying or used right away (or frozen for use later) as "fresh smoked". The smokehouse operator will consume an appropriate amount of Slivowitz during this time as tradition dictates.

My late grandfather Markus Mayer from Obrowatz (Obrovac in today's Serbia) constructed and first began using this contraption in the late 50's. It served the Martini and Mayer clan for decades and only once did the fire department show any interest in what was going on (it seemed all of Hamilton's fire department and many from the police department showed up for the occasion but that's another story for another time).

Today it still does the job for family and friends whenever needed. Pro-sit. ***

CONGRATS TO FELLOW DONAUSCHWABEN FROM THE TRENTON DONAUSCHWABEN MEMBERS



On Thursday, March 7th, 2019, Joseph J. Stein was awarded Das Verdienstkreuz der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, otherwise known as the National Award of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Herr Stein was nominated for this distinguished award for his more than 50 plus years of work with the American Aid Society of German Descendants and the greater German Community in the US and abroad.

In 1971 he became the correspondence secretary for the Club and two years later he also became the Jugendleiter, a position that he held for the next 27 years. Finally, in 2002 he became President and remained in that position for 12 years. He has been a cultural liaison, taking Jugendgruppe groups to Europe and South America. Additionally, he has given countless tours of Chicago (in German) to dance groups visiting from Europe. He was also a founding member of the Danube-Swabian Foundation of the USA and served as its president. He is still a director of that organization

A hearty congratulations on receiving this high honor and moreover, for your countless years of dedication in promoting the American Aid Society, the Donauschwaben Heritage and German Culture in America. (Notice in part from Renee Stein, Joe's daughter, 10 March 2019).

In Memorial



In tiefer Trauer gibt die Landsmannschaft der Banater Schwaben bekannt, dass

H. H. Pfarrer Peter Zillich



geboren am 11. September 1957 in Kleinbetschkerek, aufgewachsen in Dolatz, 1984 zum Priester geweiht, am 13. Februar in Regensburg gestorben ist. Als Priester, Stadtjugendseelsorger, Religionslehrer, Schulpastoral, bischöflicher Beauftragter für die Vertriebeneneseelsorge in der Diözese Regensburg, Stellvertretender Landesvorsitzender Bayern der Landsmannschaft der Banater Schwaben, Präses des St. Gerhardswerkes hat er sich in vielen Bereichen bleibende Verdienste erworben. Als „Pfarrer mit dem Akkordeon“ fand er einen ganz persönlichen Weg, um sowohl die christliche Botschaft zu verkünden als auch seine Landsleute unmittelbar anzusprechen. Als Schuldirektor musste er seine Schullaufbahn aus gesundheitlichen Gründen vorzeitig beenden, für

seine Landsleute war er jedoch nach wie vor da und unermüdlich unterwegs. Die Landsmannschaft der Banater Schwaben trauert um ein rastloses und engagiertes Mitglied unserer Gemeinschaft, die ihm sehr viel bedeutete und in die er tief einwirkte. Sein Wirken ist uns Verpflichtung. Den Angehörigen gilt unsere aufrichtige Anteilnahme. Möge er in Frieden ruhen.

Peter-Dietmar Leber
Bundesvorsitzender

Über den Zeitpunkt der Beisetzung werden Sie informiert.

This is the death notice for **Father Zillich**, one of our beloved Schwob priests. He made several appearances at various Treffen over the years, including last September in Kitchener. His accordion playing and singing always brought tears to the eyes. He was a cousin of Landesverband's President Robert Filippi.

May He Rest in Peace.



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Saturday July 13, 2019

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Entries

Specialty Awards

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**No Food or Beverages may be brought into the Park. No Pets, Strollers, Bicycles,
Skateboards, Radios. Proceeds benefit the clubs student scholarship funds.**

For More Information Call or Contact:

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This year will be the 75th Anniversary of expulsion of the Donauschwaben from their homeland, so this years Wal-fahrt on June 2nd at Sisters of the Holy Redeemer Chapel in Huntingdon Valley PA will be special. Member from the three local Donauschwaben clubs will be in attendance. Mark your calendar to attend. Ross Matico, Philadelphia Donauschwaben.

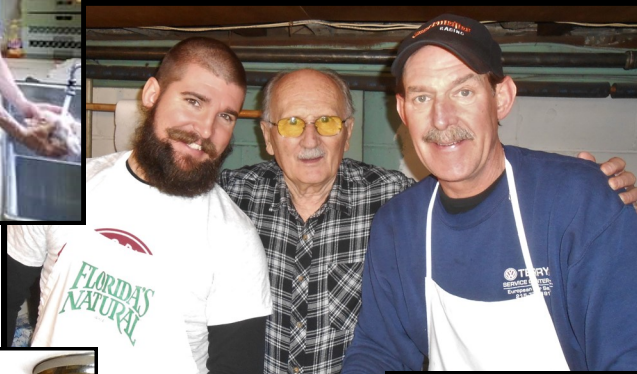


The members of the Trenton Donauschwaben wish to congratulate the **American Aid Society** of Chicago on their 75th Anniversary.

Club Pictures (Schlachtfest 2019 Preparation)



Enjoy and Eat up!



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DONAUSCHWABEN OF TRENTON

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January 13 th , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	Winteressen
January 27 th , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	Jahreshauptversammlung/Annual Meeting
February 10 th , Sunday, at 12:30 and 3:00 PM	SCHLACHTFEST!
March 17 th , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	"Back Home Again" Dinner
April 14 th , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	Osteressen (Easter Dinner)
April 26 th , 27 th , and 28 th	DS Verband Meeting in Chicago, IL
May 5 th , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	Mother's Day Dinner
June 9 th , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	PIG ROAST
4 th of July (4 th to the 7 th)	Canoe & Camping Trip
July 13 th , Saturday	DS/GAK Car Show
July 21 st , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	PIG ROAST
Aug 30 th , September 1 st and 2 nd	DS Treffen in Milwaukee, WI
September 15 th , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	Harvest Festival Dinner
October 13 th , Sunday at 1 PM	Club's 63 rd Anniversary
November 3 rd , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	Memorial Service
November 17 th , Sunday, at 12:30 and 3:00 PM	SCHLACHTFEST!
December 8 th , Sunday, at 1:00 PM	St. Nikolausfeier

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For last minute (day-of) reservations: CALL THE CLUB 609-585-1932

(You must speak to JOE or HANS to see if there is room).

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR EVERY EVENT.

Bimonthly Business Meetings first Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 PM starting January.

Scholarships & Culture



Did You Know About Our Museum? Second Floor of our Clubhouse!

When attending one of our many wonderful dinners, take a moment to stop by the second floor of our Clubhouse to tour our museum. Donations were given by many of our members from the "old country"..... original "Tracht", among other things, and a history board detailing the plight of the Donauschwaben people and the founding of our beloved Club back in 1956 (See photo above).

The Club celebrated it's **62rd Anniversary** on October 14th at the clubhouse. It was well attended and enjoyed by all that were there. Many also toured the museum, which is updated throughout the year. Many visit the museum during our monthly dinners and are impressed with the items presented.

DELICIOUS, OUTSTANDING, and FUN!!!

Schlachtfest and Fasching celebration on February 10, 2018! We welcomed students studying German from Hamilton West and Nottingham High . The Club thanks them for their attendance and support. We hope they enjoyed the food and cultural exposure. Steinart High School students attended our Fall 2018 Schlachtfest. We look forward to awarding 2019 scholarships to several local students. **

German Heritage Council of NJ 2019 Scholarship Information

In 2019 the German Heritage Council of NJ will again offer several scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500 - \$1,000. Furthermore, a special scholarship will be awarded to an exceptionally qualified candidate, in the amount of \$1,000, or greater, in memory of the former Chairman Ted Hierl, to honor his more than 20 years of outstanding leadership in the German Heritage Council of NJ. For further information and to apply, please click link below.. [German Heritage Council of NJ 2019 Scholarship](http://www.ghf-nj.org) (<http://www.ghf-nj.org>)**



Trenton Donauschwaben Summer German Program for Kids

Calling all elementary-aged students who are interested in learning more about the German language and culture! The Trenton Donauschwaben Club is excited to introduce a summer program, focused on learning basic German through immersion while having fun!

Who- children : kindergarten -5th grade

When- July 15-19 from 9am-11am

Where- the Trenton Donauschwaben Clubhouse

What will we be doing?- Learning basic conversational German through songs, crafts, activities and games.

Who will be leading the program? Club member Christa (Tindall) Pullion, a college German instructor who also has over a decade of experience teaching German to elementary and middle school aged children.

Cost: a \$50 donation to the Club plus a \$10 activity fee.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Christa : DSGermanProgram@gmail.com

Club Events for the Winter 2019

2019 Winter

EVENTS— DATES & TIMES—Come out and join us!

- ◆ Winteressen—January 13, 1pm.
- ◆ Annual Membership Business Meeting— January 27, 1pm.
- ◆ Winter Schlachtfest—February 10, 12:30pm and 3pm. Reservations Required.
- ◆ “Back Home Dinner”—March 17, 1pm.

Please call (609) 586-6109 for all meal reservations (advisable, required both for Schlachtfests) or email at dsatrenton@aol.com. Chicken is always available as an alternative dish (except at the Schlachtfest). Please let us know ahead.

Trenton Donauschwaben



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Vielen Dank !

To all of our members who do the work that always needs doing, THANKS!! Whether it's in the kitchen or out by the tables; serving refreshments or baking pastries; selling tickets or cleaning up; it takes many fine people a good many hours to make dinner events a success. We truly have some of the finest club members anywhere. Danke Schön!!

A great big THANKS!! also goes to all of our members and friends who attend the club's activities and purchase our Club jackets, shirts, hats, etc. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again soon.

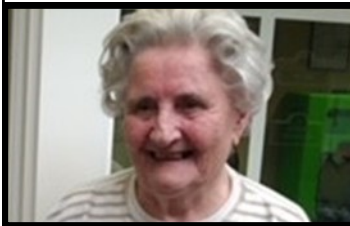


**Auf Wiedersehen bei den
Donauschwaben!**

TRENTON DONAUSCHWABEN CLUB COOKBOOK IS HERE

Attention All Cooks/bakers— The cook books have arrived! The book contains over 95 recipes (breakfast, main dishes, appetizers, sides, desserts, etc). A big thanks to all of the many members and friends who contributed their treasured recipes. Also a special thanks to Christa Tindall Pullion & Kim Walter and their helpers for all their hard work putting this book together. Vielen Dank! The cost for this keepsake is just \$12. We have two hundred copies, so get yours before they are sold out. ****

PASSING of LONGTIME MEMBER



Josefa Sofi Brandecker, 89, of Yardville, NJ, passed away Tuesday March 12, 2019. Mrs. Brandecker was born in Starchevo, Yugoslavia and has been an area resident since 1955. A member of the Danube Swabian Club in Yardville, NJ and a parishioner of St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish, NJ. Daughter of the late

Mathias and Klara (nee Kanape) Metterneck and sister of the late Mauritz Metterneck and Katherina Dlubak. Surviving are; her husband, Joseph Brandecker Sr., daughter Klara Andruchuk of Mt. Holly, two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph & Caroline Brandecker Jr. of Yardville and Stefan & Melanie Brandecker of Mt. Holly, grandchildren, Brittaney Brandecker, Joseph C. & Emma Brandecker, Greta and Tina Brandecker, sister-in-law, Maria Petty, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. The funeral was held at Knott's Colonial Funeral Home, 2946 South Broad St. Hamilton. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Raphael Church, 3500 South Broad St. Hamilton and interment was at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery on March 15, 2019.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Danube Swabian Club, 127 Route 156, Yardville, NJ 08620 or to Vitas Hospice, 521 Fellowship Road, Suite 110, Mt. Laurel NJ 08054.

