German Family Society of Akron, Inc.

Deutscher Familien Verein, Akron e.V.

70th Anniversary

October 11, 2025



1955



American & German Hymns

The Star Spangled Banner

O, say can you see by the dawn's early light What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming. And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

God Bless America

God Bless America,

Land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her

Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the oceans, white with foam.

God bless America,

My home, sweet home.

Deutsche Nationalhymne

Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit für das deutsche Vaterland!

Danach laβt uns alle streben

Brüderlich mit Herz und Hand!

Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit

Sind des Glückes Unterpfand;

Blüh' im Glanze dieses Glückes,

Blühe, deutsches Vaterland!

Volkshymne der Donauschwaben

Seid gegrüßt ihr deutschen Brüder,
Wachtet auf, es ruft die Zeit!
Laßt uns rühmen, laßt uns preisen,
Uns'res Volkes Einigkeit!
Wir sind eines Volkes Söhne,
Deutsche Sprache, deutsche Art,
Die die Väter hochgehalten,
Haben treu wir uns bewahrt.

2025 German Family Society Board



Welcome

Today, October 11, 2025, we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the German Family Society and the 65th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary. What a wonderful accomplishment! Our organization is strong and still gathers to celebrate who we are — Donauschwabens — emigrating from Germany, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Romania, as well as those of Germanic heritage.

German Day Program October 11, 2025

Dinner
Processional March
Singing of Anthems
Speeches/Awards
Performances by Groups
Music

President's Message

Wow! What an accomplishment, 70 years, CONGRATULATIONS to the German Family Society of Akron for such a feat.

It has been five years since our last anniversary and we now have achieved 70 years for the club and 65 years for the Ladies Auxiliary. It is truly amazing, especially when you consider how many other ethnic organizations have not survived during this time and what we have been able to build.



As the past anniversary books have done an awesome job reviewing our history and roots, I am going to focus a little bit more on what we have done the past five years.

When I became president we were in the midst of a pandemic. We as an organization, which was shut down in 2020, had to figure out how to navigate out and forward. We put policies and procedures in place to match what was required and then modified them as things opened back up again. We pivoted from having on-line monthly board meetings to a mix of in person and on-line and then fully back to in person again. We restarted our Holiday Bazaar only to have it convert to an on-line gathering days before it was set to start due to resurgence from the pandemic.

We restarted our events slowly with takeout only dining for our fish dinners, to a mix of some members-only in-person and takeout, to standard in-person dining. We then had our first dinner dance, Vienna Night, with reserved seating, a live band, and a modified performance from our youth group. We then moved into our first festival with revised seating (spacing, location & quantity) taking better advantage of our grounds.

Some modifications we realized were keepers: adding more seating/tables and spreading them out throughout our grounds, adding hand washing stations, moving the Ernst Licht tent, eliminating full tables in the upper section of the club and replacing them with round stand up tables. These changes, plus this year adding festival tables/benches to the Bier Garten, allowed us to set a record attendance for the 2025 Oktoberfest and not feel as crowded as it was! Sometimes adversity forces ingenuity: something our parents and grandparents could well attest to.

The other modification to our functioning that we maintained related to our election process. Our first year back we needed to do a mail in annual election, as we were unable to hold an in-person meeting. We have since fully adopted a new election process whereby we can obtain more membership participation with our election ballots being sent out prior to the annual meeting and finalized voting completed at the annual meeting. The annual membership meeting now is in person and online. All changes for the better and for our society as a whole moving forward.

Over the past five years we have accomplished a lot and I am certain our founding members would be proud!

We started a three-year calendar to allow us to rotate traditional events and keep the functions fresh from year to year. We held a new event hosted by the Tanzgruppe called the 'Donau Derby', which was fun and enjoyed by all who attended.

We continue to host many in-door events to keep our heritage and traditions alive: Wiener Abend, Rosenball, Trachtenball, Debutante Ball, Mother's day, German Day, Traubenfest, and Weinachts Program. These events allow us to pass along our traditions, culture, language, and heritage. We share our outdoor Kirchweih celebration with our guests with a mass, honoring of our forefathers at our memorial and saying a prayer at the Virgin Mary monument, where we release doves at the end of the ceremony. Later in the day the Youth Group holds a traditional Kirchweih program, where a king and queen are selected and celebrated. These celebrations help to keep our heritage and traditions alive and going strong amongst our membership and shared with our guests.

We participate in the North American Donauschwaben Landesverband annual meeting, which includes group leaders, presidents, and other representatives/members, from each club. This meeting also includes participating in the Stifftung board meeting, which is the non-profit organization that fosters passing along our heritage with monetary donations. In these meetings, we discuss how all our organizations are striving, share ideas on fund raising and how to pass along our heritage and traditions with song, dance, language, music and sport (soccer).

We hosted the North American Donauschwaben soccer tournaments in 2021 and in 2025. The 2025 tournament was the 50th and was fitting for us to host since we held the inaugural one. These tournaments allow us to pass along the sport part of our heritage and that is through playing soccer. The turnout and comradery at these events is really outstanding.

Our two major outside festivals; Old European Festival & Kirchweih, and three day Oktoberfest continue to be major successes. They allow us to take care of our grounds, maintain the club houses, and provide other needed maintenance/up-grades.

In the past five years here are a few things we have completed, up-graded and/or improved at the German Family Society:

We up-dated our 50-year old Constitution with a committee of 7-8 members, along with input from the board.

We graded around the pond and installed a new fence.

We started an on-line store.

We restarted the women's soccer program.

We installed new WiFi accessible thermostats for all our furnace/air conditioning units. We purchased and installed a new kitchen stove.

We had a new roof installed over the last addition which was over 30 years old.

Soccer building renovations: we completed another up-date and up-grade to our facility for a more pleasant experience for fans and players that come to watch and participate at our soccer events.

We up-graded the electrical power & replaced the main electrical panels at our twinplex.

We are financially strong and our membership is steady and growing!

We are the German FAMILY Society for a reason. Our founding members intentionally created a place where whole families could and wanted to gather together to socialize and share their traditions. People feel comfortable gathering together to enjoy the events and comforts we provide. We help to foster lifelong friendships, while passing along our traditions.

It is an honor to be your 12th President in the 70 years of existence. We have come a long way, but we are not finished. We are poised and strengthened with our membership numbers, dedicated board, and interest in what we provide to allow us continued success far into the future.

Sincerely,

Awald Langenfeld

President, German Family Society





HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Pictures from our last Holiday Bazaar which was restarted in 2021 and has been growing yearly. It is held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving each year.

The following letter was written by our former long-time president Joe Geiser in the year 2000. It was put into a time capsule for our club to open 25-years ago! We opened this capsule at the Landestreffen in Mansfield. What a wonderful & emotional moment to be a part when Henry Tonhaeuser read Joe's (his uncle) letter and opened the capsule from his mom. The time capsule included this letter, an anniversary booklet, a youth group picture and CD with some artifacts





September 1,2000

To the "Donauschwaben Jugend" (Danubeswabian Youth) in the Year 2025:

As the National Youth Director for the Danubeswabian Society of the United States, it is my privilege and honor to have been asked to address the youth of our future. The fact that you are reading this letter at all is a testimonial to the determination and durability of our Danubeswabian culture. It was very difficult for me to set down the right words to say to you, so I will just speak from my heart! I only hope that in doing so, I can help you to understand and appreciate the very rich heritage to which you belong.

It was our forefathers' greatest wish that the history of the "Donauschwaben" never be forgotten. That their descendants always remember not only the difficult times and tribulations of a hard working, proud and religious people, but also the decency and generosity that has produced a culture rich with music, song, dance and literature. Following the expulsion of the "Donauschwaben" from their European homelands in the 1950's (where they lived peacefully and harmoniously for over 200 years), these "displaced people" were scattered throughout the world. Many of them immigrated to America, and as strangers in a new land, with only the clothes on their backs and a few meager belongings, these industrious people not only overcame the great hardships of poverty and a language barrier, but managed to raise happy families, and become model citizens. Having worked at hard and laborious jobs, they understood the value of a good education, and sacrificed many comforts so that their children would have an easier life.

Even so, they still managed to establish social clubs that would provide them with a little happiness and camaraderie. These individual organizations located throughout the U.S. and Canada, typically had themes like "Sängervereins" (choral clubs), Volkstanz Gruppen" (Folk Dance groups), or "Fußball Mannschaften" (soccer clubs). No matter what the theme, these clubs all valued and emphasized the importance of keeping the youth involved. Eventually, as modern technology shrunk the world we live in, these individual clubs formed a national organization, which became the "National Danubeswabian Societies of the U.S.A. and Canada". By means of this organization, it became possible to have our youth throughout the U.S. and Canada meet, and have exchange tours with sister clubs in Europe. Also, with rotating national events such as the "Trachtenfest" (folk costume festival), and "Tag der Donauschwaben" (Danubeswabian Day), our clubs could present the best of their youth with programs of dancing and singing in their ancestral language. This eventually led to the establishment of a national competition of folk dance and song, sponsored and originated by Dr. J. Awender, and the rest is history!

Well my dear young people, I have given you a little background of our origins, but now I would like to talk about you, and what lies in your hearts. If I could pass on one thing, it would be to tell you to <u>never</u> forget your heritage, be <u>very</u> proud of who you are, and always, <u>always</u> remain together. The friendships you make while in the youth group will last a lifetime, and the experiences you have will bring you many happy memories to share in your senior years. This I can promise you, because I too grew up within the Akron Youth Group, and I would not give back a moment or trade those times for anything in the world. It would make me very proud to be able to read this to you in person (I'll only be 50?....ha!ha!), but only God can grant that, and I trust in his wishes.

I ask that you promise to remain kind and generous with each other, and as you grow into adulthood, try to remember those happy times while in the youth group and do everything possible to keep our culture and clubs going for many generations to come. These clubs can only continue to exist if you unselfishly donate your talents and time (as your parents did). Remember, it was the unique qualities of "Kameradschaft" and unselfishness, which were the trademarks of our parents and grandparents, so don't let them down, and especially don't let your children down! Allow your children the same opportunities that your parents gave you, and convey to them the same qualities that were conveyed to you.

You are our future! You are our pride! Through you the "Donauschwaben" heritage will live forever.



Your friend always Mit Landsmännerrishem Dank, Joe (Sepp) Geiser









LANGENFELD

Ann & Ewald were both born in Yugoslavia and after World War II resettled in Austria. They met and were married in Stainz, Austria in August of 1949.

In 1951 Ann and Ewald Langenfeld left Stainz to immigrate to the United States of America. They arrived in Akron October of 1951 to start a new life for themselves & their family.



We still have some roots in Europe too with cousins

We still have some roots in Europe too with cousins living in Austria. The picture above are the Rumpf family from my dad's sister. The picture to the upper-left are the Heinz Langenfeld family from my dad's brother. The picture to the left are cousins of my mother the Scheiers.

Awald, Carolyn, Alexa, Nicole, & Justin would like to Congratulate the GFS on their 70th and 65th Ladies anniversaries. What a wonderful accomplishment!





Kindergruppe

The German Family Society Kindergruppe is the youngest of currently 4 dance groups. We have 16 girls and 11 boys at this time. We are always taking new members so we look forward to that number growing and growing, just like the kids! We also have 6 "big helpers" who are former Kindergruppe members that have grown to become Jr. Youth Group & even Youth Group members! They still enjoy coming to lend a hand teaching and leading the younger kinder at practices and performances. We appreciate them so much for all their hard work.

Each year, the children perform at a number of events and festivals. These include our own German Family Society's Old European Festival and Oktoberfest. The Kindergruppe also enjoys performing at local area nursing homes off and on throughout the year. It really brings a smile to those residents' faces to see the kids dancing and having such a good time. The Kindergruppe also takes time out of their busy schedules to have fun and build camaraderie through group trips & outings to places like Waldameer, Great Wolf Lodge, Kennywood, and more. Almost nothing creates better friendships than racing side by side down water slides or holding hands while you ride your first roller coaster together! Well, except maybe the friendships that are made while dancing and singing at the German Family Society. Those friendships, no matter your heritage or background, can last a lifetime!

Once upon a time, most, if not all, of the children in the group were of German descent but that is not the case anymore. Some children have a lot of German in their heritage and some have very little or even none at all. One thing they all share though, is the love of the culture. That is how we know we're doing something right. When people who aren't even descendants of the Donauschwaben or German heritage, see what we're doing and love it so much, they just want to be a part of it.

Happy 70th Anniversary German Family Society & 65th Anniversary for the Ladies Auxiliary! Looking forward to many, many more!















































































































































Jr. Youth Group

JR. YOUTH GROUP Leaders: Carolyn Langenfeld and Allison Burdeshaw. Assistant Leader: Lisa Blaser

If you peek into the German Family Society clubhouse Sundays from 4:45-6:15 pm, you will see a lively hall and dance floor as our 43-member Jr. Youth Group hones their "1-2-3" polka and waltz skills and practices folk dances, both new and old. While their children are dancing, parents socialize while tirelessly rolling flatware destined for use at our festivals.

At about the half-way point of our practice, the youngest/newest dancers receive a treat while the older and more experienced dancers continue on, learning more challenging dances. As our dancers range in age from 9-14, this format has worked well for many years to keep all the kids engaged and excited.

All this practice shows during our busy festival season, as they enthusiastically share our Donauschwaben cultural heritage, performing at other venues, including the Cuyahoga Falls, Jackson, and Portage Lakes Tudor House Oktoberfests, in addition to our own GFS Europeanfest/Bierfest and Oktoberfest.

Our group also learns poems and songs in German to share with their families and the GFS community at our annual Weihnachts and Muttertag Programms.

In addition to performing, our dancers run a bustling games and glitter tattoo booth at our outdoor festivals, and bus tables at our Lenten Fish Fry Fundraisers as well as many of our indoor and catered events. The dancers take pride in being able to contribute to the success of the German Family Society. But we also are sure to make time for plenty of fun and several activities are planned throughout the year for the dancers and their families to enjoy each other's company, strengthen friendships, foster community and create cherished memories.

Happy 70th Anniversary, German Family Society! Looking forward to many, many more!



Jugendgruppe(Youth Group)

Our Jugendgruppe is composed of high school through college-aged dancers. Currently we have over 30 members and welcome new dancers throughout the year. The Jugend get together for practice every Sunday evening while juggling school, jobs, sports, and family-life. Many will even go out for dinner or ice cream after practice to spend more time together! A number of our dancers have parents and even grandparents who were Jugendgruppe members!!

In keeping with Donauschwaben tradition our performances are led by our Kirchweih Buwe and Kirchweih Maedel. These honorary positions are applied for anonymously by submitting an essay to a group of charter members for review and selection. In keeping with our Donauschwaben tradition, the selected couple leads our Kirchweih program and dances with the beautiful Kirchweih Strauss while asking the other participants "Buwe/Maedel was ha'mer Heut?" and all reply with a resounding "KIRCHWEIH!!"

Each year our group enjoys attending the Landestreffen festivities at one of our sister-cities and in 2026 we will participate in the Landestrachtenfest mit Wettbewerb Cultural Traveling Award Competition. We are also making plans to travel to Europe in 2027 where we will visit Germany, Hungary, and Romania to learn more about our Donauschwaben History and walk where our ancestors did.

This June we traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend their city's Germanfest. We marched in their parade and performed in front of hundreds of guests. It was wonderful to highlight our Donauschwaben culture! We plan on attending this festival annually.

Fundraising helps defer the cost of travel and Trachten for our members. This group of dancers make homemade sausage twice each year as well as run their pretzel, corn-on-the-cob, and pickle booth at our festivals. They perform at community events including Oktoberfests in Cuyahoga Falls, Main Street Kent, and local breweries.

Many of our dancers have taken on leadership roles within our group and we are excited to watch these Jugend mature into wonderful, active members of the German Family Society.

Tanzgruppe

The Adult Tanzgruppe of the Akron German Family Society is a lively, welcoming group for members 25 and older who share a love of German heritage, culture, and tradition. With more than 30 active members, the group brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds who enjoy dancing, celebrating, and carrying forward the customs of our German ancestors.

The group meets about two or three times a month to practice. Practices are as much about friendship and laughter as they are about perfecting steps. Afterward, it's a tradition for many of us to continue the camaraderie over dinner, a reminder that while we honor our German roots, we also celebrate the joy of friendship.

Each year, the Tanzgruppe performs at six or more festivals and cultural events, including the Akron German Family Society's own Old European Days/Bierfest and Oktoberfest, as well as at Cleveland's Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center Oktoberfest, Lakeside Oktoberfest, Cuyahoga Falls Oktoberfest, Landestreffen, and other gatherings across Northeast Ohio. Whether on stage or in practice, the group proudly showcases the beauty of German dance, music, and tradition.

The Adult Tanzgruppe is made up of a dedicated mix of club members and leaders, including board members such as our president, vice president, treasurer, bar trustees, secretary, and other group organizers, who keep our traditions alive and thriving. Together, we not only preserve our heritage, but also create lasting friendships and memories that continue to grow with each performance.

For us, dancing is more than entertainment, it's a way of honoring where we come from, celebrating who we are, and sharing our heritage with future generations. The Adult Tanzgruppe embodies the spirit of Gemütlichkeit and proves that tradition is at its best when it is lived, danced, and shared.

The group wishes the German Family Society a Happy Anniversary and hope there are many successful years to come!



Schuhplattler Group



The Schuhplatter Group re-started in 2025. Pictured are some of the members of this reformed group planning to provide dances for your pleasure in 2026.

Park Committee



The park committee is comprised of a mix of hard working individuals that help keep our grounds in pristine condition. The park committee mows the grass, trims the hedges, trim trees, pick up fallen limbs & debris, pick up leaves, coordinate parking for our festivals, put up our festival signs and maintain all of our yard equipment, i.e.: tractors, lawn mowers, blowers, trimmers, etc.



The 2025 Bar Trustees would like to thank all of our volunteers that made this year so successful for both our bar and the club. Our members and their efforts are what have made our club last over the last 70 years and continue to thrive!



Many Thanks!

Steve, Tony, Skylar & John



Aerial view of the Bier Garten and grounds provided by Steve Smith.



Soccer

The Sports program has been and continues to be a proud part of the German Family Society. For years, the GFS Eagles have had many championship teams. We have a Men's Open team, a Women's Open team, a Men's 40 and Over team, and a Men's 50 and Over team, with over 100 players, managers, and coaches. Three of our teams participated in the 50th anniversary of the National Donauschwaben Soccer tournament held at our facility, this year in 2025. We also hosted the 40th anniversary of the Meindl-Leisner tournament in 2025. We hope to continue our success for many years to come.

We would like to thank the GFS Board for years of support. We would also like to thank our volunteers, who include many of our club's members and soccer players. We hope to continue to enjoy years of events with our family and friends.

Congratulations on the GFS 70th Anniversary!



Erich Leipold, Sports Director

GFS women's invitational tournament team assembled for the Donauschwaben Tournament hosted at our club.

From the Desk of ... Helga Hippich

Ehren Frauen praesidentin/Honorary Ladies President 2020-2025

Frauenleiterin/Ladies President 2000-2020

Congratulations on the 70th Anniversary of the German Family Society and 65th Anniversary of the Frauengruppe of the German Family Society. It is with great pride and love to be involved and part of an organization promoting our German Culture and heritage that our parents and grandparents paved the way for us.

My family has had the privilege of being involved with the German Family Society almost from the start of the organization. We have witnessed the changes of the club over the years. The dedication of our past members is astounding. They built, remodeled, tore down, replanted, etc. on their own time and money to make this beautiful property a second home for all of us, our children, grandchildren, and generations to come, to celebrate our German culture and heritage. We are fortunate to have made lifetime friendships that can be called second families no matter what the ages may be. My hope is that our future generations will have this same opportunity in the years to come.

Thank you to all members past and present for your dedication, time, and participation to make this 70th Anniversary possible.

A special thank you to our leadership:

President, Awald Langenfeld

Ladies President, Jill Armbrust

Board Members and Frauengruppe Board Members

Helga Hippich

Ehren Frauenleiterin



From the Kitchen...

Anna Koenig

Ehrenpraesidentin/Honorary Ladies

President

1990-1996; 1998-1999

All my best wishes for all past, present and future members!

It is hard to believe that is already 70 years and 65 years for the ladies' auxiliary.

It has been 61 years since Fritz and I joined.



I have had a lot of learning experiences with our first-generation members. Which we continue to pass down to each generation.

I server 15 years on the ladies auxiliary president.

The beautiful journey of 70 years started at St. Bernards church basement and then went to the club on Grant street until the Brimfield location was purchased.

What a difference I can remember thinking we have a lot of work ahead of us.

We went out to Brimfield after work, on the weekends and every one pinched in to make it what it is today.

I can still remember all the old faces many of which are no longer with us but rest assured they worked very hard, but we had fun at the same time.

The Kirchweih is my favorite festival I remember it from when I was a kid back in Yugoslavia. We are very lucky to have Father David, the son of my second cousin, to carry on this wonderful tradition.

We have passed on so many wonderful traditions and I hope they go on for another 100 years.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish everyone a Happy 70th anniversary and let us remember all of our late members.

Your honorary women's president Anna Koenig

Frauengruppe Hymne: Kein Schöner Land

Kein schöner Land in dieser Zeit Als hier das uns're weit und breit Wo wir uns finden wohl unter Linden

Zur Abendzeit.

Da haben wir so manche Stund' Gesessen da in froher Rund'

Und taten singen, die Lieder klingen

Im Eichengrund.

Das wir uns hier in diesem Saal

Noch treffen so viel tausandmal,

Gott mag es schenken, Gott mag es lenken

Er hat die Gnad'.

Nun Schwestern eine gute

Nacht!

Der Herr im hohen Himmel

wacht.

In seiner Güte uns zu behüten Ist Er bedacht.

From the Kitchen...

Jill Armbrust

Frauenleiterin/Ladies President

2021—



5 Years Ago

It is hard to believe it has only been five years since I was beginning my journey as Frauengruppe President. I am honored and grateful to have the opportunity to work with all of the people that volunteer in the kitchen. The work can be long and hard, especially during festivals. It is during this time that friendships are made and the culture of the food preparation is learned - as we maintain the standards of the recipes that have been respectfully passed down through the years.

Congratulatons!

I would like to congratulate the Frauengruppe's 65th Anniversary along with the German Family Society's 70th Anniversary. This accomplishment is rare for a cultural club like ours. It is at a milestone anniversary, like this one, that it is important to reflect on our mission and use it as a lens to look forward to the future. The Frauengruppe was founded by a group of dedicated, hard-working ladies that wanted to help raise money for the club my making sandwiches. It is amazing to see how far this has come - especially with the records that were achieved with the recent Oktoberfest! It is through continued dedication, hard work, vision, friendships and faith that we continue to spread the knowledge of the Donauschwaben culture within our club and to our community.

Thank You.

It is with heartfelt thanks that I want to acknowledge the entire Frauengruppe Board along with each and every volunteer that has helped in the kitchen in any capacity. It takes so many people to accomplish what we do – it is our duty to respect and appreciate each person.

I would like to give special thanks to Ehren President, Anna Koenig for continuing to share her wealth of knowledge of our recipes and of the Donauschwaben culture. She is always ready for some hard work and some fun. I would also like to thank Ehren President, Helga Hippich for patiently continuing to teach. She is an inspiration for me personally and I appreciate her support. The Frauengruppe Board is very lucky to have built into its organization the continuation of the Ehren Presidents. Their input and knowledge helps maintain the continuity of our culture and recipes.

In addition, I would like to give special thanks to Liz Miller and Betty Leipold:

Liz coordinates the vorbereitung before events. It is this "behind the scenes" preparation work that she organizes that makes the day of an event go so much more smoothly. She also helps to organize our Fish Frys and is our Kindergruppe Leader.

Betty has contributed over the years in many different ways from dance group leader, organizing decorating the club for events, working on the yard crew, spear heading the reboot of the Holiday Bazaar, and organizing food service for festivals.

Closing Thoughts...

This year at the Landestrffen festivities in Mansfield, a time capsule was opened containing a letter from one of our previous presidents, Joe Geiser. Since he was also the National Youth Director at the time his letter was directed towards our youth, but his words resonate to our club as a whole, he said, "If I could pass along one thing, it would be to tell you to never forget your heritage, be very proud of who you are, and always, always remain together." He went on to say, "I ask that you promise to remain kind and generous with each other..." and "These clubs can only continue to exist if you unselfishly donate your talents and time." These words help us to remember with modern life's constant changes, much like a family, it is important to stick together to maintain our club's core mission and culture. I wish the Frauengruppe and the German Family Society many more years of growth and success.

Jill Armbrust Frauenleiterin/Ladies Group President



Frauengruppe



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