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Points of Interest

- Our Donauschwaben ancestors settled along the Danube River starting in 1715.
- They came from the Swabian region of Germany, the Alsace-Lorraine area, the Baden area, Styria area of Austria and the Carpathian region.
- The first immigrants numbered over 15,000 between 1718-1737. The second wave included 75,000 between 1744-1772. Over 60,000 immigrants were in the third wave after 1780.
- Most immigrants in the first two waves were Roman Catholic, with Protestant following in the third wave.
- The route to settlement in Hungary, Croatia, Romania and Serbia went through the river port of Ulm, Germany, Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary.
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Club Representatives attend 2022 Verband Meeting in Akron, Ohio

A group of our club members (Hans & Joann Martini, Anna Martini, Steve Brandecker, Joe & Caroline Brandecker, Frank & Arlene



Herdt, Kathleen Martini, Mike Lenyo & Ray Martin) made the trip to Akron, Ohio to attend the annual Verband Business Meeting.

In addition to attending the various breakout committee meetings, our Club made the formal presentation to the group regarding the 2022 Donauschwaben Treffen to be held over Labor in the East Region in the Trenton area. The host clubs will be the Trenton Donauschwaben,

the Philadelphia Donauschwaben, the United German Hungarian Club

and the German American Society from the Verband East Region (site of the event will be in Yardville, NJ).

Full details can be found at the event website, www.trenton Treffen.com.

Plan a family vacation while you attend the event. We are located near historical Trenton and Princeton, NJ, historical Bucks County and Philadelphia, PA and the Jersey shore. Baltimore, MD, Washington, D.C. and New York City. Interested in family history, visit Ellis Island, just up the NJ Turnpike.





See you then.









Club Matters, Members, Friends & Stuff

2017 - Were your Ancestors in the Newspapers? - Using the Media to Help with your Family Tree Research

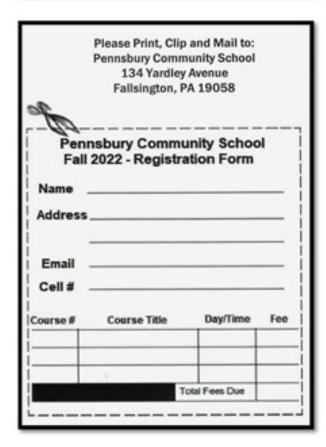
Newspaper sources are often over looked as a source of family history information. Learn where and how to find information about your ancestors in the newspapers. The class will cover various types of newspaper articles and notices that are useful in your family history search. Some previous knowledge of genealogy and using the internet is helpful but not necessary. A quick genealogy review will be conducted the first night of the course. A resource CD containing genealogical software, resources and additional supplies are included in the course.

2017 * Tuesday 7:00-9:00 p.m.

4 sessions - Pennsbury High School East, Rm 132

Starts: 10/4/22 Ends: 10/25/22 Fee: \$60

Instructor: Dennis J. Bauer, M.S., Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Bucks County Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Society of PA and the National Genealogical Society.





Vielen Dank to all that came out to the show. Proceeds support our student scholarship fund awarded to High School students from the surrounding High Schools.



Happy Summer

"Captain Chris" of our club, returns from a day of clamming off Long Beach Island, NJ.





Club members at the Annual 4th of July Camping & Canoeing Weekend on the Delaware River.

Donauschwaben History & Culture





BANANAS on the BOAT By Franz Bohn (permission granted)

A funny little story:

In 1952, when my mother and I finally departed the Schwabenlager, we took the train to Bremerhaven where we would eventually board the General Harry Taylor, a troop ship that brought us to the US, albeit the trip took us 12 days, riding through two storms. Almost immediately after boarding the train, my mom got sick and spent the entire journey in the sick train car, and once in Bremen, she spent the entire time, while waiting for the ship's departure, again...in the hospital bay. I never saw her during that entire time (about 10 days). I was eleven at the time, and spent the entire time on my own, often wondering what was happening and being extremely homesick for the friendly confines of my Schwabenlager.

I remember the first breakfast in Bremen, where we were given a banana and some cereal. Mind you, I had never seen a banana, much less eaten one, since neither in Jugoslavia or Austria were bananas available. Funny, as I now look back, I had no idea how to eat a banana, (never saw a monkey eat) so I watched the adults, and saw that almost all of them ate them by peeling them like a precise surgeon, using a knife and then slicing thin slices and eating with a fork. I wonder how many of those adults also had their first banana that day. LOL.

Nowadays, when eating breakfast, I often think back on that morning, and smile to myself at my total ignorance about bananas. Since then, I have always enjoyed the bananas, but never needed a knife and fork again. This is just one example of the limited exposure to the world's offerings that we refugee children experienced. However, while most people will not understand, in retrospect, that experience







Note: Franz Bohn's note "Schwabenlager Groedig" on the *DVHH.org* (4 Feb 2020) web site —My story starts when I was four years old, and is sadly similar to that of thousands of other Donauschwaben WW refugee camp stories. Being of German descent, my family was forced out of Yugoslavia during the latter stages of WWII in 1944. On very short notice, overnight, my entire family was forced to flee our home with only the clothes on our backs and some meager belongings. Thus began a long, sad nightmarish journey consisting of running through fields, hiding in fields and woods, eventually stumbling onto a boxcar train that served as 'home' for several months while we were transported from here to there, never quite knowing where. The only certainty we had was our uncertainty. After several months of this frightful journey, we arrived at Groedig, Austria (picture bottom left) a serene and beautiful town on the outskirts of Salzburg. It's beauty surreal in the midst of the ugliness of war. It is here that my Camp story begins, and seven long years later, where it ends.

Editor's Note: Schwabenlager—a Displaced Persons Camp in Austria for Donauschwaben after WWII. The Bohns fled the Russian/Partisan advance in Vukovar, Croatia (picture top left) in 1944. Thanks Franz for your information.

Membership News



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Get Well/Thinking of you to members, Marlene Novosel, Andy Franz, Eva Martini, Donna Gruzlovic, Hilde Schintzler, Richard West and Erika Volltrauer, and those members that we were not aware of.

Welcome new members; Josef Kleer of Williamstown, NJ and John, Marjule, Elisabeth & Robert Hartmann of Wall, NJ.

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



Congrats—Dennis & Donna
Bauer celebrated their 50th
Wedding Anniversary in July.
Kudos to the Bauers. **



Congratulations to Club members Grant and Katie (Tindall) James on the birth of their first child! Vivienne Emery James came into the world on Monday, March 14, 2022, weighing 9lbs. 4oz. Mom, Dad and baby are doing well! Vivienne is the granddaughter of Al and Liz (Hepp) Tindall; and greatgranddaughter of Alexander Hepp, Jr. (Palankaer). **

Congrats—Members and Grandpop Terry Huff and great-grandpop Harold Huff announce the birth of Parker DiBella in July. He is the third child for Ashley (Huff) & Mike DiBella. Members and Uncles Pat & Colin Huff pass on their congrats. Another branch on the Huff family tree.**



Congratulations to the United German-Hungarian Club....
On Sunday, July 10 the United German Hungarians were announced as the 3rd place winner of the Gruppen Preisplatteln competition held at the 28th Gaufest hosted by Edelweiss Passaic.



It's a BOY!!! Baby Erik John Walter was born on 6/17 to Patty Rose and Sofi Walter. At a healthy weight of 7lb 8oz!!! Mommy Patty and baby are doing amazing!!! Congrats to the Walter and Rose families. **





Trenton Treffen 2022 Planning Meeting! Missing from photo....Mike Lenyo (photographer). **

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German Transportation Words.





Soccer Game—Friday Night at the Treffen.

Summer Harvest by Donauschwaben Artist—Stefan Jager

TREFFEN 2022—LABOR DAY WEEKEND-YARDVILLE, NJ



WELCOME TO "REGION OST"! If you've never been to the "Tri-State Area"...New York/New Jersey/Pennsylvania, rest assured that you will not run out of "things to do". You may want to consider extending your "Treffen" stay a few more days to take in as much as possible! We will continue to advertise "things to do" in our region!

The Event is within driving distance from New York City, Historical Bucks County PA, the Historical Trenton Area, Princeton, the Jersey Shore, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, DC. A 2022 Treffen web site will be created soon and list additional information about the event.



Trenton Treffen 2022

Tag der Donauschwaben 2022. September 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Held at the German American Society 215 Uncle Pete's Road Hamilton NJ 08691

Liebe Freunde, slebe Landsleute... slebe Donauschwaben!

We're less than four months away from all the wonderful things you've come to expect at a Donauschwaben Treffen: great dance performances by clubs like yours; live German music throughout; delicious Schwob comfort food; cultural features and highlights; and that special feeling of kinship and comadery you encounter whenever Donauschwaben gather. We also plan a few surprises we're sure you'll enjoy too.

We've assembled this Treffen packet based on those of the past so the forms and type of information should look familiar. Included is ticket information; group registration; where to sleep; what to eat; ways to celebrate and commemorate, and more. We kindly urge all of you to complete the forms and send them to us before July r.

If you have an extra day, the Treffen site is just 15 minutes from Six Flags Great
Adventure; 45 minutes from the Jersey Shore or the Liberty Bell; and 90 minutes from
Atlantic City, Lady Liberty or Times Square. If you have just a couple of hours check
out historic Washington's Crossing, Princeton University or mingle with the hipsters in
trendy New Hope scenically located along the shores of the Delaware River.

Good people - fellow Donauschwaben - your friends back east will do everything they can to make this a memorable Treffen experience. We look forward to seeing you in September. Prosit!

Please visit www.trentontreffen.com for the latest information.



Vielen Dank to Our Car Show Sponsors

Thanks goes out to all our 17th Annual Euro American Auto and Cycle Show Sponsors (awards and raffle items)

Event—July 10, 2022 Please support them.

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Imperial 500 Motel - Wildwood, NJ.

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Our AutoKlub Travels and other Auto News





VIELEN DANK

The club received a nice *Certificate of Appreciation* from the members of the Old School Euros Car Club for our continued sponsorship of their *Annual Dubs in the Shrubs Campout/Swap Meet/Car Show*. This years show, the 7th Annual event, was held May 21-22 and was a great suggest. Proceeds from their show help support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This year they donated \$1500 to their charity.

Stop by their *Fall Out* Event, setup a Flea Market table, visit the car parts swap meet and support their charity. If you have a classic car, stop by and get a coffee and checkout the cars.





OUR 17TH ANNUAL EURO AMERICAN AUTO & CYCLE SHOW

It is hard to believe this year was our *17th Annual Euro-American Auto* and Cycle Show (the 2020 show was canceled due to the Covid Pandemic). The proceeds go to our club student scholarship fund, with scholarships going to a number of local high school students from the surrounding area each year. It was held on our rain date July 10th this year.

As you know the car and cycle show is open to all makes and models of vehicles (cars, trucks and cycles). It is co-hosted by our friends at the German-American Society (GAS) at their picnic grove at 215 Uncle Pete's Road, Yardville, NJ. It is free for the public spectators.

Over 40 Best of Show awards are issued along with several specialty awards including Best Euro, Best America and Best of Show (selected by those that enter their rides). Our judges have a very hard time picking award winners as <u>ALL</u> the vehicles are great. We appreciate all that enter.

In addition to all the awesome vehicles, we have a raffle open to all, a DJ and of course great food and drinks were again provided by the GAS staff.

Over 101 vehicles registered for the show, plus eight vehicles from the Old School Euros Car Club were on display. Six members from the OSECC helped out his year with car staging, registration, the raffle booth and judging, Thanks goes out to them for their help.



Monthly Meetings @ The Five Four Bar and Grill 8919 New Falls RD Levittown PA 19054 First Monday of the Month 7pm till?

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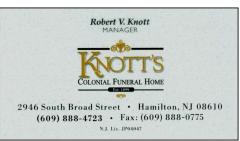
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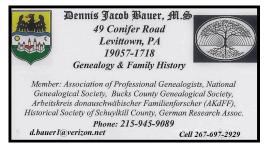
















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CLUB EVENTS FOR 2022



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Due to ongoing uncertainties related to COVID we will provide more information via our weekly email send-outs prior to each event.

Note that reservations should be made at least one week in advance. Thank you!

January 9th, Sunday— Winteressen
January 23th, Sunday— Annual Club Meeting
February 13th, Sunday— SCHLACHTFEST!
March 13th, Sunday— "Back Home Again" Dinner
April 10th, Sunday— Easter Dinner
April 23rd and 24th— Weekend Verband Meeting in Akron
May 1st, Sunday— Mother's Day Dinner
June 12th, Sunday— PIG ROAST!
1st through the 4th of July— Canoe & Camping Trip
July 9th, Saturday, 10 to 3PM— Car Show at the German-American Club
July 17th, Sunday— PIG ROAST!

Sept 2, 3, and 4 at the German-American Club - TRENTON TREFFEN!!
October 23rd, Sunday— Our Club's 66th Anniversary
October 30th, Sunday— Memorial Service
November 13th, Sunday— SCHLACHTFEST!
December 4th, Sunday—St. Nikolaus/Christmas Celebration

Please make reservations at least a week in advance for every event. Reservations/Information: Liz Tindall at ltindall.llc@gmail.com For those not able to email please call Eva Martini at 609-586-6109 (again, at least a week in advance).







Car Show Pictures











































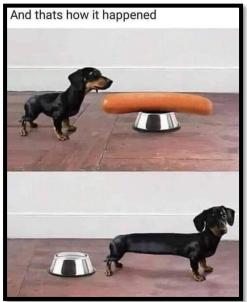
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Scholarships & Culture & Food



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).





Wer Wurst, Brot und Schinken hat. Der wird noch alle Tage satt.

If you have bread, sausages and bacon, then you have enough to eat every day. Translation by other.

Club Events for the Winter 2022

2022 Spring— DATES & TIMES-Come out and join us! Events modified due to Covid-19



- **♦**Easter Dinner-10 April, 1pm. Takeout available.
- ♦ Mother's Day Dinner-1 May, 1pm. Takeout available.
- ♦Pig Roast-12 June, 12:30pm. Take-out available.
- ♦Car Show-9 July, German American Picnic Grove, Yardville, NJ, 10am-3pm. Rain date 10th.
- ♦Pig Roast-17 July, 12:30. Take-out available.

Please call (609) 585-1932 for all meal reservations (advisable and <u>required</u> for both Schlachtfests) or email at dsatrenton@aol.com.

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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 sponsor our newsletters. 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.



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