

# Trentoner Donauschwaben Nachrichten

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## Points of Interest



- See you at the Landestreffen here on the East Coast in August (see page 2 for details)
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## July 4th Weekend Family Canoe & Camping Trip—The Soaring Eagles 2010

For the many years, some three decades, club members have been going camping and canoeing on the Delaware, while keeping a watchful eye on the weather. Will it rain, will it be hot, will it be cold... mosquitoes, skunks... Well this year, we had absolutely perfect weather. It wasn't too hot or too cold. Most of us start packing the week before the weekend even gets close. How did the original members do this in only a car. We barely have enough room in a truck.

The Walter's, Suttman's and (Joe) Brandecker's arrived on Thursday to set up camp early and prepare for the rough weekend. After surviving the cold night, the Suttman's and Walter's children weren't cold enough, so they decide to try tubing in the river. First, they had to convince the adults so the adults had to go along as they were not permitted to stay behind alone. I have heard there was much pleading and a little bribery involved. Pictures to follow! Upon their return to camp, the rest of the loyal campers had arrived. All totaled we had 15 tents and 4 "kitchens" set up in 4 camp sites. We all got settled in and made ourselves right at home. Most of us really rough it these days camping. We have raised air mattresses and blankets, air pumps with converters plugged into cars. The Brandecker clan came with enough "equipment" to stay a month- their kitchen is to die for. The men retreated and played a few rounds of quoits and later the obligatory camp fires where lit and some adult beverages where consumed... so I was told!

The next morning came bright and early for some. We did not have the pleasure of Papa J and his "Yoo-Hoos"- I think we got on the water around eleven o'clock. After we gath-

ered for our group picture, we got prepared for the white water that starts this trip down from Soaring Eagle Campground. First set of rapids is where Tony and Pat decided to take the "plunge", so to speak, so we were all prepared with life jackets on. We all got through this set fine, but the next set got three canoes, the scariest was the foursome of the Graf/Brandecker clan with 2 yr. old Gage. What a trooper... not even a cry from him, but Grandmom Charlene was on the verge... with a stiff upper lip. The other casualties were Marita and her son Joe. This was the first time back for Marita and first time out for husband Scott and sons Joe and Dylan.

Day 2 is a much easier trip, but some tricky rocks and low water make it fun especially when the canoe to go over is Walt Suttman's. Not wanting to go thirsty, Walt brings along some adult beverages and water since there is none to be found anywhere. When he tips, Ann and Katie naturally follow. The men missed seeing floating canoers', but did see all the beer floating by and jumped into action for rescue. Not even Bob could believe how much beer we had to rescue. The rest of the day was spent with the canoes tied together most of the time. The kids went swimming a few times. This year's weather was absolutely perfect for canoeing. No head wind, not too much or too little water. The scenery is breath taking... deer, bald eagles, fish of all kinds, eel's and snakes. The Delaware doesn't look like this by Trenton! Back in camp, everyone starts relaxing and preparing dinner. Soon enough a game of quoits started and the kids were off doing what kids do. Next thing we know, it is time for the kid's bedtime and adults are soon to follow.

The following day it is time to pack up and go home. None of us wanted to see this perfect long weekend come to a close. This brings the challenge of getting everything back into our vehicles. This is easier said than done. Since Scott and Red Barn are no more, Soaring Eagle Campground is a very nice alternative. We hope to be going back for another 3 decades.—Kim Walter & Steve Brandecker

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## *Club Matters & Members*

### Second Annual Forgotten Genocide Conference

Hello to all,

As of yesterday at 5pm the decision was made to host the Second Annual Forgotten Genocide Conference. YEAH! It will be held Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22, 2011 at St. Louis Community College-Meramec.

I'll be heading up the planning for the conference as last year. The difference this year is the faculty will be sponsoring the event. Dr Dirk Voss in the history department at Meramec has stepped forward to be the person I can turn to throughout the planning stages should any problems arise. He will be in Philly (Tag der Donauschwaben next month) to meet all of you as well as those who'd like to attend the conference.

I'll keep everyone updated as speakers and events are lined up for the conference.

See you in Philly, *Ann Morrison*

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### WEB MASTER WEDS IN CARRIBEAN

Our club Web Master, Tom Rubino, was recently married on the Island of Antigua at the Sandals Grande Antigua Mediterranean Village. Here is his account of the event. I know we all feel sorry for Tom and his Bride?????

"We departed on June 27th, 2010, were married in Antigua on July 3rd, 2010. We had a beautiful Catholic Wedding Ceremony followed by an Antiguan Butterfly release ceremony and a Caribbean traditional Sand Ceremony as well. The butterfly release and sand ceremony signify happiness and unity.

The ceremony was almost as beautiful as the Bride. The ladies were dressed in Island dresses and the bride in a beautiful white wedding gown. They carried peach umbrella's to block the sun and also had fans to cool them off. The Men were dressed very comfortable in Island Shirts with comfortable cacky's with Sandals and the Groom was also dressed in white to match the Bride. White flowers were everywhere.

A reception followed the ceremony in a private Garden Pavilion with shrimp cocktails, variety of fish and jerk chicken dishes and an open bar, of course, including a champagne toast. Music was provided and the Bride and Groom danced to "You are my Lady".

After the ceremony finished, everyone retreated to their rooms to change and/or go to the resorts swim-up bar for a 'cold one'! Later that evening we had a Sunset Dinner on the beach with the wedding party, which included a table setting on the beach lit by tiki torches and a special menu for the wedding party.

We hired a saxophone player to provide musical back-

ground while we ate dinner. It was a nice touch and everyone enjoyed it tremendously.

Our day was quite enjoyable and a complete success! The wedding package came with a photographer and many pictures were taken to remember our special day. We spent most of our time on the beach as the water was so clear with many different shades of blue as we watched fish swimming by. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Although we had one brief shower which cooled things down a little bit.

We went on a boat trip to Cade's Reef where you can snorkel and observe the tropical marine life of which we took lots of under water pictures. Although we booked a deep sea fishing trip it had to be canceled due to the groom feeling a little under the weather. This put a damper on things for the tail end of the trip. Regardless, a good time was had by all as we returned home as the new Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rubino." \*\*

### Good People of the Donauschwaben!

The long awaited weekend is just days away. On Saturday, August 7, and Sunday, August 8th, 34 dance groups from around the country and 1500 - 2000 people will be on hand for what promises to be a most memorable and enjoyable cultural extravaganza. We estimate a hundred of our own members will be there too, how about you?

We have been going on and on about how this is a *must-see*, a *must-attend* and a *can't-miss*. We really do mean it. This event represents everything our club stands for after all. There is simply no excuse for anyone to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity if at all possible.

We're delighted that not only will our wonderful and talented Philadelphia -Trenton Jugendtanzgruppe be on hand but our new adult dance group as well. Two dozen members will be helping to staff the event too! Our club is making every effort to be an important part of this event so your presence is extra important.

Directions: [United German Hungarians](http://www.ughclub.us/landestreffen/landesindex.html) (http://www.ughclub.us/landestreffen/landesindex.html)

Information: [United German Hungarians](#) (same name, different link) Please check back later this week for more complete information.

Tickets are available at the gate. We look forward to greeting you at the 2010 Donauschwabentreffen.

Der Vorstand.

## Genealogy, Culture & History Section



### *NEWS FROM THE PAST*

#### “Danube Swabian

Hamilton—The Danube Swabian Association of Yardville is an organization of Americans of German birth/descent.

The club’s dance group has some 14 members and specializes in both folk dancing in the ethnic German fashion and the Viennese waltz-style dances. The volunteers range in age from 19 to 34 and are instructed by Marlene Novosel.

The dance group has performed from Milwaukee to the Catskills and all over the local area. Recently, the group performed for benefit events, including one at the northern Burlington County Regional High School in Columbus for the benefit of Colin Temple, 8, and the Rhabdomyosarcoma (a rare form of cancer), Children’s Rust fund and also at the 4 Season’s Hotel in Philadelphia for the benefit of Multiple Sclerosis sponsored by WFLN radio.”

Source: *The Times*, 24 July 1990

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#### “WTTM—ANNOUNCEMENT

The United German-American Committee of Greater Trenton Scholarship Dinner-Dance. Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

German-American Society, Uncle Pete’s Road, Yardville

Entertainment—The Original Heimatlaenge

Folk Dancing by The Danube Swabian Youth Dance Group

The public is invited, for tickets call; Joe Thiel, 585-6887 or Ted Hierl, General Chairman, 585-6757”

Source: *The Times*, 21 June 1985

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#### “German-American Tricentennial”

Caption under a photo from the article; “From left, Ted Hierl, chairman of the United German-American Committee; Joseph Thiel, president of the German-American Society; Barbara Basler, president of the Banater Singing Society; Christian Bom, vice president of the Arbeiter Singing Society, and Ludwig Jakober, Jr., president of Donauschwaben, toast a trip to Philadelphia for the German-American Tricentennial.”

Source: *The Times*, 6 October 1983

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#### “Free concert tonight

The Tony Walter Combo, the Danube Swabian Folk Dancers and a mixed chorus from the German American Society will present a free concert tonight at 7pm at Cass Street, between Adeline and Beatty Streets. Ted Hierl will be master of ceremonies.”

Source: *Trenton Times*, 4 September 1980

# Membership News

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## AUTO SHOW WINNERS

The Trenton Donauschwaben and the German-American Society want to thank all the vehicle entries and congratulate the "Top 50" award winners. As in the past, the judging was very difficult as all the vehicles were true winners.

Our specialty winner's included: Oldest Vehicle—Jameson Spence, Jr. and his 1930 Ford Coupe, Best Truck—John Lindquist and his 1931 Ford Pickup, Best Foreign/Non-Euro—Phil Van Leeuw and his 1956 Canadian Meteor Rideau, Best American— Trish Barish and her 2007 Ford Shelby GT 500 Mustang, Best Euro —Larry Dougherty and his 1985 Mercedes 380SL Convertible and People's Choice—Frank Messenger and his 1957 Chevy Belair.

## Membership Happenings (births, engagements, weddings, deaths, anniversaries, vacation trips, graduations, etc.)

**Congratulations** to member **Hans Martini** on his new position as woodworker at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.



Also to **Tom Rubino** and his bride, **Lisa Marie Mastroserio**, on their July wedding. See article on page 2.

**Congratulations** to members; **Dan & Terry Penrith** on the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen Penrith, to Robert Gilland on June 26, 2010 in Glassboro, NJ.

**Congratulations** to members; **Luisa Martini & Joe Brandecker** on their graduation from Hamilton High school West and Hamilton High School East, respectively. Luisa will attend Rutgers University in the Fall, majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Joe will attend Mercer County Community College in the Fall, majoring in Civil Engineering. A graduation party was held at the club on June 26<sup>th</sup> for the pair. Good Luck on your studies this Fall from all our club members. Study hard.

**Happy Birthday** to club member **Elfriede Hepp** who celebrated her 80th birthday in June 2010.

**Get Well** to members, **Jim Brunner, Harold Million, Ludwig Jakober, Harold Huff, Tom Rubino, Joe Vecchione, Gerry Tomlinson and Hans Klausner.**

**Travels:** Newlyweds **Chris and Christa (Tindall) Pullion**, are traveling to Europe to visit with Chris' mom who is spending the summer at the University of Sorbonne (campus in Nice, France) to further her graduate studies in French. Christa and Chris took the opportunity to spend a day or two in Switzerland so that Christa can continue the Swiss portion of her Power Point presentation for her Pennsbury German students. Besides learning the German language, the students are also given the opportunity to learn about the geography of Germany, Austria and Switzerland, the history and culture of these three beautiful countries!

In addition, **Chris Pullion**, graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine on June 5, 2010 at a beautiful graduation ceremony at the Kimmel Center. Congratulations Dr. Pullion!



## Deutsche Ecke, Seite I

### ETWAS ZUM NACHDENKEN

Weisheiten vom Kräuterpfarrer Herrmann-Josef Weidinger -  
Aus seinem Buch, „Das fruchtbare Jahr“.

Jedesmal, wenn wir in der Liebe zu jemandem versagen, entfernen wir uns von Gott. Im Denken beginnt unser Gut- oder Schlecht- Sein. Denn auch Gedanken-Wünsche haben Kraft und Wirkung. Gott können wir keine Vorschriften machen. Nur dankbar annehmen, was ER uns gibt. Um die Erfüllung SEINES Willens bitten.

In SEINER Liebe bleiben wollen.  
- Missgunst unserem Nächsten gegenüber, Segen Gottes, den wir ihm nicht gönnen, kann bei uns selber zum Schaden werden.

In der Wirklichkeit leben. Nicht in einem eigenen Machwerk, Hohl und

ohne Sinn. Ich muss zu mir finden. Zu meinem ganzen Ich. Dabei hilft mir auch das Hören auf die Meinung anderer. Der Rat eines Freundes. Die Stimme des eigenen Gewissens. Die Lehre der Kirche. – Es gibt auch heute noch Wegweiser, Helfer, Auswege aus der Verstricktheit.

Nach altägyptischer Lebenslehre ist der „Schweiger“ ein Mensch, der seine Emotionen unter Kontrolle hält. Die „schädigende Rede“ meidet und „die gute Rede“ hoch schätzt. Der wahre Schweiger wird mit einem Baum verglichen, „der im Sonnenlicht aufwächst. Er grünt und verdoppelt seine Früchte. Er steht im Angesicht seines Herrn, seine Früchte sind süß, sein Schatten ist angenehm, sein Ende findet er als Monument.“ -

Der Mensch, der die Kunst des Schweigens beherrscht, lebt weiter in der Erinnerung. Der Schwätzer hingegen ist bald vergessen.

Wandere hinaus, entdecke die Natur wieder, Bäume, Gräser, Wind und Wolken. Lass sie einziehen in dein eigenes Ich. Bleib‘ stehen und schau dreimal : Mit den Augen, mit dem Hirn und mit dem Herzen. Nur so erlebst du, was „innerer Reichtum“ ist. Dann spürst du es ganz von selber in dir und findest die Antwort : ein inniges, stilles Danke.

Submitted by Eva Martini.

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### “Heimat , Palanka an der Donau” -- Käthe Marx

Sehr lange schon hatte ich Sehnsucht noch einmal in der Heimat zu sein . Nochmal die trauten Wege zu gehen, die Kirchen, Schulen, Friedhof, Eltern – und Grosselternhaus, Park, Korso, die Donau wieder zu sehen.

So ergab es sich nach Ostern 2009, dass meine Tochter und Schwiegersohn mit den Mädchen 15 und 16 den Wunsch äusserten, dahin zu reisen um zu sehen wo wir Daheim waren und das Land kennen zu lernen. Eine komplette Aufzeichnung der Ahnentafel bewies ihnen schon, dass alle Vorfahren in der Batschka beheimatet waren,

So wurden Pläne geschmiedet. Die Reise begann für die Familie in North Carolina, Toronto, Wien. Ich folgte von Philadelphia, Frankfurt, Wien. Es soll dies eine Aufzeichnung der Erlebnisse werden: 3 Tage Wien, 3 Tage Budapest, 3 Tage Palanka, 1 Tag Belgrad, Heimflug nach 10 Tagen.

Ich verblieb noch in Deutschland bei Verwandten, mütterlicherseits. Somit geht es der Heimat zu nach 63 Jahren. Es hört sich schrecklich lange an, doch in Wirklichkeit denkt man es verflossen 10-15 Jahre und nicht mehr. Wieso kommt es mir so kurz vor? Ich glaube es verging keine Woche in meinem Leben, in der meine Gedanken nicht in Palanka weilten.

In dieser Zeit wurden Erlebnisse und Erinnerungen der Kindheit im Elternhaus, Schule, Kirchen, Verwandte, Freunde und Nachbarn, wach. Daher sind sie unauslöschbar erhalten geblieben. Wir sind verankert und diese Bilder kann uns keiner rauben. Ganz gleich wo wir die neue Heimat fanden, die Alte ist uns auf ewig im Herzen geblieben.

Diese Gemeinschaft war ein Band der Zugehörigkeit und das gibt es nicht wieder. Alles hatte seinen Platz und Ordnung, es war einmal!

Gewisse Häuser und Wahrzeichen des Ortes stehen, man weiss genau wo man sich befindet, trotz der vielen Neubauten und stockhohen Häuser. Man kennt jedes Haus ob es bewohnt ist oder nicht. Die meisten Häuser benötigten eine Generalreparatur. Oft fehlt die ganze Front, Oder der Verputz ist abgefallen und man sieht die Ziegel vom Untermauern. Es gibt Häuser die stehen kadellos, wenn der Neubürger dafür sorgt. Oft wohnen 2 Parteien in einem Haus.

Ich kannte keine einzige Person in Palanka. Doch durch einen Freund in Trenton, dessen Freund aus der Jugend, nach der Lagerzeit dort verblieb, gewann ich einen Freund, der unser Begleiter auf allen Wegen werden sollte. Ich bin ihm zutiefst Dank verpflichtet!

## Serbia, As I Saw It

My remembrances of the trip I took with my family and grandmother  
by Rebecca Telford-Marx

This summer, I took a personal pilgrimage of sorts to Serbia, more specifically Palanka, where my grandmother Katharina Marx was born. To say that I didn't know what to expect would be like saying like Alice just simply didn't know what to expect when she landed in Wonderland. My mother's side of the family was a big question mark in the stamp of my identity, and the closest I had gotten to my Eastern European roots prior to this summer had been through the reminiscences of my mother, grandmother, and grandfather. These stories lent a certain aura of fondness, tragedy, and nostalgia to the way I had always thought about my grandmother's birthplace. This summer, however, I got a chance to form my own impressions and draw my own conclusions about my heritage and its rich history.

Palanka's downtown area was in transition. There was a mix of new and old; glossy storefronts bordered pre-war homes and buildings, which were in varying states of upkeep. My grandmother would tell us who used to live where, what they had done for a living, and who their children were. What she remembered was absolutely incredible. As I walked through the streets, my eyes sought out the oldest buildings, the ones that would have looked the most similar 60 years ago, and I tried to imagine what Palanka looked like back then. As we moved out of the center of town, that became easier to do. We visited my grandmother's house, and finally all of the stories I had heard had a set on which to play; I could imagine my relatives going to school and church, coming home after school, walking to the post office, sleeping over at a cousin's house. It was magnificent, and yet the beauty of understanding was tempered by the solemnity of the wartime tragedies that had occurred in and around the province. At Gakovo, a solemn drizzle accompanied our group as we stood beneath the black monument erected by the Donauschwaben, a beautifully lonely and tragic symbol of all that I had never known about World War II.

To wrap up our trip, we walked along the Danube and imagined the dozens of young people who enjoyed the same view that we did every Sunday after church, a tradition that my grandmother told us about as we walked in the gracious shadows of the broad, leafy trees. The tranquil view imparted a sense of peace upon our little party, tired as we were from a packed trip that included trips to Vienna and Budapest.

My visit to Palanka was extremely emotional. My grandmother had told my sister and me many stories about the town and her experiences, and seeing the place where she had lived made a very deep impression upon me that I will never forget. Palanka seemed to quiver and glide in front of my eyes between the way it looked in front of me and the way I imagined it looked sixty years ago. Either way, it was graceful and delicate to me, a soap bubble that I wasn't quite sure was real—was this really the place that I had heard so much about?



## Our AutoKlub Travels



### 2010 Euro-American Auto Show

We have been lucky these last 5 years and have never had a rain date for the event, until this year. With rain showers and thunder storms predicted, after hours of discussion, we decided Friday night to postpone the Auto Show from Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>. Tums were certainly in order that day. Good thing that we did cancel as we did have rain during the hours of 9:30am and 4:00pm on Saturday.

First of all, the Auto Show Committee would like to thank all of our volunteers that re-arranged their busy schedules in order to cover the event of Sunday. Although we were down from about 150 cars last year to 61 (plus our 11 club cars) this year, the event was still a success, all things considered. We moved from trophies this year to wooden plaques and received many positive comments from the car owners in attendance. Those that did attend appreciated the rain date notice we were able to get out via both club's answering machines, club's web sites and the flash email by Diana Grover of the GAK. A special thanks to our web master, Tom Rubino who preformed his "magic" from the hospital!

The weather on Sunday was sunny and hot, but not to humid. The great music and announcements continued to be supplied by our own, Gary McGhee and friend of the club, Don Solt. We presented 53 "Top" plaques and three special plaques: Best Euro Class, Best American Class and People's Choice. All that entered indicated they would be back next year and would spread the word. See car show winners list on page 5, sponsors list and pictures on page 10.



### Synthetic vs. Regular Engine Oil: Decisions, Decisions

Before you switch from one side to the other, make sure to ask your dealer for advice. If you have ever had a conversation with anyone about engine oil, then you have undoubtedly come to the realization that almost every person out there has their own opinion regarding what represents the best option for both their own and your own automobile. Mechanics, performance enthusiasts, friends at work and even your own family are likely to hold varied points of view on the subject of engine lubricants and what you should be putting in your car when it's time for your scheduled oil change.

Few aspects of any engine oil conversation attract such spirited debate as the question of whether synthetic or standard oil is the best option for a given vehicle. Breaking things down even further, true gearheads will launch into long examinations of what type of synthetic oil is truly worthy of consideration. Oil is a hot topic, whether you are being given advice at the local

quick-change shop or around the water cooler in the office, and it helps to know a bit about the basics in order to understand the main differences between synthetic and standard oil.

Regular engine oil is refined from the same crude oil that is used to produce gasoline. Since it comes out of the ground and is the product of millions of years of pressures acting on ancient biological materials, it is also known in some circles as 'dino oil,' named after the dinosaurs that once roamed the Earth and whose remains now form part of our fossil fuel reserves.

Synthetic oil has a far different origin and takes a much more complicated journey before ending up in the bottle on the shelf of your dealer's parts department. Synthetic oil is so named because it is created in a laboratory in order to provide a very strict grade of lubrication.

What does this mean for your engine? Can it really tell the difference between the two different types of oil? Yes and no. 'Dino oil' has been in use for decades, and its ability to protect a motor from the stress of every day use is well established by reams of test data and the experience of millions of drivers. Fundamentally, there is nothing 'bad' about standard oil, and it continues to be the engine lubricant of choice for many automakers.

Why, then, was synthetic oil developed? The answer lies in the desire to meet the needs of more specialized engine designs and operating environments. Since synthetic oils are artificially created, manufacturers are able to be quite specific about the characteristics of each grade of lubricant they produce. Thanks in part to uniform molecule size and carefully controlled manufacturing conditions, synthetic oil is better able to resist heat, which makes it far less likely to break down when pulling extreme duty. Some synthetic oil also flows and protects better at very low temperatures.

In addition to these characteristics, synthetic oil is packed with a number of additives that differ from those found in regular oil. These additives can help to keep some types of engines cleaner inside, as they fight against the build-up of deposits and varnish that can occur in certain driving situations. Finally, since synthetic oil is more resistant to heat breakdown, it usually has a longer life inside an engine than regular oil, which can mean fewer oil changes over a given period.

If synthetic oil is so amazing in terms of performance, then why aren't all engines simply switched over to this type of lubricant? The answer to this question is cost. All of those lab development and materials costs add up, leading to per-quart pricing for synthetic oil that is much higher than that for regular oil. Beyond this, however, is the question of need. The majority of engines run perfectly with standard oil, and to use synthetic would, in most cases, impart no real advantage.

Ultimately, if you are curious as to what engine oil would be best for your car, or if you are thinking of switching to synthetic, there is only one opinion you should seek: that of your dealer's service department. These technicians are experts on your vehicle, and they will be able to discuss your driving habits, your engine type and your expectations regarding oil performance in frank and easy to understand terms. Whenever you have specific questions about your automobile, it's always a great idea to go right to the source; when it comes to engine oil, the answer is no different.

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## The Passing of Our Dear Ted Hierl



The Donauschwaben notes with sadness the passing of Mr. Ted Hierl. Ted was a good friend and an honorary member of our organization. By sheer force of personality and with a spirit and enthusiasm that never waned, he elevated the visibility and status of our German community to heights never seen before... and will likely never see again.

Please refer to Detlef A. "Ted" Hierl Obituary: View Detlef Hierl's Obituary by The Times, Trenton, for a comprehensive overview of the life of this region's most prominent German-American. We'll have much more to say about this larger-than-life figure in our next newsletter.

We extend our sincerest condolences to his family and to all of his many friends. May he rest in Peace. (See page 3 for his past activities in the news).



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The Lieblang Family of Roebling, NJ – plaques & prizes  
 Garden State Diner, NJ – plaque  
 Edward Larkin Dentistry, Levittown, PA – plaque  
 Bauer Genealogy, Levittown, Pa – plaque & prizes  
 Asset Locators, Levittown, PA – plaque  
 Lyons Family Dentistry, Bordentown, NJ – plaque & prizes  
 William J. Roth Taxes, Warrington, PA – plaque  
 K & M Auto Body, Levittown, PA – plaque  
 K & M Speed & Truck, Levittown, PA - prizes  
 Newportville Inn, Newportville, PA – plaque & prizes  
 Sebastian’s Schnitzel Haus, Wrightstown, NJ – plaque  
 UBS Financial, Newtown, Pa – plaques & prizes  
 City Beef, Trenton, NJ – plaque  
 Terry’s VW Service Ctr., Fallsington, PA – plaque & staff shirts  
 Switlik Parachute Co., Trenton, NJ – plaque  
 Erwin Teichmann “Memory of Ranklin Russell” NJ – plaque  
 Cerials Auto Service, Westhampton, NJ – plaque  
 Frank Bergman Chiropractic, Levittown, PA – plaque  
 Martini’s Woodworks, Hamilton, NJ – plaque & displays  
 Dontonio’s Pizza, Levittown, PA – plaque  
 Art’s Auto Repair, Morrisville, PA – plaques  
 German-American Society (GAK), Yardville, NJ – plaque  
 German-American Soccer Committee, Yardville, NJ - plaques  
 Trenton Donauschwaben, Yardville, NJ – plaques & prizes  
 Diana & Warren Grover, Browns Mills, NJ – plaques  
 Sanitary Linen, Ewing, NJ – plaque  
 Garden State Tire & Auto, Trenton, NJ – plaque  
 GAK Soccer Committee, Yardville, NJ – plaques  
 Crystal Brook Resorts, Round Top, NY – plaque & prizes  
 Beer-A-Rama, Levittown, PA – prizes  
 Grand Bank, Hamilton, NJ – prizes  
 Sticky Wicket, Hamilton, NJ – prizes  
 Rock Auto Supplies, Racine, WI - prizes  
 Warsteiner Beer, USA – prizes  
 Langhorne VW, Langhorne, PA – prizes  
 Stoner Inc., Quarryville, PA – prizes  
 Bavarian Auto Sport, Portsmouth, NH – prizes  
 Trenton Thunder, Trenton, NJ – prizes  
 Trenton Devils, Trenton, NJ – prizes  
 Myers Speed Shop, Trenton, NJ – prizes  
 Home Brewery Supplies, Columbus, NJ – prizes  
 Hub City Distributors, Lawrenceville, NJ – prizes  
 RT. 130 Car Wash & Lube, Trenton, NJ – prizes  
 Sophie David, Bordentown, NJ - plaque  
 Perritt Laboratories, Hightstown, NJ – plaques  
 NJ Dept. of Travel & Tourism, Trenton, NJ – prizes  
 PWD Lubricants, Warminster, PA – prizes  
 Terrence Patrick Clothing, Langhorne, PA - plaque  
 Crystal Brook Mt. Brauhaus, Round Top, NY – plaque & prizes



### Club Pictures Spring 2010 - Canoe-Camping Trip & Pig Roast





# Deutsche Sprach Schule & Tanze Gruppe

## Seite (Youth & Adult)



### Youth Language School performs at the Father's day Pig Roast in June

Our youth group honor the fathers in the crowd with their recital during the June Pig Roast.

### ADULT LANGUAGE SCHOOL

We are currently gauging interest in resuming our adult language class. Club member Andy Franz provides both German language and cultural instruction in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Classes will meet for one hour on a mutually convenient weeknight. Contact us at this e-mail address >school@trentondonauschwabem.com< or 609-586-6109 for more information.

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### SPECIAL THANKS—SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thanks to the generous support of its members, as well as proceeds from the annual Euro-American Car Show, the Club was able to award 4 scholarships to deserving students enrolled in the German language program in our 3 local Hamilton High Schools. Liz Tindall, Scholarship Chair, and Christa Pullion, Vice Chair, attended all three high school awards nights to present these scholarships on behalf of the Donauschwaben Verein. Scholarships recipients were as follows:

Hamilton High School West: Luise Martini and Kelly Kleinmann  
 Steinert High School: Kevin Hom  
 Nottingham High School : Andrew Palmer

All students are going on to 4-year colleges with majors such as engineering, biology and pre-med, while continuing their German studies. These students have GPA's of over 4.0, are actively involved in their school and extracurricular activities, and also find the time to volunteer many hours to their community. Our future is in good hands! Congratulations to all!

### FIRST PUBLIC ADULT DANCE GROUP PERFORMANCE

Our newly formed adult dance group is hard at work (dance) creating new routines for future performances, including for the Landestreffen in August at the United German-Hungarians. Those that attended the July Pig roast had the privilege to see their first public performance and in full dress also. We really enjoyed the group's performance. You can witness the fun they are having during each Wednesday night's practice session. They performed for the first time in "public" at our July 18th Pig Roast. Those in attendance enjoyed the great performance. Our "hats" go off to the group for their great performance in the 94 degree heat. Great Job!



# Club Events for the Summer 2010

## EVENTS— DATES & TIMES

*Come out and join us!*

- ◆ Family Canoe/Camping Trip— July 2-4, Hankins, NY
- ◆ Euro-American Auto Show —at the German-American Picnic Grove, Saturday, July 10, 9am-3pm (raindate next day)
- ◆ Pig Roast - Sunday, July 18, 1pm
- ◆ ‘Tag der Donauschwaben’, at the United German-Hungarians, Oakford, PA —Friday August 6-Sunday August 8
- ◆Erntedankfest- Sunday, September 12, 1pm
- ◆Philadelphia Steuben Parade-Saturday, September 25, 1pm. Also the Dover, DE NASCAR Race Club Trip and the Wildwood, NJ Boardwalk Car Show Weekend.

Please call Frau Eva Martini (609) 586-6109 or Frau Kim Walter (609) 585-8752 for meal reservations. Chicken is always available as an alternative to the featured dish (except at the Schlachtfest). Please let us know your preference in advance.

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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!**

## Auto Show Pictures

