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Trentoner Donauschwaben Nachrichten

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Points of Interest

- First Beetle Prototype VI finished and driven—October 1935.
- First convertible Beetle V2 finished-January 1936.
- Schwimmwagen Type 166 went into production-January 1942.
- 1000th Beetle produced after WWII-March 1946.
- First Beetles to USA-April 1949.
- Microbus went into production -January 1950.
- One millionth Beetle prodeuted August 1955.
- Last orginial Beetle produced (Mexico), 30 July 2003. Totaling 21,529,464 cars over 70yrs.

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Summer 2023 is Here—Sommerfest!

Summer "Indoor" Picnic! July 23, 2023!

Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported the last event of the summer sea-

A special thank you to our hard-working volunteers! It's time to take a summer break....no events in August! We will be back in September. See details on page 4.

We changed it up this year and had a "indoor picnic" type dinner instead of our usual second pig roast of the year. It was extremely hot and humid this summer, so it was a good move....

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Club Matters, Members, Friends & Stuff

GAUFEST 2023

The bi-annual Schuhplattler Gaufest happened the July 19th weekend in Cleveland, OH, and featured Trenton club members Emma Walter and Sasha Malofiy representing our sister club the United German Hungarians in the competition. Members of the Walter family as well as Chrissy

(Martini) Malofiy performed there too. Trenton member Kathleen Martini was one of the Gaufest organizers and competed with her hometown club the Cleveland Schuhplattlers. Her parents, Ray and Marie, from Atlanta, GA, cheered on the competitors and were part of the big support group that attended the event from our area. "A good time had by all"!

By the way dear readers, the next Gaufest will be held in two years in nearby Delaware. That event will be a joint effort of the Delaware Saengerbund and the UGH. Look for more information as the time draws near.



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This is the place to find information on the Treffen being held at the Mansfield Liederkranz September 1st through 3rd, 2023. Please click link below!

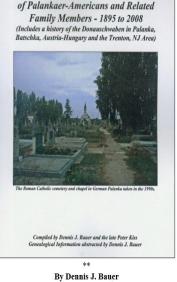
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A Collection of Genealogical Information of Palankaer-North Americans and Related Family Members 1895-2023

Volume II

(A SUPPLEMENT TO "A COLLECTION OF GENEALOGICAL INFROMATION OF PALANKAER-AMERICANS AND RELATED FAMILY MEMBERS OF 1895-2008")

A Collection of Genealogical Information



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Club member and genealogist, Dennis Bauer, will complete the second volume of his North American (U.S.A. and Canada) Palankaer genealogy book series this Fall. **Trenton, NJ** was the most popular destination for Donauschwaben Palanka immigrants.

This new works will revise/update information found in his 2008 volume and contain more genealogical information about the Donauschwaben that came to North America from the Batschka town of Backa Palanka (home of his grandfather, Jacob Bauer and his Bauer/Bohnert line). He has added information on Canadian Palankaers in this volume.

Items included in the series include; brief history of the town of Palanka, history of German-American clubs in the Trenton area, obituaries, passenger lists to North America, U.S. WWI/WWII draft registrations, Palankaer U.S. passports, naturalizations, post WWII Displaced Person camp lists, Palankaer American list of 1961 and a collection of Palanka maps, postcards, family photos and headstones, town photos, Palanka town occupation lists and more... Many of the included obituaries offer a overview of our Donauschwaben immigrants difficult times they went through in order to make the trip to our North American shores. His research has been a 30 year Labor of Love.

He is always looking for additional items prior to its completion. If you have any of these items you wish to share for the publication, please email them to Dennis at donauschwaben5@gmail.com. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the book.

See information on Volume 1 on page 13 of the newsletter.

Donauschwaben History & Culture

Backa Palanka Consequences of the Devastating Storm

By MA Nikola Milivojevia August 5, 2023 - Belgrade, Serbia

During the penultimate week of July 2023, Backa Palanka experienced the full force of climate change with a force that had not been recorded before. A strong storm wave that moved from the direction of Italy across Slovenia and the northern parts of continental Croatia in the early evening hours of July 19 came to the area of Srem and Backa. A sudden blackout with a sudden drop in temperature and the beginning of a light rain announced what was to come. The strong storm wind began to break trees, demolish traffic signs and signaling, and carry tiles and roofing materials from houses and accompanying buildings. Those who found themselves on the streets could witness an incredible scene. The testimonies of those who were caught by the storm near Backa Palanka on the Danube bank left a special impression. They witnessed firsthand the destruction of the popular Korzo, where the wind uprooted trees and thus destroyed part of the asphalt road. After a few hours, the storm subsided, and citizens with a sense of uncertainty came out of their houses and witnessed its consequences. The streets were full of fallen vegetation and construction material. Traffic in most places was either difficult or completely stopped. Most of the traffic signs and signals were broken. In addition to civilian buildings, many State buildings, schools and religious buildings suffered great damage. Citizens immediately started rebuilding houses together with local communal services. Parts of the settlement were cleared according to priorities and traffic began to function normally. But unfortunately, the hope that the worst was over was shattered by new news that followed two days later around noon on July 21, 2023, about the approach of a new wave of hurricane storms from the same direction. The new storm did even more damage.

The settlements in South Backa and Srem lost an even greater number of roofs and vegetation. Many roads were blocked.. Among them was the road Œelarevo-Gajdobra (ex Schanau) which was closed for almost 24 hours. The storm disrupted both rail and river traffic, while part of the boats in the local docks were sunk. Huge damage was done to crops. Besides that, it is estimated that during both storms, around half a million trees were destroyed in the municipality of Bačka Palanka alone. Many settlements in South Bačka were without water and electricity for a long period of time. The former German villages, Mladenovo (Bukin) and Eelarevo (Tscheb) fared the worst. As the greenest in the municipality of Backa Palanka, they lost a large part of their green belt in the settlement and along the Danube, a large part of the roof structures of the buildings was damaged, and they spent several days without electricity. The storm did not bypass Neusatz, the capital of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and its suburbs. Neusatz made a great effort a few years ago to honor its title of European Capital of Culture 2022. The city invested a lot of effort and money in order to beautify city squares and parks in addition to cultural institutions, the same ones that have now suffered great damage. On the Srem side, the neighboring town of Ilok also suffered great damage. Among the victims of the storm are many old historical buildings, including the city Museum, which for this reason will remain closed to visitors for a certain period of time. There were no injuries or casualties during the storm in Backa Palanka. Unfortunately, several people who were struggling with the consequences of the storm were injured or died including a 14-year-old child.

Although two weeks have passed since the described events, there is a great shortage of building materials, especially tiles, timber and sheets. The problem is also to reach electricians, builders and others who could help in this situation. Many buildings are still standing as they were left by the storm, undamaged or lacking roof tiles and other materials. Religious buildings and cemeteries in the Bačka Palanka municipality also suffered damage. The grave monuments at the Roman Catholic cemetery suffered the least damage, where up to a forty monuments were destroyed during the storm. On the other side, in the City cemetery, especially in the old part, a large number of grave monuments fell due to a gust of wind on the part that covered the ossuary and thus damaged the grave monument as a whole. Religious buildings in Bačka Palanka suffered significant damage as well. The Church of the Immaculate Conception of Mary the Mother of God is currently closed. A tape was placed around it and citizens are advised not to approach it The roof of the church was damaged, with a significant part of the tiles falling. In addition, some windows on the tower were damaged, along with part of the drip pan on the tower. The Holy Mass was held and will be held until further notice in the Church of St. Anthony. The chapel at the Roman Catholic cemetery suffered damage to its roof, while its windows were smashed.

There is similar damage to the churches in Gajdobra, Eelarevo and Mladenovo. The worst was the church in Obrovac, St. Ferdinand the Bishop, whose tower was blown away by a storm on July 21, 2023. Due to the consequences of the storm, the interior of these religious buildings is subject to further devastation. Therefore, adequate rehabilitation is needed as soon as possible to save them from further deterioration.

I would like to address all people of good will who want to help repair the damage. Donations to the population of Bačka Palanka Municipality and for the renovation of religious buildings are possible by contacting the local Red Cross and Roman Catholic parish in Backa Palanka on their official Email Addresses: office@rimkatbp.com and office@ckbp.org.rs.









Membership News



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Get Well/Thinking of you to members, Ludwig Jakober, Jim Potts, Maria Kuhn, Marlene Novosel, Eva Martini, Donna Gruzlovic, Hilde Schintzler, Richard West and Erika Volltrauer, and those members that we were not aware of

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



Introducing....

The newest addition to the Donauschwaben Club Family....little Gemma Maeve

Scheideler came into the world on 8 July 2023. Gemma was born to parents Luisa (Martini) and Glenn Scheideler. Proud

grandparents (Oma and Opa) are Hans and JoAnn Martini, and Tony and Nancy Galati and great-grandmom Eva Martini.

Congratulations to all and welcome to the world little one!



Many Thanks to our Kitchen Leader/Chef, Hubert Pinkerton. What a great job he has done this year leading our great kitchen staff in their production of our great monthly dinners!! Kudos to Hubert.

Tindall

Family Vacation—Club members Al and Liz (Hepp) Tindall, together with their family, recently returned from a wonderful trip to Germany and Austria....great weather, outstanding food and beverages (which is so typical of our culture), hiking, mountains, lakes, traditions and special moments! A true cultural experience! Ausgezeichnet!!!!



Next Dinner September 17, 2023

MAY WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT??
Harvest FestivalErntedankfest!

PLEASE RESERVE by this Sun. Sept. 10 in order for us to better prepare!

Here's our Menu....

- Ham and Corn Chowder Soup
- Sauerbraten OR Roasted Chicken (please specify)
- Knoedel (bread dumplings)
- Red Cabbage
- Coffee/Tea
- Dessert: Cider-spiced Applesauce Cake

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Price: \$20 per person; children 5 and under free of charge; children 6 - 12 half price!

Remember....take-out is always available!

Tell your family and friends and join us! We look forward to being with you!



Congrats—to Members Anna Martini and Patrick Walls on their recent wedding shower. A November 2023 wedding is planned.



Deutsche Ecke, Seite I & Genealogy



Keeper of memories of the Danube Germans from Bačka Palanka

Chronicler Nikola Franz

BY Nikola Milivojević, MA

Nikola Franz was born in the municipality of German (Deutsch) Palanka on November 6, 1931. He acquired his basic education and carpentry trade in Bačka Palanka. From November 1944 to July 15, 1947, together with his family, he was interned in the Bački Jarak Labor camp. After 1948 he continued his education by attending several institution of higher education. Nikola got his first job in *Obnova*. Later he worked in state-owned timber industry firms *Todor Dukin*, *Jugodrvo* and *Centraloslavija*. Due to his knowledge of the German language, he mediated between companies from Bačka Palanka and

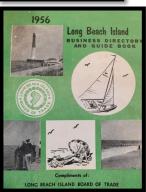
companies from West and East Germany. He retired in 1992.

Franz started his work on preserving the memory of his fellow citizens after returning to Bačka Palanka in 1947. He tried to collect as many documents, newspapers, magazines, posters, postcards, letters, maps, photographs and objects as possible. By cooperating with the parish of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in Bačka Palanka, the Cultural Center of Bačka Palanka, National Library Veljko Petrović, the Tourist Organization of Bačka Palanka and Nedeljne novine (Weekly Newspaper) he helped in the reconstruction of war stories of participants in the First and Second World War, and made a big effort in collecting and documenting the materials related to life in Bačka Palanka from 1914 to 2018. Nikola also gave his contribution in connecting the families of Danube Germans with their relatives from Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Germany, Canada and the USA. It is also important to mention that Franz was an active member of several sports, cultural-artistic and heritage preservation associations. He was one of the founders of the Association of Backa Palanka Germans and Pannonia-Association for the Preservation of Heritage and Collecting. He passed away on September 10, 2018.

SCHWOBS AT THE SHORE



Our Trenton Donauschwaben have a long history of loving the Jersey Shore. These folks enjoyed trips to the beach, fishing trips and even owning summer homes or businesses at the New Jersey Shore. A number of Donauschwaben from the Trenton, NJ area still live at the shore today. Long Beach Island was a popular shore location for this families. Several Trenton area Schwobs, who built homes and apartments in Beach Haven and Spray Beach in the 1940-50s included the Ams, Bauers, Hamanns (see photo), Brandts and Sherers (see boat photo below of Jake Bauer, John Essert and friend), and the Esserts. They built homes, apartments and a marina at the Liberty and West Avenue area of Beach Haven after dredging backfilled the lowlands in the early 1950s. Frequent Donauschwaben vacationers during the 1950-1990s also included; the Bohns, Novosel, Fabritz', and the Hepps (see family photo below) and the Schwendts. Present club members, the Carsons (see clamming photo below of Chris Carson and grand-daughters) live there now in his Hauman/Schilling grandparent's home in Spray Beach, NJ.

















TREFFEN 2022—LABOR DAY WEEKEND-YARDVILLE, NJ

Get Your Trenton Treffen Commemoratives (still available)

Trenton Treffen Commemoratives still available for purchase. Please reply to this email if interested!

Pins: \$5.00 each

Tee-Shirts: sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL: \$10 each

Flags: \$25.00 each

Photos below. (Tee-shirt shows front and back). Designed by our own Sofi Walter!









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*K & M Speed & Truck - Levittown, PA

*Knott's Colonial Funeral Home - Hamilton, NJ

*Lucas Auto Group - Burlington, NJ

*Marussia Beverages USA - Cedar Knolls, NJ

*Newportville Inn - Newportville, PA

*Old School Euros Car club - Levittown, PA

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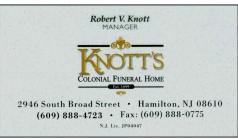
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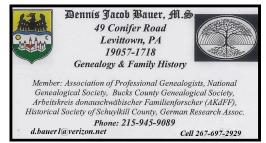






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CLUB EVENTS FOR 2023



2023 Calendar of Events of the Donauschwaben of Trenton Please note that reservations should be made at least one week in advance if at all possible. Thank you!



January 8th, Sunday First Dinner of the New Year!

January 22nd, Sunday Annual Business Meeting

February 12th, Sunday SCHLACHTFEST (2 seatings)

March 5th, Sunday Back to the Old Country Dinner

April 2nd, Sunday Easter Luncheon

April 29th and 30th National Donauschwaben Meeting in Cincinnati

May 7th, Sunday Mother's Day Dinner

May 27th - 28 th, Donauschwaben Soccer Festival Milwaukee Donauschwaben

June 11th, Sunday Father's Day Picnic

July 1st through the 4 th of July Canoe & Camping Trip (reserve soon)

July 15th, Saturday (rain date July 16th) 18th Car Show at the German American Club

July 23rd, Sunday Summer Picnic

September 1st – 3 rd Mansfield Treffen

September 17th, Sunday Harvest Festival Dinner

October 15th, Sunday Club's 67th Anniversary Banquet

October 29th, Sunday Memorial Service at Our Lady of Lourdes

November 19th, Sunday SCHLACHTFEST (2 seatings)

December 3rd, Sunday St. Nikolaus/Christmas Party

Please make reservations at least a week in advance for every event if at all possible. Thanks! Reservations/Information: Liz Tindall at ltindall.llc@gmail.com

Our 2023 Auto & Cycle Show



18th Annual Euro American Auto and Cycle Show—2023 Success

Our July 19th car show was again a Great Success. We had rain the day before the show, but the rain held off until after the show. As in the past proceeds from the show support our high school student scholarship fund.

We had well over 100 cars, trucks and cycles in attendance and many, many public visitors. Great vehicles, great DJ (Dan Murphy), great food and great drinks. We want to thank the volunteers from the Old School Euros Car Club for again helping out at the registration booth, the raffle booth, car staging and judging.

As in the past, a big, big thanks to all that entered the show......all the rides were special and much enjoyed by the attendees. Already to start to plan for our 19th Annual show next summer. See you then.

































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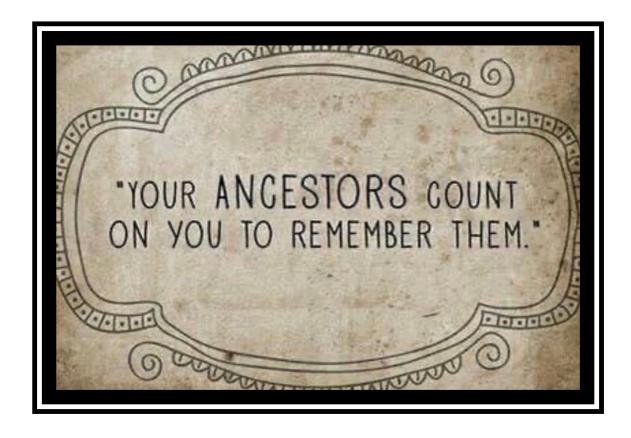
Scholarships & Culture & Food



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).

In 2022 we awarded three student scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Thank you to those that donated to the fund and to our AutoKlub for their donation from the 2022 Euro-American Auto Show. We awarded three more this Spring of 2023.



Club Events for the Summer 2023



2023 Summer— DATES & TIMES-Come out and join

- ♦June 11th, Sunday Father's Day Picnic
- ♦July 1st through the 4 th of July Canoe & Camping Trip
- ♦July 15th, Saturday, 18th Car Show at the German American Club
- ♦July 23rd, Sunday, Summer Picnic
- **♦No Events in August**
- ♦September 1st 3 rd Mansfield, OH Treffen
- ♦September 17th, Sunday, Harvest Festival Dinner

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!!

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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 now have only a few left!, so get yours before they are sold out.



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A Collection of Genealogical Information of Palankaer-Americans and Related Family Members - 1895 to 2008 (Includes a history of the Donauschwaben in Palanka, Batschka, Austria-Hungary and the Trenton, NI Area)



Compiled by Dennis J. Bauer and the late Peter Kiss

In 2008 Club member Dennis J. Bauer published a book about the Palankaer-Americans. (Volume 1)

He incorporated information that our late Club member Peter Kiss had collected over the years. Dennis distributed his book to interested Palankaers around the globe and libraries in the U.S., Germany and Serbia following the completion of the book.

If you would like a copy of the book in pdf digital format, please contact him. at *donauschwaben5@gmail.com*. See Page Two of this newsletter for details on his Volume 2 issue in the works.