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Points of Interest

- Prior to 1871, Germany was not a united country as we see today
- The term "Deutsch" was applied to the Germanic tribes east of the Rhine River extending to the Ukraine
- These tribes, the Vandals, West Goths, east Goths, Franks and the Anglo-Saxons spread over Europe
- Karl der Grosse (Charlemagne) united many of these tribes under the Holy Roman Empire
- The Hapsburgs of Austria became major Germanic rulers by the 1200s
- After the Franco-Prussian War in 1871, Bismarck brought the smaller German "kingdoms" together to form a united Germany
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2010 Landestreffen

This year's Treffen was held locally at the United German-Hungarian (UGH) Clubhouse and park in Oakford, Bucks County, PA August 6-8. It was the first time one was held here in the East and what a great job our host the President Bill Galgon, Joe Reiter, Chairman and their members did.

The Philadelphia Donauschwaben and our club "stepped up to the bat" and helped our friends at the UGH out with a team of volunteers. Our members helped out in the Ausstellung room, the front gate and the kitchen throughout the three-day weekend. I know the UGH appreciated both club's support and help.

The event officially started at 5pm on Friday night with the usual Treffen open house and get together. What a crowd in deed. I cannot remember such a large attendance for a Friday night. The party went on until midnight.

The volunteers showed up early Saturday morning in preparation for the noon opening of the park and the Kindergruppe Workshop. We started our Parade lineup at 1:30pm and entrance onto the parade/soccer grounds at 2pm. What a view of the gathering from the stands as several hundred Donauschwaben assembled in their Trachts, carrying their club banners. Verband President, Robert Fillipi, and UGH President, Bill Galgon, welcomed everyone to Bucks County. Man was it hot on the field. But we persevered and marched off after singing "The Star Spangled Banner", "O Canada", "Deutsche Nationalhymne", the "Volkshymne der Donauschwaben" and several speeches and announcements. It was now time to enjoy some wonder German food (bratwurst, weisswurst, leberkaese, frankfurters, sauerkraut, German potato salad, schnitzel, sarma, goulash and roast pork, and all the desserts), dance and of course BEER.

The Mansfield Kinder were the first to dance at 3pm, followed my 34 other dance groups throughout the day and into the night. Our Trenton Kultur dancers performed inside at 4:20pm, with our Philly-Trenton Jugend danc-

ers outside at 5:40pm. A great job by all. Members, Ray Martini & Bob Walter, certainly were a big hit of the group with their animated dance moves and shouts. The fun and entertainment went on into the night as the park closed it's "doors" after midnight. Those that stayed locally in the surrounding hotels continued to party on at their new residences until the early morning I'm told. Some even left their hotels to party at other hotels with friends. I did not hear about any arrests or problems!

Our friend's from the Donauschwaben Helping Hands (DVHH) setup a booth outside and offered genealogical/historical research advice to the crowd. It was manned by locals; Helen Dubas, Betty Mauro and Noelle Giesse. It was supported by our members, Dennis Bauer, Eva Martini and Hans Martini. Dennis presented Helen with a DVHH certificate of appreciation for being the local chairperson and also one of our own, Eva Martini, for her hard work on the DVHH banner. Ann Morrison, author of the DVD "The Forgotten Genocide", also had a booth next to the DVHH booth and conducted interviews in the Main Hall of genocide survivors for her next upcoming documentary.

Sunday's events started with a Roman Catholic Mass attended by several hundred in the packed Main Hall. The service was lead by our friend Father Hermann-Joseph Rettig from California, who was just in from a trip to Turkey. It was a very moving service.

The bar and kitchens opened at noon. The Presidents' Meeting was held under the trees at 1pm while dance group performances began. Our member and Public Relations Coordinator for the DVHH Dennis Bauer presented UGH President, Bill Galgon, and the UGH with a Certificate of Appreciation from the DVHH for hosting the Treffen. The event continued until midnight on Sunday with dancing, food, drink and a Youth Group Leader meeting. It is estimated that close to 2,000 attended this three-day event. Our hats off to the UGH!!! Vielen Dank!

See you next year at the Landestreffen in Mansfield, Ohio followed by Kitchener, Canada in 2012.

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Club Matters & Members—1



Woodworker Honored

The late George Nakashima, renowned New Hope, PA woodworker, was honored August 13, 2010 when the PA Historical & Museum Commission placed a historical marker in front of his woodworking complex.

He integrated landscape, architecture and interior design into his works from 1946 until his death in 1990. The business continues under the family today (club members).

Many club members worked for him over the years including (part-time or full-time); Katie Eppli Metzger, Steve Mayer, Hans Martini, Ray Martini, Manfred Grotzke, Andy Franz and Adam Martini (almost 44 years).

Source: *Bucks County Courier Times*, August 15, 2010 and members.



TEN WONDERFUL YEARS

It has been ten wonderful years serving as your newsletter editor. It is your newsletter, I only “cut and paste” for the most part.

I would like to thank all that have contributed over these last ten years as you have made my task a lot easier. Please consider submitting news and articles related to our club, culture and history. Vielen Dank! *Dennis*

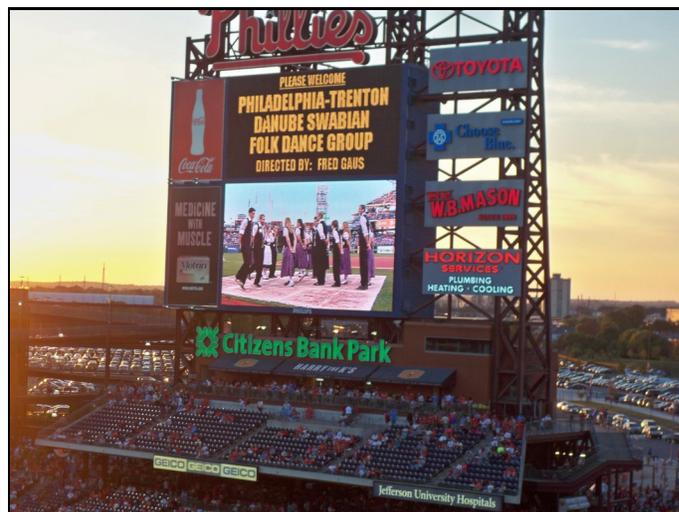
"Take me out to the ball game..."



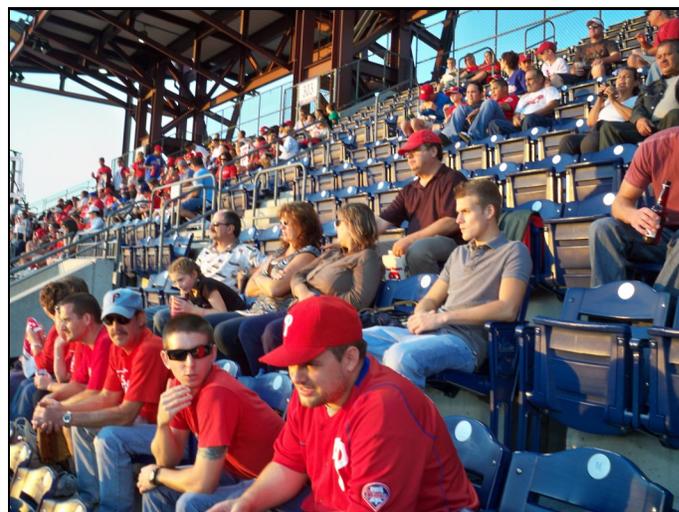
On Wednesday evening, September 1st, at beautiful Trenton Thunder stadium right here in the Capital City, we had a great opportunity to take in a game of exciting mi-

nor league baseball while supporting the first "German Heritage Night" held at the park.

Our Club and the Philadelphia DS were involved in a big way: our Jugendtanzgruppe danced, Trenton member Frank Herdt's Festival Band performed and a few of our younger members sang the national anthems. There was German food and beverages available too. Wow! What a great time.



Adam Martini's niece, her husband, daughter and son from Munich also attended their first baseball game. We appreciate the turnout from our two clubs, in addition to a large number of our friends from the German-American Society. It was a great night as the Thunder beat the Akron Aeros 4-2.



The Philly and Trenton clubs continued their member attendance and dance performances on Saturday evening, September 18, 2010 at the Phillies Citizen Bank Park in Philadelphia for the "German Heritage Celebration". The Phillies won on their way to the playoffs.

Club Matters & Members—2

COMING CLUB EVENTS

The Donauschwaben club will celebrate its 54th anniversary - our **Stiftungsfest** - this coming Sunday, October 17th, **starting at 12:30 PM**. Join us for great food, live music, and a short anniversary program highlighted by a performance from our dance group. The menu includes hors d'oeuvres, a cocktail fountain, soup, chicken or pork Schnitzel, home-made dessert, coffee and all the other things that go into making a delicious, multi-course dinner. Cost is still just \$20. Remember, our family friendly policy means that those high school age and under pay half price while small children pay nothing when accompanied by a parent. So, bring your family and bring your friends, we're going to have a wonderful time at the Donauschwaben!

Reservations are required so please reply via e-mail or call 609 586 6109 or 609 585 8752. Please note that although this is our banquet, formal attire is NOT required. Many of us will choose to dress either "business casual" or will attend in our German/Austrian/Donauschwabens Tracht. More important than what you wear is that you're there! Again, the event starts with hors d'oeuvres at 12:30. *We look forward to seeing you.*

31. Totengedenkfeier on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 1 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery off Cedar Lane at the Hamilton/Trenton border. We commemorate one of the largely unknown tragedies of the modern era, the forcible expulsion of Germans from eastern Europe after WWII. While our focus is specific to the ethnic Germans of southeastern Europe - the Donauschwaben - the fact is that 16 million Germans of every stripe were "ethnically cleansed" from their homes with some 2 million plus losing their lives in the process. The half hour long service of prayer, verse, ritual and song will be followed by complimentary coffee and cake afterwards. This is not about hate or anger, good people, it's about refusing to forget that which should not be forgotten.

For questions/information, please reply to this e-mail or call 609 586 6109. See you at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery.

Schlachtfest is coming, Schlachtfest is coming! How quickly time flies. Herr Jakober, the "Bratwurst Boys" and the entire kitchen staff present our semi-annual feast of sausages, stuffed cabbage, roast pork and homemade donuts this coming November 21st, at 12:30 and 3:00. Plan to attend right now and bring your appetite!

HERD of BLUES

Some of you may not know but our Club member, Mike Lenyo, is a member of the Herd of Blues rock group.

The group performs around the Delaware Valley area including Wildflowers in Pennington, NJ, Bakstreets Bar & Grill in North Arlington, NJ, KatManDu in Trenton, NJ, the Logan Inn in New Hope, PA and the Temperance House in Newtown, PA.

Club members, Joe & Caroline Brandecker, Melanie & Steve Brandecker, JoAnn & Hans Martini, Scott & Marita



McGee, Katie Poole and Kim & Bob Walter showed up 9 October 2010 in New Hope to show the club's support for Mike (Led), Joe & Dino. They did a great job as the place was full to capacity. ROCK ON!

Remembering what we can never forget: 9th Anniversary of 9/11/2001

by Anna Martini (The Rosemont College Newspaper – *The Rambler*)

When I was asked to write an article for this month's Rambler, it was assumed I would wander off into right wing land to do yet another piece extolling the virtues of conservative thought and action. Fear not, my leftist friends, for this time around I'd like to tackle something a bit less partisan. Since we've just commemorated the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, I thought it might be more appropriate to write about those terrible events that shook this country to its core.

Most would agree that September 11, 2001 was one of the most difficult days in our country's recent history. Members of a fanatical group of religious extremists flew two planes into the World Trade Center towers, one into the Pentagon down in Washington D.C., and crashed one into central Pennsylvania after a group of determined passengers/heroes stormed the cockpit. The results were devastating. America lost 2,976 innocent civilians that day and, some would say, lost its own innocence in the process. Gone was the idea that our country, with its unbeatable military and economic power, was safe from attacks by those intent to do us harm. The death and destruction we witnessed on that mid September day changed all that.

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Genealogy, Culture & History Section

National German-American Heritage Museum of the USA Opens



The first national German-American Heritage Museum opened 19 March 2010 in Washington, DC. This gives German-Americans an official presence in Washington. German-Americans represent the largest ethnic group in the U.S. The museum was made possible through private donations from many American and organizations. It is chartered by the United German-American Committee of the U.S.A., Inc.

It is located in the renovated Hockemeyer Hall, circa 1888, in the Penn Quarter area of Washington where many Germans originally settled. Present at the opening ceremony was German Ambassador, Klaus Scharioth. He read the Grüsswort/Greetings from German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Many other dignitaries were also present for this great day.

The museum houses, kiosks, offices, exhibit areas and an auditorium. The stairs leading upstairs shows names of many prominent German-Americans like; Doris Day, Elvis Presley, Babe Ruth, Fred Astaire, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Herbert Hoover, von Steuben, Pastorius, Schurz and Muhlenberg.

The Museum also has it's own Facebook page web site at www.gahfusa.org.

Remembering what we can never forget: 9th Anniversary of 9/11/2001 (Continued from page 3)

Whether Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, most of us agree on one thing: 9/11 can not and will not be soon forgotten. Shortly after, former President George W. Bush addressed the people of America with some memorable lines that truly signified how America was feeling at the time. "Now, we have inscribed a new memory alongside those others. It's a memory of tragedy and shock, of loss and mourning. It's also a memory of bravery and self-sacrifice, and the love that lays down its life for a friend—even a friend whose name it never knew."

As to my own emotions that day, I would like to recount the experiences of a family friend. It was one of my best friend's dad, in fact, and that day we learned he worked right where the plane flew into the second tower. Our families were very close, and the fear and dread we all felt were all too real. He was one of the nicest people you are ever likely to meet, kind and generous, engaging and caring, this man was all of that and more. My friend was always very proud that her father made his living in the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Fate would put this wonderful person in the crosshairs of terrorists.

When the first plane stuck the other tower, my friend's dad "Harvey" told his office workers to leave the building. Among other reasons, he thought it just wasn't a good idea to have employees go on working with what was happening right next door. Everyone then started heading down the 80 flights of stairs. A short time later, an announcement was heard over the building's PA system that it was safe to stay in the building. Obviously there was no way of knowing a second plane had targeted their own building.

"Harvey" realized that what he really needed was the laptop he had left in haste on his desk. It would allow him to continue working remotely while safeguarding all the important data his customers relied upon. After moments of back and forth hesitation, "Harvey's" colleagues convinced him not to go back. That was the difference between the life and death of my best friend's father that day.

"Harvey" was quite a ways down when the second plane crashed into his building. The impact was tremendous but he was able to get out safely. In the chaos that followed, his family and everyone else had to wait for a long time before hearing he was okay. The relief we all felt was overwhelming.

However, after that day he wasn't the same. He lost many friends and colleagues and it changed him forever. He had experienced the horror and the helplessness that so many survivors felt and continue to feel. Thereafter, he quickly got a new job in Los Angeles and moved his family far away from the place of so much anguish. This is just one of many stories of terror and sorrow that survivors of that tragedy will not forget.

The events of 9/11 have come to define who we are as a country today. For better or worse, Americans came to realize more fully that what happens outside our borders is just as important to our safety and well being as what happens inside. Indeed, the road since that day hasn't been an easy one for our country given what's happened in Iraq and Afghanistan, but I feel our country remains strong and can look to a better future with cautious optimism. I'm hopeful that the end result of all this will be a better, more peaceful world.

I think there's no doubt that 9/11 brought us closer together as a nation. We remain united by the memory of that tragic event we all experienced together. We realize more clearly how precious life is and how important our freedom remains. And remembering that is perhaps what remembering 9/11 is all about. Never forget. 9/11/01. *AM*

Ed.Note: There were 345 non-Americans also killed that day from all over the world, of them, 11 were German.

Membership News

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HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY— UNITED GERMAN HUNGARIANS

The Trenton Donauschwaben wishes our friends at the UGH a Happy 100th Anniversary. What an accomplishment in deed.

It all began one hundred years ago with the immigration to Philadelphia of German-Hungarians from the Danube River basin. These immigrants formed the Banater Männerchor and purchased property at 8th & Columbia.

The UGH will be holding their 100th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday night, 20 November, 2010. Many of the Trenton Donauschwaben will show our support by attending this grand gala.

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

Gute Besserung!

Nun muß sich alles,
alles wenden.

Die Welt wird schöner
mit jedem Tag;

Man weiß nicht, was
noch werden mag.

Ludwig Uhland
"Frühlingsglaube"

Get Well to **Marion Dlubak, Jim Brunner, Harold Million, Irmgard Brand** (Katie Pfann's daughter), **Hans Klauser** and **Irmgard Thompson**.



Condolences to members **Uli and Lydia Haller** on the passing of Lydia's mother, Paula Olen, on August 23, 2010. Born in Italy, she was 89 years old and lived in Germany and Trenton before moving to Yardville. Her father, Arsen, passed away in 2006. Both were buried in the Morrisville Cemetery.

To the **Harold Huff family** on the loss of Harold's brother, James Huff of Wheeling, WV on September 26, 2010. Our condolences and prayers go out to both families.

Congratulations to member **Rosa Wildmann** on the arrival of 2 more great-grandchildren; Natalie Cayle Chale-Drice born in July (parents Lorraine & Ben) and Joseph Wildmann Bird born in August (parents Jessica & Tom).



Also to member **Andy Franz** as he celebrates the marriage of son, Robert Andreas Franz, to Mia Noffsinger on 16 October 2010 in VA.

Thanks to **ALL** our members that donated their time and efforts in helping our friends of the UGH and the Philly Donauschwaben to make this truly a successful East Coast event. Great Job by all three clubs here in the Philadelphia-Trenton area.

Vielen Dank!

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LANDESTREFFEN DER DONAUSCHWABEN 2010

By Adam Martini

Endlich wieder eine Begegnung unserer Landsleute und Freunde. Dieses mal wurde es aber bei uns im Osten der USA gefeiert. Zum erstenmal treffen wir uns im Grossraum Philadelphia auf dem wunderschönen Vereinsgelände der Deutsch-Ungarn in Oakford, Pennsylvania. Und was ein Treffen es war ! Drei Tage, unter blauem Sommerhimmel und erträglichen Temperaturen, wurde getanzt, gegessen und getrunken, Freundschaften geschlossen und Erinnerungen ausgetauscht !

Die Verantwortung für das gelungene und die damit verbundenen Arbeiten wurde von dem Präsidenten der Deutsch-Ungarn, Herr Bill Galgon und seiner tüchtigen Frau Marlene übernommen. Ein Team von Männern und Frauen, auch die Donauschwaben von Philadelphia und Trenton waren dabei, garantierten dass dieses Fest klappt und zeigte, dass wir hier im Osten der USA auch gute Gastgeber sein können.

Die Festlichkeiten hatten ihren Anfang am Freitag, den 6. August, 2010. Es ist der Tag an dem alle auswärtige Vereine eintreffen. Die Küche hatte 900 Portionen Schnitzel bereit für die ankommenden Gäste. So um 18 Uhr sah der Speisesaal noch ganz verlassen aus und Bill Galgon machte sich Sorgen um die Schnitzel, aber kurz danach kamen die Busse angerollt. Eine ganze Kolonne. Der Saal füllte sich im nu. Freude brach aus, die Kapelle „Heimatklänge“ fing an zu spielen die schönen alten Weisen und bevor der Abend zu Ende ging verkaufte die Küche 1,100 Portionen, ein neuer Rekord.

Am Samstag, dem 7. August, war der grosse Einmarsch der 15 anwesenden Donauschwäbischen Vereine. Sie kamen von Kalifornien, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Akron, Mansfield, Toronto, Kitschner, Windsor, New York, Philadelphia und Trenton, u.s.w..

Es war eine wahre Augenweide, die vielen Landsleute in bunter Tracht einmarschieren zu sehen. Drei

Generationen treffen sich zu einem jährlichen Stelldichein. Nicht viele bringen das noch heutzutage zustande. Der grosse Fussballplatz hatte seinen Tag. Alle Gruppen standen vor einem Podium, das mit den Landesfahnen geschmückt war. Es wurden die Hymnen der USA, Kanada, Deutschland sowie das Lied der Donauschwaben gesungen. Eine Minute des Schweigens für alle Toten folgte. Dann kamen die Ansprachen kurz und bündig von den verschiedenen Leitern des Dachverbandes.

Nach all dem wurde der zur Tradition gewordene Freundschaftstanz der Tanzgruppen getanzt bei dem man Bekanntschaften machen kann und viele kennen lernt. Es ist gut für Herz und Seele diesen jungen Menschen zuzusehen, die schon aus der 2. und 3. Generation kommen, die soviel Spass mit und Vertrauen zu unserer Ahnenkultur haben. Ein gutes Zeichen für unsere Zukunft.

Es waren 31 Volkstanzgruppen anwesend, die dann nach dem Abmarsch ihre eingeübten Tänze auf zwei Bühnen vorführten, unterbrochen mit Musikkapellen die für Tanz und Unterhaltung in den Pausen spielten. So ging wieder ein schöner Tag zu Ende.

Am Sonntag, dem 8. August, der letzte Tag des Treffens, begann mit einer Messe in deutscher Sprache, im grossen Saal des Vereines. Herr Pfarrer H. Rettig, er kommt von Los Angeles, war der Hauptzelebrent und verwandelte wieder, wie schon so oft, diese Messe zu einem Erlebnis.

Ein sehr talentierter Prediger, obwohl er hierzulande geboren wurde, beherrscht er die deutsche Sprache wie kein anderer. Seine Mutter kommt aus der Batschka und er bekennt sich total zu und unterstützt auch das donauschwäbische Unternehmen. Der Inhalt seiner Predigten sind unvergesslich, man kann nur weinen und mitlachen wen er eine Ansprache oder Predig hält. So war es auch an diesem Sonntagmorgen.

Nach dem Hochamt wurde gegessen und getrunken und die Tanzgruppen führten wieder ihre Tänze vor und die Musikkapellen spielten wieder auf zum Tanz und zum zuhören. Das Wetter war gut, so war das ganze Wochenende, ein gelungenes Treffen. Alles war gut geplant und gut durchgeführt.

Die Küche servierte schmackhaftes Essen, von Schnitzel bis Weisswurst, Bratwurst, Gulasch und Sarma, Leberkäse, sogar Pizza und anderes und natürlich gute Nachspeisen.

Die Bierschenke, ein Laube ähnliches Gebäude, hatte alle sechs Seiten offen, mit einem Team von Männern, die den Ansturm von allen Richtungen, für das gute kalte Getränk, meisterten.

Ein kleines Heimatsmuseum in einem der Räume im Klubhaus war auch ein Platz wo viele Gäste einkehrten. Die Ausstellung von Gegenstände die an die alte Heimat erinnern, wie Bilder, Bücher, Handarbeiten, lebensgrosse Puppen und kleine Puppen gekleidet mit den Trachten der verschiedenen Dörfer, ja, sogar eine Wiege und altes Werkzeug, Sachen die man damals in unserer unvergesslichen Heimat, täglich gebrauchten, waren ausgestellt.

Die alte Heimat lebt in uns, sie verbindet unsere Landsleute noch immer, ja sogar unsere Nachkommen. Unsere Geburtsorte sind etwas besonderes. Die haben eine Vergangenheit die über 200 Jahre zurück reicht. Wir sind und bleiben stolze Söhne und Töchter der Batschka, des Banats, der ungarischen Tiefebene und anliegenden Gebieten. Was wir in uns tragen sind mehr als schöne Träume, es ist das Vermächtnis unserer Ahnen, die wir nicht vergessen können, die in uns und unseren Kindern weiterleben.

So kam ein schönes und erfolgreiches Treffen wieder zu Ende.

Das Zelt wird abgerissen, die Trachten werden wieder verstaut bis zum nächsten Treffen, dann wird wieder gefeiert, gebetet, getanzt, gegessen und getrunken. Auf wiedersehn ! Wir sehn uns wieder im Jahre 2011 !

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OUR RECENT TRIP TO GERMANY by Helga Kusenko & Joe Vecchione

My personal highlight (Joe's) of our trip to Germany was the riverboat tour on the Rhine river. It began at the town of Rudesheim, Germany.



There we walked the narrow but lively Drosselgasse and window-shopped as we headed toward the dock. The street was lined with shops, gasthauses and other eye catching places which reminded me a little of Peddler's Village in Lahaska, PA. After pausing for refreshments we boarded the boat. We made our way to the canopied upper deck for the best view and the most sun. As we snaked our way down the river I was amazed at the number of castles we discovered at every turn. Fortunately the voyage was narrated and a history of each castle was given. This helped me imagine the people who lived in them and what life was like stretching as far back as the 11th century. Surrounding each castle and stretching all over the valley were row upon row of grape vineyards seemingly filling every empty space. The rows were aligned vertically to maximize the sun to grow the finest grapes for the legendary Rhine wine.

As we reached the fabled "Lorelei" (see picture top, next column) the sunny weather began to turn. The temperature dropped, the wind picked up, al-



most singing as it increased in intensity. Dark clouds masked the sun. At that moment it was easy to look up atop the cliffs and imagine the fabled siren luring ship's captains to crash upon the rocks and never to be heard from again. While some may explain the moment away as a simple change in the weather, I couldn't help but think of it as mystical."



Helga's (picture of her classmates & Joe) most memorable moment in Germany;

"Auf gehts, eine vier Taegige Busfahrt zum Harz. Von meiner Heimatstadt Hanau-Grossauheim ging die Reise los nach Fulda. Auf dem Weg haben wir eine Stunde Fruehstueck pause im Wald gemacht. Es gaben die Besten von Wurst und Kaese belegte Broetchen. Kaffee, Cappucino, und verschiedene Getraenke waren auch serviert. Der Bus war ganz modern, nur vier Monate alt.

Der gebirgische Harz ist ein wunder-schoenes Land mit viele Sehenswuerdigkeiten. Aber wie immer, wenn alles so schoen ist, ist die Zeit zu kurz.

Unsere naechste Haltestelle... Berghotel Vogelherd, das Hotel wo wir fuer die Naechsten drei Tage unsere unterkunft

hatten. Fuer zwei Tage wurde uns der Harz gezeigt von unsere Reiseleiterin. Den Hohepunkt wurde hier auch gefeiert...meine Klassentreffen.

Auf der Heimfahrt ging es nach Kassel, zum Schloss Wasserspiele und Hercules und dann weiter nach Fulda zu dem Hotel Imhof wo wir ein gutes Abend Essen bekamen. Danach sind wir wieder zuhause angekommen.

Ich hoffe, dass wir bald wieder unseren Urlaub dort fuer eine Weile verbringen koennen denn die Zeit war zu kurz um alles zu sehen. Es gruesse von der Heimat. Joe und Helga."



2010 EAST COAST LANDESTREFFEN A Texas Review by Ray Martini

To say the Treffen is the highlight of the year for the Martini's of Texas would be a rather large under statement as it is usually on our calendar by January 1st for the upcoming year. This is done so the scheduling and date may never be compromised.

This year there was an added incentive because for the first time in as long as I can remember the Landestreffen was coming to the East Coast. To Oakford, PA to be exact, home of one of our sister clubs, the United German-Hungarians, who had agreed to host this rather large event.

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Our AutoKlub Travels



Summer Car Care – Maintenance Tips for the Busiest Driving Season

It's summer time, and the weather is hot. We all know how the words to that old song go, but not everyone is as familiar with how the warmer weather can impact your car's performance and reliability. With summer's prime driving season upon us, it's more important than ever to make sure your car is in tiptop shape.

More miles are traveled during the summer months in the United States than during any other time of year. As a result, it is important to make sure your car or truck is capable of handling the extra odometer stress. Fortunately, a service appointment at your local dealership is a great one-stop way to have your car inspected, make sure all of its maintenance is up-to-date and ensure it is capable of performing at its best.

One of the first things dealership technicians will verify during a summer inspection is the state of your vehicle's tires. The extra heat thrown off by the pavement during the warmer months of the year can add additional stress to tire rubber that is worn out or nearing its replacement date. Dealership personnel can verify that there are no cracks or divots in the tire sidewalls, and that there is enough tread life remaining to see you through the season.

This last point is also crucial for dealing with any rainstorms you might encounter while out on the highway – bald tires are a significant contributor to hydroplaning, which can see you lose control of your car when encountering standing water or heavy rain. Technicians will also verify that each of your tires is filled with exactly the right amount of air, as too much or too little can contribute to excessive tread wear, as well as lower fuel economy.

The next stage for most summer tune-ups takes place under the hood where your vehicle's air filter will be inspected to determine whether it must be replaced. As the summer usually brings with it road construction and drier air that can create dust, it is often the case that an air filter will have become choked with that dust and other road debris. Less clean air making it into your engine means less power being produced, and while the drop in horsepower might be so gradual as to be difficult for you to notice while it is happening, what you will pick up on is just how much better your fuel mileage gets with a brand-new air filter installed.

Other engine-related summer maintenance items that can improve your car's miles per gallon include spark plugs and fuel filters. The former can be easily pulled and checked to make sure they haven't become coated with carbon, which can degrade their ability to provide a powerful spark. Spark plugs are inexpensive to replace and their inspection should be part of any regular maintenance schedule. Fuel filters strain out any impurities in the gasoline you put in your car. If they become clogged, they can limit or block the flow of gasoline to your car's engine, severely impacting power and gas mileage. Once again, this item

is cheap and quick to replace in the majority of cases and can improve both the idle and the acceleration of your vehicle, in addition to fuel economy.

In addition to performing the standard brake pad, rotor and fluid checks that should be done every time you have your automobile in for servicing, one of the final things that dealership technicians will verify as being in good working order is your car's cooling and air conditioning systems. When the mercury starts to climb, you need a radiator that can handle the task of keeping your engine cool enough to perform safely. Not only should the radiator be checked for leaks, but all the hoses in the engine compartment also need to be inspected to make sure they are fit for duty. The coolant in the car should be tested to validate that it is in good enough shape to handle the extra work during the summer months.

Summer car maintenance doesn't have to be complicated – in fact, getting your car ready for the hottest and busiest driving season is as simple as stopping in at your local dealership and putting yourself in their capable hands.

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17th Annual Wildwood Boardwalk Car Show

Terry and Mary Beth Huff represented the AutoKlub again this year on September 24-26 by entering Terry's VW Dune Buggy. There were over 600 cars entered this year. Our own member Gary McGhee did a great job running the auto auction at the Convention Center as over 200 cars were on the auc-



tion block.

Club members: Gary, Mary Ann and Joe McGhee, Dennis and Donna Bauer, Melanie, Steve and Tina Brandecker, Dan and Terri Penrith and Joe, Caroline, Brittaney, Joe and Greta Brandecker all attended in support of Terry and Mary Beth.



The weather was super, the ocean was warm and the cars very fine. Highlights included a cruise night on Friday and a rock concert and fireworks Saturday night. Every hotel in town had it's own classic car tenants. A good time was had by all the club members.



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CLUB on the INERNET

The club's web site (www.trentondonauschwaben.com) remains an active public access site. In 2010, our web site averaged about 25,000 hits per month. This past July, we had 33,865 hits (visitors) to our site. Perhaps in anticipation of the Treffen here in our area? August and September stats were 29,622 and 28,092 hits. Look for further updates to our site in the near future under the direction of our Webmaster, Tom Rubino. All our past newsletters are available on-line also for your enjoyment.

On a related note, we now have a Trenton Donauschwaben and an AutoKlub Facebook site for those using Facebook. We are actively uploading club and car show pictures and posting events and news. So stop by both sites and post a note on our Walls. Our friends at the Philly Donauschwaben and the United German-Hungarians also have Facebook pages for you to visit.



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ADULT LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Herr Andy Franz invites adults to join him for a lively hour of instruction each Wednesday night at 7pm at the clubhouse. There is no registration is required for members and a small fee for non-members. Stop by and check it out!



YOUTH LANGUAGE SCHOOL



Frau Eva Martini ("Omi") has scheduled the first class of the new school year for next Friday, October 1st. The hour long session begins at 6:30. Your child or grandchild, age 5 and up, is very cordially invited to attend. Arts and crafts, singing, and a variety of other fun activities are all part of Omi's German lesson plan.

Remember, both tuitions are free for all members and their families in good standing. Small fee for non-members. Please reply to this e-mail for further information.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AUTOKLUB

The Club members would like to offer a special thanks to Terry Huff and the AutoKlub members for their hard work all year long in planning for our Annual Euro-American Auto Show in July. We also thank our friends at the German-American Society for their help and supplying the food, drink and grounds for the event. Our proceeds from the show go to the Student Language Scholarship Fund. A check was presented to the Scholarship Committee by the AutoKlub membership at our Anniversary Dinner in October.

THE ADULT DANCE GROUP—A SUCCESS

Our newly formed adult dance group was hard at work all Spring & Summer in preparation for their appearance at the Landestreffen here on the East Coast in August. What a great job they did. They also performed at the Philly DS's "Tag der Donauschwaben" in August and at our Anniversary Dinner in October. Look for them to perform elsewhere throughout the coming years.

Our dancers are:

(Front row, left to right); Melanie Brandecker, Sue Conrad, Marita McGee, Brittaney Brandecker, Anna Martini, Denese Lenyo and not in this photo, Joann & Marie Martini, Kim Walter and Monica Yob.

(Back row, left to right); Stefan Brandecker, Hans Martini, Carl Conrad, Ron Kermast—Leader, Joe Brandecker, Bob Walter, Mike Lenyo and not in photo, Ray Martini.

This photo from July Pig Roast at the Club, see group picture from the actual Treffen on page 10.





More on this Years' Treffen

2010 EAST COAST
LANDESTREFFEN

A Texas Review by Ray Martini
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So, having been assigned the task of getting the "Texas contingent of the Trenton Club" (four of us) to the event, I immediately hit the deeply discount websites in search of the fare that would get us there without compromising my beer fund, disregarding the wife's "we only have a weekend so direct flights only". I secured a three layover flight that had us in the air approximately 16 hours with stops in Chicago, Oakland and Orlando for a usual 4-5 hour flight, BUT I saved 200 dollars. So a 5am wake up was in order to leave San Antonio, Texas, to arrive at Philly International at 5pm. Only slightly worse for wear, we arrived with weather being 20 degrees cooler with the argument of whether or not the additional layover in Orlando was really warranted... firmly lost. To this day I am still hearing, "so remember for next year...direct flights only for weekend travel..."

Before I get in to the activities, I have to take this space to commend the UGH for a well run event. They never seemed to have run out of anything, the food was good and hot and more importantly the beer was good and cold. Ok, so my standards may be simplistic but the events ran without a hitch. UGH did a great job and I recognized quite a few familiar Trentoner Donauschwaben in the DVHH stand, in various cultural rooms, in food booths and in bars lending assistance with smiling faces. So a great cheer and thanks for all of those who helped to turn this event into the success that it was. Even yours truly, Lausbub extraordinary actually got involved and helped in the kitchen on Saturday (although I am still looking for the pretty girl with the pitcher of beer that would be waiting for me, if only I would "put on this apron and go there" and at the gate on Sunday. Two consecutive days of manual labor a true record for me! Although to be fair, at the gate I was assisting my brother and as usual he did all the work and I drank the "gratis" beer pitcher "supervising". Someone had to do that job. Great job Schwobs.

As for entertainment, the dancing was, in a word "fantastic" as we have come to expect year in and year out. This year Trenton/Philly dance group had the benefit of numbers, being so close to their collective home base. I would estimate that it was the largest contingent of dancers assembled for an event I ever observed from our group in 20-30 years. Of course Trenton was represented as usual by our reliable, dexterous and attractive crew. But the additions of new dancers from the Philly Donauschwaben, we were as large as Cleveland, as Akron, as... okay, okay maybe not Cleveland, but large none the less. Excellent job by the young dancers as they certainly brought the house down dancing both in the club house and out on the stage.

Speaking of large, which wasn't my leibel (DS vest) was not as it shrank again this year particularly around the midsection, the Jugend dancers weren't the only entertainers for the event this year from the Trentoner Donauschwaben. I had the distinct honor to relive my glory (well at least in my own mind) as a dancer as well, performing on the big stage to the adoration of many fans... Okay, I made that last stuff up but you get the picture. The Kulture Gruppe, under the supervision of our own Ronny Kernast, was able to perform as well on both days and yours truly was able to sneak in and dance with Marita (Fischer) McGee one more time. The Kulture Gruppe is a polite version for older members who still want to dance, but were left out of the younger's groups. I'm not bitter Fred Gauss, and since I am more than qualified at being older and move with the grace of a slightly drunk water buffalo, I was a prime candidate. Well not really but after much begging and pouting I was allowed to participate as well. My elegant partner (who I believe drew the shortest straw) prevented a handful goofs that have been the hallmark of my particular dancing style. But seriously, assisted by the beautiful and talent Brittney Brandecker and Anna Martini, the "old" group with some new and welcome additions (cousin Melanie Bauer Brandecker for one) didn't do half bad and even was able to put on a rousing Schwabishe Eisenbahn to show them how it is done "old school". Although I don't recall the back acting up so much back then. Well done to all that participated.

So yet another successful Landestreffen in the books. If you truly want to immerse yourself in what it means to be a Schwob and have a free weekend at the end of August sand the beginning of September of next year, you would do well to plan ahead for a Mansfield, Ohio trip. I will be there again because, as the Texas Chapter of the Trenton Donauschwaben, I have only one weekend a year to visit with the people and the culture that I hold dear and to see all my "Landsleute" and again to participate in the largest gathering of Schwobs in the World. I simply can never stay away from this grand event. Come January 1st 2011, this event will again be the first event marked on the Texas Martini's calendar. Auf Wiedersehn, you all.....RM



Club Events for the Fall 2010

EVENTS— DATES & TIMES

Come out and join us!

- ◆ 54. Stiftungsfest (Club's 54th Anniversary Dinner)— Sunday, October 17, 12:30pm
- ◆ 31. Totengedenkfeier (Memorial Service) —Sunday, October 31, 1pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Hamilton, NJ
- ◆ Schlachtfest - Sunday, November 21, 12:30 & 3pm seatings
- ◆ St. Nikolausfeier (Christmas Party)— Sunday, December 5, 1pm
- ◆ Silvesterfeier (New Years Eve Party)- Friday, December 21, 8pm

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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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!**



A Great Get Together—East Coast Style

The German-American, Trenton DS and Windsor DS folks (below)



The UGH, Philly & Trenton Ladies—Relax

Great Job Bill Galgon of the UGH—Nice Lederhosen & legs too.....

