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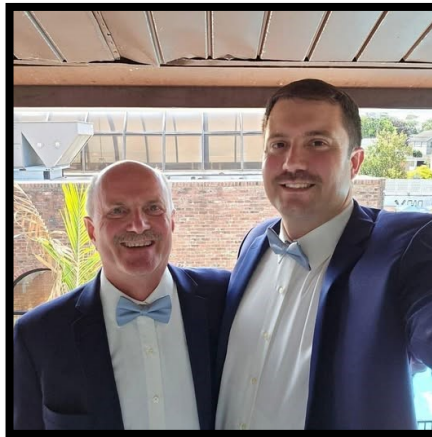


Points of Interest

- **Rohm & Haas Company** was founded in 1907 in Essingen, Germany.
- Founders were German chemist, Otto Röhm & businessman, Otto Haas.
- The company name in Germany was Röhm GmbH.
- U.S. plant opened in Philadelphia, PA in 1909.
- Plant opened in Bristol, PA in 1916.
- Best known for developing Plexiglas. Other products included acrylics, resins and plastic coatings.
- It was acquired by Dow Chemical in 2009.
- It employs over 17,000 people.
- Has plants in 27 countries worldwide.
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Welcome Our New Club President for 2026

Dear members and friends, we are pleased to report we have a new club president!

He is none other than Mr. Joseph Brandecker, Jr. (Joe Sr. on the left and Joe Jr. on the right) For full letter and entire committee list, please visit our club website. <https://trentondonau.com>

Joe, Jr. is the tenth president in our club's 69-year history and succeeds his father Joe, Sr. Like his dad, Joe has been part of the club his entire life. He attended our German school, danced in our dance groups and attended Treffen all across the US and Canada since he was old enough to travel. He's also been a member of our kitchen team for many years, among other things. The club welcomes its new president and wishes him the very

best in his new role!

Joe Jr. is a police academy graduate and serves as a police officer here in New Jersey. He and his wife Emma live conveniently close to the clubhouse here in Hamilton where they "share" a house with their big dog Lulu. Joe is part of one of the club's largest families that includes his wife Emma, his parents Joe, Sr. and Caroline; siblings Brittaney (with husband Shayne) and Greta; his uncle Steve Brandecker and family; and his aunt Klare, all of whom are long time club members. Joe's late paternal grandparents, Joseph and Josefa Brandecker, were "echt Donauschwaben" who survived WWII and eventually migrated to this country in the 1950s. His close connection to his Oma and Otta while growing up gave him an enduring respect and love for his "Schwob" heritage.

A great big thank you and Vergelt's Gott to outgoing president, Joe Brandecker, Sr. Joe took on the job of president in 1994 at what could be called a transitional time in our club's history. Our older generations had begun stepping back from roles within the committee and "new blood" was needed. It was then that a 30-year-old with two small children and a very understanding spouse threw his hat into the ring to become the next president. No way could he have known that his term in office would last more than 3 decades!

In recognition of his dedication and devotion to our club these past 32 years, Joe Sr. was named "Honorary Club President" at the club's annual meeting. It's a worthy title for an exceptional club member. Joe will continue serving the club in many different ways including as an important part of the kitchen team.

Once again, our sincerest gratitude for the many years of service as our president and congratulations on a job well done, Joe!

We wish to thank all those that served in the Past, for their dedication and hard work in making our Club a success these past 70 years. Vielen dank!

Of special note: Joe & I would personally like to welcome Joe Jr. and his new team. You all have our full support and we wish you Good Luck, as our club's next club generation steps up to take the lead.

Joseph Brandecker, Past President & *Dennis J. Bauer*, Past Vice-President.

See list of 2026 New Officers and Staff on page 4.

Club Matters, Members, Friends & Stuff



A REASON TO CELEBRATE.....

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, October 24, 2026
Time: 3 - 7 p.m.

Location: German-American Society Ballroom, Yardville, NJ

It's our 70th anniversary! You won't want to miss this celebratory event featuring the great "Heimatklaenge" Band, UGH dancers and a great evening of traditional food, entertainment and cultural festivities.

We are currently in the planning process! FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!

Good Food & Fun at Our Easter Dinner & Egg Hunt



Congratulations to....

Club Vice President Christa (Tindall) Pullion for being honored at a reception at Bucks County Community College, as an "Outstanding part-time faculty member." She teaches all levels of German and was honored for being extremely flexible and supportive of students studying German, even offering independent studies to take students through the full language sequence. Christa also teaches at other area colleges.,

At the Club, Christa is the MC for our annual Memorial Service held at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery. She also coordinated our cookbook project, which will make its debut at a dinner this Spring. Christa is the granddaughter of Alexander Hepp (Palanka)



Donauschwaben History, Culture & News



First Newspapers in German language in Backa Palanka

Palanker Wochenblatt (Palanka Weekly) - Was the first newspaper printed in the Josef Kistofek Printing house in Neu Palanka in the year 1890. Newspaper was initially printed in Hungarian, and later in German language. It cost 10 crowns. Despite the change of language in 1891, the title page was still printed in Hungarian. *Palanker Wochenblatt* was published once a week - on Sunday.

First Backa Palanka Post Card

Üdözlet Palankarol – Greetings from Palanka is considered one of the first Bačka Palanka postcards. The exact year of printing is unknown. It is assumed that it was printed at the very beginning of the 20th century. The postcard was made in color in the form of lithography. It is divided into four fields in which the most important sights of the municipality of Deutsch Palanka are depicted.

First Printing house in Backa Palanka

Josef Kistofek founded the first Printing house in Palanka in 1881. The Printing house published its publications in the area of two counties: Bács-Bodrog and Szerémség counties. Its activities were directed towards cultural and artistic societies and institutions, schools and private companies. The printing house also published several publications, books and newspapers in Slovak, Croatian, Hungarian and German. In 1908, the printing houses of Kistofek and Josef Blazek merged. From 1924, the printing house passed into the hands of Blazek and continued to operate until 1944.

*For more information on the topics, read the book *Printing Activity in Three Municipalities of Palanka* (Dragana Petrić, Nikola Milivojević, *Štamparska delatnost u trima palanačkom opštinama, Od osnivanja prve bačkopalanačke štamparije do završetka Drugog svetskog rata*, Bačka Palanka-Beograd, 2025.)

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Citizens' Association "Pastir" from Čelerevo (aka Tscheb/Dunacseb), Serbia
By Nikola Milivojević



The Citizens' Association "Pastir" (in English "Shepherd") was founded in April 2023 with the aim of achieving goals in the field of cultural and historical heritage preservation, nurturing tradition, religious and national diversity. Promotion of traditional values through contemporary content. Under the auspices of the society, the renovation of the Parish House in Čelerevo began in 2024.

In addition to the things they found in the house, the members of the association tried to collect a large number of furniture and household items. They managed to collect rare examples of the folk costumes of the

local Germans. Their future library collection consists of many books and publications about the village, as well as rare photographs, photo albums and photo board of the villagers. The members of the Association put a lot of effort and resources into revitalizing the space in their possession. They spare no time or effort in restoring the shine to all the objects in the house. In addition to the works on the reconstruction and renovation of the house, they regularly organize cultural events such as concerts, lectures and organizing a touristic and historical tour of Čelarevo. This year, "Pastir" with its contents participated in the Homeland Fair in Novi Sad. This Association of Excellence is an example of how local initiative and the need to preserve heritage can revive a place and, through its work, raise its tourist and cultural offer to a higher level.

The next big step is the replacement of the roof structure of the Parish House. In addition, work is underway on the complete reconstruction of two rooms. For more information about the course of work or involvement in the work of the Association, information is available on the Instagram account Pastirtcheb and Emil Address pastirceb@gmail.com.



2026-2028 Club Officers & Staff

Club Officers:

President: Joseph Brandecker, Jr.
 Vice Presidents: Luisa Scheideler & Christa Pullion
 Treasurer: Al Tindall
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 Financial Trustees: Chris Carson, Sasha Malofiy & Katie James
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 Recording Secretary: Brittaney Protonentis
 Secretary: Hans Martini
 Executive Chef: Hubert Pinkerton
 Wirtschaftsmeister: Robert Walter
 Publicity Chair & eNews Editor: Liz Tindall
 Newsletter Editor and Club Genealogist: Dennis Bauer
 Assistant Newsletter Editor: Melanie Brandecker
 Webmaster: Christina Malofiy
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 Scholarship Program Committee: Emma Walter & Ernie Schirmer
 Memorial Observance Team Lead: Christa Pullion
 Auto Klub Co-Chairs: Joseph Brandecker, Sr. & Dennis Bauer
 Hausmeister: Ernie Schirmer
 Club Decoration & Artwork Team: Ron Kernast & Sofi Walter

Board of Directors:

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 Mark Gruzlovic 2021 – 2027
 Joseph Brandecker, Sr. 2025 – 2031
 Sasha Malofiy 2025 – 2031
 Kim Walter 2025 – 2031
 Anna Walls 2023 – 2029
 Secretary: Katie James 2023 – 2029

Dachverband der Donauschwaben USA Officers:

Ray Martini, Landesverbandspräsident
 Joseph Brandecker, Sr, Schatzmeister, Stiftung
 Kathleen Martini, Landesjugendleiterin
 Stefan Brandecker, Verträter, Stiftung
 Hans Martini, Verträter, Verband

**Honorary Club President: Joseph Brandecker, Sr.

Membership News



Club Officers & Staff (see page 4 for more staff listing)

Joseph Brandecker, Jr. President. Luisa Scheidler & Christa Pullion, VPs
Dennis J. Bauer, Quarterly Newsletter Editor. Liz Tindall, E-Newsletter Editor

Kitchen Leader/Chef: Hubert Pinkerton

Kim Walter, Club Photographer/Baker

Al Tindall, Treasurer, Asst. Tres. Dennis J. Bauer & Joseph Brandecker, Sr.

Secretary: Hans Martini, and Recording Secretary: Brittaney Protonentis

Membership Secretary, Anna Walls

Melanie Brandecker, Quarterly Newsletter Copy Editor

AutoKlub Leaders: Dennis J. Bauer & Joseph Brandecker, Sr. Support staff, Steve Brandecker, Terry Huff

Web Master and Facebook Editor: Christina Malofiy

Genealogical & Historical Researcher: Dennis J. Bauer

Mail Room Coordinator: Hans Martini



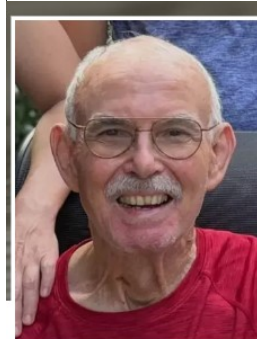
Get Well/Thinking of you to members: Liz Tndall, Helga Kusenko, Ludwig Jakober, Maria Kuhn, Marlene Novosel, Eva Martini, Donna Gruzlovic, Hilde Schintzler, Richard West, Leslie Potts and Erika Volltrauer and those members that we were not aware of.

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



Condolences—David A. Majofsky, 90, of Ewing, NJ, died 29 March 2026 at Capital Health Center. Born 1936, Trenton, NJ of late Andrew (a Bukiner) & late Barbara Helleis (a Batscher) Majofsky. He was nephew of late Palankaer Jacob Bauer, Sr. & the late Batscher Theresa Helleis Bauer. David was our late member, Jacob Bauer Jr.'s first cousin. He was the husband of late Barbara M. Majofsky and present wife, Rose S. Majofsky. David was a U.S. Army veteran and retired

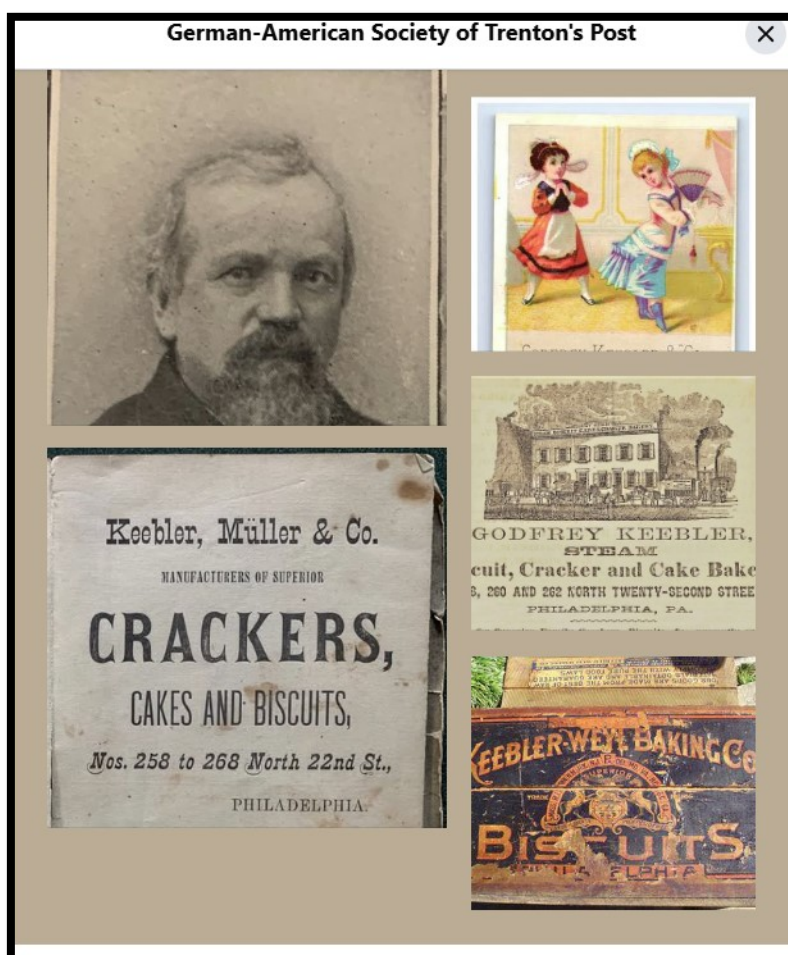
engineer with NJ Department of Transportation. He was an avid classical bass musician. David was a former member of the Arbeiter and German-American Society of Trenton. He was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hamilton, Nj. David was cousin of Trenton DS members, **Dennis Bauer, Lea Hep-ler and Daniel Penrith. ******



Condolences—Past club member, Roderic Francis Schmidt, age 79, passed away peacefully at home on March 6, surrounded by his loving family, after courageously living with Parkinson's disease for nearly five years. Rod was born on July 23, 1946, in Allentown, New Jersey, to the late Frank and Inez Schmidt. Husband of Barbara Ann Pecht. He grew up in a large and loving family, including his brother Terry and sister June, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and family friends. Childhood adventures—family

camping trips in the Pine Barrens and boating on Barnegat Bay—fostered his lifelong love of fishing, nature, insects, and exploration. He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara; four loving children, Roderic D. Schmidt (Magdalena), **Kathryn (Dylan) Carroll**, Sarah Schmidt (Scott Synnestvedt), Joseph Schmidt (Kelsey); seven cherished grandchildren, Evelyn, Liam, Wesley, Norah, Elizabeth, Samuel, Zachary; and brother, Theron Schmidt (Lorraine). He is predeceased by his sister, June Shuster. For those who knew him, he was a past member of our Club and the great-grandson of "Palankaers"! Our deepest condolences to his wife and his entire family! ****

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Peter Jauss

January 27 at 7:15 AM · 🌐

GODFREY KEEBLER: PHILLY'S MOST FAMOUS BAKER & CVV PRESIDENT

Godfrey John Keebler was a 19th-century German-born baker whose business success and civic leadership helped shape the early years of the [Cannstatter Volksfest Verein](#) and Philadelphia business, in general.

Born on February 17, 1822, in Württemberg, Germany, Keebler immigrated to the United States with his family in 1832. He learned the baking trade in Philadelphia and went on to establish his own prominent bakery, becoming a respected local businessman. His enterprise later became associated with one of America's most iconic baking legacies.

Keebler paired entrepreneurship with a strong sense of community responsibility. In 1873, he joined fellow German-American leaders to found the Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein with the objective to preserve the harvest festival traditions of Bad Cannstatt, Germany, and share them with the Philadelphia community. He eventually served as the CVV's second president from 1885-1893.

More than 150 years later, our club's mission of culture, fellowship, and charitable giving continues.

(The first two images are my own, taken from our CVV historic anniversary books, the other two were found via Google images.)

CLUB ITEMS and OTHER NEWS UPDATES**Get Your Trenton Treffen Commemorative (still available) - Great Christmas Gifts**

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 above. (Tee-shirt shows front and back).

Designed by our own Sofi Walter!



New—Club Stickers: \$2.00 each

Large stickers \$3.. each

Donated by Member Dennis J. Bauer

Produced by member Erich Lobecker



More Donauschwaben News

Stuffed Cabbage: How We Make it, by Janet Fricker Malofiy

From the Untied German Hungarian Club

A FAMILY TRADITION WITH GERMAN HUNGARIAN & UKRAINIAN ROOTS

There are winter days that practically ask for comfort food...those big, fat snows that roll in like a white curtain and turn the world quiet. When the forecast promised exactly that, we knew it was time to make the dish that warms us from the inside out. Some call it “sarma”, “hulapsi”, “galumpki”, even pigs in a blanket, but we simply call it Stuffed Cabbage. This dish is a blend of our favorite family flavors, inspired by my mother-in-law’s excellent halupsi and reimagined with a German-Hungarian twist. Every family has its own version of stuffed cabbage, and ours brings together the Ukrainian comfort of tender cabbage leaves with a rustic meat filling enriched by our beloved paprika, giving the dish its warm, rich, slightly sweet depth.

As we waited for blizzard of February 2026 to roll in, Sasha Jr. and Chrissy headed out early to volunteer at the Winter Essen at the Trenton Donauschwaben, leaving little Leo with us for the day. With the house buzzing, the weather soon to get wild, and the weekend winding down, it felt like the perfect time to get everyone together for a comforting Sunday family dinner. And that is what we did.

Stuffed Cabbage was served with warm Pillsbury Crescent rolls, and another favorite, Baba dumplings filled with meat and topped with sour cream and fresh parsley. Yum, says everyone! For a quick dessert, we rounded out the meal with a true crowd-pleasing duo: a classic all-American chocolate cake served alongside a slice of pure heaven: poppyseed strudel.

“Honestly, it doesn’t get much better than this fine family, good food, something to drink, and snow falling outside.”

by Janet Fricker Malofiy

Ingredients:

- 2 lb. mix of ground pork and beef 1 ½ cup of cooked rice
- 1 egg 1 onion chopped
- 1-2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp. tomato paste
- Kosher salt
- Ground pepper 1-2 Tbsp. sweet paprika (Hungarian, of course) 2 large heads green cabbage 16 oz. sauerkraut

Tomato Sauce:

- 2 large cans tomato soup
- Kosher salt
- Ground pepper
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Splash red wine

Method

To prepare the meat mixture, sauté the onions and garlic until soft. Stir in tomato paste and remove from heat. Combine ground meat in a bowl with egg, cooked rice, and sauteed onion mixture. Toss together with hands and season with paprika and generous amount of salt and pepper. Set this mixture aside. Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Remove large outer damaged leaves from cabbage. Cut out the cores of cabbage with a sharp knife. Place head in boiling water for 5-10 minutes. Remove from water, separate leaves from head, devein large stalks and lay flat to cool. Set aside any small or misshapen leaves. Place about ½ cup of meat filling in the center of a cabbage leaf and rollup firmly tucking edges in. Line casserole dish with sauerkraut, cabbage leaves and tomato sauce, reserving half to cover rolls. Lay rolls side by side in dish. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour remaining sauce and sauerkraut over rolls, cover and bake until meat is cooked.

For Tomato sauce – mix all ingredients and heat. If desired, you may also add 16 oz. can of crushed tomatoes to thicken sauce.



Our Donauschwaben AutoKlub and the Old School Euros Car Club News



Save these dates

June 13 & 14—the Old School Euros Car Club's 11th Annual "Dubs in the Shrubs" Campout, Car Show & Swap Meet at Tall Cedars Picnic Grove, Yardville, NJ

Enjoy the great VW, Audi & Porsche show cars, DJ, food and swap meet.
Proceeds help fund St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. ****

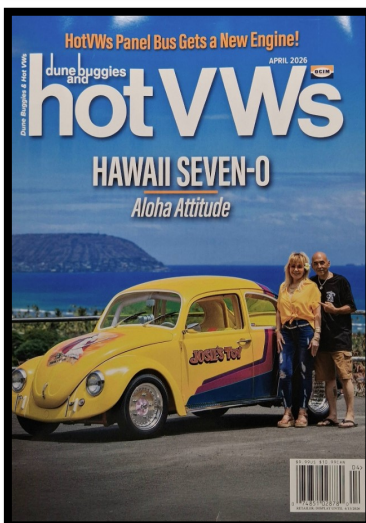


July 11—Our 21st Annual "Euro-American Auto & Cycle Show", at our partner's the German-American Picnic Grove, 215 Uncle Pete's Road, Yardville, NJ.

Enjoy the variety of great cars, cycles, DJ, food and drink
Proceeds help fund our student scholarships



Club member makes Hot VW Magazine



DENNIS BAUER'S 1975 SUPER BEETLE

LOCATION: LEVITTOWN, PA
YEARS OF OWNERSHIP: 13

I bought this 1975 Super Beetle in 2012 after retiring. It was restored in 1999–2000 by friends at Terry's VW Service Center in Fallsington, Pennsylvania. Previously, I owned a '65, '71, '72, and a 2003 Beetle. The modified 1641cc engine retains its original fuel injection, with paint by K&M Auto Body in Bristol, Pennsylvania. Known as the "Pumpkin Bug," it appears throughout the PA/NJ car show and cruise season with fellow Old School Euros Car Club members.

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CLUB EVENTS FOR 2025 (2026 new Club Staff & Event dates forth coming)***Calendar of Events 2026 Donauschwaben of Trenton***

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

January 25th , Sunday at 1pm—Annual Business Meeting

February 22nd, Sunday at 1pm—Winter Dinner

March 29th, Sunday at 1pm—Easter Luncheon Dinner

April 24-25th, Sunday—National Donauschwaben Meeting - Chicago

May 3rd , Sunday at 1pm—Mother's Day Dinner

June 14th, Sunday at 1pm—Father's Day Picnic/Pig Roast

3rd through the 5th of July—Canoe & Camping Trip (reserve soon) in N.E. PA

**July 11th, Saturday (rain date July 12th), 9am-3pm—21st Annual Car Show at the German
American
Society**

September 5-7th, Chicago, IL— Annual North American Treffen

September 20th at 1pm, Sunday Harvest Festival Dinner

**October 24th, Saturday at 3pm—Club's 70th Anniversary Banquet at the German-American
Society Hall, Yardville, NJ**

November 1st, Sunday at 1pm—Memorial Service at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hamilton, NJ

November 15th, Sunday SCHLACHTFEST (2 seatings, 12:30pm & 3pm)

December 6th, 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

Donauschwaben Remembrance

Visit Trenton, NJ

Heritage Week

"History was made here..."

July 4, 2026

Cultural Heritage Parade & Festival

"E Pluribus Unum" – "Out of Many, One"
Celebrate in the City that changed the course of history.

250 AMERICA BATTLE OF TRENTON
TURNING POINT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Noon – Parade starts at City Hall
1 pm – Ceremony at Trenton Battle Monument
1 – 6 pm – Democracy Day Multicultural Festival at Mill Hill Park
1 pm – Reopening of the Old Barracks – 101 Barrack St. <https://barracks.org/>
6 pm Trenton Thunder baseball & fireworks; tickets: <https://www.mlbdraftleague.com/trenton>

July 5
1 pm – United in Prayer – Ecumenical Service; St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 140 N. Warren St.
2 pm – Heritage Churches of Trenton Walking Tour – meet at St. Michael's
3 pm – Old Barracks Museum – "America's Potluck"
4 pm – William Trent House – "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" Reading of Frederick Douglass' 1852 speech with songs of the period; 15 Market St., free <https://www.williamtrenthouse.org/>

July 6
9am-4:30pm – NJ State Museum – free exhibits. NJ State Planetarium \$10/\$5 children under 12; 205 W. State St. <https://www.nj.gov/state/museum/index.shtml>
10am-3pm – NJ State House Tours; free, reservations req; 145 W. State St. <https://www.njstatehousetours.org/>
10 am-4 pm – Living Documents, Evolving Rights 1776-2026; NJ State Library; free, 185 W. State, St.; <https://www.njstatelib.org/>

July 8, 2026

250th Annual Proclamation of the Declaration of Independence

23 South Warren St., Trenton

Noon - A reading at the same time and same location as its first public reading in Trenton 250 years ago.

1 pm – History Fest250 – on Warren Street
2 – 4 pm – William Trent House Community Celebration
3 pm – Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Trenton
5 pm – The Blawenburg Band Colonial Concert

Trenton Dining Guide: <https://www.trenton-downtown.com/listing-category/food>

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Trenton and the City of Trenton Department of Recreation, Natural Resources & Culture




The Club has received an invitation from the City of Trenton, Trenton 250 Committee, to participate in the celebration parade and festival to commemorate the diversity and vibrancy of the Trenton community.

The invite is under review by the club officers, as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary.....

Scholarships & Culture & Staff



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 2026 we awarded several more 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 2025 Euro-American Auto and Cycle Show.

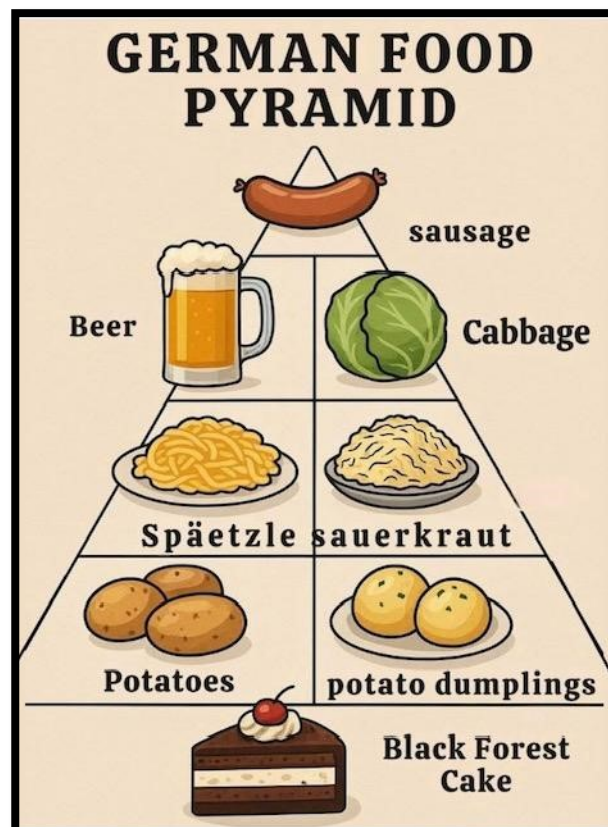


A Scholarship Update!

The deserving students from all three local high schools have been selected and we are prepared to present them with Scholarship dollars at their awards ceremonies, to be held on various dates in June. Since this is a surprise to these students, we will announce further details following these ceremonies.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation in our scholarship program! And a special THANK YOU to Club member Ernie Schirmer who is most supportive in many ways of this program. Vielen Dank Ernie!

Some German Humor





**2026 Winter— DATES
& TIMES—Come out and
join us!**

♦January 25—Annual Business Meeting/Lunch
to be provided, 1pm.

♦February 22— Winter Dinner (Goulash), 1pm.

♦March 29— Easter Dinner and Egg Hunt, 1pm.

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

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Vielen Dank !

To all of our members who do the work that always needs doing, THANKS!! Whether it's in the kitchen or out by the tables; serving refreshments or baking pastries; selling tickets or cleaning up; it takes many fine people a good many hours to make dinner events a success. We truly have some of the finest club members anywhere. Danke Schön!!

A great big THANKS!! also goes to all of our members and friends who attend the club's activities and sponsor our newsletters. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again soon.

*Auf Wiedersehen bei den
Donauschwabern!*



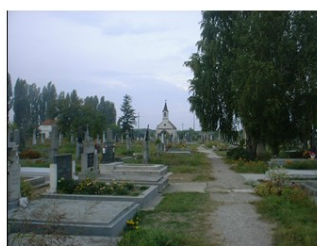
THE NEW TRENTON DONAUSCHWABEN CLUB COOKBOOK IS COMING OUT

A new cookbook featuring recipes from past and present Trenton Donauschwaben Club members, along with recipes shared from Donauschwaben members from around the United States! You don't want to miss some of these delicious recipes that carry on the traditions from the "Heimat". Be sure to keep an eye out for the official order page. The recipe book will be sold as a fundraiser for the Club and sells for only \$15. They will make a great addition to any cookbook collection. We will also be selling them at our February dinner. We can't wait to share this with you! We thank Christa Pullion for coordinating this project!

Please consider sponsoring our quarterly printed newsletter. Cost is \$35 annually. Have any news or milestone events to share? Please send them to Dennis Bauer, our newsletter publisher at donauschwaben5@gmail.com. He has been our Club Newsletter Editor for over 26 years now, Wow!



*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, NJ Area)*



The Roman Catholic cemetery and chapel in German Palanka taken in the 1990s.

Compiled by Dennis J. Bauer and the late Peter Kiss
Genealogical Information abstracted by Dennis J. Bauer

In 2008, Club member, Dennis J. Bauer published a book about the Palankaer-Americans. (Volume 1) . He also 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. A copy is also on file at the NJ State Library.

He is **now** working on Volume 2 for printing in 2026. This issue will include information on Palankaer-Canadians also.