

# Trentoner Donauschwaben Nachrichten

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## Points of Interest

- Ulm, Germany—located in upper Swabia on the Danube River where it joins the Blau & Iller Rivers, flowing south.
- A major port for the Donauschwaben's venture to settle in Hungary in the early 1700s.
- Historical sites include; Town Hall, the Trading house, the Stone House, the 17th century Oath House & the Romanesque Chapel of St. Nicholas, built in 1220.
- It is also home to the Danube Swabian Central Museum (DZM) . The permanent exhibition and special exhibitions depict the culture and everyday life of this German minority in the multi-ethnic settlement areas along the middle reaches of the Danube in the Pannonian Plain .
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## Danube Swabians of the U.S.A.



### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Association of the Danube Swabians of the U.S.A.

April 26, 2025

American Aid Society, Lake Villa, IL

## Some notes from the minutes.....

### **“Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Association of the Danube Swabians of the U.S.A.**

April 26, 2025 at the American Aid Society, Lake Villa, IL

The meeting was called to order by President Martini at 1:10 pm. The meeting began with a minute of silence for those Donauschwaben members who passed away in the last year in the various Danube Swabian organizations.

President Martini also told the assembly to pray for Leo Mayer and Robert Filippi who were both recovering from illness. The opening anthems were sung by all in attendance singing the National anthem and the Donauschwaben hymn. President Martini welcomed all the delegates and guests to the general meeting.

A special thank you was extended to President Robert Lengfelder and the American Aid Society for hosting this year's meeting. Marty Kunkle, Cultural Reporter from Cincinnati, read a poem called "Have Patience." President Robert Lengfelder welcomed all the guests to the Donauschwaben Landesverband meeting, in Lake Villa, IL. His club was delighted to host this year. Putting on an event like this takes the efforts of our whole club and I thank all the members/volunteer for all their help.

President Martini stated he is getting acclimated to his new role and thanks the Board for all their assistance. His main theme is to have cooperation, solve problems, come to resolutions, and future transitions of younger board leadership positions. President Martini stated he was very happy that many Jugend were in attendance to keep the culture alive. He reminded the assembly the Landesverband is an avenue for the audience to participate and present their voices. Virtual meetings are also held with the board and anyone can join. “

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**Who we are.....** We are a National Association of clubs and organizations in the United States of America, united by a common heritage. Our ancestors were ethnic Germans referred to also as The Danube Swabians or (Donauschwabien). They traveled to the USA from countries that are today on the Balkan peninsula, Serbia, Romania, Hungary, Croatia and many others.

Together our memberships practice social, sports, cultural, historic and philanthropic traditions in the interest of our shared cultural heritage and community. Music, song, dancing, soccer and food characterize the individual organizations in cities across the country.

Each year we meet nationally for our Annual Meeting in April, for the National Soccer Tournament in May, and for our National Treffen or festival in September. While our traditions connect us as people, the friendships between clubs, individuals and families perpetuates the bonds of our Verband surely into the future !

## Club Matters, Members, Friends & Stuff



### ANNUAL CLUB CANOE /CAMPOUT

Several members of the club attended our annual outing late June-Early July on the Delaware River in Northeast PA. The number was small this year due to other member scheduling conflicts. Those that did attend had a great time as always. \*\*



### Celebrating Six Decades....

Happy Birthday to our member **Ray Martini**, who celebrated his 60th birthday on June 25.

Ray is also the *Landespraesident of the Dachverband der Donauschwaben USA*.

We wish him many more years of good health, happiness and many blessings!

Alles Gute Ray! Prost! \*\*



### Annual Pig Roast and Father's Day Celebration Sunday, June 8, 2025 1 p.m.

#### Menu includes\nd the following:

Pork (pig roast) OR Roasted Chicken (please specify)

German Potato Salad

Cucumber Salad

Tomato, Pepper and Onion Salad

Bread

Peaches and Cream Cake for Dessert

Coffee/Tea

Cash bar

As usual, this was an outdoor event under the tent, with an indoor option! And a special event highlight is our very entertaining "pig parade"!



Danube Swabian Association  
of Philadelphia and Vicinity

## Tag der Donauschwaben Danube Swabian Festival

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Gates Open at 12:00 p.m.

Festival Admission: \$5

Catholic Mass in German at 12:00 p.m.

Soccer Games • Folk Dancing • German Music

Children's Games • German Food and Drink



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Coming Event at the Philly Donauschwaben  
See you then. \*\*\*



## Pine barrens canoe trip 2025

Recent fun and adventure in the NJ Pine Barrens with members and friends, held May 25, 2025. A beautiful day in the great outdoors!



## Donauschwaben History & Culture

### Club VP/Genealogist on TV

Club VP and Genealogist, Dennis J. Bauer has been asked to be a guest on the *Family Historian* HTTV TV Show (<https://httvonline.org/>) on July 2, 2025. Dennis was invited by host Stephen Conte to be a guest on the show and talk about the Donauschwaben. The program will be titled "Danube Swabian Genealogy". Stephen has hosted the local show out of Summit, NJ for some 37 years. It will be an honor to give a short overview of the Donauschwaben and some information on how to research ones Donauschwaben roots. Stephen is a wonderful host and he did a pre-show interview at Dennis' home on June 12th. We hope you turn-in, support and watch his other Genealogy shows. It will be as a nice "plug" for the Trenton Donauschwaben. Details to follow in the July-September newsletter.



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### *Wekerledorf* (Gajdobra)

#### A forgotten German village in South Batschka By Nikola Milivojević

Information about the village of Nova Gajdobra is quite scarce. The village of **Kereky** is mentioned in Hungarian sources in the immediate vicinity of the village in 1327. The settlement is mentioned again in the Hungarian census from 1512. It was inhabited mainly by South Slavs and Hungarians. **Kereky** consisted of a collection of dugouts and a semi-dungeon. Further mentions of the village can be found in Ottoman censuses from 1554, 1570 and 1590. It is precisely on the basis of these sources that we learn that the number of inhabitants of the settlement varied over time from 12 to 4, and then to 17 homes. In addition, from them we also learn that the settlement had several houses instead of dugouts and was inhabited exclusively by Serbs. The last mention of **Kereky** was recorded in the census from 1650.



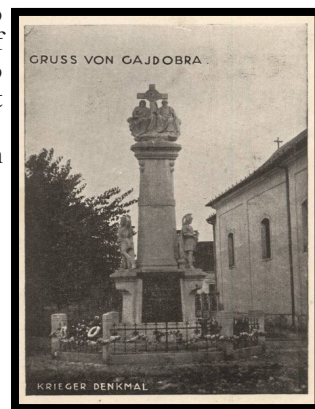
Today's settlement was formed in 1885. It was founded by the Hungarian royal treasury on part of the attar of the village of **Schönau** (Gajdobra), i.e. in the **Metković** and **Kereky** wastelands.

The village of **Wekerledorf**, or **Wekerlefalva** in Hungarian, was named in 1894 in honor of the then Hungarian Minister of Finance **Sándor Wekerle** (In office: 17 November 1892 – 14 January 1895). **Sándor Wekerle** (14 November 1848 – 26 August 1921) was a Hungarian politician of Donauschwaben origin.

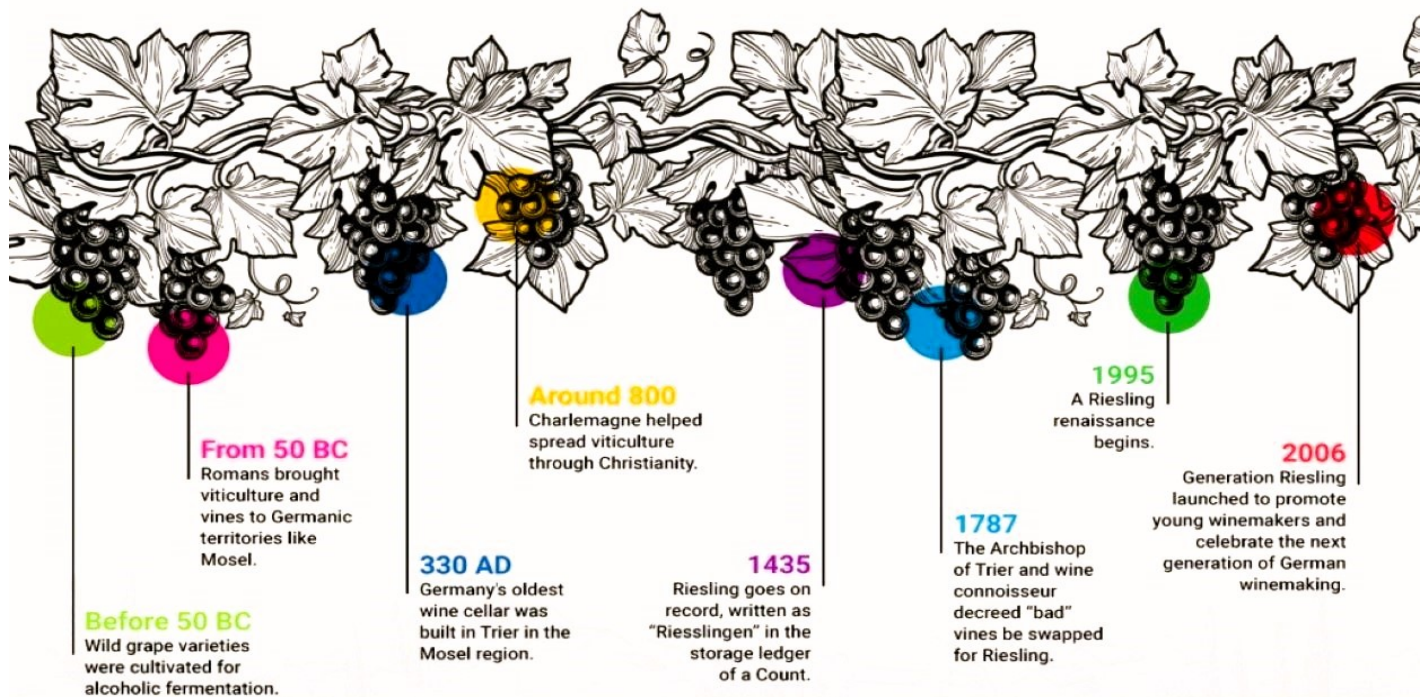
According to the census from 1900, the settlement had 1,114 inhabitants and 217 houses. The majority of the population consisted of ethnic Germans, 1074, followed by Hungarians, 25 inhabitants, Serbs, 5, and others. In the period from its establishment until the Second World War, the village belonged to the **Palanka District**. It functioned as an independent municipality.

From 1918 to 1941, together with the rest of Batschka, it was part of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, and later, from 1929, Yugoslavia. During the Second World War, from April 1941 to October 1944, **Wekerledorf** was under the administration of the Kingdom of Hungary. The German population fled the village from the summer of 1944 to December 1944 in advance of the Russian and Partisan troops. Those that remained suffered in concentration camps.

After the war, it was renamed Nova Gajdobra and settled by colonists from Bosnia and Herzegovina under Tito's Partisan government. \*\*



## Of Interest



## THE HISTORY OF RIESLING



### German Culture & More

A little Riesling history. The ancient Romans loved to drink, and after discovering viticulture, courtesy of the Greeks and Etruscans, wine was the drink of choice at the heart of Rome's culture.

And during their conquests of Germanic territories, some 2,000 years ago, they introduced viticulture... wine made from grapes wasn't known to the Teutons who drank mead, now many of Germany's best vineyards are located on what were Roman sites. With the country's first wine cellar, built in Trier around 330 AD, still in use today.

They even dedicated a God to wine and a good time, Bacchus, and the beautiful small town of Bacharach took its name, so legend goes, from the Celtic word "Baccaracum" - Baccarus' farm. Or from the Latin word "Bacchiara" - the altar of Bacchus.

As conquerors, Romans brought the first vines to the Moselle Valley, together with the knowledge of how to cultivate them, and by the 1850's Riesling was commanding higher prices than Bordeaux and Champagne.

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# Membership News



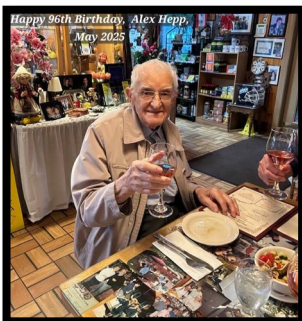
## Club Officers & Staff

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**Genealogical & Historical Researcher: Dennis J. Bauer**  
**Mail Room Coordinator: Hans Martini**  
**Facebook support: Dennis J. Bauer & Joe Brandecker, Jr.**



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

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



**Congratulations: Happy 96th Birthday** to our member **Alex Hepp**, born in Palanka, Yugoslavia.



**Happy Birthday to Josephine Herdt** who turned 89 on May 27, 2025. We send all good wishes her way for a happy day and year ahead! Alles Gute zum Geburtstag, Josephine!



### A Reason to Celebrate!

We send our very best wishes to Club member **Peppy Bath** who will be celebrating her 94th birthday on July 2. Peppy is a regular at our monthly dinners and very supportive of our Club. Happy Birthday Peppy; we wish you continued good health and happiness!



**Congratulations** and best wishes to the happy couple who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, May 28. **Franz and Josephine Herdt** are the parents of our former President Frank Herdt. After coming to the United States, they settled in the Trenton area as many of our "Landesleute" have. They moved to North Carolina several years ago to be near their children and grandchildren. We wish them all the best....love, good health and happiness! Wir gratulieren!



Members **Karin and Rich Laning** proudly welcomed their granddaughter, **Skyla Katrin**, on June 17 at 3:49 a.m. Skyla weighed in at 7 lbs, 13 oz. and mother Jessica and daughter are doing well. Skyla is the great great granddaughter of one of our Founders **Franz Herdt**. Congratulations to all!



On June 24, Club members **Chrissy and Sasha Malofiy** proudly welcomed their first child, a baby boy named **Leo Andrew Malofiy**, weighing in at 6 lbs. 7 oz. Leo is the grandson of **Hans and JoAnn Martini, Janet and Sasha Malofiy, and great grandson of Eva Martini**. Mom and baby are doing well! Congratulations to all!

**Deutsche Ecke***Verband der Donauschwaben in den U. S. A.*

1. July, 2025

**Invitation to the Landestreffen der Donauschwaben USA and Kanada****And Semi-Annual Meeting****29. August to 31. August, 2025****The Mansfield Liederkrantz****1212 Silver Lane****Mansfield, OH 44906****419-529-3064*****treffen@liederkrantz. Org***

Dear Presidents, Delegates and Board Members:

On behalf of Landesverband President, Ray Martini, you are hereby cordially invited to the Landestreffen der Donauschwaben USA and Kanada and Semi-Annual Meeting 2025 in Mansfield, OH

The President/Board Meeting will be held at 9:00 am on Sunday, August 31, 2025 in the Meeting Room. Since the meeting is held in conjunction with the festival, no official agenda will be sent. All important points will be discussed as they are brought to the floor.

The minutes of the Labor Day 2023 meeting will be sent to the board prior to the meeting. Any changes to these minutes will be noted by the recording secretary.

Please do not forget to make room reservations. All hotel and other activities and performances can be found at *treffen@liederkrantz.org*. If anyone is having problems procuring rooms, please let Annette Doklovic know at *eadokiii@aol.com*.

President Karl Schuster along with his committee and Landespraesident Ray Martini, ask that all in attendance stay for the performances and festivities to show our support for the hard work that goes into coordinating such a huge undertaking.

We thank President Karl Schuster and the coordinators of the 2025 Landestreffen, who with their members worked so diligently to make this festival another successful event.

We hope everyone is looking forward to the Landestreffen der Donauschwaben to get re-acquainted with old friends and meeting new ones.

Mit landsmannschaftlichen Grüßen,

*Elisabeth M. Miehle*

Elisabeth M. Miehle, Secretary General



## CLUB ITEMS and OTHER NEWS UPDATES



### **Get Your 2022 Trenton Treffen Commemoratives (still available) - Great 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!

**Donauschwaben**



**Trenton, NJ**

New—Club Stickers: \$2.00 each

Large stickers \$3.00 each

Donated by Member Dennis J. Bauer

Produced by member Erich Lobecker

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## More Donauschwaben News

### 20th Annual Euro-American Auto & Cycle Show!

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 12th and attend our **20th Annual Auto Show**. Proceeds go towards our high school student scholarship. See a lot of great custom cars, trucks and cycles.

All makes and models on display. A great picnic grove venue with plenty of food and a biergarten. Admission is free to the public. Our friends at the *Old School Euros Car Club* are always a big help at the show and an annual sponsor. Also consider sponsoring an award for only \$30, your name will be placed on the award and announced throughout the event.



### **2025 EURO-AMERICAN AUTO & CYCLE SHOW SPONSORS** **- PLEASE SUPPORT OUR AUTO SHOW SPONSORS-**

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- \*Bauer Family (Memory of Jacob & Carol Bauer ) – Levittown, PA
- \*Bergman Chiropractic – Levittown, PA
- \*Five Four Bar & Grill - Levittown, PA
- \*German-American Society (Memory of Erv Teichmann) – Yardville, NJ
- \*Hans & JoAnn Martini Family (Memory of Adam Martini) - Hamilton, NJ
- \*Heavener's Garage – Fallsington, PA
- \*Innovative Awards – Hamilton, NJ
- Jm3 Screen Printing – Pennadel, PA
- \*K & M Auto Body – Bristol, PA
- \*Knott's Colonial Funeral Home – Hamilton, NJ
- Liz & Al Tindall (Memory of Elfriede Hepp) – Allentown, NJ
- \*Lucas Auto Group – Burlington, NJ
- \*McGovern & Sons Construction – Levittown, PA
- \*Newportville Inn – Newportville, PA
- \*Old School Euros Car Club – Levittown, PA
- \*Park Avenue Printing – Hamilton, NJ
- \*Piazza VW of Langhorne – Langhorne, PA
- \*Ray & Marie Martini Family (Memory of Adam Martini) – GA
- \*Colin & Pat Huff (Memory of Mary Beth Huff) - Langhorne, PA
- \*Terry's VW Service Center (Memory of Mary Beth Huff) - Fallsington, PA
- \*Trenton Donauschwaben – Yardville, NJ

#### Gifts & Donations ( items for the grab bags, door prizes and/or our scholarship raffle)

- \*Bauer Genealogy – Levittown, PA
- \*Beer-A-Rama - Levittown, PA
- \*Imperial 500 Motel - Wildwood Crest, NJ
- \*Innovative Awards – Hamilton, NJ
- \*K & M Speed & Truck - Levittown, PA
- \*Knott's Colonial Funeral Home – Hamilton, NJ
- \*Lucas Auto Group – Burlington, NJ
- Newportville Inn - Newportville, PA
- \*Old School Euros Car Club – Levittown, PA
- \*Park Avenue Printing – Hamilton, NJ
- \*Penn Thrift Beverages – Levittown, PA
- \*Personal Line Insurance (Hagerty Auto Insurance) - Feasterville, PA
- \*Piazza VW of Langhorne, PA





## Our Donauschwaben AutoKlub and the Old School Euros Car Club News



The 10th Annual Dubs in the Shrubs Campout, Swap Meet and Car Show was again put on by our friends of the Old School Euros Car Club and was held on June 21 & 22. This years show was held in memory of OSECC member Jim Rura, who passed away in early 2025. Proceeds from this event support St. Jukes Children's Research Hospital. This year water-cooled VWs are invited in addition to air-cooled VW. The weather held out for the most part except for brief drizzle at the end of the show. Proceeds raised from a mini-bike auction in Jim's name was also donated to St. Jukes in Jim's name.

Our DS Club is an annual sponsor of the DIS show and several of our members, Frank Herdt, Dennis Bauer, Hans Martini (see below), Terry Huff, Paul Lobecker. & Jim Potts are also members of the OSECC.





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- \* Alexander Hepp (in memory of his wife Elfriede)\*
- \* Peppy Bath\*
- \* Harold & Marie Parr\*
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- \* Klara Andrichuk (in memory of her parents Joseph & Josefa Brandecker)\*

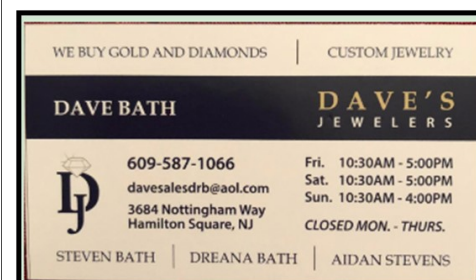
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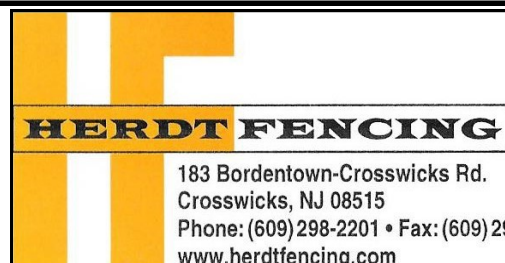
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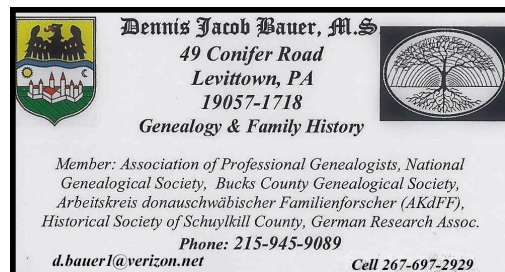
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**CLUB EVENTS FOR 2025*****Calendar of Events 2025 Donauschwaben of Trenton***

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

**January 12th, Sunday—First Taste of the New Year Dinner!**

**January 26th , Sunday—Annual Business Meeting**

**February 16th, Sunday—SCHLACHTFEST (2 seatings)**

**March 16th, Sunday—Back to the Old Country Dinner**

**April 13th, Sunday—Easter Luncheon Dinner**

**April 26th and 27th—National Donauschwaben Meeting - Chicago**

**May 4th , Sunday—Mother's Day Dinner**

**June 8th, Sunday—Father's Day Picnic**

**4th through the 6th of July—Canoe & Camping Trip (reserve soon) in N.E. PA**

**July 12th, Saturday (rain date July 13th)—20th Annual Car Show at the German American Society**

**July 20th , Sunday--Summer Picnic—Cancelled**

**Aug 30th & 31st, Mansfield, OH— North American Treffen**

**September 14th, Sunday Harvest Festival Dinner**

**October 19th, Sunday—Club's 69th Anniversary Banquet**

**November 2nd, Sunday—Memorial Service at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hamilton, NJ**

**November 16th, Sunday SCHLACHTFEST (2 seatings)**

**December 7th, Sunday St. Nikolaus/Christmas Party**

**Please make reservations at least a week in advance for every event if at all possible. Thanks!**

**Reservations/Information:**

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## Donauschwaben Verband and Other News

In 2025 The Enzian Volkstanzgruppe of Newark, Delaware & the United German Hungarians will host the 30. Gaufest at the Delaware Saengerbund, on July 3-6! As members of the Gauverband Nordamerika, our two clubs participate in the Gaufest celebrations regularly and have each hosted a Gaufest previously in 1997 and 2003 respectively. The Gauverband preserves and perpetuates the cultural heritage of Bavaria (Germany) and Tyrol (Austria) including its customs, ethnic costumes, language, folk music, and folk dances....



### GAUFEST 2025

This year's *Gaufest* will be held in our area, Delaware. A number of our members will join our friends of the United German Hungarians in attendance. We wish them well on the dance competition.

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### The Verband Events in the Future (as of 26 April 2025)

#### 2025

Landesverband Meeting-Chicago American Aid Society  
Europe trip-Chicago Donauschwaben  
Soccer- Akron

Landestreffen-Mansfield

Jugendlager- Akron

#### 2026

Landesverband Meeting-Chicago Donauschwaben

Europe trip-Canadian Group

Soccer- Cleveland

Landestreffen-Chicago-American Aid Society

Jugendlager-Cincinnati

#### 2027

Landesverband Meeting-Mansfield

Europe trip-Milwaukee/Akron

Soccer- Detroit, Michigan

Landestreffen-Cincinnati

Jugendlager-OPEN

#### 2028

Landesverband Meeting-Milwaukee, WI

Europe trip-Chicago

Donauschwaben Soccer- ??

Landestreffen- Detroit

Jugendlager-St. Louis

#### 2029

Landesverband Meeting-Cincinnati

Europe trip- Cincinnati

Soccer- ??

Landestreffen- Cleveland, OH

Jugendlager-OPEN

#### 2030

Landesverband Meeting- OPEN

Europe trip- Cleveland

Soccer- ??

Landestreffen-Mansfield??

Jugendlager- OPEN

#### 2031

Landesverband Meeting-OPEN

Europe trip- American Aid Society

Soccer- ??

Landestreffen-Canada

Jugendlager-OPEN

#### 2032

Landesverband Meeting-OPEN

Europe trip- Akron

Soccer- ??

Landestreffen- OPEN

Jugendlager- OPEN



## 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).

A Scholarship Update.....As previously mentioned, our little Club gives back in big ways. We will be presenting Scholarship dollars totaling close to \$2,000 to our three local high schools. The award nights are as follows: Hamilton High School West: June 5, Steinert High School: June 10 and Nottingham High School: June 11. We extend our gratitude to Club member Ernie Schirmer, a generous scholarship donor, who has also offered to help with these presentations. And thank you to all who continue to support our Scholarship fund. \*\*\*

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### SCHARER-BOHNERT

Miss Maria Bohnert of 145 Brunswick Avenue and Joseph Scharer of 250 Jersey Street, were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St Francis Church on Front Street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev Thomas Rathner pastor of the church.

The couple were attended by Miss Josephine Scharer and Anton Schmeltz. The bride was attired in a white satin gown, made in Empire style and carried white bride's roses. The bridesmaid was attired in a blue gown of the same style. About twenty-five friends and relatives of the couple were present at the wedding.

After the ceremony the bridal party and guests went to the home of the bridegroom where a wedding supper was served. The table was prettily decorated with white roses and carnations. During the evening a chorus from the German Hungarian Singing Society of which Mr. Scharer is a member, rendered a number of selections.

The couple will reside at the home of the bridegroom. Those present were William Baumgartner, Charles Ihaca, Adam Howman, Joseph Jerger, Rosie Konick, Elizabeth Bower, Katie Schwemm, Christian Schmeltz, Barbara Schmeltz, Katrina Baumgartner, Nicholas Schmeltz, Charles Bower, Jacob Bower, Joseph Schwemm, Jacob Schwemm, Adam Bohnert, Ava Bohnert, Otto Brier, Lizzie Brier, Edna Brier, Clara Hildebrecht, Christine Bower and Anna Groferd.

### BLAST From the PAST (Pre-WWII Donauschwaben in Trenton)

The couple, Josef Sherer & Mary Bohnert were Donauschwaben from the Batschka region of Austria-Hungary and were formerly from Trenton, NJ, where they met and married in 1909. Josef & Mary then moved to California in the 1940s.



Celebrating 50 years of marriage are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sherer of San Mateo who were wed April 13, 1909. They are the parents of Jacob Sherer of Beach Haven, N. J. and Mrs. Chris Pedersen of San Mateo. They have 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Sherer is a salesman, and Mrs. Sherer is an amateur gardener at her Thirty-first avenue home. They are former residents of Trenton, N. J.

In 1929, Mary returned to Palanka, Yugoslavia and returned with her widowed mother, Eleanora Maldacher Bohnert to Trenton (left).

San Mateo Times, 17 April 1989 (right).



Ellis Island  
26 September 1929



## 2025 Spring— DATES & TIMES—Come out and join us!

◆April 13th, Sunday, 1pm,  
Easter Dinner.

◆April 26th Weekend, An-  
nual DS Business Meeting,  
Chicago.

◆May 4th, Sunday, 1pm, Mother's Day Dinner.

◆June 8th, Sunday, 1pm, Father's Day Pig Roast.

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

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## Vielen Dank !

To all of our members who do the work that al-  
ways needs doing, THANKS!! Whether it's in the kitchen  
or out by the tables; serving refreshments or baking pas-  
tries; selling tickets or cleaning up; it takes many fine peo-  
ple 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 news-  
letters. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again  
soon.



*Auf Wiedersehen bei den  
Donauschwabern!*

## TRENTON DONAUSCHWABEN CLUB COOKBOOK IS SOLD OUT

Attention All Cooks/Bakers— The cook books have been sold out! The  
book contained 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 for this past edi-  
tion. Also a special thanks to Christa Tindall Pullion & Kim Walter  
and their helpers for all their hard work putting this book together.  
Vielen Dank!

However, we are now collecting additional recipes to  
include in a new edition. So get those recipes to Liz Tin-  
dall as soon as possible.

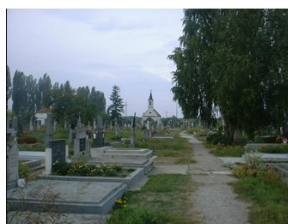
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them to Dennis Bauer, our newsletter publisher at [donauschwaben5@gmail.com](mailto:donauschwaben5@gmail.com). He has been our Club Newsletter Editor for  
over 26 years now, Wow!

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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, 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 Pal-  
ankaer-Americans. (Volume 1) . He in-  
corporated information that our late Club  
member Peter Kiss had collected over the  
years. Dennis distributed his book to in-  
terested 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  
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He is now working on Volume 2  
for printing in 2025. This issue will in-  
clude information on Palankaer-  
Canadians too.