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## GAF JUGEND WOCHE

Another fun year is in the books. "Wir haben viel Spaß gehabt!"

This year's theme was: Die Deutsch-Amerikanische Verbindung (The German-American Connection). Since October 6, 2017 is the 30th anniversary of the German-American Day (A proclamation that President Reagan did after celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Germans coming to America), we decided to teach the campers many of the things we use here in the US that were invented by a German or German-Americans and how the Germans brought many things with them when they immigrated to the US that have had an influence on our current lives.

Thanks to all the GAF members who took part in the GAF camp Family Feud survey—the campers had fun playing all the game shows all week espe-

cially the Family Feud.

Thanks to the grounds committee for getting supplies out as needed and making sure we had what we needed for camp. Special thanks for setting up and taking down the human Fußball game fencing.

Many, many thanks to Sue Bigelow, Nancy Pinketure and John Toth for all the help and support for the camp in getting the facilities ready for camp, getting all the necessary supplies and for being so accommodating for the camp.

Once again Vielen Dank to the GAF for donation to camp. The youth are the future of the GAF Society. All families were very much appreciative of the help in paying for their camp fees.

Special thanks to all the counselors and volunteers who helped out all week of camp. This week of camp would not have been possible without all the volunteers who have graciously helped out and for the generous donations made to the camp. "Vielen Dank" for all your help

and support.

Mark your calendars: GAF Jugendwoche has been scheduled for July 16-20, 2018. We hope to see all the campers and counselors next summer!!!

Diane Miller



This last month has been a very full, busy and exciting one. We've been preparing to do our share of manning the Toledo Sister Cities' table at the German American Festival.

Dave Kohler organized some of the more outstanding photos of their time in June in Germany, especially in Coburg. Coburg is situated in northern Bavaria on the border with the state of Thuringen where the East/ West German border used to be and it will probably very soon become our new German sister city.

Our main activity this last month has been preparing for

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the visit of the Stadtrat Jürgen Heeb and his wife Petra. This visit has invoked increased interest and membership in our sister city committee. Several people offered to provide transportation to the meetings and tours we made; by having different drivers for mornings, afternoons and evenings, that allowed more Toledoans to get better acquainted with our guests and enabled the Heeb's to meet and get to know more individuals better. Also many others signed up to come along as we toured Toledo. Our itinerary included a Meet-and-Greet at Calvino's in the Westgate area on Tues., August 8. Then Wednesday began with a visit with Luke Fannin who teaches English to the gifted Washington Local 8<sup>th</sup> graders and will be working on a combined project with his students and a class in Coburg. Then on to UT where we met with Sara Clark and Sammy Spann of the Center for International Studies and Programs, Johnnie Early and Hermann von Grafenstein from the Pharmacy College, and Mary Hoak from Foreign Language. At 11:00 we met with Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson followed by lunch at Tony Packo's near the Muhens field. The afternoon was spent at the port and Great Lakes Maritime Museum. After a little rest and relaxation at their hotel, they had supper at Kohlers' house. The day went really well. Heeb's remarked how open, honest and genuine everyone was and how relaxed the mayor was during that meeting. She gave no hint that she might want to shorten our time with her. She was very

willing to give our guests as much time as they'd like.

Thursday consisted of a tour of O-I's Research and Development Dept. and Fort Meigs. You could tell from Jürgen's questions as we toured O-I that in his job at Brose in Coburg that he was familiar with working in this kind of a setting. The weather was just right for our tour of Fort Meigs, but maybe just a bit too warm for our tour guide who was wearing a typical uniform of 2 layers of wool that the soldiers wore during 1813. Those tours were followed by lunch at Perysburg's 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pub. From there the group proceeded to the Glass Pavilion and Art Museum where one of our members, Tony Varela, gave them a guided tour. We ended this visit with a farewell dinner at the Real Seafood restaurant at the Docks on the river front. Everyone was very pleased with all the meetings, tours and people who met each other. We look forward to very soon becoming partners with Coburg, Germany.

With all this activity in August we will not have a German Sister City Committee meeting till the third Thursday in September. Get in on the ground level with forming our new sister city committee. Be sure to join us and to join in on our activities. For further information, please contact Rogene Kohler at: 734-856-2913 or by e-mail [dkohler376@aol.com](mailto:dkohler376@aol.com).

Rogene Kohler



## BAVARIAN SPORTS CLUB

It is nearly the autumn season in the Toledo area; which means, a whole new set of activities will begin at the Sports Club. If you have not visited with your friends recently, now is the time to reengage with everyone and enjoy some fun times. Please be sure to check the schedules for upcoming meetings and activities so that you don't miss out on anything.

Our club has soooooo many activities and groups available for everyone to participate in and enjoy. All of the following groups and committees welcome new members. Whether you are a member of the Sports Club or a GAF society, please consider joining your friends in a new activity and have some fun.

### BSC Veterans Day Event

On Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day, the Club will hold a special event to honor all veterans who are members of the Bavarian Sports Club. A meal is planned that will be free to veterans. All other members are welcome for a nominal fee. A group photo will also be taken during the event to be displayed in our trophy case. More details will be coming soon. Call Mark Prenkert at (801) 910-4940 to volunteer to help or for more information.

Miss Bavarian Sports Club  
The Bavarian Sports Club is

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very proud to announce that Courtney Petersberger is Miss Bavarian Sports Club for 2017. Courtney has been a member of the BSC D'Holzacker Buam Schuhplattlers Gruppe for many years. She actively supports the BSC as well as the German American Festival Society.

She enjoys dancing with the Schuhplattlers and helping the younger children learn the dances. She has competed in the last two Gaufests in 2015 and 2017. In November of 2016 went to Pennsylvania for the Gebietsfest and placed first in the Jugend Dirndl Division.



### 2017 GAUFEST—BUFFALO

On Thursday, June 29, 2017, fifty (50) Bavarian Sports Club Dancers and family members loaded up a bus and several cars and headed to Buffalo, New York to attend the Gauverband Nord America's 26th Gaufest! Wir haben viel Spass Gehabt! We had lots of fun! After arriving, we checked in to the Adams Mark & Hyatt Hotels and then everyone pre-



pared for the evening "Welcome" dance. Several groups performed their "Ehren Tanzas" or honors dances. Our dancers, for The Bavarian Sports Club D'Holzacker-buam Schuhplattler Gruppen, did the "Rehbacher" and all of our dancers performed together from the youngest to the eldest! We filled the dance floor! The remainder of the evening was a wonderful night of dancing. Many of our dancers retired early that evening to be ready for the first day of competition.

Friday, June 30, 2017 saw several of our adult couples competing in Adult Einzeling; Eric & Mia placed in 32nd and James & Jillian placed 36th in the 16 to 33 age category. Dan & Anna placed 7th in the 33 to "?" age group. Last but not least Mike & Ramelle Resch (from California) placed 5th in the "?" to "?" age group. We were proud to be represented so well! Friday afternoon was also the time for the Kinder workshop and Anita and our kinder (along with many helpers) taught The "Bayern Madel

Tanz" and the "Hasse Tanz" game to kinder from all over the United States and Canada. Many other workshops were attended by adults from our group. Friday evening was the "Heimatabend" or homeland evening and we were treated to "Gossel Schnalzen" (whip cracking), singing, instrumental pieces and our very own "Kuh Glocken" (cow bells) played by Patty & Jackie! Well done ladies! There were two parties in the convention center that evening and we all enjoyed the "Aufmarsch" a German version of the Wedding March and many other fun dances!

Saturday, July 1, 2017 was the busiest day at the Gaufest! The ladies awoke at 5:00 am to start dressing in their Fest Tracht (Festival costume) to prepare for Gruppen (group) Competition. The men joined us, everyone was checked over, and down we went to register, practice and compete. Everyone who competed in Gruppen did a fabulous job and represented us well: Eric, Mia, James, Jillian, Patty, Perry,

Dan and Gracie (along with alternates Anna, Sharon, Anita, Mike, and Jacob) were cheered by all the Bavarian Sports Club members that came to Buffalo! Thanks for all of your support! Of course the Gau team had a traditional toast of Jagermeister (grape juice for the younger ones) before (and after) competing! After Gruppen the Kinder were set to Einzel! George, Dylan, Courtney, Julia, Hannah, Emily, and Elena all danced for the Bavarian Sports Club and were critiqued by the judges. The Kinder made us all proud! Thanks to Mia and Anita for helping to run the Kinder Einzel Zimmer. After a quick break it was off to Mass! The Convention Center held a German "Bauernmesse", Farmer's Mass all in German. We were happy to have Heidi, Caleb, and Anita singing with the Adult Gau Chor and Eric, Courtney, Cory, Hannah, Emily, Julia, Sophia, Dylan, and Elena all sing "Du hast die Welt Ershaffen", a beautiful church song, (You Have Created the World) with the Gau Kinder Chor. Way to represent Bavarian Sports Club! Saturday night brought the beautiful Parade of Flags! The Bavarian Sports Club Fahne (flag) was proudly waved by Dan, Perry and Jacob who were all properly attired with period accurate sashes and cords (for their hats). Thanks Bavarian Sports Club! We received a nice banner from Buffalo to hang with our flag. The banquet was lovely, with delicious food, a wonderful band, more Ehren Tanze and lots of good times. Many of our group attended af-

ter parties all over the hotel and some didn't get to bed until the early morning hours!

Sunday, July 2, 2017 was definitely a more relaxed day with a pleasant picnic, more Ehren Tanze and a band! During the picnic, the winners of Gruppen Competition and the Wander Prize were announced. The winners this year were STV Bavaria, Cleveland, OH. Congratulations Cleveland. Our Gruppen took 14th place. After an afternoon break, we prepared for the final event of the Gaufest—the Going Away Party! The theme this year was the 1930's or groups of 3's. Our group went as a gang of bootleggers during prohibition, complete with placards for our mug shots! The band was awesome and the dance floor was full all night. Our shot ski (and bell shot server) were a big hit all weekend, including making its way row by row to the back of the bus, and floor by floor in the elevator!

The Buffalo Gaufest was a fantastic time and everyone enjoyed themselves. We all worked hard to represent the Bavarian Sports Club with Pride! Sehr gut gemacht BSC. Wir sind sehr Stoltz uber dich! Very well done BSC. We are very proud of you!

Anita Raymond

Deutsche Volkstanz Gruppe

The Deutsche Volkstanz Gruppe is made up of members of the Turners and the Bavarian Sports Club. They

came together to continue the traditions of the Turner's Dance group by performing German folk dances at the GAF and other festivals around the Toledo area. This group practices every Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Club. Come down and check things out to see if this could be something you would love to participate in.

Bayerischer Motorrad Verein

If you enjoy riding, you are in good company. Our motorcycle group meets regularly on Wednesday nights. They have a full schedule each weekend during the season. A short upcoming list is below, but you can review even more on Facebook or by contacting Heidi Sickler.

9/9/17

Elmore Bike Run

9/10/17

Trail riding at Maumee State Forest

9/11/17

Legion 911 remembrance

9/16/17

Conn-Weisenberger Legion Riders Poker Run

10/8/17

Trail Riding at Maumee State Forest

BSCLA

Our ladies group, the BSCLA, has many activities planned again in the upcoming months. Their functions, dinners, and extracurricular activities are not to be missed. They

will be posting their fall schedule in Die Bayrische Zeitschrift soon. Their group meets every second Wednesday of the month immediately before the monthly club meeting. If you would like more information on this group's events, or if you are interested in joining them, please contact their Chairman Anita Raymond.

### Craft Nights

If you like crafting of any type, Wednesday night is the night for you. This group welcomes all crafters; and they love to learn from and teach each other. If you like to create, socialize, and meet new friends then stop down to the Club on Wednesday night. The upcoming dates are below for reference; but you are welcome to contact Jackie Beutler for more details.

Up coming craft nights are:  
 September 6th  
 September 20th  
 October 4th  
 October 18th  
 November 1st  
 November 15th

### Dinners

As all members are aware, our Friday and Saturday dinner events are instrumental to the success of our club. You may not be aware however; you are missing some awesome food if you have not visited for some time. The new menu schedule is being completed now and will be posted in the next Die Bayrische Zeitschrift newsletter.

Jean is looking for members who would like to volunteer to cook their favorite dishes on Friday night. Contact Jean Murphy at:

419-891-9474  
 or email her at:  
 jeannie111@buckeye-express.com  
 to volunteer to cook during the next

### Contact Us:

Please remember to review all of our online information sites to keep up with the many activities at the Sports Club. We have a beautiful new web site that everyone should use as their first choice for reference information.

You can also stay in contact with us by using the additional contact points listed below.

BSC Website  
[www.bavariansportsclub.org](http://www.bavariansportsclub.org)

On Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/BavarianSportsClub/>

For the Motorrad Verein:  
[facebook.com/groups/333797556830959/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/333797556830959/)

Bayer Halle Telephone:  
 (419) 255-6040

Doug DiLorenzo



## SWISS SINGERS

After a relaxing Summer off, we will be getting ready for our new season and the Saengerfest! Rehearsals will begin on August 30 at 7:30 pm. For this rehearsal we will be meeting at Memorial UCC on Starr Ave in East Toledo. Meet in the sanctuary. The rest of the rehearsals will be at Oak Shade Grove. We are also taking a road trip in September to the Two Rivers Ethnic Festival in Wisconsin. Our first concert of the year will be November 19 at 3pm. Dinner will follow the concert. We will also be doing our murder mystery dinner theater on February 17 and 18. Our Spring concert will be on May 6. More details on that one later! Then we will be hosting the North American Swiss Singing Alliance's Saengerfest from June 28 through July 30. Our grand concert will be at the Valentine Theater as will the prize singing. Fourteen choirs are coming. Watch our website and Facebook for updates.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making the potato salad for the German American Festival over the last 25 years. We sure had a lot of fun doing it! I would especially like to thank the mixing crew: especially Barb Hirzel, Susie Novinsky, and Mary Ann Hotz, who were there from the beginning. Also: Dolly Hamilton, Kris Abel, Colleen Biggie, Becky Sparks, Mandy Hanzel, and all



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the gentlemen who wrapped and carried the tubs of salad to the cooler. Thanks to all the peelers and slicers too! We could not have done this job without all of you.

Barb Carr

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