



DANUBE SWABIAN ASSOCIATION
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March - May Events 2013

March 9th Saturday Noon to 2pm Bowling Party

The Kinder and Youth group are having a bowling party at Pike Lanes located on Huntingdon Pike above Byberry Road in Southampton PA. Lanes are available; cost is \$10 per person. All are invited. Contact Fred Gauss for reservations.

March 13th Wednesday 6:30pm Penny Party

For information and reservations, please call Gerlinde Maitz at 215-673-4423 The ladies are again acquiring wonderful gifts for the raffle table. The event is always a lot of fun, so please plan to attend the fundraiser. Also, if you have any donations for the event, please contact Gerlinde.

March 24 Sunday 1pm Easter Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt

A buffet dinner with a pork and chicken entrée is planned (soup and dessert included). A children's entrée will also be available. Bring your child or grandchild for the egg hunt. They will have a wonderful time. Adult price is \$15.

April 13 Saturday 7-11pm Bavarian and Local Beer Tasting Night

Come help celebrate the Anniversary of the Bavarian Beer Purity Laws (they were first proposed in 1487). There will be plenty of beer selections and activities for a fun filled evening. Adults \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, so get your tickets early and save.

May 12 Sunday 1pm Mother's Day Dinner

Plan to bring "Mom" and family to the club for a nice relaxing afternoon dinner. The children's group also plans to entertain you that day. Menu to be announced later.

RESERVATIONS for above events: Call Lisa at 267-880-8676

For Sunday dinners please call by the Wednesday before the event.

Also children u-12 always half price.

NOTE:

Friday Night Dinners continue through May. Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Go to the club's website/calendar events and click on the date to see the weekly entrees.

There are soccer games at the club every Sunday starting March 17.
For info, call Hans at the club on Sundays at 215-969-9356.

MEMBERSHIP -- Membership renewals were sent in December. There are still some outstanding. Applications are included for those who have not yet responded. Please complete the form as our files are being updated. Also wish to thank Roswita Hoenisch who has accepted the membership chair position and is doing a wonderful job.

Event Summary

Christmas Show - The children did a marvelous job. The girls did a wonderful Disney princess tribute and the boys wowed the audience with their 'Blue Christmas –Elvis' rendition. The nativity scene with shepherds, kings and angels as always closed the show. The tradition continues.

Palatschinken - The traditional meal always brings back many memories of family gatherings and overeating. Many thanks to Elsie Hoffmann and Anna Gauss who made the homemade soups and the kitchen staff who made over 200 palatschinken.

Venison Dinner - Forget about chicken, beef and pork. Venison was the entrée of the day and it was served in a variety of ways to satisfy any discriminating palate. The food was excellent and everyone left with a full belly.

Club Elections - All reports were presented and club members were satisfied with the annual review. The election showed no change at the helm with Rose Matico remaining as President. However, the following six new Trustees were added: Doris Leisch, George Brenner, Robert Hessler, Mike Rakszawski, Heinz Lehmann and Adam Dickmann. The club thanks them for their willingness to make a difference.

Other News

Spring Flowers - As the weather starts to turn, thoughts begin to turn to flowers. Over the last few years the club had a large variety flowers in pots and the flowerbeds in the front. If you are interested in helping make the club green again with donations or plantings, please contact Fred Gauss.

Clothes Donations - The kinder and youth group are collecting usable clothing, linens, shoes, etc., which will be forwarded to a service who will reimburse the club for the donation. Go through your closets and help the group. You can contact any group member for donation requirements and collection dates.

Video Documentary - The sales have been going well and we have received a lot of positive feedback. The video is available at the club and is titled **“Millions Cried...No one Listened”** It is a 6 CD Film series. The cost for the full set is \$55. The producer used many interviews to explain the tragedy of what happened to the Donauschwaben. Every Donauschwaben family should have a copy. For information please contact Rose Matico or Fred Gauss.

Visiting Dance group from Germany - The National Donauschwaben Committee has just told us that the Banater Schwaben Tanz Gruppe and Musikanten from Germany will be visiting and performing at various Donauschwaben clubs throughout the states. They will be in Philadelphia, August 16-17. The Philadelphia and Trenton Donauschwaben along with the United German Hungarians will be developing a schedule for their stay in Phila.

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