



## German-American Cultural Center

# Community Talk

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Hello Everybody!

It's still summertime, and all of you who write know that somebody is already very pushy.

It is a beautiful day out here at the Austrian Park for today's Deutsche Tag. I am using the quiet before the storm to write a few lines. As I sit here, men are still busy putting finishing touches on everything (and I always thought women were picky!). The table tennis guys have years of experience with the set up. They are the least mentioned group in our German community so, this time, from all of us, "Congratulations on your 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary!"

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year at the Austrian Park and there are no regrets. The German community has completed a series of super changes, since Carpathia Club moved its festival here this year. We have changed the summer events schedule from 2 weekends of 2 days each of "commercialized festivals" to 4 good old-fashioned picnics, each 2 weeks apart, to get us through the summer.

The Deutsche Tag is now over and I must continue this article at home. I guess I didn't get as far as I hoped. Now, it is time to say "thank you" to everybody who participated. As always, Chairman Walter Gasser and his committee did an outstanding job. Thank you to the dance groups of the Carpathia Club, the G.T.E.V. Edelweiss, and the singers of the GBU – Rheingold Mix Chorus. Thanks for bringing all of your beautiful flags. Thank you to all the volunteers: office, tickets, kitchen, bars, and everyone who participated in the children's entertainment

and the Sunday morning soccer games.

The weather has been A-plus. I hope that, weather wise, our 4<sup>th</sup> summer picnic, the Edelweiss Waldfest, will be the crowning of 2004. It was a glorious summer, a lot of water from above, but it kept our lawns green and our flowers blooming. Now comes September, and we move



all our activities inside again. Although there are too many events to mention here, please check our Calendar of Events 2004 (which we are still printing for events Sept. – Dec. - Never a dull moment in our club community!).

Every year one event, in my humble opinion, stands out from the rest. That event is German-American Day (10-02-04), a day which has celebrated our heritage since 1987. It was quite a fight to get there and I am proud to have been part of it. I hope all of you will attend this year to celebrate your heritage with us. Chairman Josef Hirman and his committee are planning a great evening. Find out more when their flyers become available.

Mark your calendars for a great concert on October 15<sup>th</sup>. "Wunderbar" will feature the Macomb Symphony Orchestra guest chorus: the Michigan Sangerbezirk. The concert will be held at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. It's not on the GACC calendar, so check for flyers and reservation information in the Carpathia Hall lobby.

It looks like I'm out of space and time. Enjoy the rest of the summer! Until, we talk again! ☀



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