

# Looking Back

## Carpathia Jägerbankett, 2004

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The Jäger's Banquet was successful as always and if you were not there you missed a wonderful night. The evening began with the Jäger dinner, which was excellent. The choices were reh (venison), wild schwein (boar), or schnitzel. The Venison was donated by Steve Psootka, Kurt Psootka, Bob Psootka and Joe Traub, the Boar was shot by Rob Seiberling. Jäger president Steve Psootka thanked all the Jäger Wife's for all their wonderful help in the kitchen and always volunteering and helping him with the fish fry's.

President Annemarie Gerhardt took the podium and also thanked the hunters and their wives for their dedication to the hall. Steve Psootka was honored with a 5 year pin for all his hard work and managing to get people to come to the fish fry: of course, he bribes the women with a big kiss. Thank you Steve.

President Steve Psootka, extendend a thank you and welcomed our guests: Vice President of the Austrian Society- Elfride Sopfe, DASV President – Marianne Krenzer, Schwäbisher Männerchor – Tim Reiter and Wife Jennie, Ehren President – Franz Pelvay and Wife Margret, GACC President – Herbert Ochs and Wife

Diane, Beliner Verien – President Manfred Wagner and Wife Hannelore, Kolping Schutzen – King Joe Gassel and Queen Helen, President Michigan Singer Bezirk – Blondie Klimach, and of course the Jäger's own King Toni Brandelik Jr. and Queen Karen. A special thank you was given to Mark and Tracy Pitcher who came with the Jägermeister Bus and Mike O. Connor Jägermeister regional manager, who donated several gifts for the raffle.

The Jägers then all joined up in front of the stage and sang "Ich schieß den Hirsch" which was wonder-



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fully accompanied by the band. Jäger President Steve Psootka then presented the awards. Kurt Psootka received a metal for First Place In the Air Rifle tournament and Tom Forest received the 10 year pin. Nice job to everyone that participated.

The band Harmonie kept the dance floor full most of the night. Later that evening, many of the Youth Group members stopped in to dance and have a good time. It reminded me of when I was a Youth Group member myself, and how much fun we had dancing all night long. Unfortunately after 25 years I can no longer hop and dance like that but it was wonderful seeing them have such a great time and supporting our groups. All in all it was a wonderful night and everyone had a good time. Thank you Harmonie and the Jägers! 🍀



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