

# From the President



Dear Members,  
Before you leave for your summer vacation, I wish that you would work two more events into your at-home-schedule:

1. The first is the great Variety Show we planned for June 24<sup>th</sup> – with good food and exciting entertainment.

2. The second event is the “Carpathia Picnic” on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Austrian

Park. The “Picnic” is on a trial basis and we will discuss and evaluate the benefits from a cultural and a financial standpoint. As always, your comments to me – or to your favorite Board member – will always be considered and discussed at the Board.

We have had our parking lot examined and were happy to hear that, at this time, the repairs are not as extensive as first presumed. The deeper cracks will be filled, the lot cleaned, treated, and re-stripped as soon as warmer (and less wet) weather arrives. With the harsh winter, we consider ourselves lucky that no greater damage was done.

Our new PA system was installed the week of May 24<sup>th</sup> and many people have noticed the difference in sound. After one or two minor adjustments, we should be happy campers. The cost for this installation was \$19,852.00 and I am pleased to inform you that honorary member, Theresia Nowak, and family have donated the entire amount in the name of their beloved husband/father **Jakob Nowak**. Resi told me that it was “Jake’s” intention to give Carpathia Club a fine sound system but, before he realized it, the first installation (in 1993) was already under way. He was too late, but Resi remembered. A great big “thank you” goes to the entire Nowak family. We love you and appreciate you and your continued generosity!

Our soccer organization, under the leadership of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Mike Talan and Kickers Manager, Kurt Seiberling, (along with John Huth and many helpers) have done an excellent job hosting the Danube Swabian Soccer Tournament. The job ballooned to unbelievable proportions due to the catastrophically adverse weather conditions. I wish to extend a GREAT BIG thank you and express the appreciation of our entire membership for their successful and efficient handling of this great event.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that showing a little appreciation for Board members and their services would be an extremely kind ges-

ture. “Elective Office” Board members offer their time and know-how, to the best of their ability, for the benefit of the club’s entire membership. So, give your favorite Board member, or at least the one you voted for (or talked into running), a friendly pat on the back – it will make his/her day.

For instance, our newest Board member, Willi Grotloh, worked hour after hour over the Memorial Day weekend. He was there when needed; he worried about the inventory; he scheduled the bartenders and, because of the weather conditions, he had to “guesstimate” the needs and time for three days. Now that is conscientious performance that deserves appreciation. Thank you Willi – glad to have you on board!

Another Board member that gives her all is our Treasurer, Karin Schwalbe. Karin steps over personal barriers and concerns and is always there when needed – giving 110%. Thank you Karin!

Not to be left out, I would also like to thank Richard and Gudrun Gerhardt for their willingness to continue writing and publishing our newsletter. Richard informs me that as soon as the “summer days” are over, he intends to continue with the Chronicles where he left off four years ago, during his first term as Pressewart. Being an ardent researcher myself, I can’t wait for that to come about. Thank you Gudrun and Richard!

A great big “thank you” goes to all Board members. I cannot mention them all today, but their individual performance on behalf of our club is a matter of record and a little pat on the back can sometimes make a person accomplish “the impossible” ! See you at the club’s functions - with much thanks to all,

*Annemarie Gerhardt* ☼

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● **The Church Gossip** Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church’s morals, kept sticking her nose into other people’s business. Several members did not approve of her extra curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member of the church, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town’s only bar all evening.

● She said, “It was obvious what you were doing.”

● George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away.

● Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred’s house ..... and left it there all night.

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