



German-American Cultural Center **Community Talk** By Agnes Neumann

Hello Everybody!

It's time for the Carpathia Quarterly again. Our editor really keeps us hopping to be on time, so that he can do his job too.

Let's look back for a minute here. The GACC Banquet was held in April at the Carpathia Club, the home of the GACC and its 14 affili-



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ated clubs since 1994. 10 clubs were present at the banquet. The Hon. Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany, Fred Hoffman, honored us with his presence. After a superb dinner, President Herbert Ochs presented our contribution to Wayne State University's "Junior Year in Munich" program. Dr. Mark Ferguson, director of the program, was there to receive the donation. He reflected on the program's 50th Anniversary and the GACC's contributions since 1953. 1958 program graduate, George Beverst, was present, and so were the 6 students selected this year. Among them was Ms. Lauren Lachat of the "GTEV Edelweiß", who will go to study one year in Germany. We are very proud of this young lady and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

The Board of Directors of the GACC elected its new Executive Board for 2004-05 at its last meeting. The following officers were sworn in at the banquet: Franz Sinz – President, Joseph Gassel – 1st Vice President, Josef Hirmann – 2nd Vice President, Walter Gasser – Recording Secretary, Marianne Krenzer – Correspondence Secretary, Hedwig Richiert – Financial Secretary, Herbert Ochs – Treasurer. Trustees: Helen Gassel, Willi Grotloh, Johann Krenzer, Edith Kuplent, and Walter Jensen.

The highlight of the evening was, as usual, the presentation of the "German American of the Year" award. The award was given first in 1964. 12 former recipients were present to welcome the new addition to the group: Reinhold (Ron) Blasius, accomplished member of the Carpathia Club and the German Community, became the 40th recipient of the award. Congratulations, very well deserved!

Annette Körner and Wilfried Mozer provided the evening's entertainment. This time, they were accompanied by pianist Karl Osterland with 2 of his own compositions.

The 1st "Spring Fashion Show" of the GACC was quite a success. Over 200 guests enjoyed their "ladies day out", the good luncheon, and the fashions of Chico's of Rochester Hills. Thank you to my co-chairs Edith Kuplent and Marianne Krenzer, and all the models that made this luncheon fashion show so successful.

The summertime of 2004 is upon us and, hopefully, the rain will stop so that we can start to enjoy all the planned outdoor activities. All of them are listed in our "Calendar of Events 2004". PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS ONE CHANGE: The Carpathia Club's former Freedom Hill Volksfest is moving to a one day big picnic on Sunday, July 18, at the Austrian Park. The annual "Deutsche Tag" will be held on Sunday, August 8, again at the beautiful Austrian Park. Chairman Walter Gasser and his committee are already hard at work to make it

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