

From the President



Dear Members,

I would like to remind you to come to the Carpathia Christmas Party on Sunday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. – bring the children, as Santa will be coming. Our program will fill you with the Christmas spirit.

My husband Konrad and I wish to extend to all of you our very best wishes for a

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We wish you much joy at family gatherings over the holidays and good health and happiness in 2005. May you receive all that you ask for and may all your prayers be answered.



~ Kirchweihfest ~ by Monica Forest



Kirchweihfest is one of the liveliest dances of the year. With twirling trachts, decorated hats, and an exciting Strauss auction, Kirchweih is known to be a fun evening.

The evening started with pinning decorated “Rosmarin” on each lapel and greeting old and new friends. During the introduction, Mrs. Gerhardt read a lovely poem sent to her from Anni Zimmermann then Anna Tittjung opened the dance by announcing the impressive “Einmarsch.” The floor was packed with dancers so when the current King and Queen, Eric Prybula and Marie Pelvay, asked “Jugend was hen wir heut?,” one couldn’t miss the boisterous response: “KIRCHWEIH!”

From then on, the dance floor was hopping. All of the dance groups performed to much applause and showed the audience quite a few new dances. Our Jugendgruppe and Jugendgruppe Leiter looked particularly impressive in their trachts. Also wearing trachts, the Cleveland Jugendgruppe put on a very good show. It was great to see our friends from Cleveland

again and to see how much their group has grown. Between performances, the dance floor stayed busy with the rest of us showing off our moves.

Later in the evening, the big Strauss auction began. All compliments to Tony Matye who gave the first \$10 and to John Dietz who helped Tony count the dollars from there. Then with a well timed “zum Musik,” the dancefloor started hopping again. That’s when the Jugendgruppe is

so impressive with the fellas lifting and spinning the girls and doing all sorts of stunts. Needless to say, this gets the whole hall excited and ready to pull out more dollar bills. Congratulations to Monika and Zen Prybula for timing that dollar so well and winning the decorated Strauss.

Thank you to everyone that donated rosemary plants and branches. It’s such an integral part of the evening. If you missed the excitement this year, we hope to see you next time. Remember to bring your dollar bills and dancing shoes. See you soon!

