



Carpathia Club, Inc.

A Danube-Swabian Culture Club

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Winter 2024

Notes from our Board

**Carpathia Club Board wishes you
and your families a
Merry Christmas**

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Upcoming Events

**January 28th – Choir Card
Party at Fraser Lion's Club**

**February 16th
General Membership Meeting
@ GACC 2:00 – 4:00**

**February 22nd Winterball @
Polish Century Club**

**March 23rd Frauengruppe
Card Party
12:00 – 4:00 @ Lion's Club**

April Jaegerbankett

**May 19th Blas Concert @
Polish Century Club**

**August – Bus trip to Cleveland
with Blas – details to come**

**Please see Carpathiaclub.com
for more details and
reservation information.**



From the President



CARPATHIA CLUB, INC.

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November 2024

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

It's been a few months since my last letter and want to update you on several topics.

As a club, we hosted six events this year! Our next and last event for 2024 is the Member's Christmas party on December 15, 2-8PM at Fraser Lions Club. I look forward to seeing you and I am hopeful I can sit on Santa's lap so I can let him know my holiday wish (A NEW HOME FOR OUR CLUB). |

Kirchweih was another incredible event! The music was outstanding and the dancers were superb! Food was good too (but not as good as our cooks!). Thanks goes out to the leaders of the Kindergruppe (Kimmy Furtah/Karin Schulz), Jugendgruppe (Reese Mueller) and Blaskapelle (George Schleis) for their performances! I'd like to recognize those who coordinated the event; Anna Marie Tittjung, Monica Forest and Cindy Schleis. Without their support and dedication, successful events like Kirchweih would not be possible.

Property update

First off, I'd like to thank the countless volunteers who have worked tirelessly to clean up the brush along Romeo Plank Road. The property along Romeo Plank looks much better, and we have several birch trees! Special thank you goes to Karen Beattie, Ruth Dietz, Mike Stampfer, John Zeig, Adam Zeig, Pete Tittjung, Mark Szymanski, George Schleis, Tim Busch and Rob Seiberling.

I'd also like to thank those who have maintained the property and our equipment (Herr Dietz, John Dietz, Gerald Jolly, Mike Talan and Tim Reiter).

Recently, we obtained a temporary storage container (thank you Adam Zeig and Gerald Jolly for your work in obtaining the container). We moved our belongings to the container which will save the club around \$8000 a year. Thank you to those who came out to help: Pete Tittjung, John Dietz, Ruth Dietz, Karen Beattie, Kurt Psootka, Adam Zeig, John Zeig, Archie Coffman, Gerald Jolly, Inge Hanschu, Mike Geyer (Cleveland), Liz Thomas, Linda Schwager, Kimmy Furtah, Mark Szymanski, Tim Busch, Carsten Grotloh, Irene Jolly, Tom Forest, Kurt Seiberling Sr., Kurt Seiberling Jr., Pete Fruhner (Los Angeles), Paul Szeltner, Rob Becker, Jeff Ewald and Tom Werner.

We continue to work on a site plan and building drawings for resubmission to Ray Township. It is our goal to present to Ray Township in December 2024 or January 2025, depending on feedback from Macomb County Roads.

Regarding Macomb County Roads (MCRC), the initial feedback is we are required to have a deceleration and bypass lane. Initial cost estimates are between \$100,000 and \$500,000. Thanks to the connections George Schleis has with Macomb County, we have been successful in getting MCRC to look at our planned project to determine viable alternatives that meet MCRC guidelines and ensures membership and public safety.

We continue to obtain written quotes from multiple sources, so we ensure we are being fiscally responsible with membership's funds.

As of now, with the addition of the potential MCRC cost, updated material costs and inflation, we are approximately \$280,961 over our \$725,000 membership authorization. The building committee and executive board will continue to determine ways to bring the costs closer to membership authorization. At the AGM in February, we plan to provide you with current cost estimates so our membership is informed and can provide guidance to the Building Committee and Executive Board.

Fundraising

Tammy Kapraun and George Schleis are sub-committee leaders for building fundraising and have determined the following potential fundraising ideas:

Casino Trip	Tiger's Game
Red Wing's Game	Fashion Show
Untergruppen hosts "TWO" events per year (currently Untergruppen host one event per year)	Carpathia Apparel/swag
Night at the Races	50/50 raffles
High end raffle	Comrade Evenings
Football Squares	Golf Outing
Euchre Parties	Super Bowl Party
Solicit donations from national and international organizations	Solicit donations from Michigan German organizations
Solicit donations from business owners	Other ideas?

As you can see, there are many ideas, and Tammy and George simply cannot plan and execute all these ideas. So, if you are interested in **leading** one of these ideas, reach out to Tammy and George and offer your support.

At the half year meeting, we agreed that donations to the club that are earmarked for the new hall would not go against our \$725,000 membership authorization. So, if you are able, please consider donating (see form). To date we have received \$3,500 in donations towards the new hall and pledges of \$40,000 (for restrooms).

Many have indicated that they are not in a financial position to donate. Every family has different circumstances, and I respect your situation. We are also offering a pledge concept, where you pledge a certain amount of money over time (see form). As an example, can you pledge \$10 a month for a year? Two years? Can you pledge \$100 a month? Or pledge \$100 a quarter? As we move forward, cash flow will be critical in maintaining the club, and pledges are one way (over and above membership dues) to help the club survive financially.

Furthermore, we can consider drawing funds from Ameriprise (our financial analyst advises us to draw no more than 3-4% per year) so we maintain our principal investment (\$22,500-40,000 per year). Maintaining a sizable balance within Ameriprise will enable our club to function for the foreseeable future. While utilizing Ameriprise funds is an option to fund these overages, it introduces another situation where we would have to determine other revenue sources to make up for reduced balance in Ameriprise (and reduced interest revenue).

We can consider obtaining a loan to cover some of the building expenses. Of course, this action would need membership approval and obtaining a loan with our annual balance sheet may be challenging as risk typically translates into higher interest rates.

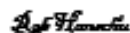
Closing

I wish all the Jaegers the best of luck in bagging a 10-point buck! And wish you a safe and prosperous hunting season!

Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for! Our family, friends and our wonderful club! I am very thankful for my family and friends!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May 2025 be a prosperous year for your family, friends and Carpathia!

Grüß Gott,



President
Carpathia Club, Inc
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From our Frauen

Herzliche Weihnachtsgrüsse von der Frauengruppe 2024

The Frauengruppe, under the direction of Irene Dietz, has remained active throughout the year. We continue to hold our monthly meetings, alongside several outings and events.

This past March we hosted our annual Card Party. The afternoon included a pizza lunch, homemade Apple Cake, and a raffle drawing. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all attending.

The first ever Kaffeeklatsch was held in October. Open to the public, it was an opportunity to learn more about our group. After a brief introduction by Irene, cake and coffee was served and the remainder of the afternoon was spent socializing and getting to know one another. The event was well attended, and we may hold one again soon!

We also met for lunch several times this year, including the Apple Orchard Inn Oktoberfest. We had a large group of members and friends attending, and enjoyed dining on Schnitzel and Rouladen.

Our meetings are held at the GACC every second Tuesday of the month, followed by cake and coffee. New members are always welcome! We will be hosting a Card Party sometime this spring, more information coming soon.

On behalf of the Frauengruppe, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Kaffeeklatsch at the GACC

Adventslicht

*Ich bin das Lichtlein, das erwacht
in der dunklen Winternacht.
Die Menschen gingen so gebückt;
doch als das Lichtlein sie erblickt,
da wußten sie: es kommt die Zeit,
da werden alle Herzen weit,
und alle Augen werden hell,
und all Füße laufen schnell;
denn mitten aus dem Winterleid
ersteht die liebe Weihnachtszeit.*

Agnes Harder



From the Jaeger

Fall is here, the time all Jäger look forward to – deer hunting season. We are excited to get back out in the woods and to spend time with our friends in deer camp. The Jäger remain active during the summer – this year we had two trap shooting contests with our friends the Rhine Danube Sportsmen from Leamington, Canda, one in June and one in August. The Jäger won the first of these two shoots, but unfortunately lost the second – apparently home field advantage is a real thing. Regardless, it was great to be able to keep up the tradition of friendly competition.

The Jager also held our annual King Shoot in September – this year Bob Psocka won König, his brother Kurt Psocka won 1st Ritter, and Bob Hammer won 2nd Ritter. Eric Rausch won the Past King's Trophy with an excellent score of 20 from the 25-yard line. High Overall for all three shoots went to Kurt Psocka.

We'd like to invite all of you to celebrate Bob and the other top shooters at the Jäger Königsball, currently scheduled for April 5, 2025.

The Jäger would like to wish you and all your family Happy Holidays, and a safe and successful hunting season.

Jeff Ewald, Oberjäger

If you are interested in joining our group or participating in any of our activities, please contact myself at rhammer39@gmail.com or Alex Rausch at araus4570@gmail.com



Carpathia Blasmusikanten



2024 Performance Highlights:

May 19 Blasmusikanten Spring Concert
July 20 Carpathia Members Picnic
Aug 18 Cleveland Donauschwaben Sommer Oktoberfest
Oct 20 Carpathia Club Kirchweih Fest
Dec 15 Carpathia Members Christmas Celebration

Thank You
For your amazing support

FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Peace Hope Love Joy
Best Wishes For A Healthy, Happy,
and Peaceful New Year

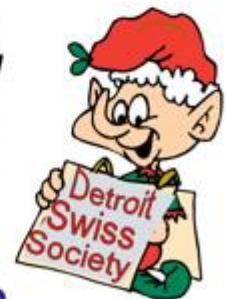
-The Carpathia Blasmusikanten-

German-American Cultural Center

Mit unseren angeschlossenen Clubs
wünschen wir allen Mitgliedern und Freunden
Frohe Weihnachten und



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Greetings from the Danube Schwabian Foundation, U.S.A.

DONAUSCHWÄBISCHE STIFTUNG 2024



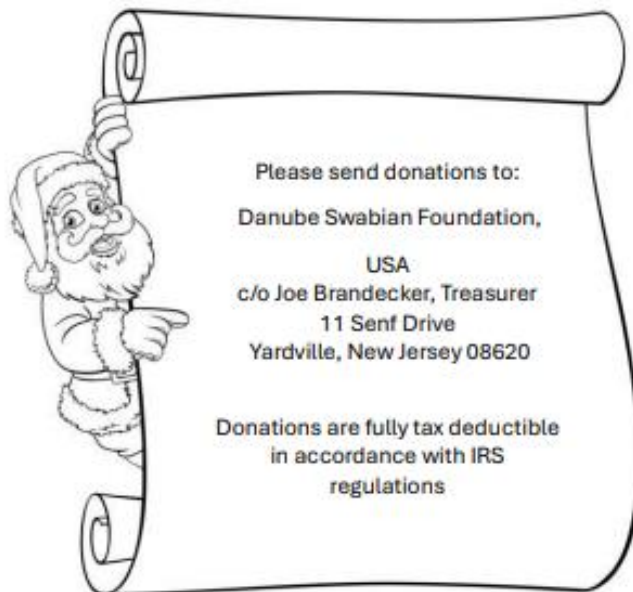
Kulturpreis 2024

This award was created to show appreciation of the Society of the Danube Swabians of the USA for all the cultural work which the recipients of this award have performed. These prize winners are nominated and selected by the Landesverband and are each awarded \$1,000 by the Danube Swabian Foundation.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Mike Wendl – Saint Louis – Ehren President of the Stiftung

Rose Hauer – Chicago Donauschwaben - Landesverband Secretary



Oma Abt Award

In 2013, the Oma Abt youth heritage award was created in memory of Maria Abt. Each year the youth are given a prompt for their entry. This year's prompt was: "Where do you see the Donauschwaben community in 10 years (locally, nationally, internationally) and where do you see yourself within the Donauschwaben community (i.e. leadership roles)?"

The winners:

- 1st Prize - Karina Palfy (Chicago AAS)
- 2nd Prize - Katrina Giannoni (Chicago Donau)
- 3rd Prize - Eva Groeschl (Milwaukee)

2024 National Donauschwaben Soccer Tournament

MANSFIELD, OH, USA – The humorous t-shirts available for purchase may have said 49 1/2, but there was nothing done to half measures at this year's National Donauschwaben Soccer Tournament! Mansfield Liederkranz Social and Soccer Club was the host for this edition of the tournament which featured of course the original Major Division, the Over-35, formerly the "Alte Herren" and a small but very talented Women's Division. Participating Clubs included: Akron GFS (M, W, O35), Chicago Green White (M), Cleveland Concordia (M, W), Detroit Carpathia (M, O35), Mansfield Liederkranz (Mx2, W, O35).

On Friday, May 24th a few of the traveling clubs, teams, and fans descended on 1212 Silver Lane to get the first glimpses of the fields, see old friends, share a meal and maybe a beverage or two. The fields and grounds looked trimmed, clean and ready for soccer.

The first match of the weekend began on Saturday, May 25, at 10:00 am, and from there soccer in the three divisions went rolling throughout the whole first day. Saturday evening featured a Schnitzel dinner as well as some brief speeches from the hosts, and the Ehren Sportleiter, Mike Talan. Mike held the Sportleiter role since 1998 and was unanimously given the Honorary Title at the April Meetings.

Sunday was an early start, with the Managers Meeting beginning at 9:00 am and the first Over-35 match beginning promptly at 10. Though at our National Annual Meeting in April, Werner Fricker III, was elected as the successor to Talan, the two directors took the opportunity to officially hand over the reins at the Sunday morning meeting at this year's tournament. Mike Talan literally gave his seat and chair to Fricker III at the opening of the meeting.

The other big news out of the Manager's meeting came when the Committee decided to create a Wanderpokal for the Over-35 Division named after legend Erik Haller of Cleveland. Born in Yugoslavia, Haller has been involved in soccer since 1952 when he began playing in Stuttgart. In the USA, he joined the Donauschwaben reserve team in Cleveland at the age of 15. At 16 he moved up to the Major Division and continued to play for over 25 years. He has been a player, referee, coach, administrator and continues to be involved in the game today.

Weather threatened the final two matches of the weekend but the administrators, the hosts and the teams were able to get the games in without a hitch. The Champions were:

- Women's Open Division: Akron GFS Eagles
- Over-35 and winners of the first Erik Haller Cup: Cleveland Concordia
- National Champions and winners of the Mike Talan Wanderpokal: **Cleveland Concordia!**

Landessportleiter, Werner Fricker III, had assistance from Mike Talan and Erik Haller in the presentation of the respective trophies. We look forward to seeing everyone for the 50th Anniversary of this great nationally recognized tournament. Back where it all began in Akron, Ohio.





Danube- Swabian Association of the USA, Inc.

Landesverband der Donauschwaben USA, Inc

Liebe Landesleute,

It is my honor to be writing to you for the first time as the CEO of the Danube Swabian Foundation. What a privilege to be able to serve you all in this capacity! I am very proud of the work done by our foundation in the last year and the work that is on the docket to be completed in the coming year. Last year, not only did we give thousands of dollars to our clubs to help fund language schools, brass bands, soccer teams, and dance groups, but we were able to help, not one, but two groups go to Europe. I know many of you have seen pictures online of the Cleveland Jugendgruppe and the Akron Jugendgruppe's trips abroad, and it looked like a life-changing event for our young people. It is trips like these, funded by your donations, that will ensure a strong future for our Donauschwaben heritage and culture.

In the coming year, in addition to our regular financial assistance of our American member clubs, we will be sending the Chicago Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe to represent us on a Europe tour, which is partially funded by our Foundation, and assisting with the costs of hosting the Jugendlager in Akron. Excitingly, we will also be sending members of our American Vereine to the fifth Welttreffen, to take place in both Hungary and Serbia. These trips are open to all members of U.S. clubs, not just members of dance groups, which is especially poignant for members of some of our smaller organizations or who joined our organizations later in life who have not had the opportunity to go on an Europareise with a Jugendgruppe. The Welttreffen combines dancing, singing, history, and tradition into a two-week tour, and the Stiftung has intends to give stipends to participants of the Welttreffen next year as it has done in the past.

These are just a few ways that your donation to the Stiftung ensures that the Donauschwaben traditions are kept alive in the United States. I implore you to consider a donation to the Foundation this holiday season so that we can continue this great work. We are at a time of transition in all of our clubs, and the way that we ensure we come out on the other side strong is by working together! Frohe Weihnachten, and thank you for your support!

Mit herzlichen Weihnachtsgrüsse,

Raymond Martini

CEO, Danube Swabian Foundation

President, Landesverband der Donauschwaben USA



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Two Notes from the President

First note: **Thanks**

After 17 yrs., the secretary of the Foundation will return to her husband. Rosi Burmeister has been deeply devoted to the management and success of the Danube Swabian Foundation. Her husband Cliff has been patiently waiting for her return. She has stood with this President from the beginning of our multiple re-elections (8 terms). She has served with, educated, shared opinions and *put up with* transitions of two CEOs, three Vice Presidents, 4 Treasurers and handful of in-coming/out-going Directors within the Foundation. She has assisted in drafting procedures and by-law updates. Rosi has worked very hard with determination and conviction toward the Foundation's purpose. She has had a good eye in protecting the Foundation's assets, at the same time engaged in assigning stipends to fantastic Donauschwaben cultural activities. I have not seen her sit still in her position and has made the rest of us serving in our positions look pretty damn good. Saying thank you will never be enough in your service to the Foundation. Having you as a friend is priceless.

THANK YOU ROSI

Second note: **Have You Seen an ECHTE SCHWOB Sit Still?**

In my lifetime, I have not seen an echte (real) Schwob sit still. They pride themselves with hard work, well behaved families, manicured gardens, excellent food/baked recipes and strong faith. When there is a moment to rest, they become great hosts, entertaining and serving others. They make sure everyone and everything is taken care of. It was so with my UrgroBeltern (great grandparents), GroBeltern (grandparents) and Eltern (parents). I suspect that has rubbed off on the next generation/our generation. We devote ourselves to our families, friends and Clubs. If you catch yourself sitting down, grab a pen and check, and fill out a donation to your favorite charity. The Foundation does not sit still. It is working hard to extend the existence of our Donauschwaben culture. Please, don't just sit there, prove yourself to be an **ECHTE SCHWOB!**

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes neue Jahr

from the Foundation President Ed Tullius, Officers and Directors

CLEVELAND EUROPA REISE 2024: The Jugendgruppe from the Donauschwaben German American Cultural Center in Cleveland, Ohio, traveled to Europe during the Summer of 2024. The group departed on June 27 and returned on July 15. Over the 18-day adventure, the participants experienced many memorable moments, learned more about their culture and heritage, and made many new friends across Germany and Hungary. The group performed seven times, and it was a life-changing experience for our Jugend!

We started by visiting Crailsheim and stayed at a Jugendherberge in Dinkelsbühl. We spent time with our Crailsheim hosts, who ensured we were well-fed and never thirsty! We performed in Crailsheim's town square, toured the city, and toured Dinkelsbühl, and Rothenburg ob der Tauber, they planned many fun activities for our group. We then ventured to Ulm, where we toured the city and saw the "Denkmal" along the Danube including the Donauschwaben USA plaque placed there several years ago. We visited the Münster where most of the group ascended the steeple to be rewarded with a spectacular city view. By evening, we arrived in Munich for the next three nights. We spent the first full day in the München Stadtmitte and met up with members of the Banater Schwaben at the famous Augustiner Biergarten in the evening to watch a World Cup game. We presented our second performance at the Haus der Donauschwaben in München the next day for the Banater Schwaben



As the next day arrived, we departed for an eight-hour bus ride to Hungary. Once there, we started with a visit to the beautiful city of Taksony which has hosted us on previous trips and is just a most gracious and welcoming place to visit. We were greeted with a fabulous dinner and met our host families. After dinner, the group enjoyed an evening at a local venue with live music, refreshments, and the opportunity to make new friends with the Jugendgruppe in Taksony. They had many fun activities planned for us the next day for our Jugend, including rowing on the Danube, riding in Trabants, a museum visit, and swimming at a local park. The evening included a performance in Taksony followed by a dinner for all our members and the host families. The next day we toured Budapest and finished the day with a trip to the famous Budapest thermal baths, a welcome few hours of relaxation to break up our busy trip. We then traveled to Szár, where many of our members already have friends. We visited Szár in 2011, and they visited us in 2011 and 2019. After meeting our host families and having dinner, we had a performance at their cultural house and an evening with a Blaskapelle that ended at the local bar. Over the next two days, we made day trips to Pusztavám and Biatorbágy, where we met other Jugend, toured the cities, and, their church, and learned new dances including a Csárdás. Our last night in Hungary was a beautiful one, with a performance festival that included our group, the Fűzes Tanzgruppe from Biatorbágy, and a dance group from Németskér. We were all sad to leave our new friends.

We spent one night in Salzburg, where we explored the city, had a great meal, and met up with our friends from the Akron Familien Verein, who were also on a Europa Reise. The next day we toured the famous salt mines and then proceeded back to Ulm for one night where we spent the day buying dirndls (of course) and attending Donaufest. This fest hosted international vendors and was a welcome break from our busy schedule. With two performances left on the schedule, we traveled to Sindelfingen to perform at the Haus der Donauschwaben. There we met Stefan Ihas, Ehrenpraesident of the Weltdachverband, Sandra Peric, Jugendstellvertreterin of the Weltdachverband, and Raimund Haser, the Vorsitzender who is also a member of the Landtag of Baden-Württemberg. We spent time at the Vertreibung memorial and in the library where Jugend discovered more about their family histories and our Donauschwaben history. It was extremely emotional for all of us and helped our Jugend better understand the history of the Donauschwaben. We had the opportunity to present our full program to a large audience. After Sindelfingen, we continued to Spaichingen, where we met with our host families and enjoyed a meal. The next day we saw the Donauquelle, the source of the Donau River, and toured the Schwarzwald with a visit to the beautiful city of Triberg. Our final performance was at a festival in Spaichingen Center. We performed our sets and packed up all our equipment and costumes for the last time. It was an emotional moment for our Jugend as it signaled our incredible trip would end soon. We spent the evening with our hosts, sharing dances between our groups. –Then came our last day. Our Spaichingen friends hosted a cookout and took our Jugend to a local pool for some fun and free time. We watched the World Cup finals with our host families and settled in for an early night since our travel day started at 3 AM! We were all

so sad to be leaving and will have to be content with all the wonderful memories of this incredible trip. On behalf of the Donauschwaben Cleveland Jugendgruppe, we want to thank the Landesverband der Donauschwaben, USA for making this opportunity available to us, to the Weltdachverband for allowing us to travel, to all the groups from the cities who hosted us, to Sandra Peric for organizing the travel, and to the Donauschwäbische Stiftung for the financial support for this endeavor. For our Jugend, it was the trip of a lifetime!



AKRON EUROPA REISE 2024: In the month of July, the German Family Society Youth Group took a 19 day trip to Germany, Austria, and France. The group traveled with 18 kids, 4 chaperones, and 2 amazing bus drivers. Throughout the trip the group danced four times in different clubs and festivals giving their all to provide an intense and impressive performance for their hosts. The four locations that the group danced in were Mosbach Donauschwaben Club, Albstadt Donauschwaben Club, Munich Donauschwaben Club, and Wanfried Schützenfest. In both Mosbach and Albstadt, the group performed a full performance with three different dance sets built into the performance. In those sets, four of the Youth Group members recited an all

German poem to express the love and appreciation of the Donauschwaben and German heritage. The longest "performance" that the group had was an hour-long parade in the city of Wanfried. The parade was on Sunday the 14th and the group got to march throughout the entire city with other groups and bands from the city. The Youth Group members all had praises about how enjoyable it was to dance in Germany, and how much of a dream come true it truly was.

Outside of the dancing part, the group toured 22 cities in a total of 18 days. Some of the main cities and attractions consisted of Mosbach, Strasbourg, Feldberg, Albstadt, Munich, Salzburg, and Wanfried. In each of those cities, the group had a very laid out and planned day due to the months of preparation by the group's chaperones. During the trip, the kids were able to see amazing views and explore the city on their own in smaller groups, really getting the opportunity to dive into the culture of the country. Some of the favorite activities were planned day to day due to inclement weather, one of which was the Hasenhorn Mountain coaster located in Feldberg. Another great experience for the group was meeting the Mayor of Albstadt. The group was invited into City Hall for an interview and a taste test of the city's famous homemade pretzels. One of the favorite cities of the trip was Salzburg. As expressed by many of the group members, Salzburg had so much beauty when just looking at the city driving in, but exploring at night revealed all the hidden spots and gorgeous views. The group overall had an amazing time in their tour and each one said that they would love to do the tour again with the group if they were given the chance to.

One of the main cultural points of the trip was visiting Ulm, Germany. The group departed from Munich early in the morning to meet with members of the Munich Donauschwaben Club in Ulm to tour the city and go to The Haus der Donauschwaben. The Youth Group members all had great opportunities to connect with the heritage around them and learn more about where their families came from. Some Youth Group members even located their family names in the books that the museum had from the families moving around. Each member made some sort of connection with the museum whether it meant finding a tracht similar to a family member's back at home, seeing the stitchwork on the tablecloths, or even just connecting with hearing the overall journey and relating back to stories told at Akron GFS. Visiting The Haus der Donauschwaben was the most rewarding cultural experience for the group over all. The youth group all agreed that they could have spent an entire day in the museum if given the opportunity to research more into their heritage and take a deep dive into what their ancestors went through to provide for them.

Abby Leipold
Akron German Family Society
Jugendgruppe Secretary

The Kickers

Our Men's 1st Team finished the 2024 MPSL Soccer Season completed the Double winning the League Cup and the League Championship.

Our youth program completed a successful Fall Season. Our coaches and players were great all year long.

Our upcoming events will be our annual Christmas and Alumni party will be held 12/5 at Hamlin Pub.

Our Soccer Banquet will be held February 1st at the Italian Cultural Center - more details will follow.

The Kickers wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Go Kickers
Tim Busch
General Manger



Hi Kinder & Families,

As this year comes to an end, we could not be prouder off all that we have accomplished together. Dancing in the Kindergruppe is not only learning the songs and dances of our grandparents but building lifetime friendships along the way. Thank you all for your energy on Sunday mornings – it always brings a smile to our faces to get to see all of you having a good time together and keeping our heritage alive. Thank you to the parents for bringing the littles to practices and performances, without you, we would not be able to do what we do!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With Love,
Karin & Kimmy

We hold practices every other Sunday at the GACC from 10a-11a. If you have a child or grandchild between the ages of 3-13 interested in dancing, please reach out to us, or come to a practice! You won't regret it!



2024 Kirchweih



Building Fund Donation Form

We would like to donate to the Carpathia Farms building fund.

Name: _____

Donation Amount: _____



Pledge Form

A pledge is a regular payment to the club to help with building costs and ongoing operating costs.

Name: _____

Pledge amount: _____

Frequency: Monthly____ Quarterly____ Annually ____ for ____ year(s)



Volunteer Form

Name: _____

I can volunteer for: _____

Skills: General Labor _____ Office/Clerical _____ General Maintenance _____
Electrical _____ Plumbing _____ Mechanical _____ Grounds Maintenance _____
Fundraising _____ Other _____



Send all forms to:
Carpathia Club Building Committee
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Frohe *Weihnachten* und ein *Gesundes Neues Jahr Wünschen* die Carpathia Senioren

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KIRCHWEIH 2024

Kirchweih was a success! We had a total of 6 couples and did 3 dances in total. A big thank you to everyone who came from out of town to perform, we greatly appreciate you!

LABOR DAY 2024

Happy to say that the Jugengruppe performed Saturday of fest and looked great! Overall, everyone in the group had an amazing time and a huge thank you to our host city, St. Louis! The property was great and overall another fun Labor Day weekend in the books



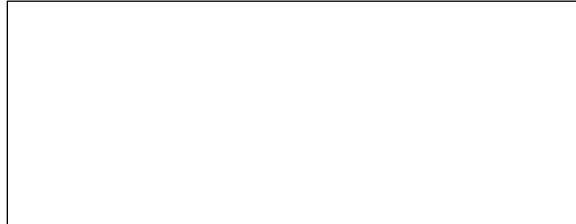
UPCOMING: WINTERBALL

Mark your calendars, Winterball is scheduled on February 22, 2025, there will be a group performance, raffle, royal menu, and a march, can't wait to see you there!

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