



Congratulations...

... to new Mai Prince Bryan Szalewski and Princess Lindsey Eigner — who were both announced at the Jugendgruppe's spring formal, Maitanz auf Hawaii, on May 8th.

... to the Seniors' Group — who celebrated their 35th Anniversary with a luncheon and dance on May 16th at the Schwabenhof.

... to Walter and Katie Heim, who celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary on May 16th!



Grüße von der Kulturgruppe

For all of you new fans that are now reading our Donauquelle, we would like to introduce you to the Kulturgruppe, otherwise known as the Donauschwaben Dancers. We are celebrating our 63rd year as a traditional Donauschwaben dance group. You can find us performing at local festivals such as Germanfest, Holiday Folk Fair, various Oktoberfests throughout the state, as well as events at the Schwabenhof. Through the years we have performed throughout the US and Canada and are very much looking forward to the 2010 trip to Philly as well as the 2012 Europe trip. Our members range in age from 16 to 50, with the majority being young adults.

On September 25th 2010 we will be hosting a 50's extravaganza, so dust off your blue suede shoes, shake off those poodle skirts and join us at the Schwabenhof. Talisman will entertain all with a blend of 50's hits and German music. 50's music will also be playing non-stop during band breaks so you can show off your dance moves all night long. The Kulturgruppe will be showcased in a special performance. Stay posted to the Donauquelle, more information will follow in upcoming editions.

Contact Karen at kjschmieder@yahoo.com for more information regarding the Kulturgruppe. New members are always welcome!

Did You Know?

Before the year 1968, when United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee purchased the land known today as the Schwabenhof — future site of The German-American Cultural Center of Wisconsin — the property was widely known as a place for European Polkas and Waltzes called the Bert Phillips Ballroom.



German-American HISTORY 101



Today we remember Mr. Lawrence Welk 1903-1992. Even if you are too young to remember, all you have to do is tune into your local PBS Network and you can still find the Lawrence Welk Show being shown weekly to the enjoyment of millions of his fans. Welk was an American musician, accordionist, bandleader, and television legend, hosting The Lawrence Welk Show from 1955 to 1982. His style came to be known to his large audience as champagne music. Welk was born in the farming community of Strasburg, North Dakota. He was the sixth of eight children. His parents Ludwig and Christiana Welk were ethnic Germans who immigrated to America in 1892 from a German speaking colony in Russia. They were so happy to be in America that even their first cold winter in America spent under an upside down covered wagon in North Dakota didn't darken their vision of a bright future in their new homeland. Today the Welk Homestead is a major tourist attraction where fans come from across the U.S.A. to visit. Welk decided early to pursue a career in music. As a young man he convinced his father to buy a mail order accordion for \$400.00 He promised to work on the farm in exchange for his accordion until the age of 21 and the rest is history. Strasburg, North Dakota where he lived had been settled by Germans from Russia, the community was entirely German speaking. In fact it was so German that Welk didn't even begin to master the English language until he was of the age of 21. Even his teachers spoke English as a second language. This was the reason for this all American boy's heavy German accent. Years later he attended diction classes and mastered English, but he quickly realized his public expected to hear him say: "A-one, an-a-two" and decided to remain true to his German ethnic roots. During his life when he was asked about his ancestry, he would always proudly reply Germany, the area from where his forebears had immigrated to Russia from.

We Need Your Help!

Helping hands and hardworkers are needed to make the Schwabenhof grounds shine and the pavillion sparkle for the Father's Day Picnic. Saturday, May 29th and Saturday, June 5th are the heavy clean-up days. Raking, sweeping, pulling weeds, window cleaning, fixing picnic tables are just some of the tasks that need to be done! The days start at 8:30am and usually go until about noon. Your hardwork will be rewarded with a cold beverage in the Schwabenhof Bar after all the work has been done!

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UDoM Frauengruppe/
Jaegerverein
April Meeting
@ 7:30pm

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Flag Day

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UDoM General
Meeting @ 7:30pm

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Father's Day Picnic
mass @ 10:30am
aufmarsch @ 2pm

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UDoM Seniors'
April Meeting
@ 1pm

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"Der Spatz in der Hand ist besser

*"A sparrow in your hand is better
als die Taube auf dem Dach."
than a dove up on the roof."*

UDoM Father's Day Picnic

@ The Schwabenhof (N56 W14750 Silver Spring Rd.)

Sun., June 20, 10:30am mass, 12pm lunch, 2pm aufmarsch

Join the UDoM for their traditional Father's Day Picnic and treat your vati or opa to an afternoon of fun. The day begins with a special mass at 10:30am and the kitchen opens at 12pm — offering our famous Donauschwaben bratwurst, spanferkel, roasted chicken and more! The aufmarsch begins at 2pm followed by performances by the UDoM Kinder, Jugend and Kulturgruppe and culminates with the crowning of the 2010 Miss Donauschwaben. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening dancing your heart out to the musical stylings of Johnny Hoffmann and the Herzbuben. See you there!

Summerfest

@ Maier Festival Park

Thurs., June 24 – Sun., July 4

Make sure to stop by the UDoM's booth — "The Schwabenhof" located in the Ethnic Village (on the north side of the grounds) for funnel cakes, rollbraten, steak sandwich, cheddarwurst, schnitzel, gulasch, seasoned fries and more! If you are interested in volunteering in the booth, please visit UDoMmilwaukee.com for a sign-up sheet.

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