

Reflections.....

It is hard for me to believe that an entire year has gone by since I became the Editor of the Wegweiser. We've all heard the old saying, "Time flies when you're having fun!" Well, that certainly has been the case with me! I have had a lot of fun putting together the newsletter. I have met an incredible amount of wonderful people and have gotten many compliments about the newsletter and the web site. It has been a pleasure to be the Editor and I am happy to report I have been asked to stay on the job!

The Jugendgruppe Hoedown was a great success! In early November we traveled to Milford for a good old fashioned square dance party. Everyone had a terrific time swinging their partners round and round! Chrissy Michels did a great job organizing the event.

Our Anniversary Dance and Weihnachtsfeier once again went off without a hitch. A wonderful meal of beef tenderloin and fettuccine alfredo at the Anniversary Dance was followed by music and dancing. The

Christmas program was absolutely beautiful at the Weihnachtsfeier and it put everyone in the holiday spirit. Of course, the day was not complete without a visit from good ol' Santa Claus himself. Those of you who were there know it was a "bell ringing" good time!

We have many new things that will be going on in the coming months with the Edelweiss group. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO NOTE ALL THE DATE AND EVENT CHANGES** that you will find in this newsletter. Besides date changes there is a lot of other important news for all of you so read this newsletter very carefully!

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments for or about the newsletter or web site please contact me at (586) 677-0432 or at my e-mail address: editor@edelweiss-detroit.org. I welcome pictures and anything else you would like to see in the newsletter or on the web site, www.edelweiss-detroit.org

Michelle Uebrueck

News
For And About The Membership

.....Please keep the following sick members in your thoughts.....Barbara Diewald, Theresa Carpentier, Lillian Kron, Jean Szachta, Joe Stano and Marie Scherf.

.....Andy and Betty Werner celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary recently. Congratulations!

.....Anni Michels, Chrissy Michels, Lauren Lachat and Eric Walker made their debut at the 55th Annual Viennese Strauss Ball on February 2nd. The event was held at the Cobo Center in downtown Detroit.

.....Did you know that most of Macomb County has a new area code? The new area code is 586. The rest of the 810 area code will remain that way. Also, some Troy residents have a new zip code. Check with your post office before sending anything there.

.....Have you paid your **2002 dues**? If not, you are not too late. **Send them in now (\$15)** to Mike Lachat 53450 Hunter's Crossing, Shelby, MI 48315.

.....The one years free membership winner for December was Lynn Huthwaite (not present), the January winner was Sharon Walker (not present) and the February winner was Otto Emerich (not present).

.....Special thanks to Albert Buechel who donated a handcrafted wooden stepstool to be raffled off at the January meeting. He wanted the proceeds to go to the youth group. Ray Boudreau was the lucky winner!

.....Marie Scherf was blessed with a new granddaughter born on 12-10-01. Her name is Grace Marie Blue.

.....Special thanks to Karin Dean-Kraft for putting the Weihnachtsprogramm booklets together.

.....If you have any pictures of our dance group, Renate Green would like copies of them to put in the German newspaper.

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The **Gedachtnismesse** has been changed to **November 10th**. Please make a note of this date change. The November meeting will take place at the Brotzeit following the mass.

The **March meeting** will take place on **March 24th** at 3:00 PM at the Carpathia Club. This is also a date change. There will be **NO MEETING in April** due to the Bezirksfest, Wanderfest, and the Afternoon in Bavaria .

The **Schafkopf Tournament** will be played **at the Wanderfest** in Buffalo, NY. If you are interested in playing please contact Mike Lachat at (586) 781-0655.

There will be **dance practice** on **March 10th**. Youth at 12:00 and adults at 1:00.

Important Dates

- ♦ Have you marked down the date for the Waldfest? It will be held on August 25th at the Austrian Park. We have put in our request for NO RAIN that day! Join us!
- ♦ GTEV Edelweiß will be celebrating their 75th anniversary in the year 2006! We will commemorate this occasion with an Anniversary celebration on September 23, 2006. The organizing committee is planning to have a mass and also have a group from Germany here to entertain us! Don't miss it!
- ♦ GTEV Edelweiß will be hosting the Bezirksheimatfest on April 2-3, 2004.

Afternoon In Bavaria

Our Afternoon in Bavaria will take place at the Carpathia Club on April 21st at 1:00 PM. Entrance fee is \$10. This is the single biggest money making event in our club. So, please remember to bring a cake with you. Your delectable goodies will be sold to the attendees. Don't forget about a donation for our raffle.....gift certificates, gift baskets, bottles of wine, boxes of candy and anything else you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated.

NOTE- Be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors to join us for this festive occasion.

WANTED

Tina Winqest is looking for families who may be interested in hosting exchange students. She is also looking for anyone interested in being an exchange student. If either of these things seems to be something you are looking for, you may contact Tina at (810) 794-3645.

Wanderfest Info

If you are attending the Wanderfest in Buffalo, NY on April 13th there are a few things you need to remember! We will be traveling by motor coach and need to be in the parking lot at the Carpathia Club at 6:00 AM on the 13th. You will need to bring two pieces of ID with you, one in the form of either a passport or birth certificate AND a valid driver's license. Children need to bring either the passport or birth certificate. We will travel to Buffalo on the 13th, check in at the hotel, change and then head to the Wanderfest. We will leave the hotel on the 14th at 10:00 AM and travel to Niagara Falls, Canada and spend a few hours at the location before heading back to the Carpathia Club. If you have not yet paid for your bus and entrance fee to the Wanderfest please send it to Anneliese Baker, 32650 Stricker, Warren, MI 48093. Make checks payable to GTEV Edelweiss in the amount of \$40. If you have any questions contact Anneliese at (586) 293-6309.

Edelweiss Election Results

Vorstand- Erwin Rauschendorfer
 2nd Vorstand- Fred Walker
 3rd- Mike Lachat
 Schriftführer- Renate Green
 2nd Secretary- Lillian Kron
 Treasurer- Anneliese Baker
 2nd Cashier- Mike Lachat
 Kitchen Obmann- Marianne Billo
 Bar Obmann- Horst Uebrueck
 Sachenverwalter- Rita Dzierk
 Ticket Obmann- Barb Rauschendorfer
 Trustee- Colleen Michels (re-elected to 3
 year post). Roger Kraft, Tina Winquest
 Publicity- Lillian Kron
 Decorations- Kenny Szachta
 Wegweiser Editor- Michelle Uebrueck
 GACC Delegate- Helen Gassel
 Flag Chairman- Mike Lachat
 Pressewart- Renate Green
 Storekeepers- Chris and Carla Gassel
 Historiker- Linda Lachat

Dance Group results-
 Vorplattler- Rick Michels
 2nd- Fred Walker
 Vortänzerin- Annette Edelhauser
 2nd- Linda Lachat
 Secretary- Anni Michels
 Sachenverwalter- Mike Lachat

Viennese Strauss Ball



From L-R: Richie Parry, Anni Michels,
Eric Walker, Lauren Lachat,
Eric Schwalbe, and Chrissy Michels



Anni Michels, Chrissy Michels and Lauren
Lachat. The night before the big event!

Newsletter Items Needed

Do you know of someone celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary, birthday or any other newsworthy celebration? I'd like to know about it so I can include them in the Wegweiser. I am also looking for pictures you have taken at any of our events. You may give me info or pictures at the monthly meetings, e-mail them to me at editor@edelweiss-detroit.org, or call me at home at (586) 677-0432. On the back of the picture, please include names of people in the pictures if possible. Thanks for your help!

Club Calendar

2002 Calendar of Events

- ◆ Feb. 24th Dance Practice
- ◆ March 6th Committee Meeting
- ◆ March 10th Dance Practice
- ◆ March 24th Dance Practice and Meeting
- ◆ April 5th-6th Bezirksfest – Rockford, IL
- ◆ April 10th Committee Meeting
- ◆ April 13th-14th Wanderfest - Buffalo, NY
- ◆ April 21st Bairischer Nachmittag
- ◆ May 1st Committee Meeting
- ◆ May 5th Dance Practice and Meeting
- ◆ May 19th Dance Practice
- ◆ June 5th Committee Meeting
- ◆ June 9th Dance Practice and Meeting
- ◆ August 7th Committee Meeting
- ◆ August 25th Waldfest, Austrian Park
- ◆ Sept. 4th Committee Meeting
- ◆ Sept. 8th Dance Practice and Meeting
- ◆ Sept. 22nd Dance Practice
- ◆ Sept. 28th Oktoberfest, Carpathia

All dance practices and monthly meetings are held in the **GACC room** at the

Carpathia Club

3800 Utica Road

Sterling Heights, MI 48312

(586) 978-2292

Monthly meetings start at 3:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays

MARCH

Anneliese Baker
Herbert Langedger
Hermine Jensen
Joseph Stano
Kenneth Szachta
Carla Gassel
Eleanor Gracin
Neil Rabiteau

FEBRUARY

Alexander Nye
Alwine Boelstler
Henriette Marberger
Thomas Knop
Marie Scherf
Lore Neidhardt
Luise Schaffarzek
Franz Langedger
Joseph Trummer
Sharon Walker
Walter Zwar
Denise Kramer
Linda Lachat
Raymond Boudreau

APRIL

Henry Conrow
Arthur Kainz
Kenneth Baker
Joseph Kandler
Mary Ann Riegel
George Riegel

Bezirksheimatfest Information

This year's Bezirksfest will be held in Rockford, Illinois on April 5th through April 7th.

The cost will be \$40 for adults, \$30 for teen (13-17), \$10 for children (5-12) and children under 4 are free. Price includes beer, soda, and snacks for the Heimat Abend on Friday, beer and soda all day Saturday and the dinner and dance in the evening.

If you are interested in going, please contact Renate Green at (586) 268-8773.

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Nachruf


Wir bedauern das Ableben unseres langjährigen
Ehrenmitgliedes, Vorplattler, Revisor, 3. Vorstand und Archivar

Joseph Kraemer
der am 13. Januar 2002 verstarb.

Seiner Familie sprechen wir unser herzlichstes Beileid aus.

G.T.E.V. Edelweiss
Erwin Rauschendorfer, *1. Vorstand*
Renate N. Green, *Sekretärin*.

Sterling Heights, Michigan 26. Januar 2002



Nachruf

Wir bedauern das Ableben unseres langjährigen
Mitgliedes und Trägerin des Goldenen Edelweiss

Kathleen Michels
die am 16. Januar 2002 verstarb.

Ihrer Familie sprechen wir unser herzlichstes Beileid aus.

G.T.E.V. Edelweiss
Erwin Rauschendorfer, *1. Vorstand*
Renate N. Green, *Sekretärin*.

Sterling Heights, Michigan 26. Januar 2002

I regret to report that we are mourning the passing of several longtime members of our club. Joseph Kraemer—club Historian, Kathleen Michels and Elisabeth Schreiber (Elisabeth just as this newsletter was going to print). Our deepest sympathies go out to their families.

These members had served their club in many capacities, and their efforts are what shaped the club into what it is today. Whether or not you are acquainted with all the members, attending the Edelweiss service was a great tribute to those who have given so much to the club.