



Holiday Greetings!

Hallo Leute!

Greetings once again! I know it may seem soon to send another newsletter but I'm trying to keep our Edelweiss members up to date. I want to get back on track for timing on the newsletters as well.

Thank you to all who attended the 2005 Oktoberfest. A good time was had by all. We didn't have the crowd we usually have but that didn't stop anyone from enjoying the evening.

Want to relive the 2004 Oktoberfest experience? Check out page three for a wonderful synopsis of the Rottenbucher visit last fall. Special thanks for Renate Neidhardt Green for writing the article. Make sure you read the little surprise ****side note**** at the bottom of the page! ☺

Our annual memorial mass is coming up soon. You will find the details on page four of the newsletter. Also on page four, you will find the information about our annual Christmas program. Rick Michels and his crew are hard at work to make this another memorable occasion. Plus, a visit from Santa Claus himself is sure to put you in the holiday spirit! Both the mass and the Christmas program require you to RSVP with a count of how many will attend.

Now is the time to start thinking about how you can help your beloved Edelweiss group. I realize that the holidays are coming up along with holiday parties, preparations, decorating and all the festivities but.... In January, we hold our annual election meeting. Take a few moments reflect on what your club means to you. We can always use a helping hand on our committee. Consider running for a position for this coming year. If you find that you simply cannot commit to such a position, then keep in mind that we need you to volunteer your time on the various festivals and things we have going on throughout the year. A helping hand is always welcome!

As always, if you have anything you would like to have me print in the newsletter, you can contact me. You may either e-mail me at editor@edelweiss-detroit.org or call me at (586) 677-0432.

I hope that you all have a splendid holiday season full of fun, laughter, health, wealth and happiness.

Michelle Uebrueck
Editor

News
For And About The Membership

.....Please keep the following sick members in your thoughts.....Erica Caccialone, Heinz Neidhardt and James Nye.

.....Please remember the family of Kaete Conrow in your thoughts and prayers. My apologies to her family for missing her name in the last newsletter.

.....Congratulations to Ernie Ritterhaus! He recently celebrated his 50th birthday at our Oktoberfest! He had quite a few friends on hand to help him celebrate.

..... The Boudreau's recently returned from a trip to Germany and Italy! What fun!

.....Please bring some dessert goodies to our annual Christmas program. We'll have a nice dinner at Carpathia but we love to have homemade cookies and desserts on hand to really make things festive!

.....Your 2006 membership dues are due very soon. You may send them (**\$15**) to Mike Lachat, 53450 Hunter's Crossing, Shelby, MI 48315 or give them to him at a meeting.

....Lauren Uebrueck made a beautiful Muenchner Kindl at our Oktoberfest!

.....Rita Dziersk....if you had been at our October monthly meeting you would have won a free one year membership!

.....Tony and Marianne Billo recently received a beautification award for their home from the city of Warren. Congratulations!

Important Upcoming Dates

November 13, 2005	Gedächtnismesse at St. Clement of Rome, Romeo
November 25, 2005	Hoedown at Lazy J Ranch, Milford
December 11, 2005	Edelweiss Christmas Party at Carpathia
January 8th, 2006	Edelweiss annual election meeting at Carpathia
September 29-30, 2006	Edelweiss 75th Anniversary celebration

Memories of Oktoberfest 2004

(written in October 2004)

On Thursday, Sept. 23rd, the host families of the GTEV Edelweiss were waiting anxiously to pick up their guests from Rottenbuch, Bavaria. This would prove to be a long wait, since Murphy's law had sneaked into this trip. A computer glitch in Germany had stranded the Rottenbacher in Frankfurt and left their luggage with instruments and Trachten in Muenchen. On Friday evening Edelweiss members had prepared a BBQ and Hoe Down at the Austrian Park, for their guests. That's when we found out that the Rottenbacher finally made it to the Chicago airport (not Detroit as planned) and a bus had to be hired to bring them to the Austrian Park. In the meantime, 1. Vorstand Erwin Rauschendorfer was scrambling to find enough instruments for our guests, so the Oktoberfest could go on as planned. Thanks to the bands of the Eisenhower and Stevenson High Schools, enough brass instruments were procured to put on the Oktoberfest. Our guests finally made it to the Park at 9:30 PM, while their luggage, instruments and Trachten were flying the not so friendly skies somewhere. With all this happening, we had to be ready for the Oktoberfest on Saturday at the Carpathia Hall. Our Muenchner Kindl, Miss Christina Michels, led the Einmarsch of the Trachtengruppen behind the flag, to the sounds of the Rottenbuch Kapelle, who sounded just wonderful with mostly borrowed brass instruments. 1. Vorstand Erwin Rauschendorfer welcomed all the guests, members and visitors to our 72nd Oktoberfest and explained about the trials and tribulations we were having up to now. The performances of the Edelweiss Schuhplatter and dance groups and of our dear friends from Chiemgau, Windsor, were well received and got a lot of aplaus. The heroes of the evening were of course the members of the Rottenbuch Kapelle and Thomas Eiler (Dirigent) who put on a stellar performance. The Heimatabend on Sunday evening showed off all the Volksmusik, Volkstanz and songs of Bavaria and with the help of GTEV Chiemgau, the Rottenbuch Kapelle and the 2 Rottenbuch Maedla, who sang some folksy songs and Schnadahuepfel, the festival proved to be a success. Bright and early the next morning host families and their guests made a trip to Greenfield village, where they made a tour of the Ford Rouge factory. In the meantime, due to the timeless efforts of Secretary Rita Dzierisk who made dozens of phone calls and trips to the airport, some of the luggage was finally found and the Rottenbacher were ready to make their trip to Toledo. As the guests of the Toledo Holzhacker Buam they would perform at a fun Fest at the Oakshade Grove. True to form, Murphy's law followed them to Ohio, when the bus sideswiped a car in downtown Toledo, and everybody was stuck for a couple of hours. The performance in Toledo turned out to be a real success and our visitors from Germany went on to Toronto, where they could finally relax for a few hours, before they went on to St. Catharines. As the guests of GTEV Alpenroesl, the Rottenbuch Kapelle played at Club Heidelberg. this time the guests were lucky to see the Illachtaler Trachtengruppe perform, since most of the luggage, including Trachten and instruments, was finally found. After sightseeing at the Welling Canal and of course at Niagara Falls, the Bavarians went on to their last stop, Windsor, Ontario. As guests of GTEV Chiemgau, Windsor and the Stiller family, everybody got together for a BBQ and getting to know each other, on Friday evening. On Saturday, October 2nd, the groups got ready for their last performance for the Oktoberfest at the Teutonia Hall. GTEV Chiemgau, Windsor, GTEV Edelweiss, Detroit and D'illachtaler from Rottenbuch entertained with dances and Schuhplattler to the sounds of a now complete Rottenbuch Kapelle. Everybody had a great, although a little sad time, knowing that our friends would be leaving the next morning.

I am happy to say that everybody, including luggage made it back to Muenchen. At this time only one piece of luggage is still in Murphy's hands. We want to thank the Rottenbuch Kapelle, D'illachtaler, all the club members and host families, our friends from Toledo, St. Catharines and Windsor for all their hard work and dedication.

By:

Renate Neidhardt Green

****Side note****

The Rottenbuch Musikapelle is planning a trip back here for our 75th Anniversary celebration. We are also expecting the Fischingar Jolarbuebe from the Allgäu as well. We certainly look forward to seeing all of our friends and celebrating such a wonderful occasion. Mark your calendars for September 29th and 30th in 2006!!!

Important News!

Gedächtnismesse

Sunday, November 13th

St. Clement of Rome, Romeo on Van Dyke South of 32 Mile Road

Mass at 2:00 p.m., dinner immediately following.

For dinner reservations, call Marianna Billo at 586-775-5884 no later than Nov. 6th!

Also, please bring a dish to pass and/or a dessert for after the dinner.

Weihnachtsfier

Sunday, December 11th

Meeting at 2:00 PM with program immediately following

GACC room, Carpathia Club

For dinner reservations, call Barbara Rauschendorfer at 586-786-9058 no later than December 3rd!
Please bring some homemade desserts or cookies for our dessert table. Don't forget to bring a raffle gift with you as well. Gift certificates, bottles of wine or other spirits, holiday décor, homemade goodies and any other unused gifts would be appreciated.

Edelweiss 75th Anniversary Info

Friday, September 29th

Welcome dance will be held at the Northfield Hilton

5500 Crooks Road at I-75, Troy, MI

Saturday, September 30th

3:00 Mass at Old St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

646 Monroe, Detroit, MI 48226, 313-961-8711

Banquet to follow at Carpathia Hall

More information will be available in our coming newsletters.

Club Calendar

2005 Calendar of Events

November

9th Committee Meeting

13th Gedächtnismesse
St. Clement, Romeo

December

11th Christmas Program – 2:00 p.m.

2006 Calendar of Events

January

4th Committee Meeting

8th Dance Practice & Election Meeting

22nd Dance Practice

February

8th Committee Meeting

12th Dance Practice & Meeting (Tracht)

26th Dance Practice

March

8th Committee Meeting

12th Dance Practice and Meeting

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

JANUARY

Horst Uebrueck
Therese Carpentier
Joe DeBons
Elke DeFelice
Dorothy Kainz
Mike Lachat
Stanley Lichota
Rick Michels
John Winquest

DECEMBER

Vibeke Achilles
Mike Barrett
Bob Gracin
Irma Kandler
Elizabeth Kraemer
Karin Dean-Kraft
Art Miltner
Rita Miltner
Janice Naus
Jutta Nitsche
Pam Novak
Anton Patzelt
Carol Putz
Ludwig Putz
Don Schultz
Andraes Seefried
Paula Uebrueck
Fred Walker
Andreas Werner, Jr.
Pam Werner

FEBRUARY

Ray Boudreau
Karen Breen-Bondie
Thomas Knop
Denise Kramer
Linda Lachat
Franz Langegger
Henriette Marberger
Lore Neidhardt
Luise Schaffarzek
Marie Scherf
Sharon Walker
Walter Zwar

2005 Hoedown

The Hoedown will be held
November 25, 2005 at the Lazy J Ranch,
625 South Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI,
248-887-1551. **Cost is \$15 per person.**

You may bring your own drinks (pop, beer, etc) and bring a snack to share with the group. This is an very fun event. You won't want to miss it!

Doors open at 8 PM.

**For reservations and details you can call
Christina Michels at (248) 879-2593.**

Our dance group performing at our Oktoberfest



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