



G.T.E.V. Edelweiss

Wegweiser

May 2018

Election of Officers for 2018

Election of officers was held at the January 2018 meeting. Not too much changed -- the membership didn't want to mess with success. Three officers decided not to continue in their positions. Wegweiser Editor **Michelle Uebrueck** is taking a break after at least 15 years of bringing us our wonderful newsletter. Many thanks, Michelle, for all the great work you've done over the years. **Alex Lamerand** felt he could not continue as Fahnenträger because he's unable to attend many of the events that call for his flag carrying services. Thank you, Alex, for the 4 years that you've done the job so well. Our Bar Obmann for the last year was **Dennis Hoshield**. He and his wife Sue will be moving back to the Petosky area, so Dennis did not run again. Thank you, Dennis, for making sure our events this last year were stocked with refreshments! Our officers are:

- Vorstand - Erwin Rauschendorfer; 2.Vorstand - Fred Walker; 3.Vorstand - Rick Michels
- Secretary - Rita Dziersek; 2. Secretary - Mike Campbell
- Treasurer - Colleen Michels; 2. Treasurer - Sharon Walker
- Sachverwalterin - Chrissy Walker
- Ticket Obmann - Sharon Walker
- Kitchen Obmann - Annette Edelhauser
- Bar Obmann - Open
- Trustees -- Alex Lamerand (elected for a second 3-year term); Roger Kraft & Annette Edelhauser (continuing their terms)
- Appointed: Musikwart - Rick Michels; Wegweiser Editor/Pressewart/Historian - Karin Dean-Kraft; Fahnenträger - Erwin Rauschendorfer & others

Normally we swear in our new officers at the February meeting. But because of the big snow and ice storm that day, we cancelled the meeting. The swearing in took place at our March meeting. You can see in the photo that it was a nice enough day to take the picture out on the patio at the Carpathia Hall.

The dance group also elected its officers in January. They are:

- 1. Vorplattler - Eric Walker; 2. Vorplattler - Alex Lamerand
- 1. Vortänzerin - Chrissy Walker, 2. Vortänzerin - Anni Porter
- Secretary - Janet Seefried



Thank you to **Michelle Uebrueck** for doing the job of Wegweiser Editor for over 15 years. You've done a great job of keeping us all informed about what's happening in our Verein. It's quite a big job and you did it well. Vergelt's Gott! (And enjoy your three little grandbabies! They sure look adorable.)



Kurz Berichtet



Our Totenfahne that travels to funerals and the Gedächtnismesse was in dire need of a new protective cover. Many thanks to **Rita Dziarsk** for taking the time to sew it for us. Thanks, Rita!

Our Edelweiss "sick list" has been blissfully short in recent months. Most of those who were on it are feeling good again. We do continue to send out healing thoughts to **Rainer Naus** though. He is a former 2. Vorstand and the one who founded our Afternoon in Bavaria. Of course, we also hope that **Fred Walker** will soon be on two feet again.

Welcome to our newest members who were sworn in at the March meeting. **Silke and Roland Putz** have been in the Detroit area since April 2017 when they and their children moved here from München. They have two children, son Fabian and daughter Tamara. We've already had many good times with this fun-loving family and look forward to many more!



We are going to miss our members **Dennis and Sue Hoshield**, who are moving back to the Petoskey area to be near family and grandkids. Siasswasser Tanzlmusi is going to miss your tenor horn and good humor. It's been nice having you nearby and we look forward to your visits with your Edelweiss family.

Wo ist was los? Where are things happening?

- ♦ May 19 – Siasswasser Tanzlmusi is playing for the Isartaler Pittsburgh's Maifest. The dancers will be doing an Ehrentanz. Always a terrific time in Pittsburgh.
- ♦ June 16-18 – Carpathia is having the annual Father's Day Picnic at the Carpathia Hall. Edelweiss will be dancing on Saturday.
- ♦ July 22 – 2 pm – Edelweiss Picnic for our Members and Friends. Spindler Park, Eastpointe.
- ♦ August 12 – GACC Deutscher Tag at the Austrian Park. Should be fun with a band directly from Germany – SchwabenCombo.
- ♦ August 24-26 – German American Festival in Toledo.
- ♦ September 14-16 – Carpathia Oktoberfest. Edelweiss will dance on Sunday.
- ♦ September 23 – Siasswasser Tanzlmusi and the dancers will be alternating performances at the St. Joseph Church, Detroit, annual Oktoberfest. We've had such fun the last couple of years at this event.
- ♦ October 6 – GACC German-American Day
- ♦ November 11 – Edelweiss Gedächtnismesse
- ♦ November 16-18 – Isartaler Pittsburgh's Fahnenweihe. Siasswasser will be playing and Edelweiss will be dancing. We're proud to be able to participate in our Isartaler friends' big event.
- ♦ December 9 – Edelweiss Weihnachtsprogramm



Members (& Friends) Picnic – July 22, 2018 – Spindler Park

Every year we have a great time together at our annual Edelweiss members picnic. This year's picnic will again be in lovely Spindler Park in Eastpointe. We enjoyed the large pavilion, close and clean restrooms, and easy parking last year.

We start the fun at 2 pm. Bratwurst and

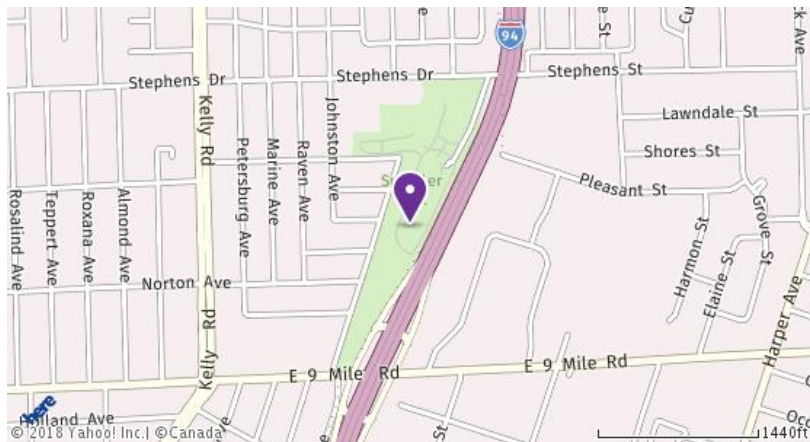
rolls are being provided by our own **Hubert Turner**. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. The amount and quality of good food on our table is pretty amazing! If you go away hungry.... well, it's your own fault!

Beer, wine, water, and soft drinks are provided by the Verein. It's a bargain at \$10 per person donation for such a feast with friends.

Please let **Annette Edelhauser** (248.840.1953) know how many of you and your friends are coming. Let your friends know that a dish to share is highly recommended so that there's enough food to go around.

We're always fortunate that our musicians bring along their instruments to play some music for us. Always a treat.

See you there!



Gauverband Nordamerika Delegates Meeting

Gauverband Nordamerika's Delegates Meeting was held the last week in April. It was hosted by Die Heimat Tänzer at their terrific clubhouse in Omaha, Nebraska. About 175 people from all over the U.S. and Canada attended the meeting, representing 51 Schuhplattler and Trachtenvereine. **Rick Michels** is the Gaumusikwart and **Karin Dean-Kraft** is Gaupressewart. Rick was reelected and Karin was reappointed to their positions for another two-year term. Rick, Karin, and **Eric Walker** attended on behalf of Edelweiss. Rick also co-hosted a workshop on pretzel making. The kitchen was packed with people. Those attending declared them delicious as evidenced by the fact that 75 pretzels were devoured in about 1/2 hour!

Our Patenverein, **GTEV Chiemgau Windsor**, put in a bid to host the Gaufest in 2021. They did a terrific job of researching and presenting their Verein. The music was going to be a brass band from Bayern and Siasswasser Tanzlmusi.

On Saturday night, they hosted a hospitality room with plenty of good food and beer as well as Rick and Peggy Mueller (Milwaukee) playing wonderful music on their button boxes. Voting was on Sunday morning. Unfortunately, they lost by a mere two votes to Edelweiss Passaic, New Jersey.

We're hopeful Chiemgau will bid again in two years. A vote that close shows that people are ready for a cash bar to reduce the price of tickets. And there was a lot of excitement around having such terrific music.

The 2020 Delegates Meeting will be hosted by Die Gemütlichen Schuhplattler of Anaheim, California. The 2021 Gaufest will be hosted by Edelweiss Passaic, New Jersey.

Much other business and dance rules (72 agenda items!!) were discussed. A good discussion of how to attract new members took place as a workshop. There was also a dance workshop. And, of course, time spent with fellow Trachtler and Trachtlerinnen is always interesting and fun.



The picture on the left is of the main hall of the German-American Society building. It's a huge building with several different halls, rooms, and a Rathskeller. It is home to 11 separate German organizations. The food is excellent as is the hospitality.

Auf Geh't's nach Bayern! Bayerischer Loewe and Allgaeuer Gaufest Trip

Twelve Detroit-area members, one Bavarian member, and three others will be representing Edelweiss on May 30-June 3 in Haldenwang, Allgäu. We'll be participating in the Allgäuer Gauverband's Heimatabend and Gaufest, including dancing, music, and marching in the parade with about 3000 other Trachtler. An exciting reason to go is that Gauverband Nordamerika is hosting the annual Bayerischer Löwe dance competition. What's that? Each year the top three Preisplatteln couples in each age category plus the top two groups compete against one another. If you recall, **Andrea Edelhauser** and **Kevin Walker** were two of those winners six years ago. Participants are from 10-12 different Gauverbände, so the competition takes about six hours total, with three dance circles going at once.

This year was Gau-NA's turn to host the competition, but the logistics of having so many people travel from Bayern to the U.S. made it impossible to hold the competition here. We joined up with

D'Wagegler of Haldenwang who are the hosts of the Allgäuer Gaufest. They coordinated the venue for us.



About 270 Trachtler and Trachtlerinnen from all over Gau-NA are going! Within Edelweiss, **Karin Dean-Kraft** and **Lauren Kraft** will be managing two of the dance circles. **Rick Michels** will be providing music and logistics for the musicians for those competitors who have no musician. Besides the Gaufest, Heimatabend, and Löwe, there are also tours of the area and time for meeting plenty of new friends.

We'll tell you more stories when we're home again.

The GACC approved a cultural award to Edelweiss for the purpose of helping to defray some of the costs for those of us going to Bayern. We'll be receiving \$200 for each Detroit-area member going. What a wonderful and generous decision! Vergelt's Gott, GACC, for your support and encouragement.

Great Times in Toledo

We've seen our friends from the Bavarian Sports Club Holz hackerbuam twice in the last couple of months. For the third year in a row we had a joint dance



practice after enjoying a delicious Früh-schoppen together at

the Bavarian Hall in Toledo. This will continue to be a yearly event in February. BSC Holz hacker is our Patenverein and so is Chiemgau Windsor, who also joined in the day. One couple from Bavaria Cleveland also attended, as did the Gauverband's 2.Gauvorplattler, Rudy Leschke



and his wife Cathy who belong to Isartaler Pittsburgh. You can see from the pictures that it was a fun day! Eating, dancing, and learning from each other and enjoying the camaraderie.

Our second time seeing BSC was at their Schuhplattler Tanz in April. Siasswasser Tanzlmusi provided the great music for the day. With about 25 children and nearly that many adults in their group, the Holz hacker put on quite a show. Another fun day with friends.



28. Mittelwest Bezirksheimatfest in St. Paul, Minnesota

St. Paul, Minnesota, was the site of the 28. Mittelwest Bezirksfest. Our "Patenkind" Edelweiss St. Paul did a terrific job of hosting the many Vereine from around the Midwest and beyond who attended. Edelweiss Detroit provided about 30 of the 237 attending who came from as far away as San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

Friday night we were able to meet up with all our friends and have plenty of time for visiting. Saturday morning is the children's Einzelplatteln. About 35 children 5-17 years old showed us their dancing stuff. Gone are the days when Edelweiss had little children taking part in Einzelplatteln. We're watching a new generation and it's really great to see them.

Saturday afternoon was filled with workshops. We learned some new dances that we're already incorporating into our own practices. The workshop on Perchten, the "evil" spirits that get driven out at the end of winter, was interesting and entertaining.

Every Verein dances an Ehrentanz after the banquet, and Edelweiss did a good job. The children who participated in Einzelplatteln are recognized with certificates and applause.

We got to see some of our own transplanted members. Renee Edelhauser moved to St. Paul last year and she is dancing with their Verein. Of course, it was terrific to see her. Sister Andrea flew in from her home in San Francisco, and it was a good reunion with her, too. Caroline Rauschendorfer also dances with St. Paul

since moving to the area. It was fun to see her and boyfriend Evan.

Siasswasser was one of two bands to provide outstanding dance music. Notice the trombone player in our Tanzlmusi. Remy Hall is new to the band and is fitting

right in. He had a great time at his first outing with Edelweiss.

Next year's Bezirksfest will be hosted by HTV Edelweiss Chicago on March 29 and 30, 2019. We're already looking forward to it!

Stephen Hargreaves belongs to Alt Washingtonia and he and wife Kelly were at the Bezirksfest. We have Stephen to thank for these great photos.



Two great bands — our own Siasswasser Tanzlmusi (above) and Ochsenschädl Musi (below) — alternated playing. Our musicians loved the opportunity to dance.



Our Birthday Kids!

April

6-Barb Mulligan
10-Henry Conrow "90"
10-Maria Higgins
10-Art Kainz
12-Ken Baker
13-Megan Lepkowski
18-Herb Gruber
28-Heather Hacker
30-Mark Wajer

May

2-Rob Schwalbe
10-Christina Winquest
11-Colleen Michels
13-Rainer Naus
15-Maria Waidelich
18-Bonnie Brown
28-Norm Raab
29-Save Recker
29-Alex Lamerand

June

1-Katharina Helgert
5-Lauren Kraft
11-Anni Porter
13-Richard Wagner
13-Tom Priemer
15-Michael Campbell
15-Lynn Huthwaite
19-Rosemary Ritterhaus
22-Walter Kron
26-Hans Menzinger
27-Chris Gassel
27-Erwin Rauschendorfer
30-Jay Huthwaite



July

2-Elisabeth Werner
3-Michelle Uebrueck
10-Helen Gassel
20-Kevin Walker
28-Katharina Fina
29-Margot Helgert
29-Dennis Hoshield



Dues are Due!

If you haven't paid your 2018 dues yet, please send a check (\$25 made out to GTEV Edelweiss) to 2. Kassier Sharon Walker at 1821 Welling Drive, Troy, MI 48098.



New Wegweiser Editor

Dear Fellow Members,

This was my first issue of the Wegweiser as your new editor. My thanks to **Michelle Uebrueck** for her great work in the past and keeping the email list and snail-mail address list so well organized. There's lots going on in our Verein, and I'm glad that my family and I are part of it.

The email address to send something to me is still the same as before. I look forward to hearing from you.

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The next deadline for the Wegweiser is July 15, 2018