



G.T.E.V. Edelweiss

Wegweiser

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Edelweiss Trip to Pittsburgh — November 2018

When your friends throw a Fahnenweihe, you just have to go! And so it was that 17 Edelweiss members plus three friends were off to Pittsburgh the weekend of November 16. GTEV D'Lustigen Isartaler received their new flag and were taking it to church to be

— 19 Vereine in all, about 400 people.

On Saturday afternoon, we went to St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica for the flag blessing and mass. St. Vincent was founded 170 years ago when King Ludwig I of Bavaria sent Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, a Benedictine monk from the Abbey in Metten, Bavaria, to Pennsylvania to minister to all the Germanic Catholics of Western Pennsylvania. The Bavarian Royal Family still makes visits to the Abbey, and the Wittelsbach Royal Family sent a letter of recognition to d'Isartaler.



The Basilica is beautiful and when it was filled with people in Tracht, beautiful flags and banners, and wonderful music, you could not have asked for a more terrific beginning for a brand new flag.

1. Gauvorstand Tom Vogt wrote in the Festbuch, "The Fahnenweihe creates, in church, a symbol that binds your Verein together—past and present, young and old—and will be the visual representation of

blessed, then celebrating with a banquet afterwards.

Friday night's welcome dance was so much fun. We greeted lots of friends who had come from San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Washington, D.C., Windsor, St. Paul, and more

your Verein as you travel. ...be a constant, concrete reminder of what can be accomplished when working together to achieve a common goal."

Our own "Patenkind," STV Bavaria, Cleveland, was Patenverein to d'Isartaler. The two

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Edelweiss Weifnachtsprogramm—December 9

"Advent—Die staade Zeit" This is the motto Rick Michels uses when planning the beautiful afternoon of music, song, and verse for Christmas. Advent is a time of quiet reflection, a time to tune out malls, traffic, sales, and the constant go-go-go noise that we're subjected to this time of year. We reflect on the Christkindl and family.

This year's afternoon at the Carpathia Hall begins at 2 pm with a short meeting. At 3 our musicians and singers will bring you an hour of beautiful music. After that we'll enjoy a meal and conversation together. If you haven't already made your dinner reservation, please call Annette at 248.840.1953

soon. The cost is \$20/per person (\$10 for 12 and under); pay the day of. Oven roasted chicken and many delicious sides are on the menu. Bring along a dessert to share! And don't forget something for the raffle.

If you're bringing a child, don't forget to sneak a present under the tree so that when Santa comes, he can surprise your child.



Kurz Berichtet



Gute Besserung!

Several of our members have been sick during the last few months and are recuperating. They include **Carl Fina, Helen Gassel, Rainer Naus, Hans & Maria Waidelich, Leo Novak, Art & Dottie Kainz, and Marilyn Wells**. We wish all of you improving health, patience, and strength.

Congratulations to our Newest Member!

Edelweiss has a new member! **Marilyn Wells** was sworn in by **Rick Michels** at our October meeting after having attended many of our functions and meetings in the last couple of years. She is a life-long friend, now sweetheart, of **Phil Carpentier**.

Herzlich Willkommen, Marilyn!



Miscellaneous

- ♦ **Jim Green** is spending the winter in sunny Arizona. He called Roger and Karin Kraft and told them about finding a nice apartment and making friends with some of the locals. He says it's beautiful there and, he and his dog Sophie are enjoying their time. Jim sends his best wishes to his fellow Edelweiss members.
- ♦ We wish all the best to Mike Billo, son of Marianne and brother of Tina Winquest. Mike had surgery recently and both ladies went to Georgia to help and be close to him. God's blessings on your healing, Mike.

Who's Sorry Now?

Probably **Eleanor Gracin and Lori Neidhardt!** Why? Their names were pulled at recent meetings for free 2019 membership. These two ladies are nearly always at meetings. Sorry you weren't there to accept your winnings!



What's Your News?

Send it along to include in future Wegweiser issues. If you don't come to club functions anymore, we'd still like to know how you're doing and what you're up to. Contact a fellow Edelweiss friend or the editor.

Wo ist was los? Where are things happening?



- ♦ December 9 – Edelweiss Weihnachtsprogramm (pg 1)
- ♦ January 13 – Dance Practice & Membership Meeting with Elections
- ♦ January 19 – Edelweiss Anniversary Dinner at Polka Restaurant, 5-9 pm (pg 5)
- ♦ January 27 – Dance Practice
- ♦ February 10 – Dance Practice & Membership Meeting with Swearing in of Officers
- ♦ February 24 – Dance Practice
- ♦ March 17 – Dance Practice & Membership Meeting
- ♦ March 29-31 – Mittelwest Bezirksfest, Hosted by Edelweiss Chicago in Chicago
- ♦ April 6 – Bockbierfest in Windsor at Heimat Banquet Hall – Siasswasser is playing!
- ♦ April 14 – Dance Practice & Membership Meeting
- ♦ April 28 – Dance Practice
- ♦ May 5 – Dance Practice & Membership Meeting
- ♦ May 18 – Maifest with d'Lustigen Isartaler in Pittsburgh – Siasswasser is playing!

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Vereine now share a special relationship (and we have a “Paten-grandchild”!). **Roger Kraft** was our Fahnenträger at church and later during the Einmarsch of flags at the banquet.

Following church, we returned to Seven Springs Mountain Ski Resort where the banquet was being held. Such a beautiful place with mountains all around and an unexpected snowfall just to make it prettier. Edelweiss Detroit's Siasswasser Tanzmusi played on Saturday night and the dance floor was plenty full. In between sets were Ehrentänze by most of the Vereine present. Each Verein received a remembrance banner.

Edelweiss members performed the “Waldegger” as an Ehrentanz. It was a festive evening that officially ended at 2 am but for many it went on until it was time to go to breakfast! The resort has several lobbies and gathering spaces where music, singing, and conversation continued. And of course room parties are common, plus a few elevator parties. All good fun!

We're all happy we went; proud that we could represent our own Verein; joyful that d'Isartaler have reached an important milestone; and excited that we're all part of Gauverband Nordamerika.



Right — Fred, Erwin, and Rick presented our gift to d'Isartaler's president, Bela Pater: a donation to Holzhausen in their honor.

Below right — Roger as Fahnenträger saluting the new flag after receiving our banner.

Above — Siasswasser Tanzmusi; below — Chrissy deciding whether to change instruments.

Top — flags assembled around the altar & the front and back of Isartaler's beautiful new flag



Article by Karin Dean Kraft; photos are courtesy of a fellow Gauverband Nordamerika member, Stephen Hargreaves, who belongs to Alt-Washingtonia Schuhplattler Verein of Washington, D.C.

Gedächtnismesse 2018

Our Gedächtnismesse did not disappoint—it was lovely again this year. Thank you to our musicians and to our talented **Chrissy Walker** for her beautiful voice.

This year we had close to 70 people from Edelweiss, the Austrian Society, and the Swiss Society. **Annette Edelhauser**, Kitchen Obmann, did the big job of buying and organizing our Brotzeit. Thank you, Annette and helpers, for your hard work. Thanks to all our and the Austrian members for



bringing a side dish or dessert to share. **Rick Michels** and **Eric Walker** supplied us with our refreshments. Prost and Danke!

Others who play a big

part in the day are **Alex Lamerand** for being our Fahnenträger; **Karin and Roger Kraft** for making the plaques; **Karin, Michael Campbell, and Erwin Rauschendorfer** for the mass booklet. Thank you, all!

We honored five Edelweiss members who passed away since the last Gedächtnismesse: Joe Gassel, Albert Buechl, Don Schultz, Maria Moisch, and Ken Baker. We miss them and all our members who have left us.

*Vereint man Totenbretter zu eine Gruppe, dann werden sich die Verstorbenen im Himmel wieder zusammenfinden.
(Group the plaques together and the dead will find their way together in Heaven.)*



A Gift from the Allgäuer in Haldenwang

In the last issue, you read about our wonderful trip to Haldenwang in the Allgäu for the Bayerischer Löwe and Allgäuer Gaufest. Edelweiss received a gift — a 30" wide panoramic photo of the view from the highest point in Haldenwang. Unfortunately, no one had a suitcase big enough to bring it home! **John Edelhauser** took it back to his office in Germany (he had a business trip at about the same time) and left it



there, hoping it would somehow find its way back to him. It did, thanks to his kind coworkers for sending it! It'll be displayed in our cabinet in the GACC room soon. Here's a sneak preview.

GACC German-American Day

The GACC's German-American Day in October was attended by 180 people, 13 of them from Edelweiss. They enjoyed the dinner-dance evening.

This year's German-American of the Year is **Marianne Krenzer**. Congratulations to her and thanks for all the good work she does in the German community.



Schuhplattler Gruppe — G. T. E. V. „Edelweiss“, Detroit

From the Archives

The postcard on the left was recently bought off Ebay! We're not sure exactly when the picture was taken but think it might have been for the 50th Anniversary. I'll bring it along to the January meeting for help identifying the people in it.

—Karin

Our Birthday Kids!



December

Pam Gassel—1
Karin Dean-Kraft—1
Rita Miltner—2
William Bresett—3
Fred Walker—3
Elizabeth Kraemer—4
Toni Donhauser—7

Anton Patzelt—10
Janice Naus—12
Elisabeth Zeller—14
Bob Gracin—16
Loreen Carpentier—18
Jutta Nitsche—23
Stan Lichota—25
Ludwig Putz—25
Paula Uebrueck—28
Andy Seefried—30

January

Horst Uebrueck—2
Joe DeBons—3
Maria Edelhauser—8
Erika Priemer—23
Rick Michels—25
Hilda Langegger—26
Dorothy Kainz—30

February

Toni Aringer—2
Henriette Marberger—4
Gudy Halbhuber—14
Lore Neidhardt—14
Luise Schaffarzek—15
Franz Langegger—16
Sharon Walker—17
Ray Boudreau—26

Extra Special Birthday Wishes to

Andy Seefried
and
Toni
Donhauser



Edelweiss Anniversary Dinner—Saturday, January 19, 2019 – Polka Restaurant

Our Anniversary Dinner is coming up — we were founded in 1931, so we'll be starting on our 88th year of tradition, friendship, and fun. Quite an accomplishment. This year we're going to celebrate at Polka Restaurant. It's a new, beautifully decorated Polish restaurant (right next to the Polish Market in Troy) that serves terrific food. The cost for dinner is \$22 each, which includes plenty of food, soft drinks, coffee, dessert, and tip. Alcoholic beverages are cash. Call Annette if you haven't already reserved your place—248.840.1953. Pay at the restaurant.

We're always happy that our talented musicians will be providing a little after-dinner music for us. Vergelt's Gott!

See you there!

Happy
Anniversary

Polka Restaurant
2908 East Maple Road
Troy, Michigan
Saturday, January 19, 5-9 pm

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.

2019 Dues can be paid now! Either send them to Sharon or pay at the Christmas party or upcoming meetings.



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January Meeting—Election Day!

Come to the January meeting so you can vote on the officers for 2019. Or run for an office — everyone loves a good run-off!

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