



Gebirgstrachten Erhaltungs Verein "Edelweiß", Detroit

Wegweiser

July 2016

Bezirksfest was a success!

Hello everyone!

Are you all ready to attend the Edelweiss Summer Picnic? Details are inside the newsletter. If the weather so far this summer is any indication, it's sure to be a beautiful day to go along with good food and Gemütlichkeit.

Also, please be sure to read the RSVP portion of the picnic flyer, as it is important you let Renee Edelhauser know that you will be attending. A map is included on the flyer for your convenience.

This past April, our Edelweiss club held the Bezirksheimatfest here in Sterling Heights. A lot of hard work went into the planning and implementation of such an event, and our planning committee did a splendid job of seeing that everything went off without a hitch. Well, there was a glitch one of the days, but the committee worked through it to get everything straightened out and up and running smoothly. A ton of fun was had by all as you will see on pages three and four in the newsletter. A huge thank you to Karin Dean Kraft for the beautiful article to share with all of you.

As always, she does a fantastic job. We appreciate your hard work, Karin!

As always, if you have anything you would like to have me print in the newsletter or if you have questions you need answered, you can contact me. You may either email me at gtevedelweiss@yahoo.com or call me at (586) 677-0432.

Michelle Uebrueck
Editor

P.S. If you are not on the email list to receive the newsletter, help us save on mailing costs by sending an email to the above address and I will be happy to add you to the list!



News for and about the membership...

...If you haven't paid your 2016 membership dues yet, they are now due. You may send them **(\$20)** to Sharon Walker, 1821 Welling Drive, Troy, MI 48098 - or you may give them to her at a meeting.

...Please keep our sick members in your thoughts and prayers: Art Kainz and Tom Priemer.



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It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rolf Fruehauf on April 7, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his partner, Michael Campbell, and to both of their families.

Bezirksfest a Great Success!

One of our favorite activities is the annual "Mittelwest-Bezirksheimatfest." In the past, we've traveled to Milwaukee, Omaha, Chicago, St. Louis, and St. Paul. This year was the 26th Fest, and Edelweiss hosted for only the second time; our last time hosting was 12 years ago. Members of Bavarian cultural and dance clubs from the Midwest, Canada, Texas, Colorado, and even Bavaria came together at the Wyndam Garden Hotel in Sterling Heights on April 1 and 2 to socialize, dance, take part in workshops, and generally have a great reunion with one another.

Over 330 people (a record attendance!) from twenty different clubs took part, among them about 50 children and teens. The annual Fest originated with an emphasis on children because we knew that youngsters who have fun together on a regular basis end up friends for life. The plan has worked! Today's 20- and 30-somethings have been taking part in the Fest for years, and many are bringing the next generation along. In fact, our own Edelweiss 20-somethings were the ones who took the lead roles of organizing this Bezirksfest!

Friday night's welcome dance, with music by Edelweiss's own talented Siasswasser Tanzmusi, was the beginning of the fun. As with any gathering of Bavarians, folk dancing and Schuhplatteln soon break out, especially when Siasswasser plays all the favorites. What a great way to kick off the weekend.

Saturday started out early with a dance exhibition and competition for the youngsters from 5-17 years old. A total of 33 took part, each dancer being evaluated on his or her skills while dancing as a couple. In the evening ceremonies, each one received a certificate, and the winners of the competition were announced. It's hard to tell who is more proud, the children or the adults.

After the competition, the afternoon is filled with workshops. This year, three of the workshops were



Janet Seefried prepared kits to introduce the children to embroidery.

dedicated to learning new dances, both Schuhplattler and Bavarian Volkstänze. Another workshop concentrated on hairstyles appropriate for the ladies when wearing traditional Tracht. A fifth workshop gave those attending a chance to play some old-time games like Bockstecken and Schokolaten-Essen or learn to do an embroidery project.

As it neared time for the evening banquet, people



The kids loved the Bockstecken game. Who wouldn't like to put a bucket on their head, spin around, then aim a broomstick at a target?



Edelweiss Denver led one of the dance workshops aimed at the children, but adults had fun with it, too.

scattered to rest for an hour, take a dip in the hotel pool, socialize some more, or play music in the lobby.

A Flohmarkt was held for a couple of hours in the afternoon. Anyone who wants to sell "things Bavarian" is welcome. Edelweiss was able to sell some of our Tracht that is not used anymore, making a little money for the club.



We were pleased to be able to have the Carpathia Blaskapelle play for the Saturday evening festivities. What a treat! In between social dancing, each club per-

formed a dance during the course of the night. Although the evening was officially over at midnight, the many visiting musicians provided dance music for another two hours before we were swept out of the hall.

Our Bavarian member, Hans Menzinger with his sweetheart Hanni, came over to celebrate with us. Our Patenkinder who are not officially part of the Bezirksfest were there, too, from GTEV Chiemgau Windsor, over 50 members of Toledo's BSC Holzackerbuam, and STV Bavaria Cleveland.



The "Gauplattler" included dancers from all over.

our "next-gen" committee, led by Eric and Chrissy Walker, for doing such a great job of organizing the event. It's a wonderful feeling, knowing that our Verein's future is in such capable hands.

The joy of being involved in a regional event like this is the camaraderie among the participants. Everyone enjoys the Bavarian culture, music, dance, and Tracht, so much so that they travel up to 13 hours to see one another. We are already looking forward to next year's Fest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and going to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 2018.



Erwin Rauschendorfer and Rick Michels are happy to play for many of the Ehrentänze performed, including our own.

A few weeks before the Bezirksfest, Rita Dzierk invited us all over to her house to get everything ready—centerpieces, stamping the Festabzeichen, making signage, and preparing welcome packets.

Nearly all of our members participated to make the weekend fun and memorable by facilitating workshops, selling at the Flohmarkt, and attending. Special thanks to



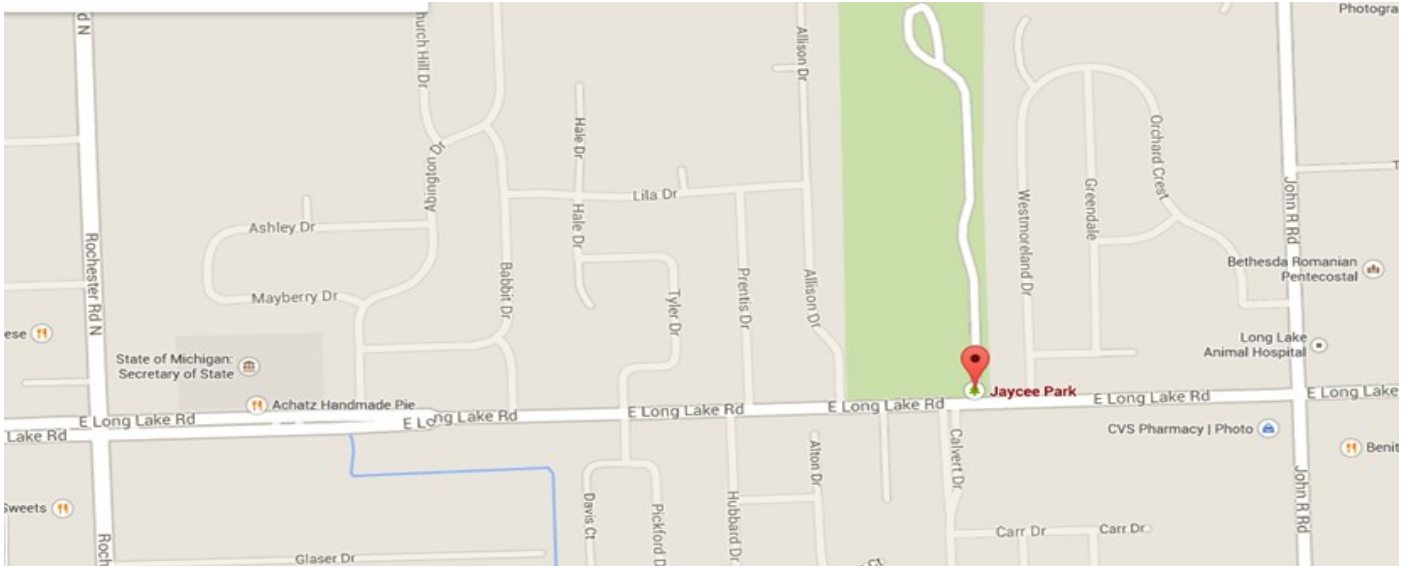
Andrea Edelhauser flew in from her latest nursing assignment, making her mom very happy.



The 33 children 5-17 who participated in the dance exhibition and competition, along with the judges and those who run the dance event.

Please Join Us at Our Next Event

EDELWEISS SUMMER PICNIC



Saturday, July 23, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Jaycee Park in Troy

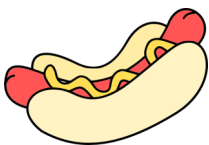
Bring a dish to pass

\$10 entry per person

Includes wurst, pop, and water

Beer will also be available

RSVP to Renee Edelhauser at (248) 840-3674



Club Calendar

2016

July

23 Member Picnic—Jaycee Park

August

14 GACC Deutscher Tag—Austrian Park

September

7 Committee Meeting
11 Dance Practice & Meeting
24 Heimatabend –Carpathia Club

October

5 Dance Practice
9 Dance Practice & Meeting
23 Dance Practice

November

9 Committee Meeting
13 Gedächtnismesse, St. Clement of Rome in Romeo

December

11 Weihnachtsprogramm/Christmas Program 2 p.m.



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

July

Katharina Fina
Helen Gassel
Margot Helgert
Dennis Hoshield
Michelle Uebrueck
Kevin Walker
Elisabeth Werner



September

Carl Fina
Joseph Gassel
Roger Kraft
Hilda Rabiteau
Ernie Ritterhaus

August

Marianne Billo
Anna Boudreau
Rita Dzierzk
Andrea Edelhauser
Annette Edelhauser
Jim Green
Leo Helgert
Marie Moisch
Christa Luttmann
Caroline Rauschendorfer
Rosemary Sandercott
Janet Seefried
Johann Waidelich
Eric Walker
Andreas Werner, Sr.

October

Dieter Achilles
Albert Beuchel
Hedwig Eder
Anita Knoll
Christian Mulligan
Michael Mulligan
Manfred Nitsche
Leopold Novak
Ryan Porter
Anna Marie Rauschendorfer
Frank Sinz
Hubert Turner

