

APRIL 2012
Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardian:

April already! In just a few weeks we will be saying goodbye to another successful dance year for our Kindergruppe dancers! Reminder: Jugendgruppe dance practice continues until June 28, 2012. It is great to see a steady growth in both our groups! Please continue to pass on our information to any friend or family member interested in joining. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

In May, check out our events as we have added a Year End Potluck Party for both groups on May 3 and a Year End Bowling Party for the Kindergruppe on May 10. We are also trying something new with ticket sales at club events only. For our Mother's Day Luncheon you are now able to purchase tickets through Melissa in our office!

Reminders for APRIL:

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe Performing at:

Kindertrachtenfest

Blue Danube, 1686 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, Tel: (416) 290-6186

PLEASE SIGN UP BY APRIL 12th with Helga.

Doors Open: 11am, Lunch Buffet: 12pm and Program begins at 1pm.

COST: Children dancing are free and will receive a complimentary schnitzel on a bun and a drink. Entrance tickets are \$5.00 for those not participating and children 12 and up. Children 12 and under are free. Cost of buffet is \$13.00 per person and at your own expense. Our committee has agreed to pay for 2 parent/guardian entrance tickets per family.

UNIFORM: Children are to wear their full dance uniform. Girl's hair is two French braids for Kindergruppe girls and one French braid for Jugendgruppe girls.

Saturday, April 28, 2012: Landestrachtenfest - not participating due to lack of interest.

UPCOMING:

Thursday May 3, 2012: Year End Practice Potluck Party (*Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe*). Hope you are all able to make it out! Please see Helga for food sign up.

Sunday, May 6, 2012: Mother's Day Luncheon, Schwaben Club, **Hanging Basket Plant Fundraiser**. 11am. **NEW: Please see Melissa to purchase your tickets for the event and continue to sign up if you dancing with Helga. Please be patient with us as we are trying this out for the first time!** **PLEASE SIGN UP AND PURCHASE TICKETS BY APRIL 26.**

Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 6:15pm: *Kindergruppe* Year End Bowling Party at Towne Bowl. Cost for each dancer is \$5.00. Includes: 1 hour of bowling, shoes, pizza and a drink.

May 12th NOTE: Please support our Donau Dancers at their annual Viennese Gala Ball Fundraiser. This is an adult only event and we are not participating in it. Tickets are on sale now through the office.

Sunday, June 3, 2012: Schwaben Club Picnic. Wilmot Rod and Gun Club. 11am. **Raffle Fundraiser. Please note date change: originally was scheduled for June 10.** Come out for some great food, children and adult activities and our raffle fundraiser. Friends and family welcome! Each family is responsible for donating one raffle item.

Saturday, June 9, 2012: K-W Trachtenfest (*Jugendgruppe ONLY*), Hosted by Transylvania Club at the Schwaben Club

Saturday, June 23, 2012: KW Multicultural Festival. (*Jugendgruppe ONLY*), Victoria Park, Kitchener Time: TBA

Thursday, June 28, 2012: Possible *Jugendgruppe* Year End LaserQuest Party! Details to come.

Below is the Nachrichten Article submitted for April's Issue:

On, Saturday, March 10th our Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe participated in Schlachtfest at the Schwaben Club. It was a wonderful evening filled with great food, dancing and friendship! Our Kindergruppe had 3 new performers dance for their first time and our Jugendgruppe performed their ever popular "Mexican Hat Dance" from Miss Schwaben. Kirk and Brandy are actually keeping this dance as part of their routine. Everyone seems to be settling into the groups and really continue to amaze me with how quickly they mature in their dancing. Congratulations everyone and keep up the great work! Thank you to Emma, Jayne and Tanis for their adorable pig skit! It was very entertaining! I'm proud of you girls! I would also like to thank and recognize our mom's that came in to help the Frauengruppe make donuts for Schlachtfest: Kathy Beckett, Tawn Robinson, Tina Hall, Lea Becker, Johanne Watchorn, Melissa Gissing and Lisa Schaadt.

Spring is in the air and so is the excitement for Tag der Donauschwaben in September 2012. Our committee is already starting to prepare our Kinderplätz (children's activities) for the weekend. We are also hoping to have our new dirndls to début. Lots of planning! We hope to see all our members and their families attend/volunteer to support our club during this historical event Our groups continue to accept new members! Kindergruppe: ages 4-8 and Jugendgruppe: ages 9 and up. We would like to welcome new members Riley, Katerina, Teo and Maxwell to our Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe.

We look forward to celebrating Mother's Day with you on Sunday, May 6, 2012.

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