

March 2012
Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardian:

This months Parent Newsletter is full of important information. Please read over carefully and use as your reference. This newsletter takes a lot of time to put together and is our vital source of communication! Please use it!

As we enter into the last third of the dance year we start off with some exciting news. Brandy Chapman our Jugendgruppe instructor has recently become engaged. Congratulations, we wish you and Chris all the best as you plan your big day.

Now that we have a monthly newsletter we thought it would be nice to recognize our dancer's birthdays! We have done this in the past but not consistently. So starting this month (March) I have included those celebrating... which is a very popular month for birthdays. Below is a list of those birthdays we missed from August 26, 2011 to February 29, 2012. Happy Birthday Dancers!

Deanna – September 27
David – November 27
Tanya – December 26
Stefanie – December 26
Tyler W – December 27
Madison T – January 2
Shayla – January 19

Madison M – February 7
Cayla – February 11
Jake – February 14
Leanne – February 20
Valerie – February 23
Amy – February 28

Our committee has decided to no longer purchase milk to offer at club events. Please come prepared to purchase beverages for your children. We apologize if this has inconvenienced anyone. Below are a few friendly reminders that have come to our attention:

- Please arrive to practice on time
- Bring a labeled water bottle to practice
- Ensure your child visits the washroom prior to practice
- Parents/guardians are to remain at the club unless a designated guardian for the evening is assigned
- Our activity table available at club events is free for everyone to use but needs to be supervised by the child's parents/guardians. Our committee/club is not responsible for its usage. This month's activity table will have scissors and glue therefore please make sure your children are supervised.

Kathy Beckett our treasurer is in the process of completing tax receipts for the 2011 tax year. She will be distributing them in the next couple weeks. Please note the Canadian Government is now offering a new tax credit called the Canadian Children's Arts Tax Credit. Your registration fees could possibly apply to this, leaving the Child Fitness Tax Credit for other activities such as swimming, hockey, etc.

Please support our Donau Dancers at their annual Viennese Gala Ball Fundraiser on Saturday, May 12th. This is an adult only event. Tickets are to go on sale soon.

NOTE: Jugendgruppe practice will continue past our May end date until June 28 and will start up early on July 26 to prepare for Tag der Donauschwaben and Oktoberfest. Our Kindergruppe practice dates for Tag der Donauschwaben are TBD. Please be prepared if you plan on participating in this years Tag der Donauschwaben. Otherwise the Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe start up date on August 23rd, 2012 remains the same.

We would like to open our next committee meeting to everyone. It is scheduled for Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the Schwaben Club for 1pm. Hope to see some of you there.

Sincerely,
Lisa Schaadt
Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe President
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Reminders for March:

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Schlachtfest (Pork Festival)

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Dinner 6:15pm

Cost: \$27 + tax for Members, \$37 + tax for Non-Members, \$10 + tax for children not participating between ages 5-12.

Children 5 & under/participating are free. ***Parents/Guardians are entitled to two 1/2 price tickets if your child is participating (some restrictions apply). Please see Helga with monies and ticket information by March 1, 2012.***

Volunteering: Sign up for Hall Set Up on Saturday morning or Donut Making. Jugendgruppe dancers are welcome for Hall Set Up only this year.

UNIFORM: Children are to wear their full dance uniform. Girl's hair is two pony tails for Kindergruppe girls and one pony tail for Jugendgruppe girls.

NOTE: We do NOT have a practice on Thursday, March 15, 2012 during March Break.

UPCOMING:

Saturday, April 28, 2012: Landestrachtenfest in Windsor, Ontario (Canadian Schwaben Clubs Annual Dance Festival). Jugendgruppe and/or Kindergruppe will be performing based on interest. Parents are to consider driving, taking the bus, hotel and ticket costs if they wish to participate at their own expense. A bus will be leaving our club at 2pm and leaving Windsor at 11:30pm. Cost per person for the bus is \$20.00 and is at your own expense. Our group will purchase dancers event tickets for the day for those participating. Costs are as follows: Guests \$30.00, Performer/Tracht Presenter \$25.00, Children 6-15 \$15.00, and Children 5 & under are free. **Tickets and bus information are due by March 22.**

Sunday, May 6, 2012: Mother's Day Luncheon, Plant Fundraiser

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

Saturday, June 23, 2012: KW Multicultural Festival. Participation TBD.