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**Mai 2014**

## WICHTIGE DATEN 2014

May 24  
Viennese Gala Ball Donau Dancers  
June 1  
Filmnachmittag: Saison in Salzburg  
June 22  
Picnic  
August 9  
Schnitzengiggle  
September 13  
Kirchweihfest  
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Oktoberfest  
November 22  
Frauengründungsfest  
December 7  
Christmas Luncheon  
December 31  
New Year's Eve Ball



## Members' Meeting Dates 2014

**June 11** 7pm  
**September 10** 7pm  
**December 10** 7pm

**NOTICE:** With fewer Members' meetings, members will now have to go to the office to buy their tickets for events.

## IMPRESSUM

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Viennese Ball Gala Evening

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## Praesidentenbericht

Fruehling sei gegruesst ! Ich bin mir sicher, die meisten haben sich zur Aufgabe gemacht, den hauseigenen Hof zu kehren oder die Garage zu raeumen, vielleicht einige unter Euch haben schon die Gartenmoebel rausgebracht. Wir Kanadier freuen uns auf den Fruehling nach einem harten Winter. Gluecklicherweise hatten wir angenehme Fruehlingstemperaturen am Wochenende unseres Landestrachtenfestes. Das Fest war gut besucht, mit Teilnehmenden von Windsor, Leamington, Toronto und Kitchener. Vorbereitungen fuer die Veranstaltungen wurden aber schon Tage frueher getroffen. Hallen muessten umgestaltet werden, sowie geschmueckt.

Am Samstag der Veranstaltung wurden die letzten Einzelheiten fertiggestellt. Kurz nach Mittag tagte die Sitzung des Verbands der Donauschwaben unter der Leitung von Toni Baumann, unser Landesvorsitzender. Er brachte Neuigkeiten vom kanadischen Dachverband, sowie vom Weltdachverband, vor. Toni beteuerte, wir muessten die Jugend weiterfoerden und unterstuetzen. Diese Unterstuetzung muss von den Vereinen kommen, nicht nur vom Verband. Klubpraesidenten gaben ihre jeweiligen Berichte. Der Tag der Donauschwaben findet dieses Jahr in Milwaukee statt, wie gewohnt am langen Wochenende Anfang September.

Nach dem Schluss der Sitzung versammelten sich alle Anwesenden zu einer Stunde Kameradschaft. Gegen 17 Uhr fing das Trachtenfest in der grossen Halle an. Nach dem Einmarsch der Trachtentraeger und Klubfahnentraeger stattgefunden hat, wurde ein leckeres Essen serviert. Es folgten die offiziellen Ansprachen, gefolgt von den Vorfuehrungen der verschiedenen Tanzgruppen. Zwischendurch spielte die Transylvania Hofbraeukapelle zum Tanz und Unterhaltung. Es war ein sehr gelungener Abend.

Am Sonntagmorgen tagte die Verbandsitzung wieder. Vorstandswahlen fanden statt und neue Angelegenheiten in Bezug auf den Verband und die Vereine wurden besprochen. Nach der Sitzung kamen alle Anwesenden wieder zusammen, um ein Gulaschessen mit Spaetzle zu geniessen. Landestrachtenfest findet naechstes Jahr in Toronto statt.

Ich freue mich in den naechsten Tagen auf das Muttertagessen, den Wiener-Gala-Ball, das Klubpicknik und das Grossreinemachen des Klubgelaendes in Mai.

Bitte, genießt ihr den Fruehling und Sommer, und ich werde mich freuen, Euch bei der naechsten Klubveranstaltung zu begruessen zu duerfen. Wenn ihr nach Milwaukee zum Tag der Donauschwaben wollt, bitte, eure Reservierungen baldmoeglichst taetigen, ob fuer Hotel oder Busfahrt. Ein Bus fuer die Reise nach Milwaukee wurde schon gebucht und wird uns zwischen dem Hotel und dem Milwaukeeklub pendeln. So ein Fest zu erleben macht immer viel Spass!

## President's Report

Welcome to spring. I am sure everyone has started to work outside and either cleaned the yard or garage and possibly gotten out the lawn furniture. As Canadians we seem to jump at the chance of getting out of our home after such a harsh winter. We were extremely lucky that the weekend of our Landestrachtenfest had temperatures in the mid to high teens. The event was well attended and we had representatives from Windsor, Leamington, Toronto and Kitchener. The event started for our Club earlier in the week. We had to get both halls set up and decorated.

On the Saturday the final preparations were completed early. We started shortly after lunch with the Verband annual meeting, which included Tony Bauman, the President of our Canadian Verband, providing update news from the world Verband.

Tony, took this opportunity to stress the need to do more to encourage our youth. He asked that we provide them with our solid support and opportunity. Club presidents from each of the Cities gave an overall update for each of their respective Clubs. We also talked about the Tag Der Donauschwaben being held in Milwaukee this year on the Labour Day weekend in September.

We concluded the meeting with a social hour and then moved into the evening event. The evening included a great dinner, the traditional parade with all the Club flags and dance groups and then official speeches. We moved into dance performances by groups from each City, which was great to see. We had the Transylvania Brass band provide our dance music for the evening. All went very well and I felt the evening was a great success. Sunday morning we were back at the Club for part two of the meetings, which included board elections and new business discussions. At noon we concluded our meeting and enjoyed a traditional goulash and spetzler lunch for those that could stay.

Landestrachtenfest will be held in Toronto next year.

Looking forward we have a number of events from Mother's Day lunch to the annual Club picnic, the Donau group's fundraiser Gala Ball, and our May Club cleanup.

Please enjoy the spring and summer and I hope

to see many of you at one of the up coming events. Please book your reservation for the three day Labour Day weekend. We have a bus booked and arranged to take us to Milwaukee and shuttle us back and forth from the hotel to the Club. It is always great fun so don't miss out and be sure to join us.

**George Kraehling**  
*President*

## Manager's Report

### "What's Going On"

I'm not sure if it is ever going to warm up this year, but things are starting to heat up here at the Schwaben Club. It has been a very slow start at the club this year compared to other years and I think the cold, cold weather has had a lot to do with it. Things are looking up and we are in for some better days, from the middle of May through the rest of the year the events booked at the club look promising.

Oktoberfest tickets are now ON SALE at the club; get your tickets for your favorite nights while supplies last. It helps you and the club to get your tickets early, so come on in and buy your tickets and say hello too....looking forward to seeing you at the Schwaben Club.

**Don Egley**  
*Manager*

## Frauengruppe

When this edition of the Nachrichten comes out we will have already had our Mother's Day luncheon. It is always a lovely afternoon of food and songs and tributes to all Mothers.

In April a number of our Frauengruppe members attended the Landestrachtenfest which our club hosted. It was an enjoyable evening and I was proud to wear the tracht from my mother's village.

In June we will once again enjoy our closing dinner. Traditionally it is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. There will be more information coming to confirm that.

Hopefully we will enjoy some spring weather this month!

**Susan Cook**  
*President, Frauengruppe*

## Geburtstage Für Juni

*Allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener Schwabenklubs, die im Monat Juni Geburtstag feiern.*

*Herzlichen Glückwunsch und das Beste im neuen Lebensjahr.*

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Mueller, Margareth	01
Lutz, Fred	01
Kraehling, Anton	02
Mueller, Peter	02
Becker, Heinrich	03
Albrecht, Elisabeth	06
Bromberg, Werner	07
Peller-Oliver, Heidi	07
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Lehn, Stephanie	24
Beckett, Kathy	26
Hoedl, Josef	28

## Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe

Last month our groups joined many other clubs in traditional costumes, food and music.

Landestrachtenfest was an excellent opportunity to show the other clubs what a dynamic group of dancers we have. I've heard the buzz of how impressed they were. Our club should be very proud.

Spring is finally here! The fever has started as the dancers are getting anxious to put away their dance shoes for soccer shoes, ball gloves, and hopefully swimsuits.

The dancers are getting ready for the annual Mother's Day Luncheon - our last performance

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## 2014 Membership

Membership renewals are now due and can be paid at the Club office Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Membership prices remain the same for 2014.

**Famly - \$75**

**Single - \$ 45**

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**Remember this!** Memberships to our club IS important! Your membership dues helps keep our club alive and all the fun family atmosphere - strong!

We need our club and culture - it is so important to keep our Schwaben culture going for our young kids and the next generations!

Don't forget with your paid membership, you also receive discounts for your tickets to Schwaben Events at our club!

**Heidi Peller-Oliver**

*Membership Secretary / Mitglieder Kassier*

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of the year. With that, we are sad to see some of our dancers hang up their shoes as they pursue other activities next year. We will have some committee changes, and are looking for active members with new ideas. Let me know if you are interested in joining our team!

**Kathy Beckett**

*Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe President*

## Donau Dancers

**Donau Dancer Viennese Gala Ball**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**An Elegant Fundraiser**

Now is the time to get your tickets, and organize your outfit and accessories for the Donau Dancers' Viennese Gala Ball Fundraiser Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 24th. New dances have been taught by Peter Speckner and the "Variation" band will keep guests dancing and singing to well known dance tunes and ballroom classics. Via Rail Canada has again sponsored a trip for two people along the Windsor -Ottawa corridor for the door prize. Donated gifts have

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also been received and raffle tickets may be purchased during the evening to win these prizes. Contact the club office to reserve your table.

For any group and club to be successful, to continue to grow – volunteers are very important. National Volunteer week was celebrated in April and this is a great time to say heartfelt thanks to all in our group and in the club who spend their free time to assist in the development of the Schwaben culture and the well-being of our club and heritage. The unpaid hours dedicated to enhance the well-being of our Schwaben members and community cannot be measured in shaping our club's destiny. Let's take a moment to say "Dankeschoen" to all who have contributed in large and small ways! Your gift of time, energy and commitment are valued in our club and community. Special thanks to all Donau Dancers who give generously and charitably to the group, the club and to the community, by sharing your talents, interests, skills, culture, workmanship, creative ideas, and perspectives! Dankeschoen Volunteers!

**Anneliese Kraehling**  
Donau Dancers



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## Milwaukee Bus Information

The Schwaben Club will have a bus leaving for Milwaukee on Thursday August 28, 2014 at 11:00PM. The bus will arrive at the hotel (Country Inn & Suites) Friday morning, it will then make its first run to The Schwabenhof Friday evening for the Freundschaftsabend celebration. The bus will depart Milwaukee the morning of Monday September 1, 2014.

The cost of the bus will be subsidized so the rates are as follows:

**Members: \$60.00** Minimum deposit of \$30 required by June 30, 2014, remainder required by August 15, 2015.

**Non-members: \$85.00** Minimum deposit of \$45 required by June 30, 2014, remainder required by August 15, 2015.

**No refunds for cancellations. Please contact Kitchener Schwaben Club office for your reservation, 519-742-7979 or schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com**

## Milwaukee Hotel Information

We have secured a block of rooms at **Country Inn & Suites for Landestrachtenfest 2014** in Milwaukee under the name "**Kitchener Schwaben Club**". Everyone travelling to Milwaukee may book rooms at this hotel; this is the hotel that the bus will be travelling to and from. *If you are going on the bus, please book this hotel.*

**These rooms are on hold until 6/29/14.** You are responsible to book your own room, we will not guarantee a room will be available after this date. Book ASAP: First Come, First Served Basis

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# Landestrachtenfest











## The Schwobs are Coming, the Schwobs are Coming!

Beware, because they're everywhere. On April 12, the Schwaben Club hosted the annual gathering of all the Donauschwobs of Canada. Members and dance groups from Montreal, Toronto, Leamington and Windsor all joined us to celebrate our shared culture. It was a very fun and visually-appealing event.



No German event would be proper without a great meal, and this one was no exception. It all started with warm buns and Caesar salad. The entrée included schnitzel, sesame chicken, baby carrots, sauerkraut, and mashed potatoes with gravy. Dessert was a lovely Lemon torte. It was delicious and filled everyone up – necessary because of a full plate of activities scheduled for the evening.

There was of course the required Grand March, where members, dancers, and banners marched around the hall. Seeing all the participants in their different costumes was





quite the impressive sight. It was followed by the Trachten Parade, where ladies wearing traditional costumes walked the "catwalk" so everyone could see them. Some were very old, brought here from the old country, while others were new ones created for the youth. Either way, they were beautiful examples of history that added to the evening.

There were numerous dance group performance that happened throughout the evening. Performing groups included:



Kitchener Kindergruppe; Toronto, Windsor, Leamington and Kitchener Jugendgruppen; Toronto Heimatgruppe, and the Schwaben Dancers. It was nice to see dance

groups from our southern clubs – it shows that they have a youthful contingent which always bears well for the future of a club.



For everyone else, the Transylvania Hofbrau Band played the evening away, so people could dance dinner away, or share a dance with someone they probably won't see again until next year! It was a great celebration, and we all look forward to next year's Landestrachtenfest being held in Toronto.

**Peter Speckner**  
Editor, Nachrichten

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### About Avery's Ride for PKU:

Kevin Dube is a TriCities resident and uncle to a recently diagnosed little girl named Avery. Working with CanPKU he will ride his bicycle from coast to coast across Canada this summer to raise awareness, funds, advocacy and community for those who live with this disorder. For more information or to donate visit [www.rideforpku.ca](http://www.rideforpku.ca)

### What's Happening Locally:

April 15, 16, and 17 at Menchie's in Waterloo is one of our first fundraising events. Menchie's will donate \$1 for every coupon received on this day. You will also save 10% off your purchase. As PKU affects so few, we need your assistance to make this fundraiser a success! Please consider coming out and sharing this information with others.

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## In Deutsch ist es immer besser

Yes, that is my opinion and the Spring German Show proved my point. It was a fantastic show, with happy melodies, great performers and a meal that was sumptuous.



Die Waldspitzbuben from Thüringen had an electric opening act. *Bergvagabunden* was their first number; the audience was right there with them, singing along. Reimar told us that "his English is not so gut but his German is noch schlechter". They swung into a *Waldeslust* medley; they had

lots of "Wald" lieder and then thrilled us with *Holadioh* and *Trompeten Echo*. The accordionist had the most up-to-date electronic accordion; a Roland FR-X8, costing about \$7,000.00. I am quite jealous. The Spitzbuben then performed some Heimatslieder such as *Thüringer Land*. A joke: "Benedictum, benedictum, in Afrika laufen sie nakt rum". They ended with *Kufstein*.

Birgit Langer from Baden-Württemberg, took us on a "Musikalische Westreise". She had worked with the Fernando Express Band for 20 years and



knew her Welt. She started off with *Sonne von Capri*, a very catchy tune. Next, *Barfuß bis am Ende der Welt*. She did a stroll through the audience, but not barfuß. Birgit then gave us a Katharina Valente medley; well done except



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there was a struggle with the high notes.

I have a question. Why do female vocalists find it necessary to strut around, bounce and jiggle endlessly? Birgit danced more during her performance than a dancegroup for their performance. It was quite distracting. Thank goodness she has a good voice.

*Paris, City of Love* was her song; it was lovely. We then went to Spain and the audience practised their "Ole's". Birgit said we were the best Spaniards that she has found today! She ended with a swing tune, *Wahnsinn*.

I didn't know that Roy Black would be visiting our stage. If you closed your eyes, you could imagine Roy was there when Kay Dörfel sang. Wow! Kay sang a wonderful song dedicated to his 12 yr. old son; *Kleine Fische Werden Groß*.



Now ladies, don't get jealous, but I got to squeeze Kay's left breast. And this while singing tunes of my favourite artist, Peter Alexander such as *Die Kleine Kneipe*. O-o-o-oh! He also did a walk-about through the audience. Kay finished off with a duet with Birgit, *Schön is es auf der Welt zu sein*, in which Birgit sang the part of the little girl.

The thunder then rolled in....Franz Seitz. Franz was half of the Nabtaal Duo and is now a solo performer. He grabbed the audience's attention with *Herz Schmerz* and *Rose vom Wörtersee*.

Franz is Bayerisch and 56 yrs. old. He told us that he bought a completely new outfit for the show in Canada's colours of red and white.; it truly was a unique outfit.

He even started a new "diät"; the Morgendiät. Morgen fängt er an. He then performed *Bayerisch, Schutzengel* and *Heimweh nach der Heimat*. His wife brought him a beer to quench his thirst; she gave him a big hug, but a small glass.



The first half ended with *Patrona Bavariae*.

The Walkspitzbuben started off the second half with *Zillertaler Hochzeitsmarsch*, an instrumental. Audience participation was at an alltime high



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for the *Fliegerlied*. The guitarist then picked up a Weltmeister accordion for an accordion duet then the accordionist picked up a guitar and they carried on beautifully.

Birgit gave us a Connie Francis medley and continued with *Que Sera Sera*.

Kay first asked if we were tired.....no! He then sang *Du bist nicht allein, Mädchen von Berlin* and performed a duet with his wife. She has a great voice.

Franz Seitz brought us a medley of classic Volkslieder; then



a Volks-hit medley with *Sierre Madre, Herzilein and Hände zum Himmel*.



The quality of this show was outstanding. I had a great time; everyone had a great time.

Thank you, Schwaben Club.

**Catherine Thompson**  
Roving Reporter



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