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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2025

Sick Benefit Meeting: May 28

BBQ Fundraiser (Schwaben Dancers): June 13

Game Night (Freundschaftgruppe): June 13

Members' Meeting: June 18

Schwaben Family Picnic: June 21

BBQ Fundraiser (Schwaben Dancers): August 8

BBQ Fundraiser (Donau Dancers): August 15

Weinlesefest: September 13

Oktoberfest October 3 & 4 October 5 (Family Day) October 10 & 11 October 12 (Family Day) October 17 & 18

Oktoberfest Restaurant October 9 & 16

IMPRESSUM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

As we approach summer, our events will start to slow down. But we're not quite done yet.

In the past month, we have had a number of successful events. On April 12th, the Windsor Teutonia Club celebrated their hosting of the Landestrachtenfest, and their 90th Anniversary as well. It was a fantastic event. There were many dance groups to watch. Dinner was delicious. And our own dance groups represented us with pride. I want to thank the Windsor group for their hospitality and congratulate them on their 90th Anniversary. I wish them 90 more successful years.

On April 26th , the Kinder- and Jugendgruppen held their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser. It was a phenomenal success. Everyone enjoyed the food. Considering it was sold out after 1 hour; I will take that as a good sign. And there were lots of items available in the Silent Auction, with variety for everyone; including power tools, art supplies, pictures, clothing, and household items. I want to thank all the volunteers (dancers and parents) for their hard work in preparing and running the fundraiser. And I especially want to thank everyone that came out and supported our dance groups by enjoying a yummy meal. It means the world to our kids that you came out, and we look forward to doing it again next year.

April 27 and May 4 were our final two Cooking classes of this season. They were both full, and both were overflow from the first classes that taught Krapfen and Schnitzel. Everyone had a wonderful time, and all students expressed interest in attending more classes in the fall. It's wonderful to see how excited people are in learning traditional German/Donauschwaben recipes. A special thank you to Susan Cook and Kirk Hanke for teaching the classes. There was nothing but compliments about them. We will see you all later this year.

And we still have some events comping up! On Sunday, May 25th, we are hosting our Kaffee Klatsch from 1-4pm. A stress-free event where members, friends and family can come out and enjoy a drink and cake for only \$3 and socialize with our fellow Donauschwobs. There will also be a movie playing in the Main Hall for extra entertainment. It will be a relaxing Sunday afternoon at the Club - I will see you all there. May 25th is also the day of our Spring Clean-Up from 9am-1pm. We ask anyone that is able to, to come out and help revitalize our Club and grounds after the harsh winter. We have a lovely property, it's time to let that beauty shine.

On Saturday, June 21, we have our annual Schwaben Family Picnic and Social, starting at 3pm. There will be games for all ages, and some food will be available for purchase. But this year; PEOPLE CAN BRING THEIR OWN PICNIC IF THEY WANT! That's right, you can bring your own dinner and enjoy the grounds for a picnic. The Transylvania Hofbrau Band will provide music for the first couple of hours. Then another musical act will start up, and after dinner, the Biergarten will be open for people who want to enjoy a night out with live music and drinks. We hope everyone will take advantage of our Biergarten (weather permitting - fingers crossed!).

There won't be many things over the summer as people go away for vacation. Keep checking though, in case we decide to set something up for our members to come out and enjoy our Club.

Our next major cultural event will be our Weinlesefest on September 20, 2025. This new event will be replacing Kirchweih this year and is an event our own Club used to host 40+ years ago. With the emphasis on grapes and wine, beautiful decorations, and the opportunity for grape theft and jailtime (for fun!) - it should be an event for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned for more information.

As always, our Board is eager to engage with our members to make our Club better. Our doors are always open. We welcome your visit and your ideas.

Thank you very much,

Peter Speckner President

FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

A group of us attended a play in May. 'Crazy For You' was very enjoyable.

We had a nice surprise at the Kindergroup spaghetti fundraiser. A long-time member of our Frauengruppe was in attendance. Katie Schuster was surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as she celebrated her 99th birthday. It was an honour to be able to join in singing Happy Birthday to her and be able to chat with her. We wish her all the best.

Susan, Lena, Lea, Jen, Penny, Monika Frauengruppe Committee



MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

April showers bring May flowers...spring has finally arrived...

It is with heavy hearts we say goodbye to a long time Club and Board member Joe Groh. Joe was a long-time member of the club, he served on our board, the Canadian Verband board, and on the Cambridge Continental Club's board.

April 12th our Kinder/Jugend Dance group, Donau and Schwaben dance groups performed at the 2025 LANDESTRACHTENFEST in Windsor. The dinner was good.

Please don't forget the Sick benefit meeting is being held May 28 at 7:00 p.m. the club. Please attend.

Elizabeth Schiketantz Membership Director & Sick Benefits Financial Secretary



GEBURTSTAGE FÜR JUNI

Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Juni-Geburtstag!

Congratulations on your June Birthday!

Frances Ann Doerr	2
Anton Kraehling	2
Lindsay Cook	4
Heidi Peller-Oliver	7
Michael Offak	9
Stefan Orsan	9
Christine Wenzler	12
Alayne Kleser	13
Nolan McQuabbie	13
Thirstan Falconer	15
Shawn Kears	17
Natasia Kircos	18
Eva Wespa	19
Jennifer Orsan	20
Katie Janovar	22

- Wolfgang Meier 23
 - Adam Becker 25
 - Josef Hoedl 28
- Kristen Petkovich 30

CULTURAL NEWS

Hope everyone enjoyed Easter! Our cultural events have slowed down for now and will pick up again in the fall.

Hoping to resume cooking classes in the fall as well. If any member is interested in hosting a cooking class of a Donauschwaben dish, please feel free to let me know and we can work together to set up a date. cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

Jugendlager will be held in Akron Ohio, at the Akron German Family Society: 3871 Ranfield Road, Kent, Ohio 44240, July 17 - 20, 2025.

"Schwob Life" Jugendfreundschaftlager Itinerary

Thursday, July 17: Arrival day 4:00 pm or later

- Registration
- Meet & greet; set up camp
- Dinner 6:30 pm
- Games / Mixers & Music, an evening to make friends

Friday, July 18:

"See what life was like" - Visit an Amish farm

- Breakfast 7:00 am
- Leave and go to an Amish Farm
- Spend the day learning how life was like for our ancestors
- Picnic Lunch
- Come back and rest
- Dinner
- Evening: music, games, Slip and Slide, relaxation.

Saturday, July 19:

Tag der Donauschwaben – Cultural Activity Day

- Breakfast
- Workshops with Lunch in the middle:
- Dinner
- Evening: music, games, Slip and Slide, relaxation

Sunday, July 20: End of Camp 12:00 pm

- Breakfast
- Pack up / Clean up camp
- Departures Auf Wiedersehen!

We are asking for each leader to email an estimated count of coming by Friday, May 16, 2025.

If you're interested in attending, please contact Nick at nickolas.leipold@gmail.com.

Landestreffen this year is being held in Mansfield, OH at Mansfield Liederkranz, Silver Lane, Mansfield Ohio 44906, United States, August 29 - 31, 2025.

Hotels are already listed on the Liederkranz website: *https://liederkranz.org/treffen-2025*

Wishing everyone a great and safe summer!

Monica Anstett Cultural Director



MISS SCHWABEN 2025 Natasha Speckner

Natasha Speckner was crowned Miss Schwaben 2025 on March 22, 2025. Natasha is the daughter of Club members Richard and Shelley Speckner, granddaughter of Sigfried Speckner and the late Catherine Thompson.

Throughout the years, Natasha was involved with the Kindergruppe, Jugendgruppe and the Schwaben Dancers. She also volunteered at many events instilling the importance of giving back to her community.

She is pursuing a degree in Criminology and with a minor in Psychology at Western University in London, Ontario with a goal of attending Law School in 2026.

Natasha is excited and honoured to represent the Schwaben Club as Miss Schwaben 2025.



Landestrachtenfest Windsor



















FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE NEWS

Schönen Vatertag / Happy Father's Day!

We're excited to invite everyone to another Family Games Night on Friday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. Our group is all about bringing friends together, so we're happy to host this evening of fun and connection for all ages!

That same evening, the Schwaben Dancers will be holding their fundraising BBQ, so why not come early, grab a delicious bite to eat, and stay to play?

We're also proud to share that one of our Freundschaftgruppe leaders, Shay, will be attending the Welttreffen this summer. She'll be travelling to Hungary and Serbia to explore and learn more about some of the roots of our Club's culture and traditions. We're looking forward to seeing her photos and hearing all about her journey when she returns!

Thank you for being part of our extended Club family. We're excited to continue sharing special moments and creating new memories together.e!

Lea & Emma Becker and Lena & Shay Herold The Freundschaftgruppe Leaders



I can't believe we are in May already. We are learning some new dances and can't wait to showcase them to

you but you have to wait till fall.

Please join us for our BBQ on August 15th for some good food and drinks.



With the summer fast approaching we slow our practices down so we can enjoy the weekends with family and friends. If you would like to join our group we will be practicing on June 1st, 8th and 22nd with the possibility of June 15th. Also on Aug 10th and 24th. We are off for the month of July.

We hope you enjoy the summer, have lots of BBQ's and time with family and friends!

Tina McQuabbie Donau Dancers Secretary



DONAU DANCERS BBQ FUNDRAISER FRIDAY AUGUST 15 5:00-8:00 PM

Join us on the patio for an evening of good food & fun!







The Schwaben Club presents WEINLESEFEST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

MENU

Grape & Cheese Plate Roast Beef with Red Wine Sauce

Red Wine Sauce OR Chicken Schnitzel

Roasted Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Dessert: Grape Pound Cake with White Chocolate Sauce

KIDS MEAL Chicken Schnitzel Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables

Member: \$40^{(\$35.40} +HST) Non-Member: \$45^{(\$39.82} +HST) Child (7-12): \$15^{(\$13.27} +HST) Krapfen Baking Class



Schnitzel Cooking Class













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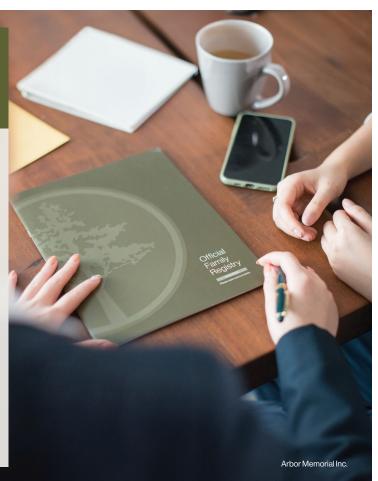


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