



SCHWABEN KLUB

JUNI 2026

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2026

Stammtisch: May 25

Friday SCHNITZEL Fundraiser
(Karaoke after): May 29

Schwaben Family Soccer
Starts June 5

Friday BBQ Fundraiser
(Schwaben Dancers): June 12

Schwaben Picnic & Social: June 14

Members' Meeting: June 17

Saturday BBQ Fundraiser
(Donau Dancers)
June 20

Stammtisch: June 22

Landestreffen (Chicago)
September 4-6

Kirchweih: September 19

JOIN US TO WATCH THE
CANADA & GERMANY
MATCHES
June 11 - July 19

IMPRESSUM

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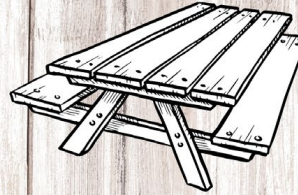
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**SUNDAY,
JUNE 14,
2026**

SCHWABEN FAMILY PICNIC

**WATCH THE LIVE GERMANY
MATCH STARTING AT 1 PM**

German Beer ♥ Biergarten ♥ Family-Friendly

Menu

Hamburgers
Sausages, Hot Dogs
Fries & Poutine

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

Free Admission

Picnic starts: 11 am
Lunch served: 12 pm

Games & Activities:
After Lunch

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

There have been a few memorable events in the last month. But moving forward, things will start to slow down as we approach summer.

On April 17, we hosted the annual Landestrachtenfest. Donauschwabens from all over Ontario came together to celebrate our shared heritage. A delicious meal was accompanied by representatives from Windsor, Toronto, Leamington and Park Waldheim - it was wonderful to see friends we don't get to see often. The evening included performances by our own groups as well as Windsor and Toronto. I know our youth were excited to see other groups with the different dance styles.

May 3 was our annual President's Luncheon. A chance for member's to come out, socialize and receive a free meal as a thank you for their continued support of our Club. I personally want to thank all our members - it means a lot to lead a Club with as active and passionate a membership as we have.

Our Kinder/Jugend Gruppen also celebrated their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser on April 11. I am proud of all our children for their continued efforts. They are always a joy to watch when they perform (and I'm not just saying that because I have 2 of those dancers of my own)!

We are also starting Schwaben Family Soccer again. Starting on June 5, and every Friday over the summer, everyone will have the chance to play soccer. The first 30-45 min will be skills training, with a game held after that. All are invited.

Just a reminder that the FIFA World Cup is starting on June 11, and all Canada and Germany games will be shown at our Club - starting on June 12. I will be there as often as I can, cheering them on and eating my poutine!

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.

Sincerely,

Peter Speckner
President

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Hello Members and Friends

The sun is shining and with it comes the warm spring temperatures. The easter bunny has returned to the forest and the Annual Schwaben Club Summer Picnic is upon us. This afternoon event brings fun for all ages. Come join in with the games, have lunch or join in watching the Germany vs Curacao Soccer game. Please see the poster for further details.

Mike Kleser
Entertainment Director



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KINDER/JUGENDGRUPPE

Hi everybody!

The kids have been busy the last month or so, and they have done great every step of the way.

In April, they hosted their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser. It was a fun evening with great attendance by our members and the community. The spaghetti was delicious, the kids worked hard to keep the evening going, and there were lots of donations for the auction. It was a fantastic evening and a lot of money was raised to help fund our ever-expanding dance groups.

Our kids also attended and performed for the annual Landestrachtenfest hosted by our Club. They very much enjoyed the opportunity to model traditional trachts, watch dance groups from other Donauschwaben clubs, and maybe make some new friends.

They will be finishing off the dance season with their annual BBQ Fundraiser at Colour Paradise nursery in Mannheim, and then their season-ending party on May 21. The kids have earned a summer break and I know they will all look forward to coming back in the fall to see their dancing buddies again.

That's it for now. Till next month,

Peter Speckner

Kinder/Jugendgruppe President

DONAU DANCERS

As May comes to an end, we're hoping the cold weather leaves with it! We're excited for all the BBQs and summer events coming up.

The Donau Fundraiser will be held on June 20th, and we hope to see a great turnout. As an added bonus, it's happening during the soccer game, so you can enjoy both!

We would also like to welcome our five new dancers to the group. You'll be seeing them perform soon — they are all doing a fantastic job!

If you're still interested in joining, we practice Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Come out to watch or give it a try — you're sure to have fun!

See you on June 20th!

Tina McQuabbie, Donau Dancers 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
Matthew Schaadt	9
Walter Jakob Bauer	10
Janet Weiler	11
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 Janower	22
Wolfgang Meier	23
Adam Becker	25
Josef Hoedl	28
Kristen Petkovich	30



REMINDER: The Schwaben Club is a Scent/Fragrance Free environment for the health and comfort of those with allergies.

Please be mindful of others and avoid wearing scented personnel products while attending the Schwaben Club.

FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE

The Freundschaftsgruppe recently gathered for a wonderful evening of creativity, laughter, and connection during our Sunflower Paint Night. Members spent the evening painting beautiful sunflowers while enjoying time together and reflecting on the importance of the sunflower within Donauschwaben heritage and culture. More than simply a beautiful flower, the sunflower has long represented resilience, hope, hard work, and the strong connection our people have to the land and one another. As part of the evening, we shared information on “The Sunflower,” which highlighted how sunflowers became tied to Donauschwaben history through the farming communities established in areas such as the Banat and Batschka regions. The sunflower came to symbolize abundance, perseverance, long life, and the enduring strength of a people who overcame hardship, migration, and displacement while continuing to move forward with courage and hope.

The evening also gave us an opportunity to reflect on another important milestone, this year marks 10 years since the Freundschaftsgruppe first began.

The idea for the Freundschaftsgruppe started after Glenn Herold brought Sam Hild, Jessica Hill, and Shay Herold to Toronto’s Jugendlager. Through that experience, it became clear there was a desire for more opportunities for youth to connect with their Donauschwaben heritage through friendships, traditions, cultural learning, and social activities that strengthened connections within our Club and beyond.

The Freundschaftsgruppe was formed with Lea and Emma Becker and Lena and Shay Herold serving as the first group leaders. In 2019, after overwhelming requests from members, the Freundschaftsgruppe proudly became an all-ages group, welcoming participation from all Club members.

Over the past decade, the group has organized countless social and cultural activities that brought members together while celebrating our heritage. We participated in clean-ups of the German-Canadian War Memorial at Woodland Cemetery while sharing its history and importance with participants. We have hosted social outings including laser tag, Halloween hayrides, a Wonderland trip, movie nights, games nights, craft nights, and many more opportunities for members to connect and build friendships.

We also led trips to Jugendlagers throughout the United States, where youth formed lasting friendships with members from sister Clubs while deepening their understanding of Donauschwaben culture. Cultural workshops and demonstrations became an important part of the group’s activities over the years. Members



learned how to starch petticoats, bake traditional desserts, make sausage, and play Fauchs. We also provided ballroom dance instruction, made cooking demonstration videos, and cultural presentations. The Freundschaftsgruppe

additionally supported major Club events, including leading the Kinder and Youth programs during Landes 2018 and hosting the Welcome Dinner for the Jugendlager held at our Club a few years ago.

The Freundschaftsgruppe was fortunate to run these programs and activities while also supporting the Club through financial donations raised from our events, including: BBQs, pretzel sales, Rosenballs, Oktoberfest in July, a German Clothing Buy & Sell event, and the Jingle & Mingle Markets. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our membership.

After 10 incredible years, we felt it was the right time to pass the reins on to a new leadership team to continue carrying the group forward. We are thrilled to pass the baton to Brian Schummer, Mike Kleser, Jen Orsan, and others who will join them. We know they will bring new energy, ideas, and passion to the Freundschaftsgruppe.

To everyone who attended, volunteered, travelled, learned, baked, danced, crafted, painted, and celebrated with us over the past 10 years, thank you. The memories, friendships, and cultural experiences shared through the Freundschaftsgruppe will always hold a special place in our hearts.

In Kindness,

Lea, Emma, Lena and Shay
The Freundschaftsgruppe Leaders



SCHWABEN DANCERS

As summer starts to round the corner, the Schwaben Dancers are excited for barbecue season to begin! We have our fundraiser barbecue on June 12 from 3-8pm. There will be a livestream of the Canada World Cup soccer game available during this time as well. We hope to see you there and look forward to spending the afternoon eating yummy food and cheering on our country!

Furthermore, we had an incredible evening shared with family and friends in the Donauschwaben community at Landestrachtenfest, where we enjoyed participating in the Trachten Parade and dance performances. It is always wonderful to see friends from Windsor and Toronto each year. We can't wait to see what this summer has in store for us and are already getting excited for Oktoberfest!!

The Schwaben Dancers

The Schwaben Dancers

BBQ Fundraiser

ALL NEW

FIFA SPECIALS!!



Back Bacon on a Bun
Sausage on a Bun
Poutine
German Potato Salad
Ice Cream Sandwiches

JUNE | 12TH | 3PM - 8PM

BRING YOUR APPETITE!




FRIDAY SCHNITZEL
FUNDRAISER FOR THE
Schwaben Club
MAY 29, 2026

Schnitzel Meal <i>Schnitzel, Fries or Mashed Potato, Coleslaw</i>	\$22 tax incl.
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FRIDAY
May 29, 2026
8 pm - 12 am

19+ after 9:30 pm

CULTURAL NEWS

Alles Gute zum Vatertag! Happy Father's Day!

Vatertag is celebrated on Ascension Day (Christi Himmelfahrt), so it always falls on a Thursday. It's traditionally marked by outdoor walks or hikes—often with a little wagon (Bollerwagen) for refreshments.



A joyful look back at Landestrachtenfest on April 18th.

The evening of the **Landestrachtenfest** was filled with rich history and a strong sense of community spirit. It was wonderful to see Donauschwaben from Toronto, Park Waldheim, Leamington, and Windsor joining the members of the Kitchener Schwaben Club. All the dance groups did an excellent job with their performances.

In the afternoon, a group of attendees took part in learning the **Zeppel Polka**, a traditional Donauschwaben folk dance known for its graceful movements and flowing partner steps. Many were experiencing this important part of our cultural heritage for the first time. A heartfelt thank you to **Richard Speckner** for his excellent instruction and for sharing the beauty of this dance.

The highlight of the evening was the grand march with the flags and the **17 Trachten** from various regions of our homeland—Hungary, Romania, and Yugoslavia—displayed in all their bright colours. Even **Friedl Motsch**, at 103 years young, proudly wore her Brestowats Tracht, a beautiful example of the lasting pride and tradition of the Donauschwaben people.

Herr Philip Neidert was honoured with an Honorary Membership in the Verband der Donauschwaben Canada in recognition of his 60 years of dedicated involvement.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help set the tables, put up the decorations, and contribute items for the event. A special thank you goes to Monica Anstett, Barb Schlosser Hill, and Anneise Kraehling for sorting through our Trachten and preparing them so beautifully.

September 19th – Kirchweih Save the Date; There will be an afternoon lunch with music by the SevenCastles from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Stammtisch – June 22nd 6 to 8 – Genealogy (German,

Donauschwaben, etc.) Bring your laptop and any information you have on your ancestors ie. Name, date of birth, and/or place of birth or where they lived.

Classes in the fall:

Zwetschknoedel/Plum Dumplings – September (TBD)

Pretzelknoedel – November (TBD)

Card Making – November (TBD)

If any member is interested in hosting a cooking class of a Donauschwaben or German dish, please feel free to let me know and

we can work together to set up a date. cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

Landestreffen:

The American Aid Society of German Descendants is holding the **2026 Landestreffen Mit Tanzwettbewerb**, taking place in Lake Villa, Illinois, from **September 4th through September 6th, 2026.**

Event Highlights

- **Friday, Sept 4:** Freundschaftsabend from 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM.
- **Saturday, Sept 5:** Fest grounds open at 9:00 AM, with Dance Competitions from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM in the Main Hall.
- **Sunday, Sept 6:** Festival Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by competition awards and a Jugend Party at 7:00 PM.
- **Kinderplatz:** A dedicated kids' area featuring crafts, active play, and yard games will be open daily from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Admission & Ribbons

- **Friday:** Free admission for all.
- **Weekend Admission:** \$25.00 for 2-day admission or \$15.00 for 1-day admission.
- **Complimentary Ribbons:** Children 12 and under, participating Jugendgruppe and Kindergruppe members/leaders, and Club Presidents & Spouses receive free admission.

Accommodations

The host club has secured group rates at several local hotels, including:

- **Comfort Suites Libertyville:** \$130–\$140/night (Reservations must be made by August 3rd to obtain the group rate).
- **Hampton Inn Gurnee:** \$129–\$132/night (Reservations must be made by August 4th to obtain the group rate).

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites (Pleasant Prairie, WI):** \$119/night (Reservations must be made by August 5th to obtain the group rate)
- **Courtyard by Marriott Waukegan:** \$134/night (Reservations must be made by June 1st to obtain the group rate).

Please advise club by **June 20th** if you will be attending and for which days.

Schwowishe word translation to German/English:

No using AI or the internet. Go out and talk with members. Please submit your answers by August 31st. The winner will be announced at Kirchweih.

Bis zum nächsten Mal. **Tschüss!**

Anita Schlupp Temniuk

Kulturreferentin/Cultural Director

Name:		
Schwowish	German Word	English Word
Schaffa		
Krombier		
Dabbich		
Gugg		
Zibeba		
Breschdling		
Butzele		
Noi		
Kerle		
Kukuruz		
Gwand		
Zwetschgen		
Batschi		
Gatchr		
Katsch		
Klumbe		
Umorke		
Besil		
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Landestrachtenfest









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June 14	1pm	Germany vs. Curaçao
June 18	6pm	Canada vs. Qatar
June 20	4pm	Germany vs. Côte d'Ivoire
June 24	3pm	Canada vs. Switzerland
June 25	4pm	Germany vs. Ecuador

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FRIDAY, Oct. 2
6 PM - 1 AM

LIVE MUSIC
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FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY, Oct. 4
11 AM - 4 PM

LIVE MUSIC
Edelweiss Trio

FRIDAY, Oct. 9
6 PM - 1 AM

LIVE MUSIC
Weiss Blau

SATURDAY, Oct. 10
6 PM - 1 AM

LIVE MUSIC
Weiss Blau

CORPORATE NIGHT

THURSDAY, Oct. 15
6 PM - 1 AM

LIVE MUSIC
Black Forest Band

FRIDAY, Oct. 16
6 PM - 1 AM

LIVE MUSIC
Black Forest Band

SATURDAY, Oct. 17
SOLD OUT

LIVE MUSIC
Black Forest Band

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SATURDAY
Sept. 26
6 PM - 1 AM

LIVE MUSIC
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SATURDAY
Oct. 3
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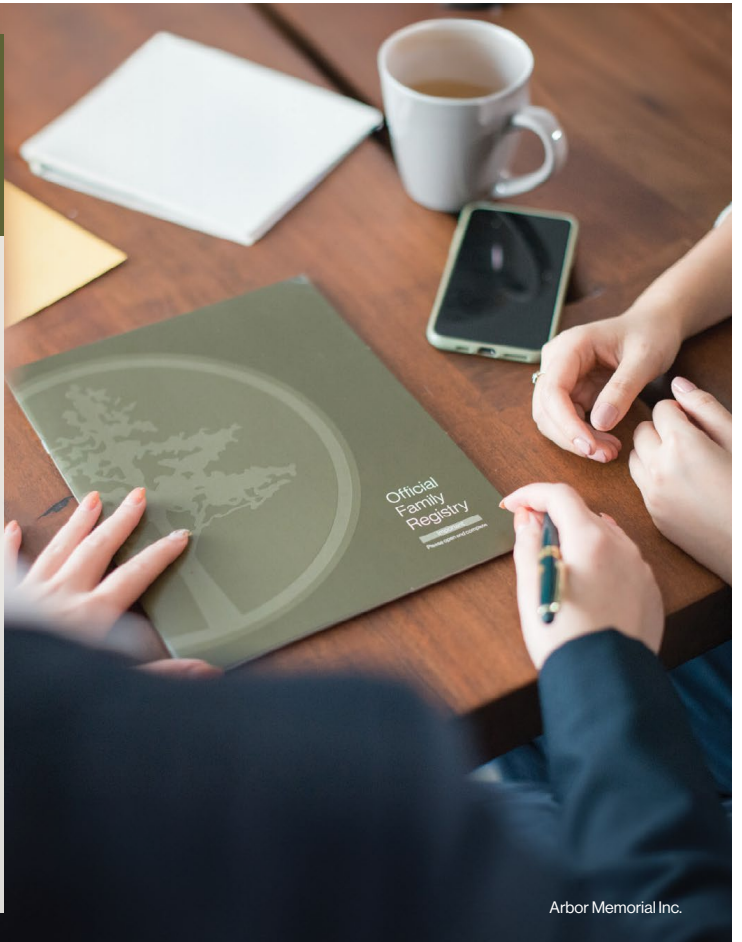
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