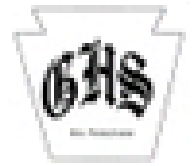




# DANK Chapter 71 German Heritage Society of Erie Mitteilungsblatt



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## President's Message:

Hello Members, summer is here and it's time for our annual picnic. We are inviting all members and our German Fest volunteers to attend. This is always a great way to come together and enjoy a great "Pot Luck" dinner. Don't worry about the meat – we have ox-roast and fried chicken on the menu. The dish you bring to share will make it a great dinner. Cost is just \$5/person and under 12 yrs. free. I hope you are planning to attend and join in a great evening.

**(note)** Plan to join in at our next meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for all volunteers (sign-up night) and we will discuss changing our monthly meeting to a more convenient time. Your opinion counts

See you soon,  
Jeff

## Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> - RAIN OR SHINE!



**Glenwood Park Picnic Grove (south end) Come anytime after 4:00 PM. Our Picnic Dinner will be shared at 6:30 PM.**

We will provide the meats (Ox-Roast/ chicken) and Iced Tea. (**Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in park.**) Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share with at least 10 people to add to the Buffet Table **Please bring your own dinner table service**

**Reservations due July 13<sup>th</sup> – Cost \$5/person, under 12 yrs. Free.**

Contact Bev at 456-9599 or [erieoma@verizon.net](mailto:erieoma@verizon.net)  
Brigitte (814) 823-3593 or [jeffandbrigitte@gmail.com](mailto:jeffandbrigitte@gmail.com)  
Don't forget to tell us what you will bring!



## Calling all Volunteers!



Our German Fest Volunteers are priceless! They help us introduce new generations to today's German culture & yesteryear's German traditions. For nineteen years, our German Fest happened with the dedication and hard work of truly appreciated volunteers! This is our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we need many volunteers – nothing new, but with the passing of members, and health issues of others, our regular number of volunteers is down! You can make a difference in keeping this event going. It is a fund raiser, which is a lot of work, but very rewarding!

Some volunteers assist before the fest during set-up, some work during the actual fest, while others choose to work after the fest during the take down effort. Volunteer opportunities during the fest include at the Admission Gate, Greeters, ID Bands, Souvenir Glasses, DANK booth, and for the Parade of Flags.

If you have a few free hours to share and would like to volunteer at German Fest, please call Bev at 456-9599 or email [ErieOma@verizon.net](mailto:ErieOma@verizon.net)





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**Picnic July 20<sup>th</sup>**

## *Bischen und Stücken - Bits and Pieces*



*Happiness is being Remembered"...*

*in our thoughts and prayers  
we send you our best wishes*

*Glenn Blodgett  
Robert & Carolyn Brabender  
Emil & Gretel Daeschner  
Beverly Pochatko  
Susan Roehrl  
Hilde Huttel (West Lake Woods)*

*If you know someone we have missed,  
please call Brigitte Chase at 520-5036.*

***Enjoy Summer...  
Fall is not far behind!*** 

### **Word of the Month: Bierernst**

In Germany, you would say you are **bierernst** ("beer serious") if you are really serious about something.

The word **bierernst** (which is an adjective) does not sound like one that you would use to express your seriousness. But it is - seriously! Someone who is **bierernst** about something is someone who is not kidding around. Germans are clearly serious about their beer - so serious, in fact, that the word "serious" is overly emphasized when combined with the word "beer".

The term can be traced back to the early 1900s. At the time, it was assumed that wine makes people act happy and relaxed, whereas beer changes someone's mood and makes them more serious. But whether or not this is the case, you can still use the word **bierernst** to express your sincerity! (*twig 4/29/16*)



The winners of the Early Bird Drawing were:

- 3rd prize: Patrick Songer  
(member of Chicago Chapter)
- 2nd prize: Douglas Weidner  
(member of Pittsburgh Chapter)
- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Kathleen Kabitzke  
(Lifetime Member)



# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual PICNIC

**DANK Members and German Fest Volunteers**

**Make reservations by July 16th**

**Wed. July 20, 2016**

**Glenwood Park Picnic Grove  
Glenwood Park Avenue  
Erie, PA 16509**

**Gathering: after 4:00 pm**

**GAMES...DOOR PRIZES ... 50/50**

**The DANK Chapter and German Fest Association will provide the meats, (Ox-Roast Sandwiches and Fried Chicken.) and iced tea.**

**Cost: \$5/person / under 12 years Free**

**Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share to add to the Buffet Table  
BYOB - Bring your own beverages  
Please bring your own dinner table service**



**RAIN OR SHINE!**



(Cut off and return)

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## PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$5/person / under 12 years Free**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ Children (12 years and under)

**I am bringing** \_\_\_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Other

**Reservation Deadline:  
July 16th**



**Return to: Beverly Pochatko  
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