



DANK Chapter 71 German Heritage Society of Erie Mitteilungsblatt



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President's Message:



At our May meeting we had a great discussion and we are trying to come up with ideas, but we need your help too. After the meeting, we enjoyed our favorite personal beverage and snacked on the Männerchor's chips while watching a slide show presentation on Historic Erie's German Roots put together by Bev Pochatko.

Soon we hope to have information on "Oma's Bus Tours" with interesting day trips coordinated by Tom & Pat Schladecker. Our picnic will on Wednesday, July 20th at the Glenwood Zoo Picnic area. Plan to attend! Watch for more information. We are planning special programs of interest for September, October, and November - more information will be in your August newsletter. Our Christmas Party still needs a coordinator but we are planning it for Sunday, December 4th at 1:00 pm.

We do miss you when you can't make it to a meeting, and we still need your help. I hope to see you on Wed. June 15th. See you soon!

Jeff



It's time to plan to attend our annual picnic for our DANK Family, Friends and Festival Volunteers Picnic.

Wednesday, July 20th



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.

MENU: 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 13th

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

Here is a favorite summer recipe that stays really crispy for 1 week (or more)

KRISPY COLE SLAW

Dressing:

½ c. white sugar

½ c. cider vinegar

½ c. water

½ tsp. celery seed (opt)

Boil together and let set until cool.

Head of cabbage, finely chopped

1 onion, finely chopped

1 sweet green pepper, finely chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Pour dressing over vegetables and mix well. Wait about 30 minutes or more for flavors to blend.

If making a larger quantity, put ice in vegetable mix to keep crisp until ready to continue with the slaw. This is a good keeper in the refrigerator as it will stay crispy and not discolor.



Bischen und Stücken - Bits and Pieces

"Happiness is being remembered"

In 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 823-3593.*



Happy Father's Day!

That awesome moment when you listen to old song and they remind you of the good old days.



Who Is A Father?

A father is a person who loves and respects you.
He is honest and he never neglects you.
He is the greatest that your eyes will ever see.
No other man like him will there ever be.
When you are in your bedroom and scared at night;
A father comes in to let you know that everything is alright.
Education is important so stay in school hanging out on the streets is not so cool.
Listen to me son, so the day you become a man.
Like me you will do everything you can.
A father is like no other man around
Another man like him can never be found

THIS IS DANK CHAPTER 71 - THE GERMAN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF ERIE!



MEETING: June 15th

Erie Männerchor Club - Diamond Room

7:00 PM Program: What is the traditional German Costume?

Dinner opt: 5:30 - Call for reservations (456-9599)

TRACHTEN – Costumes

Everyone, who doesn't really know, thinks that the type of dirndl and lederhosen worn by many at folk festivals is the only type of traditional clothing worn in Germany. Let's take a look at the meanings behind the Tracht (clothing) beginning with just the basics.

In Germany, Tracht has well defined rules that not only designate the differences in marital status – married/single; but that of social and occupational differences. The Bürgermeister would be considerably more elaborate than that of a peasant/common people; occupations meant being in a guild and it might show the position the wearer held in the guild – apprentice/journeyman/meister; or it could denote a religious affiliation.

The Tracht worn by peasants/common people would be serviceable for everyday use, but they also wore a festive Tracht for special occasions...these were considered timeless. But then in the early 20th century a movement called the "Heimatbewegung" began to make everyone aware of the fact that the somewhat timeless Tracht represented traditions of a fading world as they knew it. As standard traditional clothing was replaced by more fashionable clothing found in the cities, it was stylized and fostered by its particular region. Soon, other organizations formed not only to protect the Tracht, but the traditions they represented and yes, even patriotism.



Pomerania



Hessian Schliffenberg



Freiburg



Dachau Bavaria

Come to the meeting on Wednesday and learn more about the German Trachten.



You could win money for your summer vacation with our "Early Bird Drawing! Send your raffle tickets in now to be entered in this year's early bird drawing on July 6th - Early bird prizes are: \$150, \$100 and \$50 respectively!

If you don't win in the early bird you are still eligible for our main drawing on December 5th (St. Nikolas Day) for \$1500, \$750, \$350 or \$175!

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20! Additional tickets available from Bev Pochatko



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FIRST CLASS MAIL



FLAG DAY

Meeting: June 14th



Summer Membership Drive



Now is a good time to introduce family members and friends to DANK. At the special price of \$20 (\$25 with spouse), College students are \$5, they will enjoy 6 months of membership in the largest German cultural organization; receive four bimonthly issues of the *German American Journal Magazine*; and join in our social activities. Applications available at the meeting or from Bev Pochatko, Membership Chair or on-line at www.DANK.org



Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars: June 15; July 20 (Picnic), Aug 17, Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 18, and Dec 4th (Christmas Party).

