

Schlachtfest 2011!

It's not too late to reserve your table and tickets and come celebrate Schlachtfest with the UDoM! This Saturday, January 22nd, join us at 6pm for a monumental buffet consisting of roast pork, sarma, bratwurst & blutwurst, a schlacht plate (served cold), dumplings and gravy, red cabbage, hot vegetables and homemade deserts including krapfen. including wonderful program put on by our Kultur, Jugend, and Kindergruppe. Starting at 8pm, enjoy the music of Johnny Hoffman und Die Herzbuben. Throughout the night you will be entertained by dance performances by the UDoM Jugend and Kulturgruppenes as well as performances by our Chicago friends: The American Aid Society of German Decendants and the Chicago Donauschwaben. We even have a very special surprise in store for you — a collaborative dance we have been working on with participants from all four groups to be performed especially for you! Tickets are selling fast so call now! For ticket reservations, please contact Theresa Siladi @ 262/879-0522. Cost is \$30 per person. See you there!

Congratulations...

...to Becca Borowski who has once again landed one of the lead rolls in the Sussex Hamilton High School Musical! Becca is a member of the UDoM Jugend and Kulturgruppe. This years production is *Little Shop of Horrors* — A rock musical about a nerdish florist who finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant. The production runs February 10 – February 13, 2011. For ticket information, call 262/246-6471, ext. 1552. Tickets at will call. Prices are \$8/adults, \$5/students and seniors. Sunday's matinee has two for one admission for senior citizens.

Upcoming Events:

- **UDoM Jugendgruppe Card Party**
The Schwabenhof
Sunday, February 6, 12pm
THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED
- **Schwabenhof Card Party**
The Schwabenhof
Sunday, February 20, 12pm
Free Admission, \$2 donation to play
- **Jaegerball Dinner Dance**
The Schwabenhof
Saturday, March 5, 6pm
For Tickets Contact:
Theresa Siladi 262-879-0522
- **UDoM Senior Card Party**
The Schwabenhof
Sunday, March 6, 12pm
Free Admission, \$2 donation to play

Our Condolences...

Deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Maria Bayer, member and supporter of the UDoM, who passed away in December. She will be missed.

Paul Kovac Sr. passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 30, 2010, at the age of 84. Loving husband of Marie (nee Strasser) for 63 years. Beloved father of Paul Jr. and Heidi (Steve) Cortese. Ota of Angela and Jason Cortese. Brother-in-law of Simon (Maryann) Strasser. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Paul was a member of the UDoM Seniors' and the Jaegerverein.

Magdalena Birmily (Nee Stahl) was born to Eternal Life on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Josef Thomann and the late Adam Birmily. Loving mother of Anna (the late Paul) Stahl, Elizabeth (the late Michael) Pfeiffer, John (Mary Ann) Birmily and Martin (Maria) Thomann. Loving grandmother to 11 grandchildren and proud great-grandmother to 19 great grandchildren. Magdalena was a member and supporter of the UDoM.

Best wishes for a healthy and speedy recovery to UDoM members John Kolupar and Helga Momirov who have both recently undergone hip replacement surgery.

For Future Reference

As many of you know, the UDoM Club Christmas Party was postponed on Sunday, December 12 and rescheduled for Saturday, December 18 due to the bad weather conditions on the originally scheduled date. This was the first cancellation of a UDoM event due to snow in our clubs history and therefore a plan of action was not set into place for such an occurrence. For future reference, if the UDoM feels that it is not in the best interest or safety of the club or it's members to hold a scheduled event, this information will be found on the following mediums:

Television: "All daytime/evening events at the Schwabenhof — Cancelled" will appear on channels WTMJ-4, FOX-6, WISN-12, and CBS-58.

Web: If you are on the mailing list for the UDoM Donauquelle, you will get an email as soon as event has been called off. If you follow the UDoM on Facebook, the cancellation will also be posted on our page.

UDoM Groups: If you are a member of a UDoM group, your group leader will be notified of any changes in the event schedule.

"True love stories never have endings."

— Richard Bach

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UDoMmilwaukee.com
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What would you like to hear more about? E-mail me at:
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German-American HISTORY 101

Today we remember St. Johannes Nepomuk Neumann, or more widely known as St. John Neumann. This great man and German-American Saint was born in Bohemia in 1811.

John was very kind and generous boy, he lived his life like any other child of his time with his four sisters and a brother. His father Philip, a native of Bavaria, Germany, owned a small stocking mill. He was also an official in their small village. His mother Agnes was a Czech, and a devout Catholic woman who attended Mass daily. Young John Neumann was a fantastic student who loved to read and truly enjoyed learning.

His schooling began in Prachatitz and continued after he was twelve in the town of Budweis, where he attended high school and a philosophical institute. John went on to spend two years at the Catholic Seminary in Budweis before transferring to the University of Prague, where in 1835 he completed his studies. His academic record was excellent, and he had an amazing talent for mastering languages.

In addition to his native German, he spoke Bohemian, Italian, Spanish, Greek and Latin. In Prague he continued his language studies and became fluent in English and French. It didn't stop there. In later life, he even taught himself Gaelic in order to minister to Irish-American immigrants.

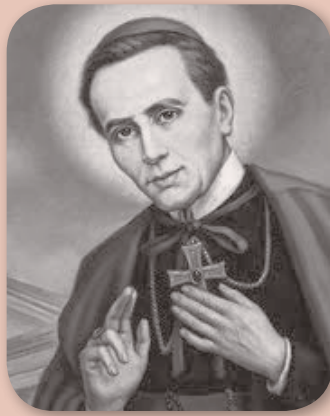
In 1835, John was ready to become a priest, but was informed by the Bishop that there would be no further ordinations for quite some time. It seemed that Bohemia was overstocked with priests. John wrote to bishops all over Europe but the story was the same everywhere he applied, no one wanted any more priests. John was sure he was called to be a priest but all the doors to follow that vocation seemed to be closed. John didn't give up, after much correspondence, he finally found opportunity in America.

John arrived in Manhattan, New York in June of 1836 where John Dubois the Bishop of New York welcomed him and soon ordained him into the priesthood. The Bishop immediately sent him to minister to the German-speaking immigrants who were clearing forests up north near Niagara Falls. Twelve years later, John Neumann was naturalized as a citizen of the U.S and was soon appointed with the high honor of Bishop of Philadelphia. He chose the motto of "Passion of Christ strengthen me" in his Coat of Arms.

As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system in America. As founder of Catholic education in the U.S.A, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100, and the number of parochial school students in his diocese grew from 500 to 9,000. He also introduced the School Sisters of Notre Dame to North America to assist in religious instruction and staffing the orphanage. He also established the first Italian National Church and preached to them in their native language at a time when there were no Italian priests available in America.

John went on to write many important Catholic newspaper and magazine articles in German and English. He also published two catechisms and a Bible history in the German Language. John introduced many teaching orders to the United States, accomplishing so much for such a short time on earth.

Sadly in 1860, John Neumann died due to a stroke at the young age of 48 while walking down a street in Philadelphia. His hard work and devotion to Christ would not be forgotten. On June 19, 1977 he was canonized by Pope Paul VI, and became the first American Bishop, male, and German-American to be honored as such. Catholics celebrate his feast day on January 5th. John's final resting place is located at the The National Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



WEISHEIT *des Monats*

Backe backe Kuchen.

Bake, bake a cake.

Der Bäcker hat gerufen.

The baker calls out.

Wer will guten Kuchen backen,

Whoever wants to bake a good cake

Der muss haben sieben Sachen.

Needs seven ingredients.

Eier und Salz.

Eggs and salt.

Butter und Schmalz.

Butter and lard.

Milch und Mehl.

Milk and flour.

Safran macht den Kuchen gelb.

Saffron makes the cake yellow.

Schwabenhof N.Y.E.

Thank you to all that attended the UDoM's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance at The Schwabenhof on December 31st. The event was a huge success and attendees celebrated the New Year with a bang. The festivities included an excellent buffet dinner of New York Strip Steak, Duck Legs, Fried Shrimp and all the trimmings. The music of Johnny Hoffman und Die Herzbuben was enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening was the count down to midnight with party favors and a champagne toast.

New Arrivals!

Congratulations to UDoM Kulturgruppe members (and first-time parents) Adam and Moni Weil on the birth of their twins! Morgan Marie (5lbs., 4oz., 18") and Joshua Adam (6lbs., 1oz., 19") were born on December 15th, 2010.



FEATURED GERMAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION

Donauschwaben Society in Chicago Landesverband der Donauschwaben, USA

Founded by poor and homeless immigrants who came to the United States hoping for a better life, the members of the Society of the Danube Swabians of the USA wanted to provide support to senior citizens in their community, reduce juvenile delinquency by providing supervised program activities for the youth and children in the community, and they wanted to reach out into the community with public welfare activities. With such goals in mind, programs and services were created.

Weekend Classes

The society supports an active weekend school where children from Kindergarten through 8th grade can go to learn the German language.

Children Services

Children ages 3-13 can join the children's folk dance group where the children learn some traditional folk dances and songs and also about the German culture. In addition to performing at fundraising events and local community events, the children are also involved in community service. The children visit area nursing homes, support a local self-help closet and food pantry, and they organize an annual toy collection for the needs of the community.

Youth Services

Created in 1953, the youth group program gives high school aged youth a stable and safe socializing environment. Like the children, the youth participate and serve in the community and Society events. They've learned to be host and guest in ongoing youth exchange programs at the national and international level.

Senior Citizen's Services

Every Wednesday of the month the center opens its doors to the retired people from the community where they have a chance to enjoy a delicious meal and see films or play cards.

In addition to these programs and services, the Society of the Danube Swabians of the USA also have a library and museum that are open to the public. The museum holds authentic household items, tools and furniture as well as an assortment of dolls dressed in traditional costumes from the different region in which the Danube Swabians lived. The library has a collection of books depicting the history of the towns in which the Danube Swabians settled in the Pannonian Basin and lived for 200 years. There is also research material on the immigration of the settlers from Germany, Alsace-Lorraine, and Austria in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

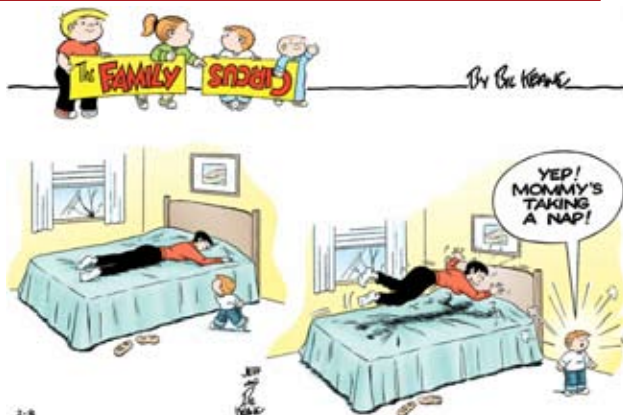
If you are interested in any more information about the Society of the Danube Swabians of the USA you can visit their website at www.donauchicago.com or call the society at (847) 296-6172.

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Practice Generosity

Do whatever
You can do
To benefit others,
Practice daily,
Practice often,
And good deeds
Will become
The sweet music
Of your life.

— K. S. Hardy



Wisconsin Winter

It's winter in Wisconsin
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour
At thirty-five below.

Oh, how I love Wisconsin
When the snow's up to your butt
You take a breath of winter
And your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful
So I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave Wisconsin
Cuz I'm frozen to the ground!



Gugelhupf Bierkuchen (German Beer Cake) Recipe

1 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup butter
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. all spice
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup chopped dates
2 eggs
1/2 tsp. cloves
2 1/2 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
12 oz. beer

- 1.) Combine brown sugar and butter in large mixing bowl. Cream until smooth and well blended. Add eggs one at a time and beat after each addition.
- 2.) Sift flour, cinnamon, all spice, cloves, baking powder and salt together. Dust walnuts and dates with a small amount of the flour mixture.
- 3.) Add remaining four mixture alternating with beer to the creamed butter and blend well after each addition.
- 4.) Remove batter from mixer, stir in nuts and dates. Spoon into a prepared bundt pan. Bake at 350 for 50-60 minutes. Enjoy!

Recipe Submitted By: Resi Potnek

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Europe Trip Info
Meeting @ 7:00pm

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UDoM Fravengruppe/
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UDoM Europe Coordination Meeting

@ The Schwabenhof (N56 W14750 Silver Spring Rd.)
Tues., February 1, 7pm

The next Europe Trip Meeting will take place on this date. Come join us to find out all the information you will need to know in order to plan your trip with us to Europe in 2012! Committees have been formed, so if you are interested in taking part in the planning of the trip please be sure to attend this meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Schwabenhof Card Party

@ The Schwabenhof (N56 W14750 Silver Spring Rd.)
Sun., February 20, 12pm

Stop by The Schwabenhof for their annual card party. Get ready for a few rounds of Sheephead, 7-up or a card game of your choice — The lucky ones will get to pick out a table prize! Admission is free and there is a \$2 donation to play. Lunch will be available for purchase along with coffee and a variety of desserts. Come hungry and ready to play!

Rheinischer Verein Gala Masquerade Ball

@ The Crowne Plaza Hotel (6401 S. 13th St., Milw.)
Sat., February 26, 7pm

Join the Rheinischer Verein at their Gala Masquerade Ball with S. T. Prinz Hansi I. & I. L. Prinzessin Peggy Ann I. Doors open at 7pm, music by Johnny Hoffmann and his Herzbuben Willi Wessels and Kevin Oestreich starts at 8:11pm. Special guests include the Muller Fasching Verein. Admission is \$12 donation or \$5 for students with I.D. Great prizes for best costumes — first prize is \$100 cash!

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