

Congratulations...

... to high school graduates Taylor Zuber (*Whitnall High School*), Ryan Hedrickson (*Sussex Hamilton High School*), Kelly Lachmund (*Brookfield East High School*) and Christian Sipl (*Milwaukee Hamilton High School*) — all members of the UDoM Jugendgruppe.

... to UDoM Jugend and Kulturgruppe member Michael Hutz, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola University with a double major in Biology and Religious Studies and a minor in Bio-Ethics.

... to UDoM Kulturgruppe member Amber Voss, who graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa with a BA in Business Management and German Studies.

... to UDoM club member and current choreographer of the Jugendgruppe Joseph Rohmann, who graduated from Concordia University with a Masters of Education in Professional Counseling.

... to Walter and Katie Heim, who celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on May 16th!

German Inspired

Forgotten beginnings. Milwaukee's Summerfest was conceived in the 1960s by then-mayor Henry W. Maier. Inspired by his visit to Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, Maier envisioned a similar ethnic-themed festival in Milwaukee, and in 1962 formed a panel of business and civic leaders to study the feasibility of a large-scale summer festival. By the middle of the decade, the panel drew up a proposal for a 10-day multi-event festival with the proposed name of *Milwaukee World Festival*, which was changed briefly in 1966 to *Juli Spass* (German for "July Fun") and then to *Summerfest*.

In later years, Mayor Henry Maier challenged Milwaukee's local German-American community during a speech on May 20th, 1980, at the 20th Anniversary of the German American National Congress (DANK) to organize a German festival, which today is known as Milwaukee Famous *German Fest*.

— From "German Wisconsin" on Facebook

We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the Schwabenhof grounds and pavillion for the UDoM Father's Day Picnic. Saturday, May 28th and Saturday, June 4th are heavy clean-up days. Raking, sweeping, pulling weeds, window cleaning, fixing picnic tables are just some of the tasks! Days start at 8:30am and go until about noon. Hardwork will be rewarded with cold beverages after all the work has been done!

German-American HISTORY 101

Today we remember Fussville, Wisconsin. Predominantly settled by Germans in the mid 1830's. The town of Fussville was named after its German Settlers — Henry and Christina Fuss, who came to the area from Germany in the year 1844. Their last surviving daughter Clara Fuss passed away at the home of her daughter in 1927 following a prolonged illness. She had been married to Mr. C. G. Birkhauser who was also a son of a German pioneer family. In the present time, many of the descendants of these original German settlers still reside around the area of Menomonee Falls and are very proud of their connection to the region's local history.



The most precious landmark that remains is St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Appleton Avenue. Founded during Fussville's early years, as it did in the past, it still serves the local Catholic Community. The church is a true masterpiece — it is believed to be a replica of a church in Trier, Germany from where many of the German Settlers originated from. A stone block over the main entry way of the church still bares the name St. Anton's, the German version of the name Anthony.

The German Farmers of Fussville were known to be exceedingly thrifty and very successful. These families were well known for having some of the finest farms in the county. A wonderful farmhouse that still stands is the home of Mr. Michael Wick a locally famous settler who was born in Baden, Germany. Mr. Wick immigrated with his parents to America in 1847 and became a citizen in 1856. He owned 60 acres of Section 15 and 20 acres of Lot 24 in 1873 and owned 93.75 acres of Section 24. During the Civil War, he served with the 3rd infantry Company D-Milwaukee and lost his life in combat on June 8, 1865.

Another prominent member of Fussville was German-American Artist Conrad Schmitt. Mr. Schmitt was born in Fussville in 1867 and died in 1840. Conrad Schmitt Studios was founded in 1888 and still thrives in the present day, now located in New Berlin, WI. In addition to conservation and restoration, the Studio has designed and created art, glass, and interiors for buildings of architectural and historic significance throughout the country and abroad, including basilicas, cathedrals, churches, synagogues, theaters, train stations, hotels, universities, state capitols, and government buildings.

Another Fussville landmark is the North Hills Country Club. Created in 1928 on a 127 acre tract known as the Charles Fuss Farm. An 18 hole golf course was established. The large wooded areas, rolling fields, and the Menomonee River meandering across the property provided scenic beauty as well as natural hazards. In October of 1929, a Board of Directors was elected, a membership roster of 350 was filled and the Menomonee Golf Club was established. The first game of golf was played on the new North Hills Country Club Course on Sunday, July 13th, 1930. Sadly, Fussville was annexed by the Village of Menomonee Falls, 1950-1960. Hopefully the location where Fussville once stood, will be considered a worthwhile location for a Wisconsin State Historical Marker in order to preserve the memory of this very special place in Wisconsin's German Settlement and American History.

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June Meeting
@ 7:30pm

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UDoM General
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UDoM Seniors'
June Meeting
@ 1pm

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June 2011
event calendar

WEISHEIT des Monats

“Wer die Wahl hat hat die Qual.”
“He who has choices is tortured.”

UDoM Father's Day Picnic

@ The Schwabenhof (N56 W14750 Silver Spring Rd.)

Sun., June 19, 10:30am mass, 12pm lunch, 2pm aufmarsch

Join the UDoM for their traditional Father's Day Picnic and treat your vati or opa to an afternoon of fun. The day begins with a special mass at 10:30am and the kitchen opens at 12pm — offering our famous Donauschwaben bratwurst, spanferkel, roasted chicken and more! The aufmarsch begins at 2pm followed by performances by the UDoM Kinder, Jugend and Kulturgruppe and culminates with the crowning of the 2011 Miss Donauschwaben. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening dancing your heart out to the musical stylings of Johnny Hoffmann and the Herzbuben. See you there!

Summerfest

@ Maier Festival Park

Thurs., June 29 – Sun., July 3, Tues., July 5 – 10

Make sure to stop by one of the Cedar Crest Ice Cream Cart's located throughout the park. UDoM members that are fundraising for the UDoM Europe Trip in 2012 would greatly appreciate your support! If you are interested in volunteering a shift or two at the carts, please contact Mary Ann MacGillis @ 414/578-2741 or Hildy Siladi @ 262/794-0455.

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