



Gebirgstrachten Erhaltung Verein "Edelweiß", Detroit

Wegweiser

October 2013

The holiday season is fast approaching...

Greetings!

I've heard about the wonderful time had by all at the Heimatabend. I was out of town that weekend and not able to attend, but everyone said they truly enjoyed the evening and that there was a very attentive audience. What a great way to kick off the fall season.

A huge thank you to Karin Dean for her beautiful article and pics about the Gaufest this past June. Please be sure to read it from start to finish so you can relive this event. If you were not able to attend, it'll make you feel as though you were there. Congratulations to all our dancers!

Holy cowboy boots! Can you believe this year is the **13th annual** hoedown? The day after Thanksgiving (Friday, November 29) will once again be the date for our annual Hoedown. A flyer and details is inside. Grab your cowboy hat and boots and join the fun!

As you already know, we are moving

away from sending out newsletters via the postal service. If you have an email address, we would appreciate you sending an email to:

gtevedelweiss@yahoo.com

Once we receive your email, we add you to our list and when the newsletter is ready, we send you an email with the link to go directly to our website to view it. You can print it out on your own if necessary. This effort will save us a huge amount on printing and mailing costs. Thank you.

As always, if you have anything you would like to have me print in the newsletter or if you have questions you need answered, you can contact me. You may either email me at gtevedelweiss@yahoo.com or call me at (586) 677-0432.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season,

Michelle Uebrueck
Editor

News
For And About The Membership

.....Sick members: Terri Carpentier, Hermine Jensen, Rolf Fruehauf, Anne Schroeder.

.....If you haven't paid your 2013 membership dues yet, they are now due. You may send them **(\$15)** to Sharon Walker, 1821 Welling Dr., Troy, MI 48098 - or you may give them to her at a meeting.

.....September free membership winner: Dieter Achilles (not present). October winner: Erwin Rauschendorfer (not present).

24. Gaufest a Great Experience

By Karin Dean-Kraft

Over forty members of GTEV Edelweiss Detroit joined 1600 other Trachtler from the US, Canada, and Germany for a four-day celebration of music, song, dance, and Tracht. Edelweiss was one of nearly 70 Vereine that attended the 24. Gaufest held at the Kalahari Resort outside Cleveland. Our Patenkind, STV Bavaria, hosted the event.

Edelweiss members are involved in just about aspect of the Gaufest. The church service, with 700 people in beautiful Tracht and 70 flags on either side of the altar, was moving. Our singers and musicians were among the nearly 100 from throughout the Gauverband who performed at the mass held before the banquet.



As Gaumusikwart, Rick Michels directed the music. The Heimatabend on Friday was also under Rick's direction. For over an hour, the audience was treated to musical and vocal talents from throughout the Gauverband. Our own Siasswasser Tanzmusi and Laurissi Zwoagsang performed.



The rest of the evening was devoted to folk dancing, with music played alternately by Edelweiss's Siasswasser Tanzmusi and an ensemble from the Volkstanzgruppe Enzian of Newark, Delaware. The many visitors on hand from Bavaria said that the evening was equal to those they sponsor: high praise indeed.

Another high point of the weekend was the dance competition. A total of 140 couples competed in Einzelpreisplatteln in eight age groups. We had nine competitors. Andrea Edelhauser with Kevin Walker and Renee Edelhauser with Paul Schwalbe were in the 16-34 age group with a total of 65 couples. Their finish in the top fifteen among such tough competition was outstanding. In the 35-49 age group, Anita Knoll and her partner from BHTV Golden Gate San Francisco placed 4th out of 17. In the 50-59 age group, Annette Edelhauser and Roger Kraft placed 4th out of 11. Finally, Andy and Janet Seefried placed 6th in the 60-plus category. Paul, Renee, Annette, and Janet were first-time participants. Everyone practiced hard for the half year leading up to the competition and did a great job! "Vergelt's Gott" to Rick for playing for all the couples.



Both of our Patenkinder Vereine were terrific in Gruppenpreisplatteln, with STV Bavaria taking first place and SG Edelweiss St. Paul coming in second. Throughout the weekend, clubs also performed Ehrentänze, with Edelweiss doing an outstanding "Sterntanz."

The Gaufest was a great opportunity to visit with Trachtenkameraden, make music, and dance into the late hours. Our love of Bavarian traditions has grown over the years, and we are proud to be Edelweiss and Gauverband members. Many thanks to our fellow Edelweiss members for voting to pay for our Gaufest tickets so that so many could participate in this great weekend.

Treu dem guten alten Brauch!

13th Annual “Edelweiss” Hoe Down

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th
8:00pm — 12:00am**

**LAZY J RANCH
625 South Hickory Ridge Rd.
Milford, MI 48380-1501
248-887-1551**

**I-96 to Exit#155 Milford
Turn heading North on to Milford Road
4.2 miles to General Motors Road
Turn left on to GM Road
2.4 miles to Hickory Ridge Road
Turn right on to Hickory Ridge Road
3.6 miles to the Lazy J Ranch
The Lazy J Ranch is located on the east
side of Hickory Ridge Road**

**Bring your own drinks
and a appetizer to share
\$15 per person
Contact Chrissy Walker for reservations
248. 765. 4042**

Club Calendar

2013

October

27 Dance practice

November

6 Committee Meeting

10 Gedachtnismesse, St.
Clement of Rome, Romeo

December

8 Christmas Program 2 PM
Carpathia Club

2014

January

8 Committee Meeting

13 Dance Practice & Election Meet-
ing

25 Anniversary Dinner—Jovan's

26 Dance Practice

February

5 Committee Meeting

9 Dance Practice & Meeting (Tracht)

23 Dance Practice

All dance practices and monthly meetings

are held in the **GACC room** at the

Carpathia Club

3800 Utica Road

Sterling Heights, MI 48312

(586) 978-2292

Monthly meetings start at 3:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays

October

Dieter Achilles

Albert Beuchel

Hedwig Eder

Anita Knoll

Manfred Nitsche

Leo Novak

Ryan Porter

Anna Marie

Rauschendorfer

Franz Sinz

Hubert Turner



November

Phil Carpentier

Renee Edelhauser

Rolf Fruehauf

Susan Hoshield

Barb Rauschendorfer

Richarda Ritterhaus

Paul Schwalbe

Anna Stano

Lauren Uebrueck

Christina Walker

Rachel Winquest

December

Vibeke Achilles

Michael Barrett

Karin Dean-Kraft

Pamela Gassel

Robert Gracin

Stanley Lichota

Rita Miltner

Janice Naus

Jutta Nitsche

Anton Patzelt

Ludwig Putz

Donald Schultz

Andreas Seefried

Toni Tuttle

Paula Uebrueck

Fred Walker

Elisabeth Zeller

January

Therese Carpentier

Joe DeBons

Maria Edelhauser

Dorothy Kainz

Hilda Langegger

Rick Michels

Erica Priemer

Horst Uebrueck



Don't forget!!

Bring a side dish or dessert for the
Gedachtnismesse AND bring a raffle
prize and a homemade dessert for our
Christmas Program!

Important News!

Gedachtnismesse

Sunday, November 10 at 2 PM

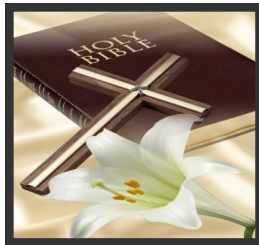
St. Clement of Rome, 343 South Main Street, Romeo, MI

(on Van Dyke, between 31 and 32 Mile Roads)

RSVP required—please call **586-945-2129** by **November 1, 2013**.

Cost is \$8 per person

Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.



A moment of silence was held at our
October meeting for member

Joe Stano

who passed away on
September 7, 2013.



Andrea and Renee Edelhauser

Gaufest 2013



Christmas Program

Sunday, December 8
2 PM at Carpathia Club

To order a meal and RSVP, please call Anni Porter at 248-515-4159 by December 1, 2013.
Dinner is \$15 (\$7.50 for under 12) for pork roast, beans, mashed potatoes, salad, and mostaccioli.
Cash bar is available.

Don't forget to bring a dessert to share along with a raffle prize!