



Introducing...

As the colors of the fall season change, so does the leadership of some of our appointed board positions. After some 20 years of being the UDoM Chorleiter for both the Jugend and the Kinder, Reinhold Hutz is stepping down from his position and passing the torch onto Kristel Metsig. Kristel was recently crowned our 2011 Miss Donauschwaben, is a member of the UDoM Kulturgruppe, and you may recognize her as the voice and accordion in both Talisman and Milwaukee Blaskapelle. Reinhold will be helping her with the transition and Kristel says she can't wait to get started and that she has some exciting ideas in mind!

Also passing the torch is the Jugendgruppe leadership of Sue Kolupar and Rosie Potnek. After 10 years as leaders, the duo is going out on a high note after bringing home the 1st Place Dr. Awender award over Labor Day Weekend. Carol Gdula will be taking over as Jugendgruppe Instructor with the help of Mark and Jenny Meyer. Carol is a former Kinder, Jugend and Kulturgruppe Member from what she refers to as "back in the day" and is very excited to be returning as a leadership role. Mark and Jenny are current members of the Kulturgruppe and are looking forward to working with Carol as well as the kids in the Jugendgruppe. Congratulations to the former leaders on a job well done and to the incoming leaders on their new positions!

Thank You, Thank You...

... to all the UDoM members and friends of the club that helped to make our Father's Day Picnic, multiple booths at Germanfest, and the Schwabenhof Oktoberfest such a success! The hardwork and preparation that goes on behind the scenes so that all of these events come together does not go unnoticed. Everything you did was very much appreciated.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you,
The UDoM Officers

- Submitted by Mary Bittner

Bringing Home the Gold

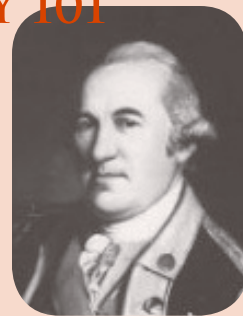
Over Labor Day weekend, 2011, twenty-seven members of the Milwaukee Donauschwaben Youth Group competed against youth from six other groups across the country to win the coveted Dr. Awender prize. This competition occurs every three years and Milwaukee has not won first prize since 1976. We congratulate our youth and their former leaders, Sue Kolupar, Rosie Potnek, and Reinhold

Hutz, and choreographer, Joe Rohmann. More details regarding this competition and the entire weekend will be in next month's issue.

Article submitted by Irene Hutz



German-American HISTORY 101



Today we remember Baron Friedrich Wilhelm Ludolf Gerhard Augustin von Steuben. Better known to most of us as General von Steuben, a great German-American who helped our country win the Revolutionary War. It was von Steuben, who in the words of Alexander Hamilton, "introduced into the army a regular formation and exact discipline." General von Steuben was born in 1730 in Magdeburg, Germany as the son of an officer in the army of Frederick the Great. At the age of 16 von Steuben entered the Prussian army and displayed such outstanding ability that he soon became a member of the Prussian general staff and the title of Baron was conferred on him. He offered his services to the American colonies after the Revolution had begun. In Paris he met with Benjamin Franklin who was seeking support for American independence. He offered his services as a volunteer, requesting only a guarantee of his expenses and commissions for his two aides. He met with George Washington who was encamped at Valley Forge. On the way to Valley Forge, German-American farmers gave the Prussian general a hearty ovation and welcome as they lined along the roadsides. General Washington was impressed by von Steuben's military ability and experience, they became lifelong friends. In 1778 he wrote a book of military regulations called the Blue Book, still in use by our present day Army. After the Revolution, von Steuben constructed plans for the founding of a military academy, laying the ground work for West Point. General von Steuben wasn't just a soldier, but also well known as a gentleman and man of high culture. As a reward for his services the Congress granted him 16,000 acres of land near Utica, New York. He became the first President of The German Society of New York, a German-American organization designed to help recent immigrants in New York and still in existence today. Over the past two centuries, many monuments have been erected; one fine example is the Bronze Statue of the General that stands in Milwaukee's Washington Park. In Philadelphia, New York and Chicago, parades are held each year to serve as a tribute to the service he provided to our country.

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**"Wer in der Ernte nicht hilft schneiden,
"He who doesn't help mow/cut the harvest,
muss im Winter Hunger leiden."
must go hungry in the winter."**

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23 30	24 Happy Halloween 31	25	26	27	28	29 UDoM Kirchweih Dance @ 7pm	

German-American Day 2011

@ The Schwabenhof (N56 W14750 Silver Spring Rd.)

Sun., Octoberfest 2nd, 1:30-4:30pm

Celebrates more than 320 years of German immigration and culture in the U.S. presented by the German-American Societies of Milwaukee. Performances featuring German song, dance and music. Traditional schnitzel dinner included. Witness the coronation of the 2011-2012 Miss German-American Societies Queen. Program begins at 2pm with the grand entry and parade of flags. Admission \$20 (Under 10 \$15) For reservations call 414/778-2373.

UDoM Kirchweih Dance

@ The Schwabenhof (N56 W14750 Silver Spring Rd.)

Sat., October 29th, 7pm-12am

Join the UDoM Kindergruppe as they celebrate Kirchweih. Bid on the straus, dance the night away to music by Talisman and enjoy performances by the UDoM Kinder, Jugend, and Kulturgruppe. Bratwurst, sandwiches and bakery will be available for purchase. For more information or reservations contact MaryAnn MacGillis @ 414/378-8334.

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