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Frankfort-Mokena Germanic Heritage Society

### Chapter South and Southwest Suburbs

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A few of the winners of the costume contest at Fasching 2009

## Fröhliche Ostern!



## Happy Easter!

Eddy and Heidi Walther  
march in the costume  
parade at Fasching



Anita Walther  
wishes everyone a  
happy Valentine's  
Day at this year's  
Fasching



For more Fasching 2009 pictures, turn to page 5!

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER****Bill Schmidt, President**

It was so nice to see so many of our members at our recent events and it was especially nice to see members return and share their opinions for the well-being of the club. We always welcome members, new and old, and those interested in joining our group. This club is for all our people. Through the hard work of our building and decorating committees and the kitchen and bar staff, the feeling of "gemütlichkeit" is apparent. I would like to personally thank all who have donated their time and energy to make this club and these events inviting and successful. As a group we are always welcoming and appreciating anyone who contributes to making the work easier by sharing the load. Remember also, we

welcome everyone to our monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month where we plan our next events followed by Open House Social Hour. With more member involvement, the easier and faster our work gets done and the best part – fun with friends – can be enjoyed by all. We look forward to seeing you all at the Maifest also known as the German Heritage Festival in Frankfort on May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**Bill Schmidt was a "barrel of fun" at this year's Fasching!**

**SECRETARY'S WRITINGS****Marianne Dietz, Correspondence Secretary**

We had a busy winter season and the weather did not keep us from having a great time! Fasching, as always, is a "lustig" time for all. The costumes are always creative and entertaining. Congratulations to the winners: Men: Bill Schmidt and Gail Knight; Women: Doris Speer and Marlene Tengolics; Kids: Heidi Walthier and Mardi Gras Girl; Masked Boy and Eddy Walthier; Couples: Michael & Rebecca Haller and Medieval Couple.

The Armin Homann 45<sup>th</sup> Radio Anniversary Show was also a great hit! We enjoyed music and entertainment by Connie Singer, Harry Wuchtig, Cherie and the Zillertaler Sound Duo. Congratulations Armin! Best Wishes and continued success for another 45 years of bringing German and Austrian music to America.

Special thanks to this season's hard working members and jobs well done: Bill Schmidt (Hummel case and wall trim), Danny Harfmann (wall trim and bar); Event Decorations: Anita Walthier, Christine Walthier, Doris & Gail Knight, Charlie Noles, Mellanie Trachsel, Danny Harfmann, Bill Schmidt, Edith Saurer and Linda Wilson. Kitchen: Paula Malloy, Richard Ach, Kathy Fandl, Bill Schmidt, Linda Wilson, Edith Saurer, Marianne Dietz. Bar: Gary Dietz, Danny Harfmann, Kris Kruss, Mike Konrath, Adolf Fandl; Tickets: Anita Walthier, Adolf Fandl, Nancy Moser, Christine Walthier, Marianne Dietz; Maintenance/Setup/Cleanup: Martin Walthier, Danny Harfmann, Bill Schmidt. Private Party Volunteers: Gary Dietz, Marianne Dietz, Danny Harfmann, Kathy Kruss, Mike Konrath.

*Marianne L. Dietz*

**— DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISIONS —**

Any articles or announcements to be entered in the next newsletter must be submitted by May 8th. Items will be printed subject to review by the editor. Items may be submitted by either giving a hard copy to the editor (Jamie Viebach) or Marianne Dietz, or submitting the text to the editor at [jamie@viebach.net](mailto:jamie@viebach.net).

## **50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NEWS!**

In preparation for our Gala Ball and National Convention, we would like to encourage our members to advertise in our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program. In doing so, you will not only help our DANK Chapter Chicago South but also help to spread your message to the German-American community. More details on how you can make a memorable contribution to come.

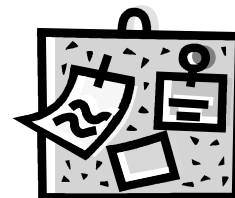


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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Guten Tag! By joining DANK, we have elected to become part of a nationally recognized organization with 50 years of activities, education, and promotion of German heritage and culture. Some of the benefits of DANK membership include:

- A sense of community
- Special chapter and national activities
- A bi-monthly German-American newsletter
- Networking opportunities
- Special travel offers, visa cards, and language classes



Besides our anniversary, DANK South is also hosting the DANK National Convention in November. Our Chapter's opportunity to participate in decision and policy-making is directly affected by the number of PAID chapter memberships. If you have not yet paid your current dues, please do so ASAP. Help us grow strong!

**Welcome New Members!** Rosemarie Lotspeich, Kurt Gruenert, Benny Store, Michael and Sandy Murray, Michael and Rebecca Haller, Jennifer Weiss, Roland Schiebe, Tanya Guntermann-Eaker and Erna Friedl.

Vielen Dank!

*Mellanie Trachsel*, Membership Chair

Do you know someone who would like to join our club?  
Contact Mellanie at 708-672-4998 for an application.

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## **MEMBERSHIP PINS**

If you have been a member with DANK for 25 years or more, we would like to acknowledge and congratulate you for being a long-standing member of DANK with an Anniversary membership pin. Please call Mellanie Trachsel to RSVP and receive your pin at our next club function. Pins will not be mailed.

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**HILFE BITTE! (PLEASE HELP!)**

**Do you have an hour to lend a hand?** Our club was built on community effort. Volunteers are always needed and always appreciated and have the most fun. Please contact us at 815-464-1514 if you can help set up, clean up or serve in the kitchen. No experience necessary. Community service hours for high school students also available.

**SCHOOL TIME!****WANTED:**

We are always looking for dynamic and engaging teachers who love teaching German through songs, crafts, conversation and other creative means. Candidates need to be fluent in German. A teaching certificate is preferred but not essential and experience with children is a plus. If interested, please send resume or contact Marianne Dietz at 708-403-9693 or [school\\_admin@dankchicagosouth.org](mailto:school_admin@dankchicagosouth.org).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wanted: OLD CLUB MEMBER PICTURES:** We are searching for pictures of members from the past 50 years for a Collage of Club Memories to be created for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please include the names of the people in the pictures as well as **your** name so they can be returned to you. Bring them to Anita Walthier by the July meeting.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery!  
Fritz Meyer  
Renata Skuja  
Emma Papineau

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 5 – Rosina Lotspeich  
April 5 – Denise Garrett  
April 6 – Bill Schmidt  
April 7 – Eddy Walthier  
April 19 – Edith Saurer  
April 25 – Ann Stromberg

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

May 1 – Andrea Dietz	May 22 – Marty Connolly
May 1 –Charlotte Cornell	May 23 – Liam Viebach
May 4 – Jamie Viebach	May 25 – Liz Connolly
May 6 – Eddy Walthier Jr	May 28 – Jake Setter
May 8 – Marianne Dietz	
May 12 – Mellanie Trachsel	

**SAVE THE DATE!**

DANK Chicago South 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
and National Conference  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Gala Ball on November 7<sup>th</sup>

to be held at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Convention Center  
More details will follow.

Happy 75th  
birthday, Rosina  
Lotspeich!



Please email submissions to [jamie@viebach.net](mailto:jamie@viebach.net) or by phone to 815-462-6523.

Announcements can include congratulations, anniversaries, births, weddings, graduations, birthdays, deaths, sale items, etc. Announcements will be printed in order of submission, are subject review by editor, and may be subject to space limitations.



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS / VEREINS KALENDER**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Chapter Business meetings**—every third Sunday of the month, 1pm  
**Social Hour**—2:30pm (after the meeting)

**May 2** – German Heritage celebration with the Village of Frankfort  
Founders Center (140 Oak St., Frankfort) 12 - 9pm  
Food and live music!

**July 12, 2009** – July Picnic

**July 25** – Milwaukee Fest Bus Trip – Reserve your seat today:  
Call Mellanie at 708-672-4998.

**August 8, 2009** – August Picnic

**September 9, 2009** – Oktoberfest

**November 6-8, 2009** DANK National Convention Hosted by DANK Chicago South

**November 7, 2009** – **DANK Chicago South 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration,**  
**Tinley Park Convention Center**

**December 5, 2009** – Christmas Dance and Miss DANK Election

