

# DANK CHICAGO SOUTH NEWSLETTER

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## WE'RE GOING PLACES!

### **BUS TRIP TO MILWAUKEE GERMAN FEST:**

We're taking reservations for the bus trip to the Milwaukee German Fest on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$35.00 each for DANK Chicago South members, \$45.00 each for non-members. The bus will make three separate pick ups on the way to Milwaukee at the following locations and times:

#### **9:00 a.m. PICK UP LOCATION**

Sears at Northfield Square in Bourbonnais

#### **9:30 a.m. PICK UP LOCATION**

DANK Chicago South Haus in Frankfort

#### **10:00 a.m. PICK UP LOCATION**

Sears at Chicago Ridge Mall

#### **9:00 p.m. RETURN**

Bus departs park at 9:00 pm SHARP

Contact Mellanie at 708-672-4998 for more information. June 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for reserving your seat on the bus.

### **BUS TRIP TO THE STEIRER CLUB PICNIC:**

This is a new event for our club. Please join in the fun with a bus trip to the Steirer Club Picnic Grounds in Lake Villa, Illinois on Sunday, July 11.

The cost is \$30.00 per person and includes entrance and the bus trip to and from the event (food and drinks are extra). A minimum of 42 people must sign up (paid) by June 28<sup>th</sup>. If the trip doesn't reach 42 people, we will cancel and you will get your money back. If you cancel yourself, money will not be refunded. This is a first-come first served type of event. The bus times are as follows:

#### **10:30 a.m. PICK UP LOCATION**

Dominick's at LaGrange & LaPorte Avenue  
19990 S. LaGrange Road, Mokena, Illinois

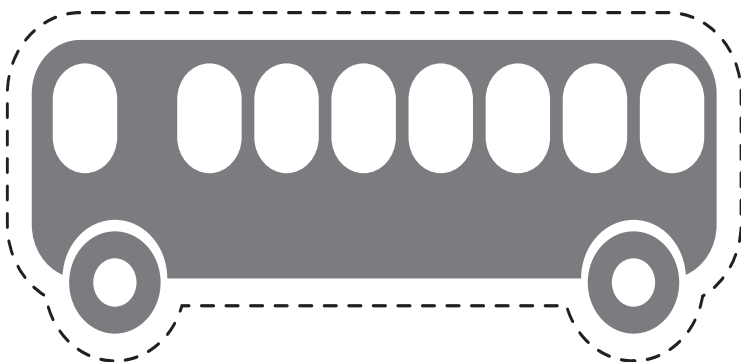
#### **11:00 a.m. PICK UP LOCATION**

Sears at Chicago Ridge Mall

#### **6:30 p.m. RETURN**

Bus departs park at 6:30 pm

Please call Liz Connolly at 708-341-7747 for details/tickets. June 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for reserving your seat on the bus.



**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:****Bill Schmidt**

The Germanic people have always been known for their hard work and commitment. This was apparent on our Mai Fest which was held with the Village of Frankfort. It was so nice to see members coming together to lend their help for this function. The day before the fest, our members graciously volunteered their time and effort to transport, set up and decorate Frankfort's Founder's Center. On Saturday our members staffed the entrance and greeted the public with a Herzlich Willkommen (a heartfelt welcome). We worked the ticket areas, provided service from our sweet table and kept the refreshments flowing. Afterwards everything had to be disassembled and returned to the German American Heritage Center.

Vielen Dank and many thanks to all of your dedication. As Frankfort's Mayor Holland stated, "The members of DANK Chicago South know how to throw a party."

Thanks again, auf wiederseh until we meet again.

**STEIN KLUB:**

Do you have a favorite Bier Stein? Would you like to enjoy our bier from a glass or ceramic stein? If so, become a member of our new Stein Klub. The bar staff will store and keep your steins clean after every use. No need to transport the plastic steins. Just bring and register your glass or ceramic steins at our next function.

**Prosit & Gesundheit!**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

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! You can help set up for events, clean up after events or serve in the kitchen. No experience necessary. **Community service hours** for high school students are also available. Please contact us at 815-464-1514.

Special thanks to Jake Harfmann for the hard work at the Frankfort German Heritage Festival – you really earned your high school community service hours!

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON:****Mellanie Trachsel**

We surpassed our goal of 400! DANK Chicago South now has 412 members. Congratulations to us!!

As our numbers increase, perhaps we should turn our focus to volunteering for the good of our organization. There are lots of ways to incorporate your interests and expertise into a project that will benefit our group. Consider volunteering by: – chairing a committee for an event – working to maintain the grounds and hall – working with our fledgling youth group – preparing the hall for an event – working at an event by taking tickets, working the bar or kitchen or clean-up.

**Zusammen werden wir stark wachsen  
Together we will grow strong**

**Welcome New Members!**

Nicholas Wanda

**MEMBERSHIP PINS**

If you have been a member with D.A.N.K. for 25 years or more, we would to acknowledge and congratulate you for being a long-standing member of the D.A.N.K. 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.

**GET WELL WISHES**

We wish speedy recoveries to:

Nancy Moser

Annemie Schmelzer

Fritz Meyer

*Alles Gute Zum Vaterstag!  
Happy Father's Day!*

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:****June Birthdays**

June 5 – Heidi Garrett  
 June 15 – Heidi Walthier  
 June 18 – Martin Walthier  
 June 25 – Emma Brezina

**July Birthdays**

July 1 – Kerry Terpilowski  
 July 6 – Dorothy Beohm  
 July 6 – Sharon Wolf  
 July 15 – Linda Wilson  
 July 19 – Gisela Sorensen  
 July 23 – Margarethe Setter  
 July 24 – Kris Wolf-McGuire  
 July 31 – Julie Mueller

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## Congratulations to all graduates!!!

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**DANK YOUTH GROUP:**

Is your child, ages junior high and older, interested in joining the DANK Youth Group?

We firmly believe the success or demise of our DANK Chicago South organization depends on the involvement of our youth. We are sponsoring a new youth group with the hope of long-term involvement in DANK. We have a fine club with a valuable heritage to pass to our children. Please think about sharing any ideas, concerns and your time.

Our first meeting was on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the DANK North Haus. A group of youth met to discuss ideas for potential meet-up places throughout the summer as well as special events and activities we want to have. We had a great turnout and hope that more will join us next time.

Our next meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at DANK North, 4740 N. Western Avenue, Chicago in the Hamburg Room, on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. We invite any and all youth to join and be part of our planning for fun events and activities. After the meeting we hold a "SportClub Night" with bean bags, ping pong and a soccer game on big screen. The next scheduled meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are planning an overnight campout at the DANK Chicago South Haus the weekend of August 13-14. If you would like to participate, please attend the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting or contact us for details and to sign up.

There are several opportunities for outings and meet-ups throughout the summer and some may happen quickly. A big meet-up will be at the German Fest in Milwaukee on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. If you need a safe ride, DANK Chicago South is offering a bus trip (see enclosed information). This is a family-friendly event – so parents and siblings are most welcome... but best of all bring a friend or two, the more the merrier.

Also remember to connect with us on Facebook at the 'DANK Youth Group' page as this is where you can get the most up-to-date communications and meet-up schedules and events. Any questions, comments or requests should be directed to Andrea Dietz, DANK National Youth Ambassador, via email at [andreadietz@comcast.net](mailto:andreadietz@comcast.net) or on Facebook.

Parents/Grandparents: Please enable and encourage your teens and their friends to join our group in person and/or via Facebook. They deserve to connect with their peers and keep our Germanic heritage alive, our organization strong and our next generation to build upon what you've worked so hard to grow from nothing.





**German Heritage Festival  
Frankfort's Founders Center**  
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 Sat. 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Dinner** Mon. - Thur. 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
 Fri. & Sat. 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
 Sun 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING 2010 EVENTS VEREINS KALENDER

Chapter Business Meetings	Every third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. EXCEPT in June! Due to Father's Day the <b>next meeting is MONDAY, JUNE 21 at 7:00 p.m.</b>
Sommerfest	Saturday, June 26, 2010
Steirer Club Picnic	Sunday, July 11, 2010 (see front for details)
Milwaukee German Fest	Saturday, July 24, 2010 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (see front for details)
Youth Camp Out	Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15, 2010
August Picnic	Sunday, August 15, 2010
Chicago Von Steuben Parade	Saturday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m. Followed by German-American Day in Lincoln Square
Oktoberfest	Saturday, September 18, 2010
Christmas Dance	Saturday, December 11, 2010