



St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities, Inc.

SPRING NEWSLETTER – April 2006

Members' Town-Hall-Style Meeting

Write down the date: Wednesday, April 26, 2006, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Edward Jones Lobby at 270 & Manchester. This will be an opportunity for members to learn more about the planned activities of the SLSSC and to get answers to any questions you may have. Suggestions from the floor will be welcome. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Essay Contest for Youth

This year, Germany will be the host nation for the 2006 FIFA World Cup™. The city of Stuttgart will serve as venue for six matches. Numerous cultural and social highlights will accompany this event, one of them being the UNESCO World Youth Festival which is scheduled from 2-10 July 2006 in Stuttgart and which will bring a total of 2006 young people from all over the world to Stuttgart.

The festival's official slogan "A time to make friends" is aimed at helping to reduce fears and prejudices against foreigners and at building "Bridges between cultures". The main impetus behind this contest is to foster intercultural dialogue. The contest will provide young authors with an opportunity to reflect upon their own national identities and to contrast these with someone else's. To be guest and to be host always means to engage in a dialogue.

Two winners will be selected from St. Louis and will be awarded a trip to Stuttgart including airfare and expenses for their stay and participation in the UNESCO World Youth Festival. Entrants must be at least 16 years old and all submissions must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2006. If you know of a student who would be interested in entering this contest, and they currently attend a public, private, or parochial high school in St. Louis City or St. Louis County, please request entry information by sending an email to: gsa_stlmo@yahoo.com.

2006 Winter Ball Karneval

Karneval was celebrated grand style at SLSSC's 19th annual Winterball. Over 250 guests enjoyed the festivities on February 18th at the beautiful Sheraton Westport Chalet. Special guests that evening included 32 members of the Kansas City Germania Club, plus members of several local German organizations. The Lindbergh Strolling Strings provided wonderful dinner music. Afterwards, guests danced to the music of Die Spitzbuam. During the evening, guests had the opportunity to bid on a variety of auction items. In all, over \$7,500 was raised which will be used to fund scholarships and other cultural exchanges. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate Winterball and make it a truly memorable event. For a closer look at Winterball, please visit our website at www.slssc.org.

Max Eyth, a famous man of Stuttgart

A very interesting illustrated lecture was presented on March 23 and 24 at three locations: the UMSL German Culture Center, the Gast Haus restaurant and the German Cultural Society Hall. Max Eyth lived in Stuttgart, was a world traveler and was known as a poet, thinker, artist, painter, engineer and pioneer. Eyth founded the German Agricultural Society and promoted the mechanization of agriculture in Germany. Ulrich Bernhardt, an art historian from Stuttgart, presented the lectures.



L to R: Bruce Kaemmerlen, Susanne Evens, Dr. Ulrich Bernhardt and Rosemarie Kaemmerlen



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Dates to Remember for German Organizations:

April 11: UMSL German Culture Center
Presents Northwind Concert Band. Info: 516-
6620.

April 15: Deutscher Kulturverein Easter
Concert and Egg Hunt, 2:00 p.m. Donau
Park, Info: 771-8386.

April 22: Deutscher Männerchor Spring
Dance. German Cultural Society Hall, 3652
S. Jefferson. Music Trio Freddi.
Info: 638-4499 or 638-0848.

April 29: D'Fröhliche Schuhplattler
"Frühlingfest" at Concord Farms Hall, 10040
Concord School Rd. Music: Trio Freddi Band.
Info: 293-1668.

May 20: Stammtisch-St. Louis Picnic, 5:00
P.M.
Info: 314-352-6547 or 314-487-5449.

May 21: Deutscher Kulturverein Maifest,
Noon, Donau Park, Old Hwy. 91, Four Ridge
Road. Info: 771-8368.

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