

Club Hours

Monday: Closed Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 5:00-10pm (Kitchen opens 5:00) Thursday: 5:00-11pm (Kitchen opens 5:00) Friday: 5:00-11pm (Kitchen opens 5:00)

Saturday Closed unless Club Event Sunday Closed unless Club Event

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May-June 2023 Founded 1885 Phone Number 610-373-3982

Guten Tag, Freunde,

Finally, Spring is here which means warm weather, longer days, and that it's time to open the bier garden for the season. We have been working hard to get the grove cleaned up for your enjoyment.

May brings with it the opening of the bier garden for Maifest- one of our favorite events! This traditionally German celebration of the coming of Spring will be headlined by the always wunderbar Alex Meixner. Also in May, we will enjoy a Kentucky Derby watching party with music by the Dave Kline band. For June we have our always fun GTV Father's Day clambake. Also keep your eye on the third Friday of the month for May and June- we will have live music on these nights provided by Frog Holler and the Good Lovin' Jam band, respectively. If you can't make any of these, there is plenty more fun to be had in the form of wing nights, trivia nights, our cornhole league, and much more.

Launching in May we are excited to announce the Mug Club! This club is an advanced level of membership for those of you who can't get enough of our biers. With purchase of the membership, a specialty mug is hung in the bar area and reserved for your use only. Each time you use it, your 20oz mug is filled for the price of a 16oz pour. You will also get some perks like monthly coupons, access to Mug Club members-only events, and more. Ask a bartender how to join.

I want to take a moment to remind our members to please make sure you have your membership card on your person when visiting us. Not only does your membership grant you benefits like free or discounted entrance to events, but per Pennsylvania liquor laws, only our club members may purchase alcohol on our premises. The only exceptions to this rule are for Oktoberfest and Christkindlmarkt, for which special permits are secured. Need a replacement card or to renew your membership? Please visit the website to do this. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you this summer around the bier garden. I feel there is no better spot in Berks County to hang out and sip on a bier than in our beautiful grove, and I hope you'll make some time to enjoy it with me.

See you at the club. Prost!

Jon Linton, President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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May 5	BBQ Pit Friday	5:00pm				
May 5	Maifest with Alex Meixner	6-10:00pm				
May 6	Kentucky Derby Party	5:00pm				
May 6	Dave Kline Bluegrass Band	after race				
May 12	Kermit Night	6-9:00pm				
May 17-19 Member Appreciation Week						
May 17	3rd Friday Band-Frog Holler	6-9:00pm				
May 17	Culinary Tour Buffet –Germany	6-8:00pm				
May 18	Cornhole League Play	6-9:00pm				
May 21	Sporting Clays					
May 24	Trivia Night	7:00pm				
May 25	Thirsty Thursday	5:00pm				
May 26	Kermit Night	6-9:00pm				
May 26	Board Meeting (General member	rs Invited)				
7:30pm						
	JUNE					
June 1	Cornhole League Play					
June 2	BBQ Pit Friday	5:00pm				
June 8	Goldfish Races	7:30pm				
June 9	Kermit Night	6-9:00pm				
June 15	Cornhole League Play	•				
June 15	Culinary Tour Buffet-Greece	6-8:00pm				
June 16	3rd Friday Band-Good Lovin' Ja	m Band [·]				
	·	6-9:00pm				
June 18	GTV Father's Day Clambake	•				
June 22	Thirsty Thursday	5:00pm				
June 23	Kermit Night	6-9:00pm				
June 23	Board Meeting (General member	rs Invited)				
		7:30pm				
June 24	Celtic Fest					
June 25	Ringgold Band Concert	2-5:00pm				
June 28	Trivia Night	7:00pm				
June 29	Cornhole League Play					

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6-9:00pm

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at 484-256-5215

June 30

DIVISION REPORTS



LADIES AUXILIARY The ladies group has been meeting and planning our spring and early summer events, such as planting the outdoor flowers and helping to tidy up the grounds of our Club. The Children's Easter Egg Hunt in April was very successful. We look forward to the Club's summer events and contributing to its most current needs. Our busy indoor club decorating is complete until the fall season, when we could use more volunteers who can reach the higher spaces, etc. Please contact one of our officers if you can help. We do not have Friday night meetings in June and July but will resume with our August luncheon meeting (date to be determined) to prepare for our fall activities. We will be holding our Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Club again this year on November 18, 2023, so please mark your calendars and watch for more details.



READING LIEDERKRANZ SINGERS We hope you've enjoyed our Spring Concert / Dinner & Dance this year. If not, you missed some wonderful German accordion music by Don Bitterlich, the Philadelphia area's premier accordionist, not to mention some wonderful German choral music with our guests from the Lancaster Liederkranz chorus and Hobby Chor; and our special German buffet dinner, cooked by our own chorus' gourmets. (Maybe next year?) And don't forget the German tradition of attending church on the first Sunday of May at the Old St. John's Lutheran church building - 521 Walnut Street in Reading at 11:00 am. And yes, we will be singing.



GERMANIA SOCCER We will start our spring season on April 16th. We will play 6 games before stopping play over the summer. Germania's home field is Jim Dietrich park in Muhlenberg. If you are 40 or older and would like to play adult soccer, please email Len at brynlen@aol.com. Our teams come from Lancaster county as well as Berks so there is sure to be a team near you. It's hard to believe Germania will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2026. We look forward to a grand party at that time!



G.T.V. EDELWEISS Well well, here we are again. Spring, the time for joy, music and dance. Come on out to Maifest and do just that. While you are at it, check us out with our dances. We loveto see sideliners to make us smile and dance just a little bit harder.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Frontier feast and we look forward to, as should you also, to our Father's Day Clambake. Details to follow on the email blasts and website. See you at the club and Prosit.



EAGLES'
MT. HOME

We are always being asked for historical information about the Eagles Mt. Home. There have been a number of studies of the mountain and the significance of 1902, when this building was built. The historic Gravity Railroad, which was on both sides of our property, was a popular method for people from the city to reach our club and other entertainment at hotels and inns in the area. If anyone has any information, pictures, stories etc. of the early days of the Eagles Mt. Home, please email them to brynlen@aol.com or send to the club c/o Len Weckel, PO Box 4338, Reading, PA 19606-4338. Thank you!

See you at the Club!

LADIES' AUXILIARY 50-50 RAFFLE

It's that time of year again when you could win some BIG cash and help the Scholarship Fund at the same time. Buy tickets for our 50-50 raffle. Last year's winner received \$1000! We have some cool 2nd and 3rd prizes as well. So buy your PURPLE tickets wherever you see our ladies selling them.

The price is \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Good luck! Reading Liederkranz Ladies' Aux.

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Volunteers are always needed. I don't know if you realize how much the club depends on its volunteers so we can stay afloat. The last 100 plus years of success has been through the help of volunteers.

Any questions, reach out to Patrick Nelis: phone 484-955-1547 or email: volunteers@readingliederkranz.com



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NEW MEMBERS OF THE READING LIEDERKRANZ



AS OF JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023

Jonathan Linton, President

Julie Anderson	Michael Howe	Melissa Reber
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David Balmer	James Lewis	Edward Sayres
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Derek Degler	Jordan Millard	Michael Teson
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Frederick Ganster	Donna Poltorak	Rob Vanderbeck
Ray Gottschall	Michael Poltorak	Albert Walker
Carly Greenwald	Daniel Quinter	Paul Wanner
Daniel Greenwald	Joel Reber	Amy Z. Whiteside

GROUNDS CLEANUP VOLUNTEERING

Joe Pettyjohn, Grounds Trustee is especially busy at this time of year with cleanup of the Club and Grove. Please see his message below and contact him at <u>jcp@msn.com</u> or look for him at the club if interested:

If you want to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air, contact me. There are plenty of individual, family, and group projects for people of all ages. No experience necessary. Service hours will be given to high school students. Under 18 you must be accompanied by an adult.

Also, do you know anyone who needs firewood? We have specific trees that need elevating, large trunk sections already down that need to be cut and split, and in some cases, trees identified as a hazard that need to be felled, and once dropped the wood will be available. You must see the me (Grounds Trustee) before cutting/removing any firewood. Thank you.



Condolences go out to the family of Ingeborg Weiss.

Inge was one of the grand ladies of the Liederkranz, an honorary member, having joined the club in 1968. She and Hildegarde Pritz ran the kitchen for many years. She was also a member of G.T.V. Edelweiss. Many of us have fond memories of and times spent with Inac subschad a smile for exercise.

good times spent with Inge, who had a smile for everyone. She passed

away peacefully at the age of 91. We will miss you, Inge.



First Friday Barbecue

The first Friday of every month this summer will be a barbecue at our outdoor Chicken Pit. Dine-in or takeout. Call the club or order on the website. Dinner consists of 1/2 chicken, Corn on the Cob, Baked Potato, Roll and Butter, and choice of coleslaw or applesauce. Price is \$15.

NEW EVENT FOR SPRING

Reading Liederkranz members who enjoy shooting clay targets are invited again to shoot at the Cacoosing Gun Club on May 21. The gun club is open from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The gun club venue includes sporting clays, 5-stand and skeet. All these shooting disciplines are typically shot in squads of 5 shooters. Afterwards you may stop by the Reading Liederkranz for lunch and a beverage. To find out more about the Cacoosing Gun Club you can go to their website at info@cacoosinggunclub.net. Please review the safety items that are on the website. If you have any further questions, you can contact Mike Stuber at stuberclan@comcast.net.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The time to renew your membership for 2023 has expired. Any member that has not renewed but wishes to remain a member of the Reading Liederkranz will need to reapply as a new member.



Beginning May 8, all members are being asked to show their membership cards when entering the club house or grove. A Trustee or Board member will be at the door into the club house to check that all current members have their card. When the Grove opens there will be a Board or Trustee member at the entrance to the Grove to again check for membership cards. These actions are being taken to comply with PALCB regulations and have been approved by the Trustees.



TRAVEL

Our group trip for members and friends September 9-21st, 2023, will be another very exciting adventure! We will travel to Quebec, the Eastern Provinces, and New England, on the Norwegian Sky, with a 2 night pre-stay in Quebec City. The trip currently has a wait list only in case of any cancellations, as we already have a large group of 68 travelers. We recently met with Boscov's Travel Center to see a presentation of excursions, and now is the

time to schedule your choices. We will have another meeting 2-3 weeks before our departure, to receive our travel documents and final details. Watch for that date in a mailing from Boscov's Travel. There will be an announcement for our proposed 2024 trip coming soon. Contact our RLK Travel Coordinator Cherylene at sholley3@aol.com with any questions. Watch our weekly email blasts and information in our next newsletter for any updated information.

GUTE REISE and BON VOYAGE!

LINK TO BROCHURE:

https://boscovstravel.com/group-cruises-tours-flyers/2023-09-09-ReadingLiederkranz-CanadaandNewEngland-cruise.pdf

MAIFEST 2023 Friday, MAY 5

We welcome Spring with lots of music, good food and cold beer!

Our outdoor kitchen will be open Friday night as we welcome back

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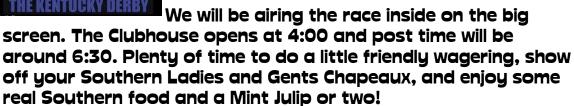
playing 6-10:00pm in the grove



Members FREE—Non-members \$20

Saturday, May 6 Kentucky Derby Watch Party

No reservations needed-free admission for race





MENU (available for purchase)

Soup-Kentucky Burgoo

Appetizer-Spicy beer cheese served with soft pretzel

Strudel- Hot Brown (Turkey, tomato, bacon and cheese sauce)

Sandwich- Buttermilk fried chicken schnitzel with tomato and

corn salsa on a roll

Entrée-Bourbon chicken with mushrooms over rice

Dessert- Kentucky Butter Bundt Cake

The fun doesn't stop there!

After the race enjoy everybody's favorite-

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Members-FREE Non-members \$10

Thursday, June 8

GOLDFISH RACING



Second Annual Goldfish racing in the Grove!
Registration starts at 7:30pm
Racing begins at 8:00pm



DJ Scottie will be fishing up some tunes!

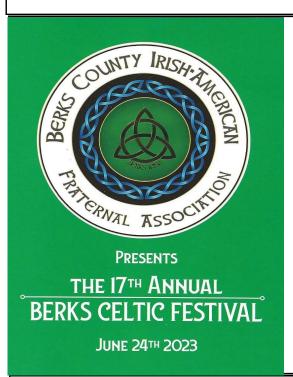


G.T.V. Edelweiss Annual Father's Day Clambake Sunday, June 18

Chicken, Steak, Clams and more!

Watch the E-mail blasts and Website for updated information on this popular event!

Or call Dieter Wolter at 610-921-0791 for more information!



Saturday, June 24 11:00am-9:00pm \$8 online at <u>www.berkscelticfest.org</u> \$12 at the gate



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FREE CONCERT IN THE GROVE WITH THE RINGGOLD BAND SUNDAY, JUNE 25 2:00—5:00PM



This amazing band is well-known to anyone from Reading and beyond! They are returning to the Reading Liederkranz for a free concert!

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Bring a chair and spend an old-fashioned afternoon in the park!

LADIES' AUXILIARY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Ladies Auxiliary is in need of a few younger people for in-door decorating for the club. We meet Wednesday mornings approximately nine times a year fall through spring, usually three hours max. We would consider a Saturday morning if that would be more appealing. Other than decorating, this involves reaching high shelves, and carrying heavy boxes.

If anyone is interested, please message to 610-6987537

Condolences go out to the family of one of our dedicated Newsletter volunteers -Johanna Goheen -who passed away recently. Johanna was always there with a smile to help us mail the newsletter. She also volunteered at Oktoberfest.



Johanna will be greatly missed by her friends.



Stuffing of the July-August issue is tentatively **Wednesday, June 21 at 9:00am**You will be notified of any changes.

Bryn Weckel, Newsletter Coordinator brynlen@aol.com or 610-926-3731



For \$20 a year you can be listed as a Patron in our newsletter and help defray printing costs. Donations can be sent to the club c/o Bryn Weckel. The address is PO Box 4338, Reading, PA 19606-4338. Be sure to write "Newsletter Patron" on the envelope and put <u>RL Newsletter</u> on your check.

The winners of this year's Reading Liederkranz Scholarship Awards will be published in the next newsletter.



Watch the website for updates and more information!



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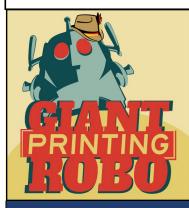
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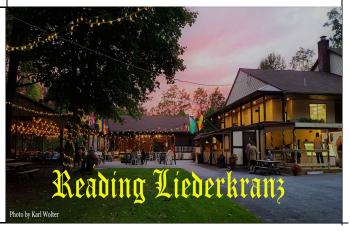


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Greetings Members!

We have a lot in store for 2023! Some major updates to the website, additional online coverage, and much more are currently in the works and will be coming soon. Keep following us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and subscribe to our email list for more details.

Thank you, Art Gelwicks







NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS



Guests are allowed three visits as a guest and after that are asked to become members. Also, please note that <u>ONLY MEMBERS</u> may purchase alcoholic beverages.

CLUB ORGANIZATION MEETING DATES & TIMES

<u>Ladies Auxiliary</u>: 3rd Friday of month at 6:30 pm—2nd floor <u>Germania Soccer</u>: Annual Meeting—January <u>Liederkranz Singers</u>: Every Sunday 2-4pm, subject to change if there are club events

<u>G.T.V. Edelweiss Schuhplattlers</u>: Every Friday at 8 pm except no practice 3rd Friday of the month; Meeting 4th Thursday at 8 pm

<u>Scholarship Committee</u>: First Thursday of every month at 7:00pm- 2nd floor

Please participate in your particular division. If you do not belong to one and would like to join, contact any officer for further information.



Make the READING LIEDERKRANZ Your Birthday Destination!



Members are welcome to raise a glass and enjoy a birthday drink on us. Celebrate your birthday at the club and receive a complimentary drink, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening. If your birthday falls on a Saturday through Tuesday, collect your birthday drink on the Wednesday that immediately follows. A valid photo ID is required to collect your birthday drink.



Kermit is "In the Haus" Every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of the month from 6-9pm. Please remember all events are subject to change. The Officers and Staff of the Reading Liederkranz would like to remind you that we are trying our best iwith limited personnel and seating capacity. Your patience is appreciated as we to strive to provide you with quality entertainment and enjoyable experiences as we have always done. Thank you!

We ask you to refer to the website and e-mail blasts for current or updated information regarding our events!