

# Heimatabend 2004



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*The*  
*Bavarian*  
*Schuhplattlers*

**2003**  
The Year  
in Review

**April 2004**

## The Plattler Report

by Frank Friesacher

Spring is in the air, when a young man's fancy turns to ... Schuhplatteln! Yes, it is finally here... the eighth annual newsletter of the **Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton**, where we keep you up-to-date on the latest wild and crazy antics of the group!

### Members

In 2003 our president, **Bernd Kallenbach** steered the group to more activities and

performances, as well as continuing to teach the **Alpenspatzen** children's dance group.

Our accordionist **Joe Niederleitner** continued to assist from time to time



**The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton have been in existence since 1971. Our organization preserves the German tradition of folk-dancing and also provides an atmosphere of fun and Gemütlichkeit**

despite his move away from Edmonton.

We are very pleased that **Marta Laube** has moved back to Edmonton, and to the group, after completing her education in Washington state. Also back after an absence of a



## Our new Tracht

active participation in the group for the time being due to other commitments.

Our present membership of seventeen (17) is as follows:

**Ole Berger, Kathryn Calder, Robert & Lisa Friedl, Frank & Loretta Friesacher, Ronny & Marion Fritz, Bernd Kallenbach, Sylvia Kiel, Marta**



few months working out of town is **Sylvia Unterieser**.

Former member **Dave Kneller** was spotted at an event in Camrose last summer, and returned for a few practices, along with another new guy, **Karl Schwanig**... we hope to see more of both of them soon!

 **George Lauf** has left



in Calgary and again just last month in Vancouver BC. Schuhplattler groups from Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria and now even Seattle come together for three days of workshops, performances and socializing! Edmonton will be hosting this gathering in 2006, and we will keep you informed so that you do not miss this once-in-a-lifetime event!

**BUT FIRST...** **Heimatabend 2004** is just around the corner, on Saturday, 17, 2004. See the back of the newsletter for details on our "Really Big Schuh"; The Ed Sullivan Show!

That's all for the 2004 report of the Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton. **Happy plattling!**

## *The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton*



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## Junior Members

In addition to our adult membership, we are pleased to have 12 junior members involved with us!

Two of our young ladies, **Francesca Fritz** and **Melissa Wagner**, continue to dance with the adult group, Francesca on a full-time basis, and Melissa at a reduced level given her pursuit of an acting career.

Our 10 other junior members continue to dance in the children's group **Alpenspatzen**, pleasing schools and senior groups, and participating with us at Oktoberfests and Heimatabend.

The junior members are our hope for the future, and we look forward to your support at our Dance Daze



events. We held two such events at the club last year, one of which was a Mardi Gras with the support of the Blauen Funken!

## Our Events

Another successful **Heimatabend** in April 2003 saw the spaghetti western come to Edmonton in **"The Good, The Bad and**

members will be attending the Gau Delegates Meeting in Lancaster, Penn., in our new Tracht, to apply for membership in the Gau. The next Gaufest is scheduled for July 2005 in Buffalo, NY.

## Märzfest 2003 & 04

We are especially excited about a new phenomenon for our group: the **Western Canadian Schuhplattler Workshop & Dance** events held in March 2003





**The group in Vancouver**

the Plattler", our tribute to the Wild Wild West, Bavarian style. With great costumes and zany music and sound effects, the group acted out a hilarious story, concluding with "the dueling Schuhplattlers"!

The group continued its tradition of the "Brettljausen", where we get together for a nice

evening of food and dance among our own members in June and in December.

### Other Events

Activities in 2004 included Archbishop McDonald High School in January, Meadowlark Seniors' home and a Stony Plain Anti-Racism Event in March, St. Albert's Ironwood Seniors' Estate in April, the Dutch Club Spring Market in May, St. John's Lutheran Church 100th Anniversary and GCAA German Days in June, Josephsburg Square Dance event in June, Vegreville's Pysanka Festival in July, Kimberley, BC for the



**Workshop in Vancouver**

International Folk Fest, and a 50th wedding anniversary in Camrose in September, the GCAA Seniors' Afternoon in Oktober, and finally, the U of A AIESEC multicultural event and (for the girls) the GCCA German Club Adventskonzert in December.

Our Oktoberfest season shows included four nights at the GCCA German club in Edmonton, the Society for the Retired and Semi-Retired, Lloydminster, and, for the first time in decades, the Shaw Conference Centre "Rocktoberfest"!

Three of our members had the opportunity to hop on a Westjet to Winnipeg in October 2003 to celebrate with The Winnipeg Schuhplattlers their 30th Anniversary! We are pleased that our Manitoban friends will also be attending our Heimatabend this year, and look forward to seeing them perform again.

**Kids' Alpenspatzen  
Practice 6:45 pm  
Thursdays**

### Gaufest 2003

The group attended at the North American Gaufest in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in May 2003 for an outstanding weekend of dancing, costumes and fun! With over 80 groups in attendance, this Schuhplattler and Tracht extravaganza gave our members the chance to meet new friends, learn new dances, and interact with many other Trachtler. This year, two of our

**Practices:  
Thursdays  
@ 7:30 pm**

