

BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS  
2004—THE YEAR IN REVIEW

March 2005.

By Frank Friesacher  
& Ole Berger

Edmonton Plattlers  
Report a Great 2004!!

GREETINGS from the  
B A V A R I A N  
SCHUHPLATTLERS  
OF EDMONTON!

We are pleased to  
provide you with our  
ninth annual report  
on our year's activi-  
ties, and to keep in  
contact with our  
friends and past  
m e m b e r s .

ENJOY!!!



**Inside this issue:**

Märzfest	2
2004 Heimatabend	2
Gauverband	3
Membership	3
Photos	4-5
Past Members	6-7
Events...	6-7

Heimatabend  
2005 on 23  
April 2005:  
“The Phan-  
tom of the  
Hofbräu-  
haus”!  
See back.

MEMBERSHIP

A few changes  
from last year's  
roster: we wel-  
come **Annette  
Wagner** to our  
membership!  
Annette fol-  
lows her

daughters  
**Melissa and Veronica  
Wagner** into the  
group.  
Joining the group as

*(Continued on page 3)*



## THIRD WESTERN CANADIAN WORKSHOP TO BE HOSTED IN EDMONTON 2006

Following the first (bi) annual Western Canadian Schuhplattler Workshop and Dance in 2003 in Calgary (nicknamed *Märzfest*), the group attended the second gathering in Vancouver last March, namely

Märzfest 2, with groups from Vancouver, Calgary, Victoria and Seattle also present. Details of this event were set out in the last Schuhplattler newsletter; however, this is a reminder that we in Edmonton will

be hosting the next such workshop and dance event in May 2006! It will be a weekend you do not want to miss... and details will be forthcoming on our website and in next year's newsletter.

## HEIMATABEND 2004

As always, we speak first of our biggest event of the year, namely, the Heimatabend! I daresay that this one was "one of the best ever".

Once again we outdid ourselves with our 2003 Heimatabend. Under the theme "The Ed Sullivan Show—A Really Big SCHUH" we put together a variety show with performances that pleased old and young. Drawing our inspiration from one of the longest running US variety and family shows, we put together musical acts and funny skits.

Our special guests, the Schuhplattler group from Winnipeg, got the event rocking



**Eric Seneka,  
aka Bjorn from ABBA**

with a couple of Ehrentänze. Next our youth Group Alpenpatzen danced, and we thanked Mr. & Mrs. Klotsche for their generous donation to that group.

With Marvin Schaaf we had a wonderful "Ed Sullivan" as host for the rest of the show. The Spice Girls, Heino, Nancy Sinatra, Siegfried & Roy, ABBA and of course Topo Gigio and the Beatles... all performed to a sell-out and enthusiastic crowd. The finale... featuring the girls in Lederhosen and then the "men without hats" (and shirts) performed a la "Lord of the Plattler".

Check out the back page for details on this year's Heimatabend... DON'T MISS IT!

## MEMBERSHIP (cont...)

*(Continued from page 1)*

a probationary member since the summer 2004 is **Christophe Deniaud**. Christophe and long-time member **Marta Laube** were engaged in the spring of 2004, and now dance together while planning their nuptials for this summer!

Also getting married this summer is **Brandi Day**, to Jamie Jones

**Charlene Schmidt** has been on leave, and is now mother to a second child, Joshua!

Our current active adult membership of eighteen (18) is as follows: **Ole Berger, Kathryn Calder, Brandi Day, Christophe Deniaud, Lisa Friedl, Robert Friedl, Frank Friesacher, Loretta Friesacher, Marion Fritz, Ronny Fritz, Bernd Kallenbach, Sylvia Kiel, Marta Laube, Joe Niederleitner, Marvin Schaaf, Eric Seneka, Sylvia Unterieser, and Annette Wagner,**

Our individual junior members are **Franческа Fritz** and **Melissa**

**Wagner**. These girls both dance with the adult group.

Our junior members in the Alpenspatzen currently consist of four boys (**Martin, Stefan, Mitchell and Reid**) and 5 girls (**Carley, Jessie, Stephanie, Sarah, Veronika**). We say farewell for now to **Christian and Natasha**, who have left our group in 2004.

We held our election in January 2005, and **Bernd Kallenbach** sailed to a fifth term as president, by acclamation, of course!

## WE JOIN THE GAUVERBAND

In May 2004 Frank and Loretta Friesacher traveled to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to the Gauverband North America Delegates'

meeting. At that time we successfully applied for full membership to this organization, which includes over 80 Schuhplattler groups from Canada and the USA.. We look forward to attending the 2005 Gaufest. Being held in Buffalo,, New York this July 2005!







## NEWS FROM PAST MEMBERS

We are always happy to hear from past members, and see what they are up to.



Our founding president, **Rudy Kirrmaier**, is recovering from quadruple-bypass surgery in November 2004. Daughter **Erika** and wife **Hilde** report that Rudy is on the way to recovery, in their Kimberley home. We wish you all the best, Rudy (who turned 65 in December), and look forward to seeing you and Hilde at our next **Heimatabend!**

We received an email

from **Veronika Seidl** in November 2004. Veronika, along with parents **Hannes and Elizabeth** and sister **Eva**, were the musical Seidl family which entertained Schuhplattler audiences with their instruments and voices for several years.

Veronika is now living in London, England, and has set up a company training invest-

ment bankers and traders for major banks and investment companies.

Another "blast from the past" comes from former member **Bronya Mlcuch**, who is now living in Erlangen, Bavaria! Her husband Uwe actually found our website, and wrote us... we replied and Bronya was thrilled to hear from the group!

Bronya left the home she and daughter Angelika had made in Vancouver 5 years ago, in order to aid

*(Continued on page 7)*

## EVENTS MAY 2004 TO MARCH 2005

Activities after our last Heimatabend until the end of 2004 were:

Kleine Kinder Schule  
Silent Auction in April, Rimbey in May, 100th Anniversary of Ponoka and the GCAA German Days in both Edmonton & Calgary in June,

Heritage Days in August, Mike Wiegele's heli-ski resort in Blue River, BC in September, the 100th Anniversary of Edmonton as well as the GCAA Seniors' afternoon in October, 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, Lloydminster, Red Deer, the Shaw Conference Centre

## PAST MEMBERS (cont...)

*(Continued from page 6)*

her ailing father. After several months he passed away, and she made a new start teaching English in the Czech Republic. But life changed again, when a friend introduced her to Uwe. Her own words

best describe what happened: "the rest is history.... He invited me to go to Germany for a holiday and I thought that before I return to Canada I can see some more of Europe. As you see Ronny I have not left Germany yet. That was five years ago."

Bronya also speaks fondly of her time with the group: "I was very happy to hear from you. I miss you all very much and I miss the times in Edmonton too. You just do not know what you have till it is gone..."

*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.*

*Unsere Tanzgruppe besteht seit 1971 in Edmonton, Alberta, Kanada. Unser Verein pflegt und bewahrt das deutsche Volkstanzbrauchtum und schafft auch eine Atmosphäre von Spaß und Gemütlichkeit.*

## Whatever happened to...?

Tell us about your favourite story from when you were an active Schuhplattler, or tell us what you are doing now? We will print it!

## EVENTS (cont...)

"Rocktoberfest", and, for the first time, Nisku and Lac La Biche!

In 2005 so far, we have danced for the Alberta Seniors Games held in Edmonton in February, and for Transat Holidays at the Mill Res-

taurant, as well as a church event, in March.


We also held DANCE DAZE again, our family dance event featuring the children's group ALPEN-SPATZEN.. The event was held in May and November

2004, and again in February 2005.



We are pleased to advise that the **Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton** is a registered charity. As such, we are able to provide tax-deductible receipts for any donations made to the group. Please contact us for more details.



Our previous newsletters can be found at our website:





# Heimatabend 2005

April 23, 2005 - Tickets \$12.50 - Doors open 7 pm


## The PHANTOM of the HOFBRÄUHAUS



Performances by the Bavarian Schuhplattlers and the Alpenspatzen / Music by Premium Akkord  
Tickets from your local Schuhplattler member



German Canadian Cultural Association  
8310 Roper Road (51 Avenue)  
[www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca](http://www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca)



For ticket information please call Bernd Kallenbach at 929-8325 or contact us via e-mail at [mail@schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:mail@schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca)

[www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca](http://www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca),  
or we are happy to mail it to you!



8310 Roper Road (51 Avenue)  
Edmonton AB T6E 6E3

Phone: 780-929-8325 Fax: 780-426-0982

*Treu dem guten alten Brauch*