

*Happy New Year and all the best in 2007*



*Treu dem guten alten Brauch*

THE BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS  
SINCE 1971 IN EDMONTON ALBERTA



**GREETINGS!!!** Welcome to the **ELEVENTH** annual **BSE report** (bigger than ever - **12 full colour pages!**) on the fun and excitement that is our Schuhplattler group!

We again report on what we have done since our last newsletter, including hosting a fabulous Western-Canadian **MAIFEST** Schuhplattler gathering, presenting a lively and fun **HEIMATABEND**, dancing at a huge Edmonton **GERMAN DAYS FESTIVAL**, and much **OKTOBERFESTING!**



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**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

We **always** want to hear how past members are doing. Please notify us if you have a change of address.

We are trying to locate the following members who have slipped out of reach:

| Sabrina SAHNWALD-DATCHUK | Suzi HOCH | Karl SCHWANIK | Helmut EDER | Ortwin & Eva PIEHL | Esther ZURBA | Christine PIEHL (CARDINAL) | Diana LABRECQUE |

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



On 18 January 2007 the group held its annual meeting. At that time I assumed leadership of the group, replacing our president of the past six years, namely **Bernd Kallenbach**. Bernd has led the group through some very interesting and exciting times, some examples of which include participation and membership in the *Gauverband*, obtaining Tracht, and creation and maintenance of a children's dance group. In all this and more Bernd has acquitted himself admirably, and we thank him for his outstanding dedication.

I look forward to working with Bernd as past president, as well as with the other executive members (VP Membership **Sylvia Kiel**, VP PR **Ole Berger**, 1st Treasurer **Annette Wagner**, 2nd Treasurer **Sylvia Unterieser**, 1st Vorplattler **Eric Seneka**, 2nd Vorplattler **Ronny Fritz** and Vormädel **Lisa Friedl**). I have big shoes to fill as the sixth president (after **Rudy Kirrmaier**, **George Lauf**, **George Kuhse** and **Ronny Fritz**). I have some ideas that I hope will make the Bavarian Schuhplattlers even better!

**Frank Friesacher**



## SOUNDS GREAT!

We are pleased to have been able to upgrade the sound in our practice area, with the purchase of a set of four wall-mounted speakers along with amplifier and mixer. We have also made this system fully available to the German Club for use at all club functions as well as for the many bookings they have in the basement throughout the year. A big thanks to **Ole Berger** for his hard work in getting this accomplished!

## EVENTS IN 2006

While we are involved in many new and exciting activities, the MAIN thing we still do is, of course, perform! Here are lists of our Oktoberfest & other performances throughout 2006. We had a wide variety of opportunities to dance, from a brewery to a movie theatre, from a nightclub to a 50th Anniversary, from seniors homes to a BMW Gala! We also danced at the 2-day **GERMAN**



**DAYS** festival outdoors in downtown Edmonton in conjunction with the **WORLD CUP SOCCER** kickoff in Germany!

We also took time out for our own group to have fun, at the annual picnic & our Christmas Party.

### JUST FOR FUN

Picnic at Seneka's (August)

Brettljausen Christmas Party (November)

Annual Dinner & meeting (January 2006, 2007)



### OKTOBERFESTS in 2006

- Rotary Club (30 Sep)
- Herber's Autobody (12 Oct)
- German-Canadian Cultural Centre (6, 7, 13 & 14 Oct)
- Ed's Rec Centre (19 Oct)
- Lloydminster (27 Oct)
- Rocktoberfest (28 Oct)

### OTHER SHOWS in 2006

- Leduc Senior's Home (Feb)
- Heimatabend (Apr)
- Maifest (May)
- German Days (Jun) on Sir Winston Churchill Square
- Hostelling Int'l (Jun)
- Klondike Days (Jul)
- Maverick Brewery (Aug)
- Beerfest Movie (Aug)
- Norwood Senior's Home (Sep)
- Bavarian BMW Grand Opening (Oct)
- Rudy & Laurene Kiel 50th Wedding Anniversary (Oct)
- Ironwood Estates Seniors' Home (Dec)

COMING SOON...

HEIMATABEND 2007

JAMES LEDERBOND IN

## GOLDSCHLÄGER

April 21, 2007 Tickets \$12.50 - Doors open 7:00 pm

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

For ticket information please  
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## MEMBERSHIP

We are currently **30** members strong! Our newest full member is **Francesca Fritz**, who moves into the adult ranks to join her parents **Ronny** and **Marion** after turning 16 this summer. **Marta Deniaud** and **Christophe Deniaud**, take a break from the group after the September birth of their first child, Noah; congratulations to them! Long-time member **Brandi Jones** takes her leave from the group for now; her and husband Jamie had twins in the fall!

Our current **active adult membership of nineteen (19)** is as follows: **Ole Berger**, **Kathryn Calder**, **Christophe Deniaud**, **Marta Deniaud**, **Lisa Friedl**, **Robert Friedl**, **Frank Friesacher**, **Loretta Friesacher**, **Francesca Fritz**, **Marion Fritz**, **Ronny Fritz**, **Bernd Kallenbach**, **Sylvia Kiel**, **Joe Niederleitner**, **Marvin Schaaf**, **Eric Seneka**, **Sylvia Unterieser**, **Annette Wagner**, and **Melissa Wagner**. We currently have **two (2) probationary members**, namely **Vanessa Sollbach** and **Rita Scherrer**.

**Welcome!**



On to the **young members**, we report that a few of the juniors, **Martin Hansen**, **Carley Casebeer**, and **Stephanie Fletcher**, have left our group. We hope that they will return soon! That leaves our **eight (8) junior members**. **Stefan Fritz** & **Melody Kallenbach** continue to dance as junior members with the adult group. Our **Alpenspatzen** children's group continues

to feature **Mitchell Friedl** & brother **Reid Friedl**, as well as **Veronica Wagner**. Newest kid members are **Toni Saric**, who joined in September, as well as **Kaitlin Clough** and **Nicole Scherrer**.

We also are enthusiastic about our new **friend memberships**. And who better to be the first than **Chuck Lammers**, regular attendee and outstanding supporter!

# GAU REPORT

In May 2006 the biannual **Gau Delegates' Meeting** of the North American Gauverband was held in Cleveland, Ohio. Attending as delegates for the Bavarian Schuhplattlers were **Ole Berger**, **Sylvia Kiel** and **Frank Friesacher**. At that meeting, our group was officially made a full member organization in the Gauverband, an organization with over 90 member



Frank, Ole and Sylvia at the meeting

groups across North America! We made some very good connections there, and learned a great deal about Tracht and dance.

We look forward to the next **Gaufest in Hershey, Pennsylvania** from 21–24 June 2007! We will be well represented there, with at least 15 members attending.



# TRACHT

Our quest to complete our Tracht continues! With the generous assistance of the Alberta umbrella organization **GCAA** (German Canadian Association of Alberta) and own home, the German Canadian Cultural Asso-



ciation of Edmonton (**GCCA**), we now have four couples in full traditional Tracht, and more to come!

sold-out crowd. Thanks to all our talented members, and a huge congratulations to **Sylvia Kiel**, who leads the planning each year for the event, and **Bernd Kallenbach**, who gave his hand at writing the script this year. Thanks to **Uwe Welz** & brother **Jürgen** for their usual help with lighting, photos & video.



Honorary President Rudy Kirmaier takes to the floor

types with folk dancing and a modern twist. We hope that it was another memorable night for all our friends & family members in attendance, a



# Feier Abend\*



FEBRUARY 16, 2007

8 P.M. - END

Kick-Off Night: Valentine Party

Fellow Party Guests: UofA German Club

GERMAN CLUB  
8310 ROPER ROAD  
(51. AVENUE)

Come to the German Club to relax after a hard week of work or study:

- ☒ Enjoy the evening with friends
- ☒ Sample some good German beer from our bar
- ☒ Listen or Dance to European Music (from Party Music to the Hottest Dance Trax)
- ☒ Stop By, You might even learn a German word

Everybody Welcome - Free Admission



\*Feier Abend literally translated means Party Evening. But essentially Germans just know how to have a good time (come and see for yourself). Feier Abend is a new social initiative at the German Club. Come with friends and have a good time.

Remember Last Friday of the Month! (Subject to change and availability)	2007 --- 3/30 4/27 5/25 6/29 7/27
Do you have Party Ideas? Want to Help Out? Ask for Ole	8/31 9/28 10/26 11/26 12/28



# HEIMATABEND 2006

## HEIMATABEND: MY BIG FAT BAVARIAN WEDDING

was presented by the group on Saturday, 22 April 2006. The grand ballroom in the German-Canadian Cultural Centre was packed and the audience waited curious to see what the group had in store for them this year. The evening began with the first-rate tunes of Calgary dance band **PREMIUM AKKORD**.



After a couple of introductory dances, the story began, a take on the popular movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding". Liesl is the child in a traditional Bavarian household, and is

single, having found no man suitable in the eyes of her "Papa". She meets a Canadian dance teacher, falls for him, and eventually convinces the family to accept a 'Non-Bavarian' into the family. In usual style the group mixes humorous German and Bavarian stereo-



**German Canadian Cultural Centre**  
**8310 Roper Road (51 AVE)**  
**Saturday, 17 February 2007**

**Tickets At the Door!**  
**\$10.00/Family (incl: 2 Adults & 3 Children)**  
**or \$3.00/Person**

**Prizes Dance Music**

**An initiative of the Bavarian Schuhplattler of Edmonton**  
**For information call Bernd at 929-8325**

# MAIFEST 2006

## By Ole Berger

For the third time Schuhplattler groups from Western Canada & Seattle met for their biannual *Schuhplattler Workshop and Dance*. After Calgary ('03) and Vancouver ('04), it was now our turn to host the fest that is now being held in a non-Gaufest year. Groups were invited to

come on the May long weekend (19-21 May). The groups arrived on Friday evening into the German-Canadian Cultural Centre: Schuhplattler Verein Enzian Calgary; AVC Edelweiss Dancers Vancouver; Victoria Edelweiss Dancers; Enzian Schuhplattler Se-



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attle; and Edelweiss Schuhplattler Winnipeg. In addition we had a representative from Chiemgau Windsor, **Jason Cousineau**, who is at the moment living and working in Edmonton. After the Edmonton Oilers won the hockey game, the meet-and-greet got fully underway! Next day Saturday the groups met early for all-day dance workshops. First Edmonton taught the *Allgäuer*. The Enzian group then taught the folk dance *Nagel-*

*schmied*. After a short lunch break we continued with the *Gruppenplattler* for the evening, the *Vancouver Haitauer*. In the afternoon we also showed a video, *The History of Schuhplatteln* (previously presented at the 2005 Buffalo Gaufest). The evening event for the public started with a dinner buffet, followed by a march-in of all participating Vereine by Calgary dance band **Premium Akkord**. As host group we gave each participating *Verein* a banner to commemorate the *Fest*. The whole evening flew by, with *flotte Tanzmusik* and exceptional performances by each



group. Next morning all participants met at **Rainer & Anne Hartl's Bavarian-style Alpine Farm** for brunch with freshly baked bread & cakes, marking the end of the workshop & dance weekend. Over 70 Schuhplattler from 7 groups participated. Everybody had a great time. Winnipeg, present at this event for the first time, was so ex-

cited about the relaxed & family atmosphere that they agreed without hesitation to be at the next meeting. The Victoria Edelweiss Dancers

graciously announced their intention to host the next workshop in two years. Thanks to the **German-Canadian Cultural Centre** for providing the facilities and good food, and to Siegfried Klotsche for donating the **Wanderpreis**, which will travel with us to be given to the host city Victoria in 2008!

