



THE BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS
SINCE 1971 IN EDMONTON ALBERTA



2007—THE YEAR IN REVIEW --

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YODEL-EH-HEE-HO!!!

Welcome to the 13th annual report of the **Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton**, now in our 38th year! We look back at 2007, and look forward to another great year! This year we went to

the **Gaufest** in Hershey Pennsylvania, thrilled to do our own version of the James Bond classic **Goldfinger**, and danced at several **Oktoberfests** in and around "E-town", including a big tent outdoor O'fest downtown. Our membership had a great time, as we rev up for a fun-filled 2008!



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My first year as president was in many ways a typical year for us... by *typical* I mean *full and eventful*. We put on a show filled with danger and intrigue at **Heimatabend: Goldschläger**. We travelled to the USA for the biannual **Gaufest**, held this time in Hershey Pennsylvania. We performed at the Edmonton Heritage Festival. We did several Oktoberfests, including one in downtown Edmonton and as far as Lloydminster.

Because of this busy time, we did not have time to think much about some of our longer term plans, so I look forward to focusing some more on that this year, by starting plans for our 40th anniversary in 2011 (only three years away!), and some ideas for fundraising to be able to do more.



A big thanks to both the **German-Canadian Association of Alberta (GCAA)** and to the **German-Canadian Cultural Association of Edmonton (GCCA)** for their donations this past year, which go a long way towards helping us obtain new costumes for our members and to keep our group strong. Also, thanks to **Siegfried and Käthe Klotsche** for their regular support of our group, especially of the children's group.

I am excited to again be president for this coming year. Our executive for 2008 is as follows: VP Membership **Sylvia Kiel**, VP PR and 1. Vorplattler **Ronny Fritz**, Treasurer **Annette Wagner**, Secretary **Vanessa Sands**, Past President and 2nd Vorplattler **Bernd Kallenbach**, and Vor-mädel **Lisa Friedl**.

Frank Friesacher



BLAUEN FUNKEN

Many of our members, in addition to Schuhplattling, also are avid participants with the German Mardi Gras group, the Blauen Funken! Here are some recent photos of us this Carnival season!

WHIRLWIND OF EVENTS IN 2007



**The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton are a registered charity
Consider a tax-deductible donation today!**

COMING SOON...

Heimatabend 2008

BAVARIAN
ACADEMY
AWARDS

Saturday, 19 April 2008

For tickets call Bernd
at 929-8325 or email
mail@schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca

Tickets \$15 Doors 7 pm

Performances by the
Bavarian Schuhplattlers
Music by Premium Akkord



German Canadian Cultural Centre - 8310 Roper Road (51 Ave) www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca

MEMBERSHIP

This year two of 2006's **pro-**
bationary members,
Vanessa Sands and **Rita**
Scherrer, became full mem-



New members Rita & Vanessa

bers of the group; going on
leave for a while is

Melissa Wagner. There-
fore, our current **active**
adult membership of
twenty (20) is as fol-
lows: **Ole Berger**, **Kath-**
ryn 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, **Vanessa**
Sands, **Marvin Schaaf**, **Rita**
Scherrer, **Eric Seneka**, **Syl-**
via Unterrieser, and **Annette**
Wagner.

We also have two new proba-
tionary members, both men.
Tim Reuscher, son of Honor-
ary German consul Bernd
Reuscher, as well as **Dietmar**
Sollbach (Vanessa's husband)
are both working hard to learn
our dances!

Rounding out the group are



friend members **Chuck Lam-**
mers, and **Uwe Welz**. See
page 6 for **Bernd's** report on
the junior membership.

Alaaf und
Helau

GAU REPORT

by **Sylvia "Schpeckie" Kiel**



The Bavarian Schuhplattlers had the privilege of attending the **21st Gaufest** in Hershey,

Pennsylvania on 21-24 June 2007 which was hosted by G.T.V. Edelweiss Reading, Pennsylvania. There were approx. 3,000 people who had attended. We sent 16 adult members, 1 junior & 1 friend member.

The weekend consisted of attending various workshops,



Preisplattln competitions, shopping at the *Markt Platz* and our *Ehrentanz* performance in *Tracht* (the Vancouver *Heidauer*). At the *Festabend* (banquet) the national anthems were sung beautifully by a 10-year old girl from the Alpenland Tanzer (Connecticut) group. The



dinner was superb! The *Festtag* (picnic) was enjoyable with German-American musicians from Buffalo, NY along with the colorful Parade of Flags. There were many



activities for the *Jugend* (youth), including songs, dances & games. Our group had fun at the *Abschiedsfeier* (farewell party), with the theme "Groovy 70's". Many memorable costumes, which included the rock band KISS, goldfish platform shoes and a lot of colored wigs & sequined outfits!



The Bond Girls... mrrrarww!

atabend Director **Sylvia "Schpeckie" Kiel**. This year's writing chores were in **Frank**



Friesacher's hands. Thanks to all our talented members: to note just a few, **Uwe Welz** & brother **Jürgen** as usual



handled photos & video, **Ole Berger** took care of sound, **Lisa Friedl** choreo-

graphed the sexy **Bond Girls'** routines, and past member **Martin Hansen** designed the poster.

Representing the **German Canadian Association**

of Alberta, **Monika Roch** presented longtime members **Ronny Fritz** & **Marion Fritz** with **GCAA Volunteer**

Achievement Awards.

As always, the tunes of Calgary-band **PREMIUM AKKORD** provided the perfect mood for our favourite night of the year. We had a great time, and hope that our friends and family

did as well. Please come out for next year's Heimatabend, our "**Night at the Oscars**"!



Marion & Ronny receive the Volunteer Award

HEIMATABEND 2007



GOLDSCHLÄGER was our latest "themed" Heimatabend, on Saturday, 21 April 2007.

James Lederbond, International Man of Mystery, is sent by his boss **BMW** of the **Ba-**



Bond... Lederbond... James Lederbond

varian Secret Service to look into the spread of tainted liquor. Going undercover as a government liquor



inspector, he learns that **Anton Goldschläger**, working for the evil organization **SCHPECTRE**, is planning world domination, using the alcoholic beverage which has been altered by his assistant, the dazzling **Miss Mutzikatzi**. Lederbond seduces the *femme fatale*, and, with the help of



secret agent **Felix Le Chat** of **INTERPOL**, as well as that of scientists **Q** and **Little Q**, and of course, **Miss**

Moneypfennig, Lederbond foils the dastardly plans and save Bavaria, in humorous style.

As always the whole group pulled together to make this a memorable event, under the leadership of perennial **Hei-**



We are looking forward on possibly attending the next Gaufest, which will take place in **Toledo, Ohio** in 2009!



feierabend*

3. Friday of every month - at the German Club - 8-1a.m.



When: February 15, 2008, 8 p.m.

Where: German Club Edmonton, 8310 Roper Road (51. Ave), Tel. 466-4000, www.gcca.ca

How much: Lucky you - it's free

What: Meet with friends, make new friends, have some drinks, have some snacks, live DJ, have fun

Why: Where else can you listen to European music and Top 40? Where else can you have fun without paying a fortune? Where else can you meet lots of young Germans?

Who: Everybody is welcome - as long as you want to have a good time

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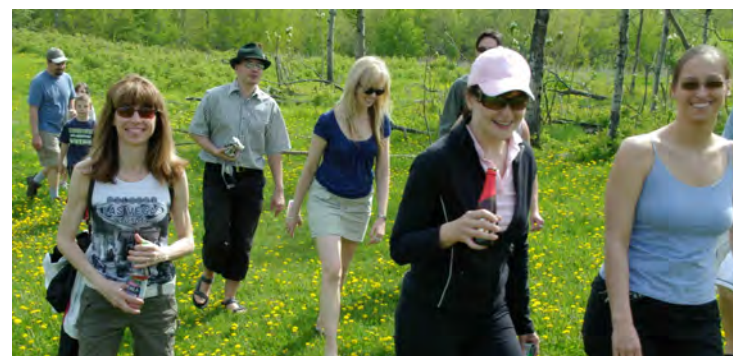
2008 Dates: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 14, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19



Feier Abend is brought to you by the German Canadian Cultural Association (www.gcca.ca)
If you want to be added to the monthly reminder e-mail contact Ole at ossi@shaw.ca.
*party night - literally "Party Night"; traditionally "end of working day"; Ja, You're learning German already!



May... the group at the Hartl Alpine Farm



KID'S CORNER

by **Bernd Kallenbach**

The **Alpenspatzen** group



is still going strong but definitely needs more boys. Right now our adult men help out as required for children's performances. **Reid Friedl** & **Veronica Wagner** have been part of the Alpen-

schatzen for over four years. In 2006 we had girls **Toni Saric**, **Kaitlin Clough** and **Nicole Scherrer** join the group. Toni's little sis-



ter **Hannah Saric** also practiced with the group and did learn the *Mader* dance in time for last year's *Heimatabend*. In September 2007, Hannah officially joined the group along with newcomers **Leilani Konietz** and **Mimi Ward**.

Dancing as junior members with the adults are **Mitchell Friedl** and **Stefan Fritz** as well as my daughter **Melody Kallenbach**.



JUNIOR REPORT

by **Mitchell Friedl**

My name is **Mitchell** and I belong to the **Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton**. I am 14 years old; I dance in this group with my brother, **Reid**, who is 11, and with both my parents. We have been dancing for eight years.

I enjoy dancing in the Schuhplattlers because of many things. For one, it is fun to learn all the different cultural dances and perform them at events where people have never seen Schuhplattln. Also, there are a lot of fun people in the group.

Our group meets every Thursday, for practice for about 1½ hours. We do about 50 practices & performances a year.



Sometimes we go to perform outside the province like in **Kimberly BC**. Every other year, our group goes to the **Gaufest**, and performs with many other groups across North America. I enjoy dancing in this group because it enables me to carry on my heritage and holds many more opportunities than just dancing. It provides me with the opportunity to perform at events to which I never would be able to normally go, and it teaches me discipline and coordination. My family has lots of fun in the group, and we have made many friends. We are always looking for new members. So if you want to learn about German dancing, you should come check us out!



German Canadian Cultural Centre
8310 Roper Road (51 AVE)
Saturday, 16 February 2008

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

Prizes **Dance Music**

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

BOYS - AGE 8 - 13

EDMONTON AREA

We need YOU!

The Alpenspatzen are holding tryouts on
 Thursday February 14 and 21
 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 at the German Canadian Cultural Centre.

We are the Junior group of the Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton. We do German folk dancing and perform at festivals like Oktoberfest, Heritage Days, German Days, in schools and Senior homes, and at the Heimatabend of the Bavarian Schuhplattlers.



We practice Thursdays from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
 in the Alpine Cellar of the German Club on 8310 Roper Rd.
All costumes are provided by the Schuhplattlers.
 Boys need to provide a white shirt and black shoes for performances.

All you need is a bit of rhythm and having fun performing.