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Upcoming Events

Strauss Ball

February 29, 2020
The Tides
North Haledon, NJ

Irish Bayerisch Abend

(Irish ~ Bavarian Night)
April 4, 2020
Pompton Lakes Elks,
Pompton Lakes, NJ

Oktoberfest

October 17, 2020
Pompton Lakes Elks,
Pompton Lakes, NJ

Gaufest

July 8 - 11, 2021
Harrah's Resort
Atlantic City, NJ

größ Gott

größ Gott is the greeting used in Bavaria and Austria to say hello.

Edelweiss Passaic has been upholding and promoting Bavarian and Austrian heritage and culture through traditional dance, music, folklore, costume and customs for 63 years. We have been busy planning many exciting events in 2020 and beyond:

- ❖ **Strauss Ball** on **February 29, 2020** at the Tides Estate in North Haledon our authentic re-creation of a nineteenth century Viennese Grand Ball
- ❖ **Irish-Bayerisch Abend** on **April 4, 2020** at the Pompton Lakes Elks is back by popular demand. Join us for this celebration of German and Irish culture.
- ❖ **Oktoberfest** on **October 17, 2020** at the Pompton Lakes Elks. Our traditional Oktoberfest evening filled with fun, music, dancing, entertainment and Gemütlichkeit.
- ❖ **28th Gaufest July 8 – 11, 2021** at the Harrah's Resort and Conference Center in Atlantic City. Over 2,000 attendees from all over the United States, Canada, Austria and Germany will attend this 4-day cultural event.

We want to take this opportunity to **Thank You** for your continued interest and support.



Irish ~ Bayerisch Abend

Irish ~ Bavarian Night
April 4, 2020

Pompton Lakes Elks, in Pompton Lakes, NJ

Are you Irish? Are you German?
Are you something else?



It doesn't matter what you are! So long as you enjoy celebrating the cultures of Germany and Ireland through music, dance, food and drink!

Come on out to the Pompton Lakes Elks on **Saturday, April 4, 2020**. The evening's entertainment will include the Willie Lynch Band, Irish Step dancers, German Schuhplattler dancers, Folk dancing and sing-a-longs.

Tickets Now On Sale!

The all-inclusive ticket includes Irish and German buffet dinner, cake, coffee/tea, unlimited Irish and German beer, wine and soda. **Tickets are \$50 ages 21 and older, \$25 ages 13 to 20, \$15 ages 6 to 12, Free ages 5 and under.** Tickets can be purchased online at www.edelweisspassaic.org with PayPal, debit or credit card. A \$1.00 per adult ticket convenience fee will apply.

Reserve your spot today and bring your friends for the fun!

For information or tickets email: edelweissfest@gmail.com

or call 973-876-5345



Strauss Ball

February 29, 2020

The Tides Estate in North Haledon, NJ

Edelweiss Passaic invites you join us in our authentic re-creation of a nineteenth century Viennese Grand Ball. Quietly slip out of the twenty-first century for a few fleeting hours to relive the grandeur and magnificence of a bygone era where Strauss was King. The beauty of the waltz is evident as the couples glide gracefully across the dance floor to music of Johann Strauss. The music, surroundings and ambiance of the Grand Ball are all here.

The evening starts with a Champagne / Bellini reception, followed by a full cocktail hour at 6:30pm with delicious appetizers and three carving stations. The three-course dinner features filet mignon, oven roasted salmon or grilled chicken with sautéed sundried tomato and mushrooms. Premium liquors will be available throughout the evening.



Music will be provided by the Kauriga Orchestra. Dance and listen the night away to the melodic strains of waltzes, polkas, schottisches, tangos and more. The Orchestra will be playing and strolling amongst our guests during dinner. During Orchestra breaks, join the members of Edelweiss and participate in some traditional folk dances of the era. We invite all in attendance to join us for the Grand March!

Edelweiss Passaic Strauss Ball

Saturday, February 29, 2020
Leap back in time...

Wooden Dance Floor *The Tides* Valet Parking
1245 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon, NJ 07508

Dancing to a Viennese Orchestra
The Kauriga Orchestra

Grand March Waltz Polka Schottische Tango Folk Dancing

Evening begins with a Champagne Reception at 6pm
cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing, open bar
Tickets \$125 per person ~ Reservations Required
Attire: White Tie, Black Tie, Strauss Era Costume encouraged

For more information visit www.edelweisspassaic.org
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Tickets are \$125 per person. Reservations for the Strauss Ball are required and accepted on a paid, first come, first served basis. For information about the Strauss Ball, visit our website www.edelweisspassaic.org, or email edelweissstraussball@gmail.com or call Sandy at 973-962-4682.

Children & Youth Activities



We welcome children of all ages to join us!

Children are the future that will uphold the German culture and traditions. We are very proud of our children. Our Kindergruppe practices on Friday nights at 7:30 pm.

Our youth are practicing to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Jugendeinzel dance competition in Lancaster, PA in March. We wish them all the best and know that we will be proud of their performances.

If you have a child who may be interested in learning German dancing, please contact us. All are welcome!



For information about our Kindergruppe contact Fred at 973-956-1581

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Invitation to a Pre-Strauss Ball Party

Would you like to learn to dance? Polish up your waltzing? Learn traditional Folk Dances that are danced at the Strauss Ball?

We invite you to our

Open House / Pre-Strauss Ball Party

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 8:00 to 10:00 pm

Fairfield VFW Post 7925, 45 Plymouth St, Fairfield NJ.

Free – No admission. Just bring your dancing shoes!
Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Sandy 973-962-4682 or Nancy 973-495-2947

Gaufest Coming to New Jersey

Atlantic City, NJ ~ July 8 - 11, 2021!

Edelweiss Passaic is proud to be the host of the 28th Gaufest of the Gauverband Nordamerika



The 4-day festival will be held at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, NJ on July 8 through July 11, 2021. This world class cultural event is the largest gathering of its kind outside of Germany. 2,000 adults and children from across the United States, Canada and Europe are expected to attend the Gaufest.

Every two years all of the German Schuhplattler groups from the Gauverband Nordamerika come together to share different dances, Tracht (traditional clothing), music, culture, fellowship and participate in dance competitions.

The Gaufest weekend is filled with activities for all. There are traditional Festabends including the Welcome Dance on Thursday, Heimatabend and Tanzabend, a traditional Bavarian evening of performances and dance on Friday, Festabend banquet on Saturday, Festtag on Sunday afternoon and Farewell Dance on Sunday night. Daytime events include individual dance competitions for children and teens

(*Jugendeinzelpreisplatteln* and adults (*Einzelpreisplatteln*) on Friday, group dance competition (*Gruppenpreisplatteln*) on Saturday. There will be a German card playing tournament (*Schafkopf Turnier*) on Saturday. An authentic traditional Bavarian Catholic mass (*Bauernmesse*) will be held on Saturday prior to the banquet. Several workshops will be held covering topics such as folk dancing, Bavarian and Tyrolian costume, cultural exchange workshops, folk music and more. Shop and browse the vendors in our Bavarian Trachtenmarkt. There is so much to see and do including children and youth activities, Musikstube, and dance exhibitions.



The event ticket includes access to all of the events, daytime and evening. Meals are included at the banquet on Saturday and Festtag on Sunday. German beer, wine, soda, and water are included at the evening events. Tickets for the Gaufest and room registration will be opening later this year, so please keep posted for additional information on our website gaufest2021.com, as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Gaufest in New Jersey as we approach closer to the event, and follow our progress. This once in a lifetime opportunity is not to be missed, and you and your family will have a ball in Atlantic City – **Down the Shore!!!**

Sponsor, promotional and vendor opportunities are available; for information email 28Gaufest2021grants@gmail.com. For more information about the Gaufest visit our web site <https://www.gaufest2021.com/> or email 28Gaufest2021@gmail.com.

Dancing Update - Travel the US and Germany

This year members of Edelweiss Passaic will be traveling in the US and Germany to perform. Some of our performances scheduled include:

March 7	Lancaster, PA	Mid-Atlantic Jugendeinsel
March 28	Kenilworth, NJ	BVN 90 th Anniversary Stiftungsfest
April 18	Philadelphia, PA	G.T.V. Almrausch 95 th Anniversary Stiftungsfest
April 24 – 26	Anaheim, CA	Gauverband Nordamerika Delegates Meeting
May 30	Poughkeepsie, NY	Germania Almrausch 50 th Anniversary
June 6	Newark, DE	Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest
June 10 - 14	Diessen, Germany	Bayerischer Löwe & d'Ammertaler Diessen 100 th Anniversary
August 29	Omaha, NE	Heimat Tänzer 50 th Anniversary
November 7	Toledo, OH	Fahnenweihe Toledo Holzacker Baum



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We are "Going Green". Please send your email address to edelweisspassaic@gmail.com so we can send you future event notifications, newsletters and invitations by email. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONGRATULATIONS

The officers and members from Edelweiss Passaic want to express our sincere gratitude to all of you that supported our Gaufest raffle. The proceeds from this raffle allow us to be able to offer discounted Gaufest event tickets to children. The raffle drawing was held at our annual Christmas Party on December 14, 2019. A video of the drawing and the results can be found on the Gaufest 2021 web site, www.gaufest2021.com and Gaufest 2021 Facebook page. Join the Edelweiss Passaic in congratulating the winners:

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| 1st prize: | Kirsten Mueller won a 4-night stay at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City and 2 Gaufest event tickets. |
| 2nd prize: | GJ Doedee won a 4-night stay at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City. |
| 3rd prize: | Emma Lavin won 2 Gaufest event tickets. |

Would You Like to Learn German Dancing?

All Welcome! Children, Teens & Adults *(non-dancers too!)*

- ❖ Do you like German heritage and culture?
- ❖ Would you like to introduce your child, family member or friend to German and Bavarian culture?
- ❖ Would you like to keep fit with dance?
- ❖ Do you play a musical instrument?

Why not consider attending one of our dance practices? We do German folk dancing in addition to Schuhplattler dancing. Singles, couples, families, children, adults, and seniors come join us. Partners are not needed.

Our Kindergruppe consists of children ages 5 to 13, Junior group, ages 14 to 16 and adults into their 70's+. No prior knowledge of dancing is required; just a desire to have fun, exercise, dance, and meet friends.

In addition to dancing we have many events during the year for our members including: dinner dances, Heimatabends, trips and outings, picnics, Christmas caroling, Christmas party.

We practice most Fridays between September and June. Our meetings are usually on the second Friday of the month at the Fairfield VFW Post 7925, 45 Plymouth Street, Fairfield, NJ. Contact Nancy van Dyke at 973-459-2947 or edelweisspassaic@gmail.com.

About Edelweiss Passaic

Edelweiss Passaic is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the heritage and culture of Bavaria, and other regions of Germany, Austria and other European countries. Our dance group wears authentic Bavarian attire (Tracht) when we perform our traditional Schuhplattler and folk dances from Bavaria, Germany and Austria.

We have an active children's dance group (Kindergruppe) in addition to our adult Schuhplattler and Volkstanz group.

We welcome members of all ages. We are multi-generational and family oriented with members ranging from 4 to 90. You do not need a partner to dance with us. To learn more about us, our events, becoming a member, learning to dance, or information about hiring us for your next event, email us at edelweisspassaic@gmail.com.