



GOTTSCHER RELIEF ASSOCIATION, Inc.

657 FAIRVIEW AVENUE RIDGEWOOD, N.Y. 11385

JAHRESBRIEF NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2015

The Christmas season is always a special time of the year when we focus on our families and friends and look forward to celebrating the holidays with them. We also look back and wonder where the year has gone and all that we wanted to accomplish, but realize that the time we had just was not enough.

The Gottscheer Relief Association has accomplished much in the past year, as you will see in the following pages. Since most of it was accomplished by the board members, directors, and club members who serve as volunteers and give their time freely, the achievements mean that much more. We all have a certain amount of time in our lives, and deciding to spend that time to preserve and honor our Gottscheer heritage, history and traditions not only for ourselves and our families, but also for the younger generation by song, by dance, by cuisine, etc. emphasizes its significance to all of us.



Our clubs are always in need of new members and there are so many clubs to choose from. If you cannot volunteer or join a club, please continue to support us by attending the dances and events at Gottscheer Hall and our annual Volksfest at the Plattduetsche Park in Franklin Square.

Thank you to one and all for the countless hours you spend on behalf of the Gottscheer Relief Association in the area you have chosen. A special thank you to Diana Kolar, Miss Gottschee 2015, for putting this year's newsletter together.

May your Christmas be filled with wonderful things and the timeless beauty of the holiday season fill your heart with wonder.

Merry Christmas to all and peace and joy in the New Year!

- Elfriede Parthe Sommer, President

“Göttscheabashə Bainochtn”

Gottscheer Relief Christmas Party
Sunday, December 27, 2015
2:00pm
Gottscheer Hall, Ridgewood, NY
All are welcome. Admission Free.

**Bir binschn Ai olln scheanə
Bainochtn ünt a glikkhlichəs
najes Jur!**

**We wish you all a beautiful
Christmas and a happy New
Year!**

**Wir wünschen Euch allen schöne
Weihnachten und ein glückliches
neues Jahr!**

Celebrating the 69th Annual Gottscheer Volksfest

The Gottscheer Relief Association and its member clubs are delighted at the success of the 69th Annual Gottscheer Volksfest that was celebrated on a beautiful, sunny Sunday this past June in Plattduetsche Park. Thank you to everyone that attended and enjoyed the day with family and friends!

It's a pleasure to host this annual celebration of our Gottscheer language, culture and heritage with performances by Die Erste Gottscheer Tanzgruppe and the Gottscheer Choere. Special recognition must go out to all Omas and Opas who encourage their multi-generational families to acknowledge our distinct heritage and support the efforts of the GRA to keep it alive here in New York. We certainly hope the Volksfest will continue to be the event that brings us all together each year. Congratulations to Diana Kolar who was crowned Miss Gottschee 2015 and does an outstanding job of being an Ambassador for all Gottscheers throughout the NY Metro area!

Planning is already underway for the milestone 70th Anniversary Volksfest on Sunday, June 5th, 2016. Please mark your calendars so as not to miss a fun and exciting day with the members of our beloved Gottscheer community!

Sonia Juran Kulesza
Festleiterin and VP, GRA

Below are the Winners of the Chancebook Raffle held at the 2015 Gottscheer Volksfest in June at Franklin Square, Long Island:

- 1st Prize - \$500 - Joe Muro, Norwalk, CT
- 2nd Prize - \$250 - Wilma Zeblin, Bohemia, NY
- 3rd Prize - \$200 - Bob Hofmann, Glendale, NY
- 4th Prize - \$150 - Barbara Sekulski, Staten Island, NY
- 5th Prize - \$100 - S. Rabuse, East Northport, NY
- 6th Prize - \$50 - Hedwig Kelm, Greenwood Lake, NY
- 7th Prize - \$50 - Robert Anschlowar, Hamden, NY
- 8th Prize - \$50 - Elisabeth Lesar, New York, NY
- 9th Prize - \$50 - Arnold E. Petsche, Arlington, TX
- 10th Prize - \$50 - Lee Schifflet, Ridgewood, NY
- 11th Prize - \$50 - Edna Rankel, Jackson, NJ
- 12th Prize - \$50 - Frank Samide, Maspeth, NY
- 13th Prize - \$50 - Kristen Hiris, Kings Park, NY
- 14th Prize - \$50 - Mr/Mrs Joe Mausser, Wickliffe, OH
- 15th Prize - \$50 - Lou Putre, Fairfield, CT

Greetings from Miss Gottschee

Frohe Weihnachten meine liebe Landsleute!

I love how the Christmas season brings family and friends together to share stories and traditions. The holidays are a time to give thanks and reflect on the past year, and what an incredible year 2015 has been as Miss Gottschee! At each event thus far I have connected with family, made new friends, and shared experiences and stories, all the while making memories that would have made my Poppo, Franz Tscherne, very proud.



Bringing out Aunt Joan Kikel's Miss Gottschee medallion from 1964 at the Volksfest and hearing Alfred Belay talk about how he and my grandfather translated church archives in Gottschee was something I will never forget. Visiting family in Kitchener, Ontario and participating in the Treffen was a highlight – it was so much fun to have my cousin Helmut Mausser co-MC the event, and it was truly special to have Tante Steffi Mausser attend, just weeks before her 90th birthday, all while meeting so many Gottscheers from NY, Canada, Ohio and beyond!

It was well worth the 5am wake up call to appear with Sonia, Dorothy, Jessica, Kristina and Jimmy on *Good Morning America* to promote the Steuben Day Parade and meet Michael Strahan. I really



enjoyed learning more about Miss German America and her princesses at the Steuben Day Parade Gala, and had one of my favorite days in NY thus far riding down 5th Avenue in the Parade in the

Belay red convertible and partaking in the Oktoberfest activities in Central Park afterward. Lots of people asked me what being Gottscheer means, which reminded me how important it is to keep talking about our very special culture.

I know that we are all looking forward to the fun, stories and excitement that the events of 2016 will bring. I look forward to seeing everyone at the dinners, dances and events to come!

Merry Christmas and All the Best for 2016!

Diana Kolar
Miss Gottschee 2015

Annual General Meeting of the Gottscheer Relief Association

Sunday, January 24, 2016 – 2:00pm
Gottscheer Hall, Ridgewood, NY

All landsleute and friends are invited to attend!
We will be showing the video Gottscheabar Lont
Das Verlorene Kulturerbe at 4:00pm after the
meeting.



Who Will Be Miss Gottschee 2016?



The Miss Gottschee Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. **We are looking forward to hearing from applicants interested in being Miss Gottschee 2016!**

Being Miss Gottschee is a once in a life time opportunity for young women of Gottscheer descent. Her year is filled with fun cultural events! From the crowning festivities at our annual Volksfest, attending the Treffen with Gottscheers from around the globe, to riding down 5th Avenue at the German-American Steuben Day Parade, and spending time with the many Gottscheer clubs who gather at Gottscheer Hall; being Miss Gottschee promises to be an exciting time. Your year as Miss Gottschee is sure to be an enriching experience, making lasting memories, and meeting friends old and new while you celebrate your heritage. If you are a young woman between the ages of 18 and 25 and interested in being a cultural ambassador for the Gottscheer community, please submit an application to the Miss Gottschee Committee.

Attention all past Miss Gottschees and Princesses!

The Miss Gottschee Committee is interested in hearing from you! We would like to hear what you have been up to since your year as the reigning Miss Gottschee or a Princess. Please tell us a little about yourself now, including your contributions or involvement in the many Gottschee clubs and organizations, and your current contact info so we can stay in touch! We can be contacted via email at missgottscheecommittee@gottscheenewyork.org.

The 53rd Annual Gottscheer Treffen

This year Gottscheers from all over the world gathered in Kitchener, Ontario for the 53rd Annual Treffen, which was graciously hosted by the Alpine Club. Festivities kicked off with dinner and dancing to the Golden Keys on Saturday night, which included a celebrity guest appearance from the official mascot of the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, Onkel Hans! Onkel Hans and his crew filmed a promotional video for the Oktoberfest, which featured clips of guests dancing to “Fliegerlied” as well as the “Chicken Dance” and a conga line.

On Sunday, September 6, guests headed to St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church for procession and Mass. Co-MCs Helmut Mausser and Christine Liebig lead the ceremonies, which included speeches by club leaders and dance performances by The Alpine Dancers, the Gottscheer Tanz und Spielkreis from Cleveland and Die Erste Gottscheer Tanzgruppe from NY. Guests also enjoyed an interactive Alpine Cowbell performance by Cheri Koschir.

All in all, it was a wonderful weekend of sharing old stories and creating new ones! We look forward to seeing everyone in Cleveland for the 54th Annual Gottscheer Treffen Labor Day Weekend 2016!

The 57th Annual German American Steuben Parade

On September 21st, about 80 members of the Gottscheer Organizations marched in the 58th Annual German-American Steuben Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. It was a beautiful day for a



parade and the Gottscheer Division was very strong as usual. Elisabeth Jocham-Weiss and Elfriede Hoefflerle carried the banner at the front of the group. John and Inge Jellen wore the Gottscheer Tracht. The children of the dance group received great attention in their lederhosen and dirmdls. The flags of our organizations were proudly carried by the following: Frank Kotnik (American Flag), Reinhold Stehle (German Flag), Albert Erbacher (Austrian Flag), Danny Kikel (Vereinigung),

Reinhard Schmuck (KUV), Elisabeth Schemitsch (Deutsch Gottscheer Gesangverein), Lloyd Kiefer (Bowling Club), Joe Kikel (Rod & Gun Club), Dieter Keppler (Gottscheer Männerchor), Erich Weiss (Gottscheer Gedankstätte) and Werner Plut (Tanzgruppe). Miss Gottschee 2015, Diana Kolar, was driven in a red cabriolet by Roland and Albert Belay. The parade also had 20 groups from Germany and Austria, as well as many other organizations from New York, New Jersey and other parts of the United States. As we marched, we were able to enjoy music from the Blaßkapelle Egerländer Gold band from Baden Württemberg, Germany. After the parade, many attended the once again sold out Oktoberfest in Central Park, while others returned to the clubhouse for an excellent lunch. The festivities continued the next day as many also enjoyed the Oompahfest at Plattduetsche Park.

Grand Marshals this year included actor John Ratzenberger, former Governing Mayor of Berlin Klaus Wowereit, and news



anchor Contessa Brewer. They were honored and spoke at the gala dinner the night before the parade, which was a beautiful event held at The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers.

We want to send a special thank you to all of the parade organizers, especially fellow Gottsacheers Robert Radske (General Chariman of the parade) and his daughter Nicole. All are invited to join us for the parade next year on September 17, 2016!

Gottscheer Chöre

The Deutsch-Gottscheer Gesang Verein has had a full and active year with President Trudy Max Mordhorst together with the Gottscheer Männerchor and their president, Albert Belay. We were



thrilled to celebrate Herr Belay's 90th birthday together with his family earlier this year. In addition to our Spring and Fall Concerts, we sang in Saint Matthias on the first Sunday in January at the

Deutsche Messe. Although we are saddened by the unexpected loss of Monsignor Peter Zendzian who celebrated the Deutsche Messe, we expect to participate at this traditional event again in 2016. We performed at the Volksfest and the Weihnachts Bescherung and participated in the Steuben Day parade. The Ridgewood Property Owners invited us to sing again at their Tree Lighting Ceremony at I.S. 93 on December 3.

Our first Faschings Dinner Dance was held on Sunday, February 15 with music by Paul Belanich. This turned out to be a successful family-oriented event, well received by those in attendance. We hope to repeat its success on Sunday, February 21, 2016.

Our performance and event information and updates are available on our Facebook page with information usually shared among the clubs. All are welcome to friend us but more importantly to join us. This year we have had some new members and some past members join us for practices which are now held on Saturdays at 9:00 AM. The new time and monthly coffee break have been agreeable to all.

We enjoy such loyal and generous support from our patrons at our performances. In the coming year, under the direction of Zina Skachinsky, we will continue to perform the folk songs of our heritage in concerts we hope to be pleasing and entertaining.

Gottscheer Bowling Club

The 2014-2015 season got off to a quiet start, but things got interesting in the second half, as once again Freddy Luscher's team "From the Rear" which started out early in "Last Place". The team consisting of Herb Morscher, Danny Koehler and Oscar Eppich battled for First Place against the "3 Diamonds" Captain Dave Kurre, Winfried Stubenrauch and Frank Sbaschnik. Winfried was Captain of the team which Freddy battled last year with Winfried's winning First Place. However, this time Freddy held on and won First Place.

Our 70th Anniversary Dinner Dance was fun reuniting some of the former members with current members, and former Presidents – Herb Morscher, Roland Belay and Joe Koenig attended, who are still bowling with us. Former President Matt Guile couldn't due to work.

We are in need of bowlers!

Dave Koehler, Gottscheer Bowling Club President

Blau Weiss Soccer

BW Gottschee's goal to become one of the finest clubs in the USA is looking more and more promising each time our teams step on the pitch. The undefeated BW Gottschee U-18 Academy squad arrived at the winter academy showcase in Clearwater, Florida, holding the #1 ranking in the United States Soccer Development Academy. The team was honored accordingly by being featured in the stadium for their opening game.

Another sign that Gottschee is on its way to achieve its elite status is its player development. Home grown Matteo Ritaccio, who's been scouted by England's Liverpool FC, impressed when he traveled across the pond last November. He was invited back for a longer evaluation period this spring, where he got the opportunity to train daily and play in four games against other Premiership Academies.

BW Gottschee is one of the nation's largest and most successful clubs thanks in large part to the high level of volunteerism by coaches and parents. BW Gottschee is a federally recognized non-profit 501c3 tax exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please visit our website at www.bwgottschee.org to see the latest events and updates.

John Krische, President

Die Erste Gottscheer Tanzgruppe

As 2015 draws to a close we look back on another dance season. We started our year off in March with our annual performance. In June it was on to the Gottscheer Volksfest. After a summer break some of us headed to Kitchener to the Treffen. It was great seeing old friends and meeting some new. We kept the dancing



tradition alive with performances at Windham Mountain Oktoberfest and Bear Mountain

Oktoberfest. In between there we had a beautiful day as we marched in the Steuben Parade along Fifth Avenue. Our last performance for the year was our annual Bierfest in October. We now look forward to our annual Christmas party on December 18.

We start next year with our performance on March 19 and hope to see you there. On behalf of myself and Die Erste Gottscheer Tanzgruppe I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year 2016!

Dorothy Neubauer

Gottscheer Kranken Unt. Verein

by Pres. Fred W. Hoefflerle • Nov. 30, 2015

2015 has been a unique year for the KUV. We reached a milestone this year with nearly twenty new members initiated into our organization, seven of which were females. Membership for women began in the year 2000 when our bylaws were modified. The new members run the gamut, from teenage applicants to individuals who are "junior seniors" (approaching senior and retirement status.) There are many reasons for the influx of new members, although the increase is primarily due to the initiative of our existing members who want to see our organization continue to thrive while preserving the traditions that set Gottscheers apart from other ethnic groups. And many of our new members are very familiar with the Gottscheer heritage but have just never given thought to joining until approached by a current member to join. The most aggressive recruiter has been Reinhard Schmuck (Financial Secretary) followed by Sonia Juran Kulesza (VP). The additional effort of our other members has contributed to our growth and is inspiring for the Gottscheer community.

January 2016 will be our Hauptversammlung, and it will mark the election of our Vorstand and officers for the next two years. There is no indication of any major changes, but then again, election results are never a certainty. Current officers (all up for re-election) are: President Fred W. Hoefflerle, VP Sonia Juran Kulesza, Sekretairin Nancy Krueger, Finanz Sekretair Reinhard Schmuck and Schatzmeister John W. Tschinkel. Auditors are Bill Hiris, Joseph Morscher and Thomas Stalzer, and current Trustees are John Schmuck, William Mausser and Reinhold Stehle.

Activities during 2015 included our annual Bauernball which was held on Sunday, March 22, with all the traditional highlights: Gottscheer Auction, College Scholarship Award, Button Accordion jam session and our popular raffle. The college Scholarship winner was Matthew Ostermann (#755) and son of Ron Ostermann (#721). Matthew received his Masters Degree in Business and Aviation from Dowling College and has worked alongside his dad at many of our Volksfests before becoming a member in April 2015.

The 115th Bauernball will take place on Sunday, March 13, 2016 and will again offer a complete meal, appetizers, beer, wine and dessert. Vice President, Sonia Juran Kulesza, is once again anticipated to be the Master of Ceremonies.

We look forward to our "Kinderbescherung" which will take place on Sunday, December 20 at the Gottscheer Hall. With the support of Gottscheer Relief and Gottscheer Vereinigung, we continue to make this event memorable for all the attending kids, parents and grandparents. The live puppet show will be "Little Red Riding Hood" presented by "Puppets To Go." A Christmas celebration would not be complete without the appearance of Santa Claus, which will be coordinated by our Financial Secretary Reinhard Schmuck. Every child in attendance will receive a delightful bag of treats and get to take a photo with Santa Reinhard. Thanks to all the volunteers from our sister organizations Gottscheer Vereinigung and Gottscheer Relief, as well as those from KUV, this event is always a festive and fun celebration at the Gottscheer Hall.

2016 will be the 115th year of our fine organization, which was founded in 1901. We continue to be inspired by the memory of our most recently deceased President (William J. Meditz) whose memory lives on within the KUV. With a vibrant group of new members, we will be looking to provide activities that will be of interest to everyone and continue to focus on our traditions and heritage as a valuable inspiration. Anyone who has any questions concerning our organization can contact anyone in the Vorstand, or get in touch with President Fred Hoefflerle at Fred7524@gmail.com or (917) 601-7524.

Gottscheer Rod & Gun Club

It has been another exciting year for the members of the Gottscheer Rod & Gun Club. In January, we all enjoyed a successful Jaegerball, where the guests enjoyed a venison sauerbraten dinner and entertainment by The Austrian Boys. There were also many winners from our traditional chance book and roller raffles.

When the weather begins to warm in the Spring, members participate in turkey season. Werner Klun and John Pantazis, Sr. both harvested a male tom.

Every June, our members enjoy working the Wurst Stand at the Gottscheer Volksfest at Plattdeutsch Park in Franklin Square, which is always very busy.

Each September, the club holds its annual shooting competition in preparation for the hunting season. The winner this year was Werner Klun. We are always optimistic for deer hunting season, which begins in October and ends in December. The season begins with bow season. Patrick Rea harvested a three-point buck, Michael Genna harvested a three-point buck and Joe Kikel harvested a doe. A few weeks later, black powder muzzle loading season begins, where Joe Kikel, Werner Klun and George Baker all harvested does. Most recently, during rifle season, Patrick Rea harvested a six-point buck and Werner Klun harvested a doe. Members, Arty Betsch and Werner Klun participated in hunting seasons out of state, where Arty harvested an eight-point buck in Texas and Werner harvested a four-point bull moose in Maine. We are hopeful there will be more to come as the season comes to a close.

On Sunday, January 17, 2016, please join us for our annual dinner dance, Jaegerball, to celebrate another successful year of our club. Entertainment will be by the Spitzbaum and the donation is \$50, which includes a family style dinner of traditional sauerbraten and roast beef. Desserts and coffee are also included. Doors open at 1PM.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Gottscheer Vereinigung Club

2015 was an eventful and enjoyable year for the Gottscheer Vereinigung. Our 80th Anniversary Banquet was held in May at Gottscheer Hall. Almost 200 members, family and friends attended this milestone celebration and enjoyed the music of the Heimatklaenge Orchestra which traveled from outside Philadelphia, PA to celebrate with us. We had a sumptuous cocktail hour, fine food, and the dance floor was full from the beginning of the affair to the conclusion. Members who attended came from as far away as Canada, Virginia and Rhode Island.

On the first Sunday in June our club operated the Wurst Stand at the annual Gottscheer Volksfest at Plattduetsche Park. We raffled off over 100 Jaegerwurst and Cervelatwurst together with a loaf of rye bread from Grimaldi's Bakery. For 50 cents and a little luck you could have won your lunch.

On Labor Day Weekend in September, we participated in the 53rd North American Gottscheertreffen which took place in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada and was hosted by the Alpen Klub in Kitchener. Our members proudly carried the U.S.



Flag and our club flag into Church and the Banquet. Also in September, our club marched in the annual German-American Steuben Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan as part of the Gottscheer Division.

American Steuben Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan as part of the Gottscheer Division.

This year the Club awarded a Half Century Club plaque to Andreas Fitz who has been a member of the Club since 1965. Additionally, Frank H. Kropf, Robert Rom and Robert Hoeffler were given 25-year pins in recognition of their membership since 1990.

On December 6, 2015 we will gather for our annual Christmas Dinner. Der Huettenmusikant, Mr. Werner Goebel, will come from New Jersey to provide the traditional German and American Christmas music as well as waltzes and polkas for all the guests. The camaraderie among the member at this small low-key break from the Holiday season is very enjoyable. The President along with the Vorstand wishes all members and friends, "Ein frohes und gesinnliches Weihnachtsfest und Prosit Neujahr!"

On February 28, 2016, we have scheduled our 8th Anniversary Dance. Attendees will enjoy goulasch with spaetzle, coffee, cake, imported beer, wine and soda, all while listening to the music of the Emil Schanta Band. All this for \$35.00 per person. Please contact Vice-President Daniel Kikel at (516) 526-0032 for information and reservations. We hope to greet many of you at the affair.

Gottscheer Gatherings

Gathering together to share stories and traditions is an important part of Gottscheer culture, especially around the holidays. We encourage all of you to share your holiday photos and stories on Facebook/ Instagram/ Twitter with the hashtag **#GottscheerGatherings**.

#GottscheerGatherings from Miss Gottschee 2015:



A favorite holiday tradition of mine is getting together to bake cookies for a full day (Lebkuchen, VanilleKipferl and Linzer Tarts to name a few). On Christmas Eve, each family member chooses a Christmas Carol and we all sing

before opening presents. The final song is always "Stille Nacht".



54th Annual Gottscheer Treffen

Cleveland, Ohio

Labor Day Weekend 2016

Contact Co-chairs for information:

Fritz Neubauer 917-767-4729

Elfriede Parthe Sommer 917-362-9072



Gottscheer Memorial Chapel

(The Gottscheer Gedenkstaette)

A heartfelt thank you to all who support us and help make our annual Gemütliche Nachmittag on Palm Sunday a success by donating money, prizes, labor and most importantly by attending our fundraising dinner. The profits are used solely for the upkeep and maintenance of the Gottscheer Gedenkstätte (Gottscheer Memorial Chapel) in Graz-Maria Trost, Austria. All money is deposited here in New York banks and managed by the New York representatives.

The Gottscheer Gedenkstätte was built as a permanent memorial to all Gottscheers to honor their lost homeland and to remember the victims of both wars whose names are immortalized on marble tablets. It was built with the donations of countless Gottscheers from all over the world. The Chapel holds a Gottscheer archive, Gottscheer museum and a Gottscheer Bauernstube (farmhouse room).

It is our duty to preserve this beautiful Gottscheer Memorial Chapel for future generations to bear witness to our Gottscheer people, our culture and our history.

This year, Nicole Kotnik of Glendale, NY was the winner of the Dr. William Gerber Scholarship. She attends St. John's University in Queens, NY and is studying to be a pharmacist.

Our Gemütliche Nachmittag will be held again on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Gottscheer Hall in Ridgewood, NY. Music will be provided by the popular Emil Schanta Band. There will be hundreds of prizes for the lucky winners. The Dr. William Gerber Scholarship will again be awarded to a student of Gottscheer descent.

The 2016 Gottscheer Kalender will be available for \$16.00 at Gottscheer Hall (718)366-3030 or Elfriede Hoefflerle (718)386-6863, 71-05 65th Place, Glendale, NY 11385. For mailing within the USA please add \$5.00 for postage and make checks payable to the Gottscheer Memorial Chapel.

Submitted by Elfriede Hoefflerle



Some of this year's baskets made for the homebound by Gottscheer Relief's Sozialcomitte – Elfriede Parthe Sommer, President (pictured right), Elfriede Hoefflerle, Second Vice President (pictured left), Joe Hoefflerle, Helga Zender and Inge and John Jellen.

THANKS TO ALL OUR DONORS!

Many thanks to all of you that send in donations throughout the year, or a little extra with your chance book purchases. It's very much appreciated! Vrgelts Gott!

\$1,000 German Society of NY (In Memory of Adolf Schauer). **\$100:** Edeltraud Groepler (Clearwater, FL) - In Memory of Karl Moschner, Elfriede Meditz (Glendale, NY), Alan E. Petsche (Fort Worth, TX), Steven Schell (Mt. Laurel, NJ). **\$90:** Joseph Tschinkel (Forest Hills, NY). **\$50:** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Anshlowar (Hamden, NY), Gustav Fink (Castro Valley, CA), Herbert Koenig (College Point, NY), Robert Melz (South Easton, MA). **\$40:** Albert Curl (Concord, NC), Arnold E. Petsche (Arlington, TX), Joseph B. Schober (Chesapeake, VA). **\$30:** Ingrid Schifflet (Ridgewood, NY). **\$25:** Frank Juran (New Fairfield, CT). **\$20:** Lillian Betsch (Middle Village, NY), Fred Krisch (Aiken, SC), Carl Ropenus (Middle Village, NY), John Vogrin (Hawley, PA), Thomas J. Wiegand (Franklin Square, NY), Herta Yonke (E. Northport, NY). **\$15:** Joseph Erker (Overland Park, KS), Harry Hoferle (Palatine, IL), Eric Jaklitsch (New Smyrna Beach, FL), Hedwig Koenig (Hawley, PA), Lillian Koenig (Ridgewood, NY), Helen M. Kump (Kings Park, NY) - In Memory of Joe Kump, Irene Lackner (Ridgewood, NY), Irma Lackner (Glendale, NY), Mr. Herbert Michitsch (Ontario, Canada), Helen Rabuse (Howard Beach, NY). **\$10:** Elfrieda Bugos (Lino Lakes, MN), Gert Kampfer (Atlanta, Georgia), Gunter Kelm (Greenwood, NY), Marija Kern (Glendale, NY), Mr. & Mrs. Ewald Kneier (Ridgewood, NY), Ron Kobetitsch (Tallahassee, FL), Arnold Kren (Shohola, PA), Susan Mille (Centereach, NY), Frank A. Rieger (Kansas City, MO), Reinhold Ruppe (Valatie, NY), Mathilde Seibert (Payson, AZ), Richard Siegmund (Wappingers Falls, NY), Rosalia Stalzer (Glendale, NY), Sophia Stalzer Wyant (Palisade, MN), Margaret Steffensmeier (Fremont, NE), Margaret Susor (Oregon, OH), Barbara Tolg Huss (Boring, OR), Maria Verderber (Ridgewood, NY). **\$8:** Alois Plut (Lindenhurst, NY). **\$5:** Mr. John Bertalan (Tarpon Springs, FL), Joseph Kovacic (Colonial, VA), Mildred Petroski (New York, NY), Mary Ann Smith (Oakland, CA), Klotilda Stines (Ringwood, NJ). **\$2:** Hilde Rueb (Ridgewood, NY). **\$1:** Edward J. Hirsch (Seal Beach, CA), Anton Kresse (Ridgewood, NY).

MEARLAISCHKHUCHN

Hoimischai Khösch/ Albert Belay

(Carrot Cake)



2 cups	flour	4	eggs
1 cup	sugar	2 tsp	baking power
2 cups	ground carrots	1/2 tsp	baking soda
1/2 cup	butter (or 1 cup oil)	2 tsp	cinnamon
1 cup	chopped nuts	1/2 tsp	salt

Mix flour, baking powder, salt, baking soda and cinnamon. Cream butter and sugar, stir in eggs one by one, add carrots and nuts, then combine everything with the flour and make into a dough. Place into greased and floured baking pan, and bake 1 hour in 350 degree oven.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2015

- 20 KUV Children's Christmas Party – 2:00pm
- 27 Gottscheer Relief Christmas Party "Göttscheabasha Bainochtm" – 2:00pm
- 31 New Year's Eve at Gottscheer Hall

JANUARY 2016

- 3 German Mass with the Gottscheer Chöre
8:45 a.m. St. Matthias Church, Ridgewood
Gottscheer Männerchor General Meeting
- 17 Rod & Gun Club Dinner Dance – Jägerball
- 24 Gottscheer Relief General Meeting – 2:00pm

FEBRUARY 2016

- 21 Gottscheer Choere Maskenball – 1:00pm
- 28 Gottscheer Vereinigung Annual Dance – 1:00pm

MARCH 2016

- 6 Gottscheer Bowling Club Dance – 1:00pm
- 13 KUV Bauernball with Button Box Jamboree,
Auction and Scholarship Award Presentation
- 19 Die Erste Gottscheer Tanzgruppe Performance
and Dance – 8:00pm (Doors open 7:30pm)
- 20 Gottscheer Memorial Chapel –
Gemütliche Nachmittag 1:00pm

APRIL 2016

- 10 Annual Gottscheer Central Holding Shareholders Meeting –
2:00pm
- 17 Cozy Corner Fishing Club – 1:00pm

MAY 2016

- 1 Gottscheer Chöre Fruehlingskonzert - Spring Concert & Dance -
1:00pm
- 8 Mother's Day Dinner Dance – 1:00pm

JUNE 2016

- 5 70th Annual GOTTSCHEER VOLKSFEST
Plattduetsche Park, Franklin Square, NY

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 3, 4, 5 Gottscheer Treffen – Cleveland, Ohio
- 17 STEUBEN PARADE – Come and march with us up Fifth
Avenue!

OCTOBER 2016

- TBD Die Erste Gottscheer Tanzgruppe Bierfest with music by
Die Heimat Klänge – 1:00pm

NOVEMBER 2016

- 13 Gottscheer Chöre Herbstkonzert Fall Concert & Dinner Dance
1:00pm

For info & updates, call Gottscheer Hall – 718-366-3030
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Merry Christmas and a
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throughout the year



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