



# FRANKENMUTH- GUNZENHAUSEN SISTER CITIES NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING SOCIAL

### Friends of Frankenmuth's Sister City Social Event


**Date:** Thurs, June 6th, 2024

**Location:** Zehnder Park, Bavarian Fest Tent  
(Look for designated area)

**Time:** 6-8 pm

Learn to Polka with Frankenmuth Fratz'n &  
Enjoy our German Heritage

**Friends of Sister City members:**

(First drink included  
compliments of  Drost!)

**\$10 per person for non-members**  
(limited number of tickets)

(Festival Admission - \$10)

**RSVP to Melissa Rau at 989-274-8045  
(text/call) or melrau@yahoo.com  
by Friday, May 31st**



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## WILLKOMMEN FROM THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE!

Introducing the Friends of Frankenmuth Sister City -- the new group in Frankenmuth! **THANK YOU** for joining!!!

We have had some questions on what's expected of the members of this group, the answer is to have **FUN!!!!** We need you to show up to the events and learn about the German heritage of Frankenmuth and our sister city! If you have any suggestions or ideas for future events please feel free to reach out!

Contact Melissa Rau, chair of the Friends of Frankenmuth's Sister City at cell (989)-274-8045 (text/call) or e-mail:  
melrau@yahoo.com

**Remember to spread the word about this Fun group!!**

To contribute to the Frankenmuth - Gunzenhausen Sister City Program: Please visit City Hall or mail to 240 W. Genesee St.  
Please make checks payable to "Frankenmuth Sister City"

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!







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## FRIENDS OF FRANKENMUTH'S SISTER CITY SOCIAL EVENT

The inaugural Friends of Frankenmuth's Sister City event was held on March 13, 2024. Forty people attended this event and an engaging program showcased the committee's dedication to the Gunzenhausen / Frankenmuth over 60 year friendship.





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## Mayor Mary Anne Ackerman remembered

Mayor Mary Anne Ackerman passed away on Feb. 24, 2024. She was an ambassador of our city of Frankenmuth and the Sister City Friendship. Per Mary Anne "All of us should listen with respect and genuine interest to everyone's story." Karl-Heinz Fitz (Mayor of Gunzenhausen) and Friedrich Kolb (Gunzenhausen's Freundeskreis chair) visited Frankenmuth and pay their respects to Mary Anne's family and the Frankenmuth Community.







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## Siem G'scheit (Seven Smart) Party

Party was held on April 4, 2024 at the Bavarian Inn restaurant. Over 135 people attend this annual program of German food, singing and local dialect humor.



## German Day at the University of Michigan

FHS German students and teacher Jennifer Fruendt attended and competed at U of M's German Day. The students participated in German language competitions and brought home 12 awards.





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## German Student Luncheon

German Student luncheon at Bavarian Inn Lodge was held on May 9, 2024. Over 200 students from FHS, St. Lorenz, and E.F. Rittmueller schools along with 60 adults attended this interactive German event put on by the German students and teachers. Three winners of the 2024 Sister City Youth Exchange Airfare Program were announced. The winners are Anthony Plana, Kaleb Reece, and Dannika Schmitzer. Da Frankenmuth Fratz'n supplied the entertainment!

## UPCOMING GERMAN SERVICES

- German Church Services
  - Sunday, June 9th, July 14th, and Aug. 11th
    - 11AM @ St. Lorenz Church