



# DANUBE SWABIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S.A., INC.

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## **The Trenton Treffen, Kirchweihfest and a little NJ Charm**

TRENTON, NJ – The Trenton Donauschwaben hosted the 2022 Landestreffen der Donauschwaben at the German American Society in Yardville, New Jersey on its usual weekend of Labor Day. A wonderful event was hosted by the Donauschwaben with help from the hosting club as well as Region Ost. The highlight this year along side the typical traditions was the Allgemeine Kirchweihfest. It was a first, and hopefully not a last, and brought a new layer of beauty and tradition to the Treffen.

In lieu of a longer report from the press department, I have opted instead to share with you the below speech given by Joseph Brandecker as president of the Trenton Donauschwaben. Read it and hopefully you will see why.

Michael N. Fricker,  
VERBANDSPRESSE

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*Schwova leit, landsleit, Gruess Gott.*

*Ich hof alle sin gut onkomma. Wir sein froh das ihr hier sei bei uns, in den ost sein. I would like to thank all that have traveled to get here to celebrate in Trenton.*

*For those of you who don't know where you are at due to a plane trip or long bus ride, you are in New Jersey. A place where some of your ancestors came to the United States', either through Ellis Island or after World War 2 on the refugee ships. No, we don't know Snookie or Pauli D, or any of the Jersey Shore cast, we don't know the Sopranos or where Jimmy Hoffa is buried. We have looked!*

*What we do know is that we are Schwobs, and this is as close to the Heimat that you can get. We are proud to again be hosting the National Treffen, as the 1st Treffen was held here down the road in 1957. Our forefathers have instilled in us the positive attitude that anything can be done. From cultivating the swamps of the lowlands of the Danube to surviving the camps and coming to a new country, learning a new language and a new way of doing things. We, the small club from the East, want to show you that anything is possible.*

*We would like to thank or sister clubs in the Region Ost, the Philadelphia Donauschwaben and the Verein der Deutsch Ungarn for their help in holding this event but most of all our partners for this weekend, the German American. Society.*

*We would like to ask all of you to be safe, but most of all to enjoy yourselves and to go back to your clubs and say we are Schwobs, and we will carry on.*

*Again, thank you for coming and enjoy your weekend.*

*Joseph Brandecker, President  
Trenton Donauschwaben*