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VISITS SCHUETZENPARK

During my first visit to Davenport after assuming office as the German Consul General for the Midwest in Chicago on November 1, 2001, my wife and I also paid a visit to Schuetzenpark (How could one come to Davenport without doing so?).

It was the month of April, springtime, and the first daffodils embellished the park. Kory Darnall showed us the premises, what remained of the former buildings there and where those were situated that no more exist. And nearby a little exhibition gave us further impressions of the past importance of Schuetzenpark. Having read, in the meantime, Kory Darnall's little booklet "Schuetzenpark - Davenport's Lost Playland", one starts indeed to dream a bit, how it would have been to spend a family outing in Schuetzenpark, arriving by the streetcar from the City, spending a whole afternoon and evening there and enjoying all the events, the food and the drinks being offered, or just to make a picnic and all that in a beautiful landscape...

One can only hope that in the long run all the admirable efforts to reestablish Schuetzenpark will bear fruit, this jewel becoming once again a lively meeting place not only for the descendants of German immigration in the 19th century, for all the different German Vereine in the area and for all Davenport citizens.

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The mission of this Gilde is to "preserve the cultural, historical and natural vestiges of Schuetzen Park (1870-1923), currently the Schuetzen Park Historic Site."

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2nd Annual "Erntedankfest Frühstück" (Harvest Breakfast)

\$5.00 per Person

Saturday 5. Oktober at

Rain or Shine Under the Tents

Schuetzen Park

8:30am-10:00am

R.S.V.P. by 1. Oktober

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