



Wurstfest

A Mount Angel Celebration of German Sausage

March 18, 2009

Dear Friends,

The happy toe-tapping music of Bavaria and the luscious aromas of sausage and sauerkraut cooking on the grill, met the approximately 3,400 people who came out to share in Mount Angel's first "Wurstfest". They were not disappointed.

Mount Angel Chamber of Commerce and Oktoberfest organizers were excited to see their "little" project to raise funds for the chamber's beautiful hanging baskets and window box displays blossom into an event that pleased everyone who joined us. It was a fun, wholesome, yummy and joyous respite from the long, dreary winter weather everyone was enduring.

The participating vendors were happy with their operations. It is estimated that \$80,000.00 in sales were generated during the 17 hour event. The local non-profits participating – St. Mary Parish Youth Group, the Festival Chorale Oregon, the Shalom Center, Silverton Knights of Columbus and the Mount Angel Volunteer Firefighters Association collectively netted \$4,900.00 for their organizations. The Chamber of Commerce received a check for \$13,329.52 from the excess revenue generated by the event

You helped make it all happen. You our friends from near and far who came to the event or supported us from afar. You our vendors who managed to bring to the festival the things our guests were longing for. You our sponsors for your confidence in us. You our many volunteers and our friend in the media who helped us in spreading the word about Wurstfest. It was an event full of WOW!

Many are calling for the Mount Angel Wurstfest to become an annual event. We are mulling the possibility. If we do it again, we definitely want you to be part of the Wurstfest Team.

Auf ein Wiedersehen in Mount Angel,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Langon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Director,
and the entire Wurstfest Team