

# Lumpenball

Sat Feb 7, 6-10pm

Music by the Alpenlaenders

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## What is a Lumpenball?



In German, Lumpen is translated as “rags” or Ragamuffin”. A Lumpenball can be thought of as a Ragamuffin gathering or Hobo gathering. This event is always held after Fasching because you have spent all of your money on costumes, drinking and fine food. Now with your finances depleted, you are destined to dress like a bum.

Decorations for this event reflect the dress, nothing fancy. In fact, you might find newspapers as tablecloths at the Lancaster Liederkrantz bums gathering.

### History of the Lumpenball

The Lumpenball tradition is common during Fasching season in Germany. The first Lumpenball in the Rhine-Necker region was hosted by Karl Schwender in 1872 in the Rudolfsheim-Funfhaus district. Although this location was off the beaten path for the polite society, it became a popular event. Eventually, transportation was arranged to attend the event.

### What to wear to a Lumpenball?

This is time to wear mismatched socks or shoes, your favorite frayed ball cap, clothes with holes that may be too big or too small. Or just the most comfortable clothes you have will fit in with the other bums just fine.

Why not try something new and be a bum for the night?