



GERMANIA

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SINGING & SPORT SOCIETY

543 S. Front Street – Columbus, OH 43215

142 YEARS OF GERMAN CULTURE
IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

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GERMANIA NEWSLETTER

MAY AND JUNE 2008

The Germania Facility is available for Private Parties **not in conflict** with Germania Events

Dear Germania Member

Thea Klabunde, President (614)

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Just ahead is a very important task for the Germania, that is, to be the most gracious **Host** for and to make the

37. Bezirk Sängerfest a most memorable event for all our guests. It is a *great honor* to be chosen the Host City for this special weekend and **"thank you all"** in advance for your help and support in this endeavor.

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our **142nd Anniversary**. The highlight of the evening for me was to present 4 long time members with their **50 year pin**. Congratulations to **Rolf Digel, Ted Lingnau, Ferdinand Motschkowitsch and Joe Settele!** **25 year pins** were presented to **Mike Bals, Brunhilde Barron, Leo Schultz and Joe Wallner**. Congratulations to all! including to our **Joe Motika** who was made an **"Ehrenmitglied"** (honorary life member) by his Society.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Thea Klabunde

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Beth Bradley.President (614) 833-6498

Many thanks to all those who attended the **Palm Sunday Dinner** – your support and attendance are always appreciated. I would also like to thank the **Auxiliary** members who volunteered their time on Sunday to decorate, to serve the meal and to clean up. At this time the **Ladies Auxiliary** is looking forward to the **Bezirk Sängerfest** to be hosted by the Germania in May and the **Opening of the Bier Garten** on Friday, **June 6, 2008**.

A Reminder – the **Ladies Auxiliary** will be looking for **German** items, clothing and **dirndls** for our Boutique during this year's Oktoberfest. Look for more information in the July/August Newsletter.

The **Ladies Auxiliary** has supported the **Germania** for over 100 years while participating in and hosting events. We are looking for ways to increase **Auxiliary** membership which will allow us to continue to enjoy friendships and German culture as we support the **Germania** into the future. Ladies, if you are not a member of the **Auxiliary** please consider joining. If you already are an **Auxiliary** member, please invite another lady to attend our meetings or just experience the **Germania**.



Our heartfelt condolences to Christina Pohl and family (both here in the USA and in Germany) in the loss of our long term member **Günther K. Pohl** a loyal member of the **Germania** for 46 years. **Günther** was a quiet man but very supportive of the **Germania** as well as the **Harmonia Lodge #358** in Columbus, Ohio. He will definitely be missed.



Please continue **to uphold in prayer** and wish **continued** recovery for **Carolyn Donner, Vera Motika, Frank Nairn, Gerhard and Judy Wolff**. We are happy to hear that **Stan Bradley** is doing better. Please **let the**

Germania know if any of our members are sick or suffering, we want to be there for you in prayer. We also would like to rejoice with you in any healing progress.

37. OHIO BEZIRK SÄNGERFEST NEWS
By Stephen Schneider (614/253-4211)

By the time you read this, a small group of dedicated Germania members will be putting the finishing touches on the 37th **Sängerfest!** I would like to take a moment to personally thank those members who served on the Sängerfest Committee for the past three years to bring it all together! Bravo team! I would also like to thank in advance those who have given a couple of hours that weekend to serve in a volunteer capacity, Dankeschön! Still, this endeavor is meant for the Club to take a starring role in sharing our home with 17 other choruses from all over the great State of Ohio! So, please join us in welcoming those choruses that **Friday evening, May 16, 2008** at the Germania for a big **“Open House”** party! There will be no cover that evening and Thea has a great German dinner in store for those who would like to come down. However, **reservations are needed by Wednesday, May 14, 2008 for those dining** and the cost including gratuity is \$20.- Otherwise, please join us anytime that evening for music, dancing and good times at the Germania. **Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 7 pm** is the **Hauptkonzert**, of course, with all the choirs filling the Riffe Center Capitol Theatre. Tickets for the concert are \$8.00 and can be purchased in advance from the Germania. Immediately following the concert will be the Grand Ball reserved for those that are **Registered for the 2008 Sängerfest**. The Freundschaftsingen will round out the weekend’s activities, starting on Sunday at 1pm in the Germania Bier Garten. The Freundschaftsingen will be open to the public, **priority seating** given to the **Registrants and participating Chorus** members. (It would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know if you intend to be at the Germania on Sunday afternoon)
There you have it, the weekend proves to be a memorable one and on behalf of the **Sängerfest Committee**, we hope to see you all there!

Tschüß!
Sängerfest

Stephen Schneider, Fest President, 37th Bezirk



GARDEN OPENING

(sponsored by the Maennerchor)

Friday, June 6, 2008

COME AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL GRASSY OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN

Call for Dinner Menu 614/228-9055 (Brats available outside as usual)



1st SUMMER’S EVE GRILL NIGHT

(sponsored by the House Committee)

Friday, June 20, 2008



CHRIS WEISS WILL PLAY FOR YOUR DANCING PLEASURE

Next Newsletter Deadline: June 1, 2008. Please contact me, Gisela aka Gigi Lobnow at 614/275-3589 or send me an e-mail at globnow@sbcglobal.net Thank you.

Please keep the Germania posted of any address, phone or e-mail changes. We can only reach you if we have your current information. Thank you! Send any changes to Beth Bradley or Gisela Lobnow c/o of the Club (Germania, 543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215) or e-mail Gisela at globnow@sbcglobal.net.

Remember: Use you **Germania CAR STICKER**

MAY THRU AUGUST 2008 CALENDAR

Tuesday, Apr 29	Combined rehearsal of choruses at Männerchor 7:30pm
Thursday, May 1, 8, 15,29	Open for Social Activities 6 pm
	Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Friday, May 2	7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
	8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6 – 8 pm)
Saturday, May 3	9:30am Painting Party
Saturday, May 3	May Dance (Volkstänzer) (Chris Weiss)
Tuesday, May 6	Bezirks Sangerfest Meeting 7:30pm
Monday, May 12	Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Friday, May 16	Open House Bezirk Sangerfest (Trustees) Dance to Ray Galla
Saturday, May 17	Bezirk Sangerfest - Concert (all groups) Al Novak
Sunday, May 18	Freundschaftsingen (Trustees) open at 1pm
Thursday, May 22	No rehearsal
Friday, June 6	Garden Opening (Mannerchor) (Dance to Dave Bott Trio)
Monday, June 9	Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Friday, June 13	7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
	8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)
Sunday, June 15	Radfahrer Verein (Olentangy River Bike Ride)
Thursday, June 19	Club closed
	Singers singing at Paletine’s 2008 National Convention
Friday, June 20	1 st Grill Night (House Committee) (Dance to Chris Weiss)
Thursday, July 3	Red, White & Boom (all) (Dance to Ray Galla)
Sunday, July 13	Radfahrer Verein (Yellow Springs to Xenia Bike Ride)
Monday, July 14	Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Friday, July 18	2 nd Grill Night (Volkstanzer) (Dance to Bill Antoniak)
Thursday, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28	Open for Social Activities 6 pm
	Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Friday, Aug 8	Luau (sponsored by Damenchor) (Dance to Ray Galla)
Sunday, August 10	Radfahrer Verein (Gambier to Danville Bike Ride)
Monday, Aug 11	Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Friday, Aug 22	3 rd Grill Night (House Committee) (Dance to Chris Weiss)

Please remember; there are NO General Membership Meetings in July and August.

First General Membership Meeting will be

Friday, Sep 5
7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)

Saturday, Sep 13
Sunday, Sep 14
Oktoberfest (Ray Galla and Hank Haller)
Oktoberfest (Bill Antoniak)

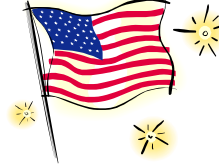
PLEASE NOTE:

For formal DINNER MENUS and RESERVATIONS and which BAND is playing, call 614/228-9055. When no formal dinner is planned, there will always be Brats or sandwiches, etc. available around 7:30 pm. Dance Music starts at 8 pm. Remember to support your Society and come to as many functions as possible. Also, please send us your e-mail in case of urgent changes or cancellations. Thank You.



**RED/WHITE AND BOOM
AKA BRATWURST FESTIVAL
AN AMERICAN/GERMAN TRADITION
THURSDAY, July 3, 2008**

WHAT IS MORE GERMAN THAN A BRATWURST GRILLED TO PERFECTION, OR A WEISSWURST, POTATO SALAD, SAUERKRAUT, POTATO PANCAKES AND APPLE SAUCE, DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED BEER, GERMAN MUSIC PLAYED BY RAY GALLA? COME AND EXPERIENCE A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA, RIGHT HERE IN COLUMBUS. GERMANIA HAS THE ONLY GRASS OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN. YOU CAN SING ALONG AND HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME. THE CITY OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE THEIR FIREWORKS AT NIGHT AND IT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION. I KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY IT. SO DON'T MISS IT, BE THERE!



**OUR OKTOBERFEST THIS YEAR
WILL TAKE PLACE ON**

**!!!! Saturday, September 13, 2008 and Sunday, September 14, 2008 !!!!
Mark your calendars now!**

It is not too late to volunteer to help at the Sangerfest

Please contact Candice casto at 614/309-9281
Your help is highly appreciated.

Thank you all and let's have a great Sangerfest