

GERMANIA
SINGING & SPORT SOCIETY
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HOME OF THE ORIGINAL OKTOBERFEST-143 YEARS OF GERMAN CULTURE IN COLUMBUS, OH

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GERMANIA NEWSLETTER - JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2009

Dear Germania Member

Thea Klabunde, President (614) 866-5876

As we are entering into the warm summer time our different committees are hard at work making sure our upcoming events go off without a hitch. So if a Committee member calls on you to lend a hand, please remember this is **YOUR** Society! The **Germania** has always been a volunteer society and we are proud of our 143 years! The new air conditioning/heating units have been installed including new duct work in the Weinstube and Bar Area. The garden is spruced up and flowers are in bloom, so come down and enjoy an evening among old and new friends. See calendar for all upcoming events. Here is a **Reminder: Friday, June 26, 2009** bring your favorite game, cards, song book but most important, bring your family and friends for our **First Game Night**. Mike Bals will be grilling his famous **“Ribs”** and **“Chicken”**. We are wishing you a pleasant summer and if you are lucky enough to go on vacation have a safe journey.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Beth Bradley.President (614) 833-6498

Gisela Lobnow is preparing an Auxiliary Members listing to distribute to our members. Not everyone can attend our Sunday afternoon meetings and we all want to keep in touch. We are meeting **at 1:30pm on the second Sunday of the month** just before the General Membership Meeting. We have raffles and **when** there is food served, we sell cake by the slice. **PLEASE NOTE** that we will **NOT** be meeting in July or August. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, September 13, 2009**.

The Ladies Auxiliary is again having a **Boutique** at our **Oktoberfest** on **Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20, 2009**. We are looking for **German** items and clothing to sell; bakers to provide cakes and cream puffs and we will need volunteers to work during this event. We are seeking donation items, but if you want to sell an item through this event, our policy is that the Auxiliary splits the money and you get 50 percent. Please **price** the item **accordingly** by pinning or including a **slip of paper with your name, phone number and the amount you want to receive**. Items that do **not** include instructions will be **considered donated** to this event. Dirndls are still the most popular item. Thank you for all your help.

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MEMBERSHIP

Beth Bradley (614) 833-6498

If you have any questions about your membership or have an address change, please leave a message for Beth Bradley at **614/461-8095 (Club)** or at **614/833-6498**. If you have **not renewed your membership**, it is probably an oversight, but it is **NOT too late!** Why not renew right now, while you think of it. Make checks payable to the **Germania Singing and Sport Society**. Thank you.

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Please continue **to uphold in prayer** and wish **continued** recovery for **Carolyn Donner, Lisa Drenovacz, Ron Guth, John Karst, Bob Leeder, Ingrid Modeen, Inge Griffith and Lotte Könnemann** are recuperating after surgery and we hope to see them again soon among us. We are glad **Beth Bradley** has recovered from her surgery. It was good to see **Richard Nairn** at the Club after a long absence. Please **let the Germania know** if any of our members are sick or suffering, we want to be there for you in prayer as well as rejoice with you in any healing progress.

JULY through OCTOBER 2009 CALENDAR of EVENTS

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

Board Meetings will be on the *first* Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. The General Membership Meetings have been moved to the *second Sunday* of the month at 3pm unless otherwise indicated and preceded by the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 1:30 pm. There will be NO General Membership Meeting in July and August.

Friday, June 26	Grill Night (Mike Bals) – Game Night (cards, skat, Euchre, bridge, sing-along fun (Mike’s famous ribs)
Thursday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Open for Social Activities 6 pm Chorus Rehearsal (7:15pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Friday, July 3	Red, White and Boom (all groups) – Chris Weiss
Monday, July 6	Board Meeting 7:30pm
Sunday, July 12	Bike Ride (Radfahrer Verein) Fountain Tour Downtown (meet 1pm Germania)
Friday, July 24	Grill Night (Mike Bals) – Game Night (cards, skat, yatzy, Euchre, bridge, sing-along - fun (Buckeye Big Band) (pork steak, chicken)
Monday, Aug 3	Board Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27	Open for Social Activities 6 pm Chorus Rehearsal (7:15pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Saturday, Aug 8	Singers at Newark Oxroast
Friday, August 14	Grill Night (Mike Bals) – Game Night (cards, skat, yatzy Euchre, bridge, sing-along - fun (Buckeye Big Band) For menu check Website or call 614/228-9055
Sunday, August 16	Deutscher Radfahrer Verein (Bike Ride) Gambier to Danville (1 pm Gambier Train Depot)
Thursday, Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	Open for Social Activities 6 pm Chorus Rehearsal (7:15pm women - 8:00 pm men)
<u>Tuesday, Sep 8</u>	Board Meeting 7:30pm
Friday, Sep 11	Buckeye Big Band Night
Sunday, Sep 13	1:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 3:00 pm General Membership Meeting (Hank Haller, Bill Antoniak)
Saturday, September 19	50 th Anniversary Oktoberfest (all groups)
Sunday, September 20	Ray Galla, Worthington Civic Band
Sunday, September 27	Deutscher Radfahrer Verein (Bike Ride) Granville to Johnstown (meet 1pm at Wildwood Park, Granville , Ohio)
Thursday, Oct 1, 8,15,22,29	Open for Social Activities 6 pm Chorus Rehearsal (7:15pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Monday, Oct 5	Board Meeting 7:30pm
Sunday, Oct 11	1:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 3:00 pm General Membership Meeting
Friday, October 16	Buckeye Big Band Night
Sunday, October 18	Deutscher Radfahrer Verein (Bike Ride) Three Creeks Park (1pm Watkins Road entrance)
Saturday, October 31	Halloween Party (Bill Antoniak)
Saturday, November 14	Singers Banquet (Ray Galla)
Friday, November 20	Beat Michigan/Chili Cook Off (Bill Antoniak)
Saturday, December 19	Candlelight Dinner (Buckeye Big Band)
Thursday, December 31	New Years Eve Party (Bill Antoniak)

For more detailed information regarding menu, reservations etc. call 614/228-9055 close to the actual event.



VOLKSTÄNZER

By Mark Pinnick (614/496-3443)



The Germania's Volkstänzer would like to thank the Germania for inviting them to dance at the Maifest this year. The dancers always enjoy the Maypole dance and they did a splendid job this year. On May 16th they were invited and danced at the Columbus Männerchor Maifest also. The dancers danced a flawless program for all in attendance. The children did a marvelous job showing how fun and enjoyable dancing can be; **Jude and Lara** were absolutely delightful to watch.

The dancers have a **new schedule for this summer**. There will be **no children's** rehearsal through the summer. The **adult group** will be rehearsing at **7:000 pm now through August on Tuesday evenings**. A Ländler and some Schuhplattler are on the dance program for that time. If you have any interest in joining us, please come down on Tuesday evenings and join us.

Mark Pinnick, President



GERMANIA MÄNNERCHOR NEWS
Rolf Digel (614/267-3385)
and



GERMANIA DAMENCHOR
Vera Motika, President 614/491-6832



The Singers were pleased with the turn out for our **Kaffee Konzert on Sunday, June 7**. We tried something new, music from Operettas and more. Our thanks to **Noel Franks**, our interim conductor, for helping us with this challenging repertoire. The Music Committee has met to discuss music selections for the fall and we also have just received our song books for the National Sängerfest which will be held in **San Antonio, Texas next May**. Both, President Motika and Chairman Rolf Digel are presently on vacation. Should you know of someone interested in singing, please invite them to join us on Thursday evenings after 6pm to meet us and attend a practice. The next performance of the Singers will be on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the Newark Ox Roast.



DEUTSCHER RADFAHRER VEREIN
By Stephen Schneider (614/253-4211)

Our first ride on Sunday May 24 along the Olentangy River to Antrim Park went well and the 8 riders met afterwards for Bratwurst and Gemütlichkeit in the Bier Garten. Unfortunately our ride on Sunday June 21 from Yellow Springs to Xenia had to be **cancelled**. The next ride will be a **new route** and we hope to have a lot of participants. Here is the schedule for the rest of the year so mark your calendars.

- Sunday, 7/12 Fountain Tour Downtown (meet 1pm at the Germania)**
- Sunday, 8/16 Gambier to Danville (meet 1 pm at the Gambier Train Depot)**
- Sunday, 9/27 Granville to Johnstown (meet 1pm at Wildwood Park, Granville, Ohio)**
- Sunday, 10/18 Three Creeks Park (meet 1pm at the Watkins Road entrance.**

As usual, if you have any questions, please call me at home at 614/253-4211 or drop me an e-mail at nsustephen@yahoo.com. Hope to see you in July. Tschüß!
Stephen
Schneider

Another Fantastic Tour!



Plans are just beginning to formulate for a two-week combined **Germania-Swiss** concert tour of Switzerland and southern Germany in **2011**. And YOU are invited to join us. If you've never been on a **Germania** concert tour, you're in for a grand experience. We fly to a major European city, we tour the countryside by bus, we visit small towns, we see the popular sites, we see interesting local sites, and we make friends with local singers and their fellow townsfolk. Usually, we stop at five or more different locations where we perform in concert with a local chorus at each location. At one or more stops we sing in a large church, or even a cathedral. And, yes, we eat and we drink. We don't just visit and see Europe, we truly experience it! Can you imagine 14 days of Gemütlichkeit?

So, we invite singers and non-singers alike to join us on a fabulous tour. You do not have to be a member of either **Germania** or the **Swiss Club**. In the next issue of this newsletter we will announce an October informational meeting where more details of the tour will be given. Please plan to come to this meeting even if you are only curious.



SUMMER GRILL AND GAME NIGHTS



Bring your favorite game, cards, songbook, play bridge, euchre, skat, yatzy; etc.

Friday, June 26, 2009 (Mike's famous ribs)

Friday, July 24, 2009 (Mike's pork steak or chicken)

(Buckeye Ball Room Big Band)

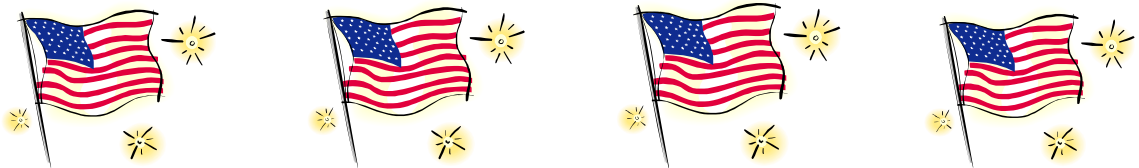
Friday, August 14, 2009 (BBQ – call 614/228-9055 for details or check Website)

Next Newsletter Deadline: August 15, 2009. Please contact me, Gisela aka Gigi Lobnow at 614/275-3589 or send me an e-mail at globnow@sbcglobal.net .Thank you very much.

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 your Germania CAR STICKER

**DO NOT PARK ON THE SIDE OF THE GERMANIA BUILDING
BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6PM ON WEEKDAYS.
THE SPACES ARE BEING RENTED OUT AND PAID FOR BY THE TENANTS.**



**RED/WHITE AND BOOM
AKA BRATWURST FESTIVAL
AN AMERICAN/GERMAN TRADITION
FRIDAY, July 3, 2009
Doors open at 5pm**

WHAT IS MORE GERMAN THAN A BRATWURST GRILLED TO PERFECTION, WEISS-WURST, POTATO SALAD, SAUERKRAUT, DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED BEER OR A SODA, GERMAN MUSIC PLAYED BY CHRIS WEISS FROM 8PM TO 11PM? COME AND EXPERIENCE A LITTLE BIT OF GEMÜTLICHKEIT RIGHT HERE AT THE GERMANIA'S BEAUTIFUL ONLY GRASSY OUTDOOR BIER GARTEN. GO WALK DOWN THE STREET TO SEE THE FIREWORKS (OR WATCH FROM THE GARDEN) AND THEN COME BACK AFTERWARDS TO THE GERMANIA FOR MORE DANCING OR SING ALONG TILL TRAFFIC DIES DOWN. COME AND HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME. IT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION. I KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY IT. SO DON'T MISS IT, ADMISSION IS FREE FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND WORKING VOLUNTEERS. A \$5 DONATION FOR GUESTS, GUESTS CHILDREN OVER 12 AND NON-MEMBER SPOUSES WILL BE REQUESTED.



REMEMBER: THERE IS A \$5.00 PARKING FEE FOR EVERYBODY, YES MEMBERS TOO. IT IS THE ONLY TIME IN THE YEAR WE PAY TO PARK AT THE LOT. BUT PLEASE DISPLAY YOUR GERMANIA STICKER.

ALSO, THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR ANYONE ARRIVING LATER. YOU WILL BE SEATED AS YOU ARRIVE. IT'S PART OF THE FUN TO MEET NEW PEOPLE.

To volunteer please call Mike Bals at 614/875-2118. He can use all your help.



50th OKTOBERFEST ANNIVERSARY



Ted Lingnau (Co-Chair Person) 614/932-9133
614/863-9506

Doris Gellner (Co-Chair Person)

The Oktoberfest Committee is diligently working on making this year's **50th Anniversary** of our **Annual Oktoberfest** a special event. Please mark down the dates of **Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20, 2009** on your calendars to attend as **well as volunteer**. Our new Singer **Jon Kenney** has volunteered to be the **Volunteer Chair**. He can be reached at **614/390-2140** so help him out. More information will be available in the next newsletter or the website: www.GERMANIACOLUMBUS.ORG

Editors Tidbits: **Alberta** and **Richard Pottorf** celebrated their **62nd Wedding Anniversary!** Our new member and singer **Anita de Acosta Keith** graduated from OSU .**Congratulations** to all of you! On St. Patrick's Day this year 19 of our members participated in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** and many of them were riding on top of the Fire Engine Truck **John Karst** brought to the event. And **ALL** of them had a lot of fun!!! The Singers are all eagerly awaiting our Chorus Director **Trish's 2nd child** and hope for a smooth and quick delivery! We have now a new Accompanist, **Suzy McNutt** who had been filling in for Judy Long who will not be returning as our accompanist. Welcome Suzy! Way back in March, the men had their Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and **Verla Kellenbarger** came from Circleville and played and entertained everyone playing Volksmusik from the Songbook "Mein Heimatland". A very belated "**Thank You**" to Verla.

Please note that when space allows, I will publish a few tidbits as I receive them So, if you have any information or comments, just e-mail them to me at globnow@sbcglobal.net.
Thank you. Gisela Lobnow

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

This Friday, June 19, 2009 we will have another Buckeye Ball Room Big Band Night. These events are planned once a month, so please check your calendar. The entrance donation will be \$10. for non-Germania members, that includes non-member spouses. We will have Brats etc.

On the summer Grill Nights, Mike Bals is making his famous ribs, but also a change by preparing pork steaks and B-B-Q chicken. When no menu is listed, call 614/228-9055 close to the event and there will be a recording.

At Red, White and Boom all of us have to pay parking, even Germania members. It is the one time a year we pay. Also, please do not come in and drop items on tables to reserve for people that are coming at a later time, there will be no reservations. As you come in, that's how you will find your seating that is only fair. The entrance donation for non-members, guests etc. is \$5.-

Also, please do NOT park on the side of the Germania building during the week between the hours of 6am and 6pm. The parking spaces are rented out and people pay for that. Let us portray the Germania Singing and Sport Society in a positive way.

There will be no more food available at the General Membership Meetings from our September meeting on. By the way, why not come to the meetings and find out what your Society is doing.

Please read your newsletter and keep the schedule handy. Most of the information you need will be listed.

Last but not least, please keep the Oktoberfest dates of September 19 and 20, 2009 on your calendar. We are the home of the original Oktoberfest here in Columbus and this year is our 50th Anniversary. That is a matter of pride so let us advertise and invite people and make it special. We will need all of your help, so please say yes when you are being asked.

One more item to the newsletter contributors: Please observe the deadlines and get your articles to me in time. I have frequent computer problems and need all the time to get the newsletter together.

Thank you very much. You are my **Germania family and I wish all of you well and hope to see many of you at our functions.**

Gisela aka Gigi Lobnow