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SINGING & SPORT SOCIETY
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GERMANIA NEWSLETTER – JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH 2010

Dear Germania Member

Thea Klabunde, President (614) 866-5876

As the year has come to the end let me take the opportunity to thank **all** of you for your support, it is **only** with **all** of your help and many hours of service that we can maintain the high standards we have come to enjoy at our Germania Society. We have accomplished a lot to keep up with the demands of an **old building** such as ours. The Germania (formerly **Schlee Haus**) is the oldest residence on the West Side of Front Street. New air conditioning units were installed, the upstairs restroom was updated and our deep appreciation goes to **Don Shakley** and **Joe Motika** for putting a new roof on to the old barn. We are also waiting on new windows to be installed in the large hall. Our **50th Oktoberfest** was a huge success, thanks to **Doris Gellner, Ted Lingnau and a great committee**. The **“Big Band”** Fridays have steadily been growing in attendance. Why not come down next time and show off **your** dancing skills? As I am beginning another term as your president, I hereby thank all our officers and members for their support throughout the year and hope we’ll continue working together for the betterment of our Germania. On behalf of the Board of Officers I am wishing you and yours a **Healthy and Happy New Year!**

MEMBERSHIP

Beth Bradley (614) 833-6498

In December members will be mailed their membership dues notice for 2010. Membership cost is still only \$50.00 per person plus \$20.00 per household for parking due no later than March 31, 2010. There are few organizations that give you that good a deal; especially as your parking charge is a very small portion of what Germania pays monthly for parking access in the lot behind the club. If you are at the club you can give your dues to either **Udo Klabunde, Treasurer or Michael Klabunde**. As I write this the weather is turning cold and moving us into winter weather. It has been a busy and trying year for me as I had many Germania duties and personal illness. So as the new year begins I pass the job of Membership Chair to **Michael Klabunde (866-5876)**. I will be working with him to get him started and assist him when needed. We want longtime members and new members to receive information and assistance timely. I will be working with Mike until he is familiar with the membership database and he is working on the member’s web page so that it will help the Germania attract new members.

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 LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS Beth Bradley. President (614) 833-6498

The old year passes and a new one begins as our officers remain: **Beth Bradley, President, Lilo Demopolis, Vice President, Johanna Paulino, Treasurer and Dolores Kneller, Secretary**. The members have been presented with a change to our bylaws, which once accepted, will need to be presented to the Board of the Germania before we can publish the change. It is regarding removing the payments of \$50.00 to the current officers at the end of each year. Gigi Lobnow is working on a membership directory which will enable those who do not attend every meeting to keep in touch. As she is also Corresponding Secretary for the Germania and Newsletter Editor we patiently await her efforts. Among the events the Ladies Auxiliary will host this year is the **“Sweetheart Dance” on Saturday, February 6, 2010**. If you cannot attend, please encourage others to do so. Information will be posted on the website and on the Germania dining room phone (614/228-9055). **Please note our next Meeting and first one in the new year will be on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 1pm** just prior to the General Membership Meeting at 1:45pm. We wish all a safe, healthy and happy new year.



GERMANIA MÄNNERCHOR NEWS



Eric Kirsten (614/370-7659)

e-mail: theosca@aol.com

Hallo, Hallo...

The Holiday Season is here again and we started off the season with a performance at the Ladies Auxiliary dinner. From what I understand it has been quite a while since we had the privilege of hearing **Andrew Bals** (son of Mike Bals) accompany the choir on his Glockenspiel. He did a great job and everyone had a great time listening to the bells in "Kling Glöckchen, Kling". On **December 20, 2009** we are combining the talents of the Swiss Singers and our own Damen- and Männerchor in a holiday concert being held **at St. Paul's UCC Church at 2pm**. The church is located at **225 E. Gate St in German Village**. Last year's concert was well attended and very beautiful. I hope to see many **if not more** Germania members and family there this year. Don't forget to make your reservations for the New Year's Eve dinner and dance. None of us are too old, too young or too tired to ring in the New Year with some old and new friends. The Germania Singers will also perform for an Epiphany Service at Holy Trinity Church in Upper Arlington on **January 10, 2010 at 4pm**. Mark your calendars I'm sure it will be a great start in the New Year. On **Friday, January, 15, 2010** the Männerchor will sponsor the first dance of the year the "**Snowflake Dance**" with Ray Galla playing for your dancing enjoyment. (For price and reservation call 614/228-9055). Our annual **Spaghetti Luncheon** (fundraiser) is scheduled for **Sunday March 21, 2010 starting at noon till 2:30 or 3pm**. The cost is still only \$7.00 (all you can eat) and children under 12 years will eat for only \$3.00. Isn't it nice that some things aren't getting more expensive? So please mark your calendars with these dates. Just a reminder to all Germania members whether you speak German or not, Choir rehearsals are every Thursday night starting at 7:30pm with the Damenchor and followed directly by the Männerchor, *everyone is welcome*. All you need is a love of music and singing.

Bis später, your **new** Männerchor Chairman Eric Kirsten

P.S. All Männerchor Officers have been re-elected, only change is Eric Kirsten taking on the Chairmanship from Rolf Digel.



GERMANIA DAMENCHOR

Vera Motika, President 614/491-6832

The Damenchor Officers remain the same, **Vera Motika, President, Meg Franks, Vice President, Anne Hohmann, Secretary and Kathi Cline, Treasurer**. The ladies are diligently rehearsing for upcoming performances on **January 10, at Holy Trinity Church in Upper Arlington**, as well for the Bezirks Sängerkfest in April. The Damenchor will also sponsor the "**Mardi Gras**" Dance on **Saturday, February 6, 2010** with Chris Weiss playing for our dancing and entertainment pleasure. So get out those costumes, may be you will even win a prize. We are actively looking for more singers and welcome anyone that loves to sing, whether they speak German or not. Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:30pm. Come and have fun. Vera Motika, President



SNOWFLAKE DANCE

(sponsored by the Männerchor)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

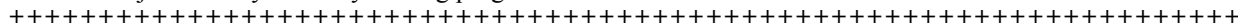
RAY GALLA

(Will play for your dancing pleasure)

Dinner 6 – 8pm – Schnitzel, Fried Potatoes



Please continue to uphold in prayer and wish continued recovery for **Caroline Donner, Annie Dost, Lotte Könnemann and Judy and Gerhard Wolff**. It was good to see **Caroline Donner** the other day and we wish continued recovery for her. It's also good to hear that **Erica Black** and **Lisa Drenovacz** are on the mend. Keep it up! We also hope **Stephen Schneider's** shoulder will soon be all well and he will be among the employed again. 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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Our first **General Membership Meeting** for 2010 is scheduled for **Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 1:45pm** pre-ceded by the **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 1pm**. It will be the day of installation of your new Board of Officers. The **Singers have a commitment to sing at 4pm at Holy Trinity Church in Upper Arlington**. (why not come to both events?)

It is of the **utmost importance that you use your Germania car sticker any time you park at the Germania**. Otherwise you may face a ticket or worse yet, towing.

The next **deadline for the newsletter is March 1, 2010**. Please remember the next newsletter will cover April May and June. Send any information, requests or comments to me Gisela aka Gigi Lobnow at globnow@sbcglobal.net or call me at **614/275-3589**. If I don't answer right away, please leave a message on my answer machine. Thanks.

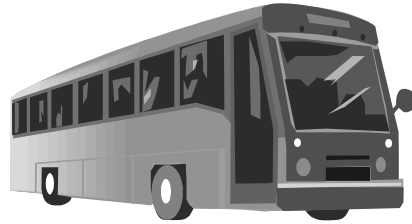
Please remember too that all dinners normally are from 6-8pm unless otherwise indicated. You can make reservations or get information by calling 614/228-9055. Any weather related cancellations will be posted there as well.

Normally General Membership Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of the month at 8pm preceded by the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 7pm. Board Meetings take place on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:30pm. BEER STEIN FEES of \$10.- are due now

We are still actively recruiting new members.

If you have an e-mail, please let us know. If you have an address or phone change, please let us know as well.

Welcome aboard!



On October 30 the **Germania** and the **Columbus Swiss** singers held their first meeting to begin planning for a **European Concert Tour** in June, 2011. With 38 persons attending the meeting, plans were made to go forward with the venture. There is still space available on the tour for you, whether you sing or not.

This tour is to be approximately 14 days in length, and it will take in parts of Switzerland, southern Germany and Austria.

The next meeting will be at the Germania clubrooms, 543 South Front Street, Columbus, on **January 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** Germania president, **Thea Klabunde**, stated that those persons planning to participate should be prepared to make a \$500 deposit at that meeting, and then \$200 per month from thereafter. The total cost of the trip, including air fare, is estimate to be in the range of \$3,000.

For more information and to sign up for the trip newsletter you may contact:

John Kneller at 614-898-9022 or knellerjd@att.net), or
Thea Klabunde at 614-866-5876 or udo.klabunde@gmail.com.



VOLKSTÄNZER
By Mark Pinnick (614/496-3443)



Happy New Year to All! The Germania Volkstänzer hope that your Holiday Season was a safe and blessed one. The dancers have been on our annual break after our very busy fall schedule but are looking forward to start **rehearsals again on February 2, 2010**. The Kindertänzer will start rehearsal **at 7:15pm** and the Volkstänzer's rehearsal will begin at **7:45pm** on Tuesdays. We are always looking for new dancers. If you would be interested in dancing or know anyone who would like to dance, please have them contact Mark Pinnick at mwpinnick@earthlink.net. Best wishes for the New Year!

Mark Pinnick



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

Here are the dates for the 2010 DRV at Germania. Please mark your calendars!

- 5/23 - Olentangy Bikepath to Antrim Lake and back to Germania for potluck
- 6/13 - Yellow Springs to Xenia (with lunch at the Old Trail Tavern in Yellow Springs)
- 7/18 - Northern Alum Creek Pathway (Westerville to Easton, with potluck to follow)
- 8/8 - Gambier to Danville (with potluck to follow at Rogers Cabin in the Waholding Valley)
- 9/9 - Granville to Johnstown (with potluck to follow at the Hohmann's farm)
- 10/10- Three Creeks Park Pathway (the lower half of the Alum Creek Bike Path) with potluck to follow at the Motika's)

As usual, all rides start at 1:30pm from the designated point (watch newsletters or website for updates) and all involve potluck picnics except for the Yellow Springs ride. Stay in shape this winter and we'll all be back on wheels in a couple of months. I am especially looking forward to it since I was robbed of riding for most of last year. 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 the New Year. Tschüß! Stephen Schneider

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COME AND HAVE FUN AT OUR MARDI GRAS DANCE



Saturday, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

(sponsored by the Damenchor)

CHRIS WEISS will play for your dancing pleasure
Call 614/228-9055 for dinner menu and reservations
Children are welcome

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SWEETHEART'S DANCE

(sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

Menu: Parmesan Chicken, Broccoli/Cauliflower casserole, roasted red potatoes
BILL ANTONIAK will play for your dancing pleasure
Call 614/228-9055 for dinner menu and reservations



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
 (sponsored by the Volkstänzer)
SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010
Come and have fun and
 Dance to the beat of Ray Galla
 Dinner 6 – 8pm (Fried Cabbage, Lamb Stew or Kassler)
For Price or Reservation call: 614/228-9055

A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO RITA TRAPHAGEN FOR HER YEARLY DONATION FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. THANK YOU RITA!

Officers of the Board for 2010

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| President: | Thea Klabunde | 2 year term |
| Vice President: | Joe Motika | 2 year term |
| Treasurer: | Udo Klabunde | re-elect 2010 2 year term |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Gisela Lobnow | 1 year term |
| Recording Secretary: | Harry Paulino | 1 year term |
| Financial Secretary: | Mike Klabunde | 2 year term |

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| Trustees: | Mike Bals | re-elect 2010 3 year term |
| | Stan Bradley | re-elect 2010 3 year term |
| | Arvin Donner | re-elect 2010 3 year term |
| | Mark Pinnick | re-elect 2011 3 year term |
| | Stephen Schneider | re-elect 2011 3 year term |

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| House Committee: | Kathi Cline | 1 year term |
| | Jon Kenney | 1 year term |
| | Steve Kisor | 1 year term |
| | Eric Kirsten | 1 year term |
| | Dolores Kneller | 1 year term |
| | John Kneller | 1 year term |
| | Mike Lochner | 1 year term |
| | Gretchen Moriarty | 1 year term |
| | Christel Pounds | 1 year term |

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| Ladies Auxiliary : | Beth Bradley, President | 1 year term |
| | Lilo Demopolis, Vice President | 1 year term |
| | Johanna Paulino, Treasurer | 1 year term |
| | Dolores Kneller, Secretary | 1 year term |

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| Damenchor: | Vera Motika, President | 1 year term |
| | Meg Franks, Vice President | 1 year term |
| | Anne Hohmann, Secretary | 1 year term |
| | Kathi Cline, Treasurer | 1 year term |

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| Männerchor: | Eric Kirsten, Chairman | 1 year term |
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TBA Vice Chairman
Mike Ryan, Treasurer 1 year term
Noel Franks, Librarian 1 year term
John Kneller, Secretary 1 year term

Volkstänzer: **Mark Pinnick** 1 year term

Deutscher Radfahrer Verein: **Stephen Schneider** 1 year term

Director: **Trish Gardner**
Assistant Director: **Noel Franks**
Accompanist: **Susan (Suzy) McNutt**

Board Meetings: First Monday of the month at 7:30pm

General Membership Meetings: Second Friday of the month at 8pm unless otherwise scheduled preceded by Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 7pm.

JANUARY through MARCH 2010 CALENDAR of EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

Board Meetings will be on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

The General Membership Meetings are again scheduled on the second Friday of the month at 8pm preceded by the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 7 pm.

IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, CALL FIRST 614/228-9055 for a message of possible cancellation.

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| Monday, Jan 4 | Board Meeting 7:30pm |
| Thursday, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 | Open for Social Activities 6 pm Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00pm men) |
| Friday, Jan 8 | European Trip Meeting 7 pm |
| Sunday, Jan 10 | 1:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 1:45 pm General Membership Meeting 4 pm Singers perform at Holy Trinity (Upper Arlington) |
| Friday, Jan 15 | Snowflake Dance (Ray Galla) Männerchor |
| Monday, Feb 1 | Board Meeting 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 | Volkstänzer (7:15pm kids-7:45pm adults) |
| Thursday, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 | Open for Social Activities 6 pm Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00pm men) |
| Saturday, Feb 6 | Mardi Gras (Damenchor) Chris Weiss |
| Friday, Feb 12 | 7pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8pm General Membership Meeting |
| Saturday, Feb 20 | Sweetheart Dance (Bill Antoniak) Ladies Auxiliary |
| Monday, March 1 | Board Meeting 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Volkstänzer (7:15pm kids-7:45pm adults) |
| Thursday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 | Open for Social Activities 6 pm Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00pm men) |
| Friday, Mar 12 | 7pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8pm General Membership Meeting |
| Saturday, March 13 | St. Patrick's Day Dance (Volkstänzer) Ray Galla |
| Sunday, Mar 21 | Spaghetti Dinner (noon to 3pm) Männerchor |
| Sunday, Mar 28 | Palm Sunday Dinner (Ladies Auxiliary) |

PLEASE NOTE:

For formal DINNER MENUS, PRICES and RESERVATIONS call 614/228-9055. 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.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010**

12 noon to 3pm
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Coffee

All you can eat for only \$7.00!

(\$3.00 for children under 12)

Desserts extra



Remember: Use your **Germania CAR STICKER**
DO NOT PARK ON THE SIDE OF THE GERMANIA BUILDING BETWEEN
6 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS.
THE SPACES ARE BEING RENTED OUT AND PAID FOR BY THE TENANTS.