

Germania

Singing and Sport Society

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Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 145 Years

Home of the Original Oktoberfest in Columbus



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PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Dear Germania Member,

As you will notice, we have a new newsletter editor. John Kneller has kindly agreed to take over this task for our Gisela Lobnow, as she is starting a new chapter in her life. On behalf of the Board of Officers, "Thank you, Gisela" for your friendship and your years of service to your Germania family. We wish you good health and good luck for many years to come.

We also wish our chorus members "good luck" as some of you embark on the trip to Europe. We know you will represent the Germania well.

Looking back, our second Schmeckfest was a great success. Thank you all for your food donation and your many hours of being great hosts to our friends and neighbors.

I hope you join us for the events we have planned for you, starting with our biggest one-day celebration, Red White & Boom (also known as our Bratwurst Fest), this year on July 1. It begins at 5:00 p.m. Our Grill Nights are back again this summer, with **Grillmeister Mike Bals** presiding. Our Oktoberfest takes place on the weekend of September 17 and 18. John Kneller is the chairman of this event, and he asks that you call him at 614-898-9022 and offer to help with this event. The Club will be closed on Thursdays during the month of June so that the singers may take a short break.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and that we will see you often at Your Germania!

Thea Klabunde,
President

DAMENCHOR NEWS

The Germania Damenchor performed for **Lotte Könnemann** on her 89th birthday (March 27th) in Canal Winchester. Additionally, along with the Männerchor, we were well-received when we performed at two area elementary schools for "music month", and then again on May 1st when we sang for the residents of **The Village** at **Westerville** Retirement & Assisted Living Center. The residents all agreed that they are eager to have us all return.

On May 21st, we participated in the Zentral Ohio Bezirks Sängerkonferenz in **Newark, Ohio**. Director Trish Gardner reports that we received some wonderful compliments as well as constructive feedback from the adjudicators on our performance. On June 5th, we are presenting music from the Sängerkonferenz, as well as the European Tour, at the Germania Kaffee Konzert.

The Damenchor will host the annual **Sommer Tanz July 22nd**, which also happens to be a Grill Night and will feature Chris Weiss for your music and dancing pleasure. And don't miss our performances at the Germania annual Oktoberfest when we will perform for the tapping of the keg ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 17th and then again Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18th.

We would like to extend our condolences to Eugene Streng and family on the passing of his beloved wife, Doris on May 26th. Doris was a long-time member of the Damenchor and held the position of treasurer for many years.

Jane Ott, President
Germania Damenchor
(614-319-3918)

Call **614/228-9055** for all formal **DINNER MENUS, PRICES and RESERVATIONS**. Dance Music starts at 7 pm. Remember to support your Society and come to as many functions as possible. Also, please send us your e-mail address for notification in case of urgent changes or cancellations.

BENEVOLENCE

We offer our sincere condolences to Trustee **Stephen Schneider** and his family on the passing of his brother, David, on May 18. Our sympathy goes out to **Gene Streng** and his family on the passing of **Doris Streng**.

Please continue to uphold in prayer and wish continued speedy recovery for **Arvin Donner, John Dost, Noel Franks, Mike Klabunde, Gigi Lobnow, Lotte Könnemann, Judy and Gerhard Wolff**. Thank you all for your prayers! 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 process.

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

The House committee has continued to be busy the past few months. Our next "work day" will be July 1, at 10 am. This will be set-up for the Bratwurst Festival held in connection with Columbus' Red, White and Boom! celebration. We continue to welcome our volunteers both on the House Committee and especially our non-committee helpers. All are appreciated, needed and welcome. Thank You, one and all.

Dolores Kneller, House Committee Chairman.

38. BEZIRKS ZÄNGERFEST, 2011

On May 21 a good number of Germania singers and guests took part in the 38th Central Ohio District Sängerkfest in Newark, hosted by the Newark Maennerchor and the Mendelssohn Liedertafel. The event was quite different from the one hosted by the Germania in 2008. This 2011 event combined the Freundschaftsingen (Friendship Singing) and the Hauptkonzert (Main Concert) into one afternoon concert, open to the public. The concert was followed by an evening Banquet and Grand Ball. This new format was well received by nearly everyone, as it was still enjoyable but less tiring than the traditional two-day event.

EUROPEAN CONCERT TOUR

Wow! Fifty-one excited people are leaving for Zurich, Switzerland, on June 14. The chorus will perform at churches and cathedrals and with three Swiss and German choruses. This fun-filled trip will include a day at the International Yodeling Festival in Interlaken and will end by visiting our friends of the Liedertafel Pasing in Munich.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 1 — Red White & Boom, 5:00 p.m.**
(Call **Jane Ott** at 319-3918 — She needs your help)
- July 15 — Big Band dance night.** Members free with card.
- July 22 — Sommernachts Ball** with Chris Weiss Band
(also first Grill Night)
- August 12 — Luau** with Bill Antoniak band.
- August 19 — Big Band dance night.** Members free with card.
- August 26 — Second Grill Night,** with Ray Galla band.
- September 10**
 - 2:00 p.m. — Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**
 - 3:00 p.m. — Membership Meeting**
- September 17 & 18 — Oktoberfest!**
- October 7 — Schnitzel Dinner.** Ray Galla band.
Reservations are a MUST. Call 228-9055 and leave your name and the number of reservations you need.

Come join in the fun!
Celebrate Independence Day!
It's the Germania
BRATWURST FESTIVAL
 (And Red, White & Boom)
 Friday, July 1
 Doors open at 5:00 p.m.




Bratwurst. Weisswurst & Hot Dogs
 Potato Salad, Potato Pancakes & Sauerkraut
 Pretzels & Home Made Desserts
 Good Cold Beverages of All Kinds

Music for Dancing by Ray Galla Band
 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Open to the public
 Admission free to members.
 Guests — \$5.00 donation.

There is a charge for special events parking. Germania members with parking stickers pay one-half price.

The Germania Board discourages members from "reserving" seats at our events. This is discourteous to our guests, casts a bad light on all members and hinders our earnest efforts to gain new members.

DEUTSCHER RADFAHRER VEREIN

Looking forward to seeing you all out on two wheels again this year, now that the local 'monsoon season' is over! Wow what a wet spring, didn't think I'd ever get some miles under my belt! As usual, I've posted everything on our website, so keep checking that for the latest updates.

New for this year; the first couple of rides will start and end at the Germania, going up along the Olentangy bike-way. Hopefully the route along Marconi Boulevard will be wrapped up in time - they've spent all winter putting in a new park where the Bicentennial Park used to be. I've been keeping an eye on it and think it will be done in time, I'll keep my fingers crossed!

I decided with gas prices higher than normal, we'd use the Bier Garten a little more this year and save on gas for the last rides in the late summer/fall months. As usual, plan for a potluck picnic after each ride and for the one on June 12th, I'll get a few pounds of brats from Thurns to start the season out right! Well, that about covers it for now, start pedalling and we'll see you soon!

Tschüß!

Stephen Schneider



BIKING SCHEDULE 2011

June 12 & July 17 — Germania to Hills Market Shopping Center via Olentangy bike path.

August 14 — Gambier to Danville via Kokosing Gap Trail. Pot luck at Roger's cabin.

September 11 — Granville to Johnstown . Pot luck at Hohmans' farm.

October 10 — Three Creeks Metro Park. Potluck at Motika's.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Germania Ladies Auxiliary will again host a Boutique at the Oktoberfest in September. We are seeking German clothing, especially dirndls, and any other items you may have that are from, or related to, Germany . We will be accepting items on the two Thursday nights before the Oktoberfest at the Germania from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm before the Damenchor goes up to practice. If you cannot make it to the club on Thursday evening please call Beth Bradley at 614-833-6498 and she will make arrangements to pick-up your items.

As always, if you do not wish to donate the item(s) you and the Auxiliary will split the asking price 50/50. Pricing must be discussed in advance of placing items out for sale. Clothing

items should be tagged for size or other description and suggested sale price. We have many non-German visitors at Oktoberfest so your description may help them with their buying decision.

We also ask that our Auxiliary members remember to bring cakes and other baked goods for our bake sale table. We will need items brought on Saturday and Sunday just before or during the festivities.

The Auxiliary is hosting the **Luau on August 12**, but plans are incomplete. Next Auxiliary meeting is Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 pm, preceding the 3:00 p.m. Membership Meeting.

Beth Bradley, Auxiliary President

Greetings from your Männerchor Chairman:

On May 21, 2011, the Germania Männerchor and Damenchor participated in the Central Ohio District Sängerkonvent, held this year in Newark, Ohio. It was a wonderful day of comradery, German song and great food. We would like to thank the Newark Männerchor for running such an enjoyable event. Every choir that participated was evaluated and critiqued by a panel of judges. Your Germania Choirs sang and performed very well in my opinion. We received very nice remarks from the judges and will use the feedback to become even better.

There will not be any more rehearsals during the month of June due to the large number of choir members going to Austria, Switzerland and Germany. We will resume rehearsals starting July 7, 2011. To everyone going on the European Tour, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable flight and trip.

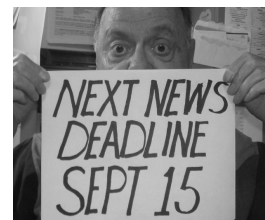
Just a reminder to all our choir members, please e-mail either myself theosca@aol.com or Jane Ott janieo2@yahoo.com with your ideas and requests for the fall / Oktoberfest season.

The rain has seemed to have finally ended and the hot days of summer are upon us once again. As of June 3 our beautiful garden will be open and on a personal note, I hope we can use this beautiful area more than we have in the past years.

Until next time.

Eric Kirsten

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Germania OKTOBERFEST!

“The Original Oktoberfest In Columbus”

Good Food, Good Cold Beverages,
Good music, A Good Time!

September 17—4:00 p.m. to ???

Keg Tapping at 5:00

Germania Volkstänzer (Dancers)

Chris Weiss and

Hank Hollar Bands for Dancing



September 18 — Noon to 8:30 p.m.

Guest Choruses to Sing

Germania Schuhplattler Dancers

Worthington Civic Band Concert

Bill Antoniak Band for Dancing

Raffle drawing at 8:30

*Bring your friends, your neighbors
And the folks you work with.*

OKTOBERFEST COMMITTEE

At our first official meeting **Beth Motika** gave the Oktoberfest Committee a real shot in the arm when she volunteered to head up the food preparation and serving effort. **Tommy Motika** agreed to head up Physical Setup and he volunteered his dad, Joe, for a number of Oktoberfest jobs.

There's still an Oktoberfest job open for every member of the Germania. Please call me, or send me an e-mail, and tell me you want one of those jobs.

Our next Committee meeting is on Wednesday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend and be a part of the decision-making team. We want this to be the best Oktoberfest ever!

John Kneller, Chairman

If you've read this far you've certainly noticed the newsletter's new look. I hope it works out. I've tried to get more news in less space and still make it easy to read. All of the news comes from the contributors whose names appear below their articles. I don't make up the news unless it is of something of which I have first-hand knowledge. I welcome your comments and criticism.

John Kneller, Herausgeber

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