



Germania

Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street – Columbus, OH 43215
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,

Before we look ahead to the last three months of 2011, let us give thanks to John Kneller and his committees for a great Oktoberfest celebration. It is a huge undertaking to make such an event successful. But it goes to show, when we all work together it can be done! Thank you to all the volunteers, members as well as guests.

To show our appreciation to all of you who gave your time to “your” Germania throughout the year, the Board of Officers invites you to an evening of fine food and Gemütlichkeit on Friday, October 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.

On behalf of the Singers we thank our **Trish Gardner** for six wonderful years as our director. As she needs to spend more time with her growing family and is taking a leave of absence, we wish her and her family all the best. **Mark Pinnich** has kindly agreed to lead our choruses as our new Director. Mark is a highly qualified person for the job, and we are lucky to have him in our Germania family.

As this is our final newsletter for the year, let me be the first to wish all of our members and their families a wonderful time for the upcoming Holiday Season.

Thea Klabunde,
President

DAMENCHOR NEWS

We say a fond farewell to **Trish Gardner** who directed us faithfully for nearly six years. She now has a very demanding job and a young family that requires a lot of her time and attention. Thank you Trish for your service to us. We're now looking forward to working with our new director, **Mark Pinnich**, who did a wonderful job of directing the European Tour chorus this past summer.

We're also looking forward to the annual Sängers Banquet on November 12th featuring Kasseler Rippchen and Rouladen.

Be sure to make plans to hear us sing when we join our Männerchor in a performance with the local Swiss Club on **December 4th at 5 PM at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 225 E. Gates Street, Columbus, Ohio.**

Thinking forward to spring ... the Damenchor will be hosting the third annual **Schmeckfest** in the spring. Watch the newsletter for the specific date and time. It's something you will not want to miss. Hint, for a nominal charge, you can treat your taste buds to all you can eat of samples of some of the finest German foods anywhere to be found ... cooked by our own club members.

We want to wish all who have been under the weather “Gute Besserung”. And we wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,
Jane Ott, Damenchor President

**Next News
Deadline
DECEMBER**



Call **614/228-9055** for all formal dinner menus, prices and reservations. At all dinner dances the meal is served beginning at 5 pm, and the dance music starts at 7 pm. On Big Band nights food is not available, and the band begins playing at 8 pm.

The Germania Board discourages members from informally 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.

Support your Society by coming to as many functions as possible.

Please send us your e-mail address for notification in case of urgent changes or cancellations.

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

The House Committee wishes to thank the many members who helped us get ready for the Oktoberfest. Our Committee is small in number, and we are always grateful for the help we get in cleaning, set-up and putting away, especially the tables and umbrellas. It is hard work, and extra hands are always appreciated.

The next event that we are responsible for is the Dinner/Dance on October 7th. **Chef Thea** has already promised Schnitzel with trimmings. The **Ray Gala** band will play for your enjoyment. It will be determined later if the dancing will be inside our outside. It all depends on the weather here in Central Ohio. There will be raffle prizes and a good time will be had by all.

Beginning in October we will resume our “chair repair” project. I will purchase the material as soon as I get a discount coupon from Joanne Fabrics. We will do the work on Thursday afternoons and evenings, as in the past.

Have a wonderful fall season.

Dolores Kneller, Chairman

GERMANIA VOLKSTÄNZER

As I write this article, the dance groups (Volkstänzer, Kindertänzer and Schuhplattlers) are all rehearsing for our Oktoberfest performances and even an appearance on WBNS TV-10. This is such a busy time of year for us, and one that we really enjoy because we get to share German culture through dance with so many people.

In October, we have a performance at a private party and we'll also perform at the Halloween dance on October 29th. The dancers will once again host the Halloween dance, so get your costumes together and join us for dinner and dance on that evening. We will take the month of December off from rehearsals for the holiday's, starting back in January.

Unfortunately, our numbers are a bit down this year for various reasons, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in joining us, please have them contact us for more information.

In autumn when the air is crisp and we gather around a hot pot of Glühwein, remember you can also keep warm by dancing. The Volkstänzer and Kindertänzer rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and the Schuhplattlers rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Mark Pinnick

BENEVOLENCE

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**. We are very happy to see that **Dolores Corbet** is on the mend and back in circulation. 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 and rejoice with you in any healing process.

DEUTSCHER RADFAHRER VEREIN



Well this has been the lightest attended cycling season thus far, with the August ride being the only cancellation due to weather. Remember, this and dancing are the only activities at the club designed for your health, so even if you may not be able to cycle, come out and walk a portion of the bike path - you'll be glad you did! Hopefully we will have a larger turnout on the last two rides, for sure, since the weather has finally cooled down as well. The next outing is on **September 25th** and rides from Granville to Johnstown, with the potluck picnic following at the **Hohmann's** farm - always a delightful afternoon! Then the season wraps up with another nice ride through Three Creeks Metro Park on **October 9th** and the potluck picnic will be hosted by the **Motika's** for a splendid fall conclusion to our cycling season. Hope to see you all there!

Tschüß!
Stephen Schneider

LADIES AUXILIARY

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, I would like to thank all the members who helped with the bake sale at the Oktoberfest. Your response was overwhelming. We had a splendid variety of wonderful desserts to tempt the people who attended the event. Also, thanks to everyone who worked at the sale. Your help was greatly appreciated. Again thank you for all your help.

Dolores Kneller, Bake Sale Chairman

***** CALENDAR OF EVENTS *****

Friday, October 7

DINNER DANCE

Schnitzel Dinner served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
 Dance Music by Ray Galla
 Hosted by the House Committee
 A reservation is needed, call 228-9055

Friday, October 14

BIG BAND NIGHT

Buckeye Ballroom Band music from 6:00 to 10:00 pm
 Admission free to Germania members
 Food not available

Friday, October 21

APPRECIATION DINNER

Serving from 6:00 to 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 29

HALLOWEEN DANCE

For menu choices call 228-9055 — Serving 5:00 - 7:00 pm
 Music by the Chris Weiss Band from 7:00 to 10:00 pm
 Costume Contest – Prizes for:
 Scariest, Most Original and Best Children's
 Dancers will perform—hosted by the Volkstänzer

Friday, November 4

BIG BAND NIGHT

Buckeye Ballroom Band music from 6:00 to 10:00 pm
 Admission free to Germania members
 Food not available

Saturday, November 12

SINGERS BANQUET

All members and guests are invited.
 4:30 Cocktail Hour
 5:30 Dinner (*Rouladen or Kassler Rippchen*)
 7:00 to 10:00 pm Dancing with Bill Antoniak Band
Reservation must be made by November 4
 Call 228-9055 for more information

Sunday, November 13

MEETINGS

2:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 3:00 pm General Membership Meeting
 (nominations for offices for 2012)

Friday, November 25

BEAT MICHIGAN NIGHT—CHILI COOKOFF

6—10 pm. Bring your favorite Chili and enter the contest
 Call 228-9055 or Beth at 833-6498 to compete for a prize.
Hot Dogs, Cornbread, Chips also available
 Raffle for OSU items
 7:00 to 10:00 pm Music for Dancing by Ray Galla
 Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, December 4

LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

2:00 to 5:00 PM
 Main Course Choices: Pork Roast or Chicken
 Holiday Cookies for Dessert, Choir and Sing-Along
 For price, **reservations** and menu information call 228-9055

Friday, December 9

BIG BAND NIGHT

Buckeye Ballroom Band music from 8 to 11 pm
 Admission free to Germania members
 Food not available

Sunday, December 11

MEETINGS

2:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 3:00 pm General Membership Meeting
 (election of officers for 2012)

Saturday, December 17

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMANS PARTY

11:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Craft, Singing, Lunch and
 A visit from Santa Claus
 Call Beth Bradley at 614-833-6498 or
 Leave a message at the Germania at 228-9055

CANDLELIGHT DINNER

4:00 pm Doors Open; 5:00 pm Dinner Served
Roast Beef or Roast Pork, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert
Buckeye Ballroom Band for Dancing
 \$20 per person, including Tax & Gratuity
Make reservations by December 14... no walk-ins

Saturday, December 31

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Chris Weiss Band
 Hosted by Joe Motika

Sunday, January 8

MEETINGS

2:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 3:00 pm General Membership Meeting
 (installation of new officers)

Saturday, January 21

SNOW FLAKE DANCE

Saturday, February 4

MARDI GRAS (Fasching)

Saturday, February 18

SWEETHEART DANCE

“WHILE...”



Brunhilde

Brunhilde Barron has the potential to become a celebrity, as she is featured in the recently published book by **Margaret Leis Hanna**, titled “**While...**” (subtitled “Born during WWII. One era. Two lives.”). You can get the book at Barnes and Noble and online at Amazon.com and Authorhouse.com.

Ms. Hanna is an American writer of childrens’ books and other works. In “While...” she has taken the stories of her formative years in America and Brunhilde’s formative years in Germany and America and brought them together as a revealing commentary on our times. The book is a fascinating collection of stories, as it pays homage to the indomitable spirit of the women of their generation .

Both ladies will be at the Germania dinner dance on **October 7**, where you can meet Ms. Hanna (Peg) and obtain your own signed copy for just \$16.00. What a terrific Christmas gift for a daughter, daughter-in-law, grand-daughter or anyone!



Margaret

OKTOBERFEST REVIEW

Wow, what a fantastic Committee and group of volunteers! It was truly a pleasure to work with the leaders and everyone who made this Oktoberfest a tremendous success. For the most part it was a very smooth operation. I offer my heartfelt thanks to those leaders and all who answered the call to serve our club. By all accounts it appears that we did well financially. We will have a complete report at the **November 13** Membership Meeting. I’d encourage you to come and hear how well you did. We are planning a committee wrap-up meeting, but the date is not yet fixed. Again, I thank everyone who helped in any way, but especially those amazing “crew chiefs” who enlisted their volunteers and so ably led them.

John Kneller, Chairman

We welcome your comments and criticism on this newsletter. Our objective is to make it interesting to read and as informative as possible, and your feedback is important to this end.

The staff of our newsletter wishes everyone ein Frohe Weihnachten und ein Gutes Neues Jahr.

John Kneller, Herausgeber

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