



Germania Nachrichten

Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 148 Years
Home of the Original Oktoberfest in Columbus



May—June, 2014

President's Message

Dear Germania Member,

As you all know, the busiest time of the year for the Germania members is almost here. The House Committee is getting the garden ready for all the events planned for you (and your friends). The dates have been set for three Sommerfests starting with the first one on June 13. Back by popular demand are Ken and Mary

who will entertain us that evening with their "Turbo Accordions." But we need all of you to give us some of your time. If you're called upon please say "yes" to volunteering at any or all of the events.

Thea Klabunde, President

Damenchor

Spring is in the air and the ladies of the Damenchor are thawing out from trekking to & from the club in all that cold this past winter. We're ladies on a mission. As can be expected, some of our voices have not fared all that well through cold and flu season, but we're trying our best to fine tune our singing and voices so we can put on a top performance on June 7th at Sangerfest in Toledo, Ohio and then on June 22nd at the Kaffee Konzert.

The annual *Mardi Gras* dinner & dance was well attended. There were judges on duty to determine which costume would take the top prize, but in the end, we found a prize for all costumes. There were over 2 dozen raffle prizes to choose from as well, and from the conversations I heard, I got the impression that everyone had a wonderful time.

While it would be easy to just lay back and bask in the glory of a successful function, our work continues. We're very busy planning the 5th an-

nual Schmeckfest fundraiser which will be held on April 27th. This is an event that you will not want to miss. \$12.00 pre-event (donation) tickets may be purchased prior to the event from either Jane Ott (614-425-9439) ... *OR* there will be pre-event tickets at the Bar during open hours. For Bar open hours, please contact the club at 228-9055.

Please note ... \$12.00 pre-event (donation) tickets *will not* be available the day of the event ... not even for "will call". All \$12.00 pre-event (donation) tickets must be purchased and in hand in advance of the day of the event. Children under 6 may attend the event free-. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Damenchor rehearses every Thursday evening at the club up in the music room at 7:30 PM and all are welcome to join us.

Sincerely,
Jane Ott, President

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Benevolence

We continue to keep **Johanna Paulino, Lotte Koennemann, Mike Lochner** and **Gerhard Wolff** in our prayers.

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Facility available for Private Parties not in conflict with Germania Events. Support your Society by attending as many functions as possible. Please send us your e-mail address for timely notification of schedule changes an event cancellations.

**Next News
Deadline
June 15**

Bless Our Volunteers!

As you know, our Germania is a very busy place in the summer and early fall. One of the projects we initiated two years ago to revitalize and publicize our organization was Sommerfest. It's success has brought us much attention and greatly improved our financial picture. It's also an event that showcases our German culture and heritage. For these and other reasons we are compelled to continue.

Our public events, like Sommerfest and Oktoberfest, require a lot of work. Typically, there are 70 Germania volunteers who work at Oktoberfest. It also takes nearly that many to put on a Sommerfest. Our challenge is to make the work enjoyable and not an undue burden on anyone. To this end we will be surveying the volunteer "talents" of every able bodied Germania member and encouraging them to participate in the fun activities of putting on a Germania event. If we can dramatically increase the size of our volunteer base we will make everyone's job easier and more fun.

In a few weeks you will receive a letter that lists how the Germania volunteer jobs are broken down. You will be asked to study the list and think about how you can take part. A few days later someone will call you and discuss your "talents" and your willingness to be a part of our much appreciated group of volunteers. Even though you may have already worked many hours as a Germania volunteer, we still want to hear about your interest and perhaps uncover talents that no one knew about.

Our objective is to catalog the talents of every able bodied member and thus help those who assume leadership roles to better staff their teams. And finally, we want to make Germania membership more fun and more meaningful for everyone. And we are thanking you in advance.

The Officers of the Germania

Concert Tour

Have you heard about our proposed **2015 European Concert Tour**? It's definitely in the works. The preliminary itinerary takes us to parts of **Denmark, northern Germany and Ireland**. Over 60 people, so far, have expressed an interest and over 30 attended our first meeting on April 6. Some of the folks who went on our 2011 tour are nearly packed and ready to go.

If you think you would like to be a part of this fun trip, either as a singer or as a non-singer, please let us know. If you'd like an itinerary or more information please contact Thea Klabunde (udo.klabunde@gmail.com) or John Kneller (knellerjd@att.net).

Volkstänzer News

Dear Germania,

After our successful joint concert with the Mendelssohn Liedertafel on January 19th up at Grace Lutheran Church. The Volkstänzer have been busy getting ready for several spring performances. **We will be dancing at the World of Ohio Fair at the Ohio Village on April 26th up at the Ohio Historical Society and Village. It will be a 1:00 p.m. performance if you'd like to come up and cheer us on.** We will also be dancing at our Maifest on May 3 and there may be a surprise this year.

Once we are done with these performances, we'll start rehearsing for the Oktoberfests and other Fall festivals that we get invited too.

As usual, we are always looking for new dancers, especially women at this point.

Mark Pinnick

Choir News

Dear Germania,

The choirs have been diligently working on music for our **Kaffee Konzert at 3:00 p.m. on June 22nd**. This year's Konzert will feature music with Mountains and Valleys, and Rivers and Seas, or something associated with those themes. Of course the men will be singing a sea shanty or two. The ladies will be singing a favorite mountain piece with our own Mike Oskins as solo trumpeter. So please come and join us for an afternoon of music and cake.

We have also been working on the music for the Zentral Ohio Sängerbezirk Sängerfest on June 7th up in Toledo. This is always a great time to visit with other members of the Bezirk and re-establish old friendships. There is also a little bit of beer drinking going on too.

Hope to see you all supporting our choirs this spring.

Mark Pinnick

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

Reservations are required where noted, and must be made on or before the dates given. Call **614-228-9055** (unless noted otherwise) for reservations and for more information (menu, price...etc.) concerning specific events. Unless otherwise noted, all dinners are served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the bands play for dancing from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dancing only, \$8.00.

Sunday, April 27

SCHMECKFEST V

Open to the public — Bring your friends!

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A taste of all good German cuisine

Graze to your heart's content for only \$15.00!

Sunday, June 22

KAFFEEKONZERT

3:00 p.m. at the Germania

Open to the public — Bring your friends!

Free Admission — Free Refreshments

Saturday, May 3

MAY DANCE

Menu: Pepper Steak with Rice or

Oven Baked Porkchops

Vegetable, Salad

Dave Sabatka Band for dancing

Hosted by Mendelssohn Liedertafel

Thursday, July 3

RED, WHITE & BRATS

Open to the public

Good Food! Good Cold Beverages

5:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.

Ken & Mary and their Turbo Accordions

\$5.00 Donation at the Door

Please, no carry-in food & beverages

Hosted by All

Friday, May 30

GARDEN OPENING

Menu: Amish Chicken or Baked Salmon

The Bill Antoniak Band for dancing

Hosted by the Männerchor

Sunday, July 13

MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.—Ladies Auxiliary meeting

3:00 p.m. General Membership meeting

Friday, June 13

SOMMERFEST!

Open to the public — No Cover Charge

Brats, Beer, Jägermeister, Dancing, Sing-Along, Games!

A real German town fest in our Garten

Ken & Mary and their Turbo Accordions

5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Friday, July 18

SECOND SOMMERFEST OF THE SEASON!

Open to the public — No Cover Charge

Bill Antoniak Band

Please note: Desserts at most dinners cost extra. We trust all members and guests to observe the honor system in paying for them.

Are you handy to have around?

The summer season means Sommerfest... and Germania building maintenance. The Trustees and officers are prioritizing the pending repair tasks that could include painting, electrical, stone/brickwork and plumbing. If you are handy and would like to volunteer to maintain or improve the Germania building, email trustee John Kortig at Jkortig@Kortigfamily.org. Send John your skills and when you might be available (which days, evenings or weekends). Our historic building should continue to be appreciated by our visitors; and too, we need to assure that our building will last for another century.

John Kortig

Ladies Auxiliary News

On Sunday April 13, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Germania hosted the annual Palm Sunday dinner. There were 64 persons who enjoyed a delicious dinner and great fellowship. Thanks to Helga Leeder who once again provided Chocolate Mousse for dessert, and Isabella Rozanski, Rita Zarth and Helga Sulter who did their usual job of making the club look so springy.

Extra special thanks to Germania President and "chief cook" Thea Klabunde. A good time was had by all.

The Ladies Auxiliary is not responsible to host any more events until the Schnitzel dinner in October, but I think you find that we will be quite busy. Throughout the summer we will be found helping with Schmeckfest, Red, White and Boom (Brats,) and Oktoberfest. We bake, we serve food, we greet people, we sell tickets, we setup and cleanup and anything else needed to help events run smoothly. See you enjoying and helping!!

Dolores Kneller, Auxiliary President

Important Membership Notice

Greetings from the Financial Secretary ... if you have not yet submitted your membership renewal dues, this article needs **your full attention!** Membership renewal dues were due by **March 31st**. Unfortunate news: we still have several folks who have not yet renewed their memberships. The weather has finally broken and we have some wonderful events about to happen. We wouldn't want you to miss a thing.

As I posted in the last newsletter, if you have already paid your dues ... **THANK YOU!** If you did not receive a renewal form, please let me know and I'll be glad to supply you with one. Again, if you have already sent in your dues and you have not received a **2014** membership card ... see me/contact me/call me and I'll get it taken care of. I endeavor to keep the "membership" cards with me any time I'm present in the club, so if you do happen to hand me your dues, I'll make every effort to give you your new membership card that same evening.

Again, I look forward to hearing from you about any concerns related to membership and stand ready to answer any questions you may have. If I do not know an answer, I promise to seek answers for you.

Sincerely,
Jane Ott, Financial Secretary

Radfahrerverein

We've noticed a number of bikers on the streets and the trails now that winter seems to have loosened its hold on us. We of the Radfahrerverein are looking forward to a good season.

We hope you've all saved the schedule of rides as published in the April—May issue of die Nachrichten. However, we do have an important change to make to that schedule. Our very first ride is postponed to the following **Saturday, May 24**. It will be the same ride, starting at 4875 Cosgray Rd, Hilliard, at 10:00 a.m., with a lunch stop at the Old Bag of Nails near Plain City. It's only 13 miles, round trip, a good ride to begin the season.

Our Saturday, June 21, ride is the Alum Creek Trail south, and we meet at 105 Park Drive, Wolfe Park, Columbus. We hope to all meet at Jeni's Ice Cream for refreshments. Round trip is 20 miles.



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