

Germania Nachrichten

Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 150 Years

Home of the Original Oktoberfest in Columbus



January—February, 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Germania Member,

As the year comes to a close we have to look ahead to 2016, or 150th anniversary year. Lots of things are in the planning stages. Our first big celebration will be our Anniversary Banquet, on April 16. We will have special guests, and we have secured the services of the "Alpen-echo" Band from Cincinnati for our dancing part of the evening. As the year goes on we will have a number of "Liederabende" with individual choruses from our region.

January begins for us at the Germania on the 10th with installation of some officers at our Membership meeting at 3:00 p.m. Then it's time for Mardi Gras on January 23. Entertaining us that evening is a band new to Germania, Frank Svet, who will perform for you from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. For menu and reservation please call 228-9055. On February 13 we will celebrate St. Valentine's Day with music also provided by Frank Svet.

On behalf of the Board of Officer, wishing all of you a happy and healthy new year.

Thea Klabunde, President

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

At this time of the year, the Ladies Auxiliary, like everyone else, has been very busy. We started December with the annual Christmas dinner on the 6th. Then at our meeting on the 13th, we had the annual election of officers. Continuing officers are: Treasurer Deb Korting and Vice-President Helen Walsh. Elected as new Secretary was Rita Traphagen, and Dolores Kneller was re-elected President. We wish to acknowledge the service of past Secretary and President, Beth Bradley and wish her well.

As we begin another year of service to the Germania, the Ladies of the Auxiliary look forward to continuing to serve the Germania organization, especially all the events of our 150th anniversary year.

Dolores Kneller, President
Germania Ladies Auxiliary

GERMANIA OFFICERS 2015

President:

Thea Klabunde

Vice President:

Joe Motika

Financial Secretary:

Jane Ott

Treasurer:

Udo Klabunde

Recording Secretary:

Deb Korting

Corres. Secretary:

John Kneller

Trustees:

Bob Traphagen, Chm

Stan Bradley

John Korting

Kathi Cline

John Kneller

House Committee:

Beth Bradley, Chm

Stan Bradley

Dolores Kneller

Kathi Cline

Deb Korting

John Korting

Vera Motika

Johanna Queck

Dan Bonner

Marianne Settele

Mike Bals

Eric Chivington

Rita Traphagan

Bob Traphagan

SCHUTZENVEREIN NEWS

The Germania Shooting club continues to meet the first Monday of the month. The next event will be Monday January 4, an unofficial event. Members and friends will go to Vance Shooting Range in Obetz, a wonderland of supplies, clothing and a nice indoor range. You can rent or buy everything you need to have a good time January 4. Dues for the shooting club remain quite low; everyone is invited. For more information contact JKorting@KortingFamily.org

BENEVOLENCE

We're happy to have President Thea back with us as she continues to recover from a terrible fall while on vacation. We wish her a complete recovery. We continue to keep Gerhard Wolff, Lotte Könnemann Helga Leeder and Johanna Paulino in our thoughts and prayers. We offer our condolences to Ann Hohmann and family on the death of Ann's mother (at the age of 99!).

**Next News
Deadline
February 15**

E-mail: germaniacols@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.germaniacolumbus.org

Dining Room/Reservations: 614/228-9055
Office/Society Information: 614/461-8095

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.



150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

April 16, 2016

The committee for the 150th Banquet is planning a wonderful event for Saturday April 16. We hope to have a great program and a full house. We would love to fill every seat with all the volunteers and members that made the club both fun and successful.

The committee needs help with several areas including: 1) assisting with invitations, 2) room preparation, 3) booklet development, 4) club history and club photos and 5) identifying invitees. We also do not want to miss any persons that are important to our club. Please contact John Korting JKorting@KortingFamily.org (or 457 7731) with your offers to assist. You can also contact Mark Pinnick or Thea Klabunde with your offer to assist.

Because of the limited space, we will not have any walk-ins or unpaid late-arrival guests for this momentous evening. Please look for your invitation in the mail and then pay for your reservation by April 1.

DAMENCHOR NEWS

The ladies have been working on Christmas music for our upcoming Christmas concerts that we perform with the gentlemen of the Männerchor. One in particular is on December 20th at 4PM. It will be a joint concert with the Mendelssohn *Liedertafel and Swiss Club Singers and Alp Horns* at **St Paul's United Church of Christ**, 225 E. Gates St, Columbus, Ohio. This is always a very nice concert and well worth attending. **ALL** are invited. Proceeds from this concert benefits a local food pantry ... a very welcome gift for the hungry.

On December 27th at 2PM, we will also once again be performing with the gentlemen of the Männerchor at **The Villas at Saint Therese**, 25 Noe Bixby Road, Columbus, OH 43213. Following that event, we will all meet at Thea & Udo Klabunde's home for an open house and I'm told all are invited to attend. It will be a potluck and their address is 4840 Ashley Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43213.

The mixed chorus has been invited to perform at an Epiphany Service on January 6th at 7PM at **Old Trinity Lutheran Church** (404 S. Third Street, Columbus, Ohio). We hope members will attend and then join us at the Germania after the service. Rumor has it that Glühwein will be served and we have sever-

al members who know just how to make it. We hope you'll consider attending as well.

January 23rd is a day to keep in mind. The Damenchor will host the annual **Mardi Gras** dinner and dance. There is a great menu for the dinner prior to the dance. You will be able to choose between **Mustard Fried Catfish** with Dirty Rice **OR** **Chicken Tchoupitoulas** which is blackened chicken breast that is mildly spicy. This dish is named for an extinct Louisiana American Indian tribe (pronounced chop-a-TOO-las). The tribal village (called the côte or quartier) des Chapitoulas in the 18th and early 19th centuries was the [headwaters](#) of a [bayou](#) also named after the Chapitoulas. Please be sure to make reservations by January 20th. Mardi Gras costumes are encouraged but not mandatory!

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
Germania Damenchor

MEMBERSHIP

By now you have certainly received your renewal forms along with a note encouraging prompt responses so that you will not incur a late fee. **Please remember** ... our membership year is from **January** through **December**. While your dues should be paid promptly, you will still have until the end of March to pay them. As always, I will endeavor to get you your membership cards to you as soon as possible after I receive your dues.

The next membership meeting is January 10, and we hope that more of our members will attend. (cont'd p. 3)

***** 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. Non-member dancing, only, \$8.00. Please note: Desserts at most dinners cost extra. We trust all members and guests to observe the honor system in paying for them.

Sunday, January 10

GERMANIA ANNUAL MEETING

2:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
3:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
Installation of Officers

Saturday, February 13

SWEETHEART DANCE

Entrée Choice: Chicken Parmesan or Fish
\$16.00 per person
Frank Svet Band for dancing
Reservation by February 9
Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday, January 23

MARDI GRAS

Frank Svet Band for dancing
Menu: **Mustard Fried Catfish** with Dirty Rice or
Chicken Tchoupitoulas
Call for Reservation by January 20
Hosted by the Damenchor

Saturday, March 12

ST PATRICK'S DANCE

Ray Galla Band for dancing
Hosted by the House Committee

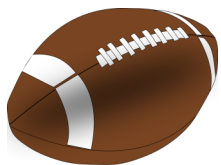
NEW YEARS EVE TAILGATE EVENT

There will be two college football bowl games broadcasting on Dec. 31st – the Orange Bowl and the Cotton Bowl. We are going to open the club at 3:30 PM for members and their guests **and the public** to enjoy watching both games. The first game starts at 4 PM. The second game is scheduled to start at 8 PM.

The charge will be **\$20.00** for anyone over 8 years of age.

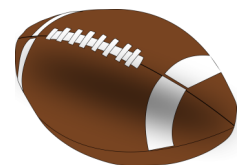
There will be a **Cash Bar** & Buckets of beer will also be available as they were at Oktoberfest.

The **menu includes** Hot & Cold Hors D'oeuvres throughout the evening as follows ...



Mike's Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Meatballs, Pigs in a Blanket, Cocktail Sausages with BBQ Sauce
Veggie Trays with Dip, Cheese Trays, GFS Chex Mix, as well as Various Chips & Dips



Bubbly at Midnight

Children's menu: Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans which will also be available for all ages.

Please be so kind as to **make reservations by December 18** for yourselves and your guests, as we will be serving food and need to get a general idea of how many we will be serving. Those who are not hardcore football fans can also enjoy themselves in the "game area" we will have available.

For questions, please contact any one of the co-coordinators: Eric Chivington – (614) 778-7448, Mike Bals – (614) 460-1334, Jane Ott – (614) 425-9439.

Membership (Continued)

At this meeting we will have more new members to induct, and I'm hoping to have a "new member orientation" after the meeting for all recent new members. It will be an event that will give you a more intimate view of our club ... a get-to-know your club event. Please consider attending the membership meetings as it will give you an opportunity to meet new members and participate in the various topics we discuss that are important to the entire membership of the club.

Jane Ott, Financial Secretary

TRUSTEES NEWS

Over the past three or four years you have read in this news-letter about the various projects the trustees have undertaken to maintain or improve the Germania property. Most recently, the trustees have discussed and studied the soil erosion and the condition of the concrete block wall along Front Street. The block wall has acquired a tilt that appears to be increasing, and the soil above it is currently retained by a rather unsightly remnant of the old fence. We have received a proposal from a contractor to correct the condition by installing a properly engineered segmental (block) retaining wall. The cost would be in the range of \$25,000.

Before committing to a project of this magnitude the trustees have decided to consider a list of all possible projects that may be proposed by Germania members. So, as members please

take this opportunity to offer your suggestions to the trustees. Your proposals need to be in writing and need to be sent to one of the trustees by email or by US mail by February 29. The trustees' contact information is given below.

For the trustees to understand your proposal and to give it careful consideration, it should be in detail as follows.

- 1. Describe the project and the materials required to accomplish it.
2. Assign an approximate quantity to the work (300 square feet of wall, 20 shrubs, 10 gallons of paint, etc.).
3. Provide a ballpark cost estimate (+/- 30%) if the project is expected to cost over \$1,000.

Thank you for putting some thought into maintaining and improving your singing and sport society facilities.

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Kathi Cline: 7616 Kemper Lakes Drive, Pickerington, Ohio, 43147; rlkmcline@gmail.com
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