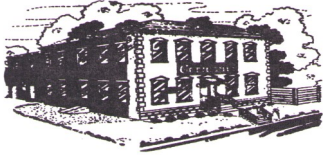


Germania Nachrichten



Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 151 Years

Home of the Original Oktoberfest in Columbus



March — April, 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Germania Members,

Hope you're enjoying the mild winter weather. It's been nice not to cancel our events (so far).

As in the past, we have a great many things planned for you this year, starting with our St. Patrick's Dance on March 18. Then, our Mannerchor is inviting all of you to a Spaghetti Dinner on March 26.

On April 9 the Ladies Auxiliary will present the annual Palm Sunday Dinner. April 30 is the date of the very popular Schmeckfest hosted by our Damenchor.

Hope to see you often at your Germania. Wishing all of you a "Happy Easter."

Thea Klabunde, President

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies of the Auxiliary were delighted to host the annual Sweetheart dance on February 11. Those who attended enjoyed a delicious meal, wonderful dance music and great fellowship. It was a fun-loving crowd that you would have enjoyed being among.

Our next event will be the annual Palm Sunday dinner on April 9. Serving will be from 1 - 3 PM. Then menu choices are Rouladen or Amish Chicken, each with appropriate side dishes. Dessert will once again be Chocolate Mouse, in honor of our late President Helga Leeder. The cost will be \$16.00, and reservations are required. Call 614-898-9022 by April 5. We look forward to seeing all of you there, this is a good way to begin our Holy Week remembrances with fellowship.

Dolores Kneller, President

DAMENCHOR NEWS

The ladies of the Damenchor are once again planning the very popular annual Schmeckfest fundraiser to be held **April 30th** ... the last Sunday in April. This is the time to bring your family and friends to the club to taste German cuisine at its finest and all cooked by our own Germania members. Damenchor members will have pre-event tickets **AND** there will be pre-event tickets at the Bar during open hours. As always, pre-event tickets **will not** be available the day of the event ... not even for "will call".

The ladies have been rehearsing for the upcoming Sangerfest to be held the third weekend in May. This year Germania will be hosting this event. This promises to be a very busy weekend for our club and the support of the whole club would be greatly appreciated.

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 OFFICERS 2017

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Thea Klabunde

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**Next News
Deadline
April 15**

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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 and event cancellations.

It's a Sangerfest!



WHAT IS A SANGERFEST?

Every three years one of the ten German singing societies in the **Central Ohio District** hosts a **Sangerfest** (song festival) on a weekend in May. The Sangerfest this year will be hosted the **Germania Singing and Sport Society**. Included in this festival is a choral concert sung by the combined Central Ohio District choruses of almost 300 singers. This is the **Hauptkonzert** or Main Concert, and it is open to the public. The singers present a program filled with beautiful melodies and harmonies of German folk and classical music, as well as a sampling of familiar songs of American origin.

The following are the highlights of **Central Ohio Singers District 40th Sangerfest**:

- Friday evening, May 19, **Germania Open House** with ala carte Fest type food and dancing to the music of the **Germania Hauskapelle**.
- Saturday afternoon, May 20, the **Hauptkonzert**, at 4:00 p.m. in the **Capitol Theater** at the **Riffe Center**.
- Saturday evening, a **Banquet and Dance** at the Germania.
- Sunday morning, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, **Brunch** at the Germania.
- Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., **Freundschaftsing** (friendship singing) at the Germania, a program featuring the individual choruses of the District.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Non-singers may participate in the Sangerfest as guests by registering, the same as the singers, for a fee of \$90. Everyone who registers will receive a ribbon and pin which grants them admission to the Saturday evening **Banquet and Dance** and to the **Sunday Brunch** and **Freundschaftsing**. Registered guests will each receive a ticket to the **Hauptkonzert**. The registration packet includes the Hauptkonzert Program Book, a pen, a map of downtown Columbus and other "goodies." The public is invited to attend the Hauptkonzert, alone, for which the price of admission will be \$10.00. All Germania members and guests may attend the Friday evening **Germania Open House**, for which registration is not required. Saturday and Sunday activities at the Germania are by registration, only. Germania members who choose not to register are still encouraged to support their Germania by attending the **Germania Open House** and the **Hauptkonzert**.

PROGRAM BOOK ADS ARE CRITICAL

The program for the Saturday **Hauptkonzert** will be published in a well crafted and informative booklet that will also include a number of pages of ads. The sale of these ads is an important part of the financial life blood of the Sangerfest. This is where **Every Member** of the Germania should participate by selling or buying these ads. The loose leaf in this newsletter contains the information you need to sell ads. But, before you sell ads you need to contact our Ad Sales Coordinator, **Trudy Garland (phone 614-832-7279; email mstrudy1126@yahoo.com)** and tell her who your prospects are. Ads need to be in electronic format (jpeg, tiff or similar) and the ad files and payments go to Deb Korting. **Email ad files to debkorting@gmail.com and send payments to Deb Korting, Germania, 543 S. Front St., Columbus, OH 43215.** Please make checks out to Germania. We encourage every family to at least purchase an ad, and/or solicit ads from the business establishments they patronize. Another way for you to be recognized in the program book is to buy lines of up to 40 characters each on the **Patrons Page** for \$5.00 per line. You can buy your line(s) at the Germania Bar or you can send an order with payment to Trudy Garland at the Germania address. Payment is by cash or check. We hope to fill two whole pages in the Program Book with our names!

That's it. We're depending on all of our members to make this Sangerfest a success!

***** **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.

Saturday, March 18 —7:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

Dinner 5:00 pm —7:00 pm
 Frank Svet band for dancing, 7:00 pm — 10:00 pm
 Call for reservations by March 14.
 Hosted by the Männerchor

Sunday, March 26

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Please bring your family and join us for our Spaghetti Dinner, prepared from scratch by the Men's Choir.
 A Germania Männerchor fundraiser
 Serving from 11:00 am — 2:30 pm
 Parties of 10 or more call 614-228-9055 by March 22 for reservations
 Adults \$9.00; Children 6 to 12 \$5.00; 5 and under free
 Desserts are also available for sale
 Public Invited

Sunday, April 9

PALM SUNDAY DINNER

Dinner from 1:00 pm — 3:00 pm
 Menu choices: Rouladen or Amish Chicken
 Appropriate Side Dishes; Chocolate Mousse for Dessert
 \$16.00: Public Invited
 Reservations are required,
 Call **614-898-9022** by April 5.
 Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday, April 22

SPRING DANCE

Dinner 5:00 pm — 7:00 pm
 Ray Galla band for dancing 7:00 —10:00
 Hosted by Germania House Committee
 Call for menu & reservations by April 18

Sunday, April 23

MEETINGS

2:00 P.M. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 3:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting

Sunday, April 30

**SCHMECKFEST!
 TASTING — FESTIVAL — FUNDRAISER**

Open from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Two hours of sampling your favorite dishes and desserts.
 Music by the Germania Hauskapelle
 Tickets: \$12.00 in advance, available from Dave at the bar or any Damenchor member;
 \$15.00 at the door. "Will Call" for advance payment, only.
 For more information call 614-866-5876



GERMANIA DUTY OFFICERS March/April, 2017

Feb 27—Mar 5	John Kneller	Apr 3 — Apr 9	Stan Bradley
Mar 6 — Mar 12	Dolores Kneller	Apr 10 — Apr 16	Joe Motika
Mar 13 — Mar 19	John Kneller	Apr 17 — Apr 23	Deb Korting
Mar 20 — Mar 26	Gary DeMont	Apr 24 — Apr 30	Jane Ott
Mar 27 — Apr 2	Dolores Kneller		

Note: Duty Officers are the persons directly responsible for security and safety on the premises during the hours the club is open, and who see that all systems are properly set and secured upon closing.

TRUSTEES NEWS

At the present time the Germania Trustees are not looking toward any major capital improvements or maintenance projects. In light of our negative cash flow in 2016 and not a whole lot better outlook for 2017, we are going to be watching our spending closely. And for the first time in a number of years we are crafting a budget to better monitor and control our finances.

We are also hoping with our appearance on the website "The Knot" we will reach more prospective brides who will visit our facilities and find out how our "old world charm" will provide the perfect setting for their big event.

BENEVOLENCE

We're happy to have Jane Ott back with us, and we hope that she continues to mend. We continue to keep Lotte Koennemann and Johanna Paulino in our prayers. We pray also for a complete recovery for Cathy Megown. And Cindy King has a new smile that looks like a "million dollars."

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

We still have several members (around 1/3 of the membership) who still have not sent in their renewals ... so please don't put it off too much longer. The \$10.00 late fee still applies if you do not pay your dues prior to March 31st.

The next membership meeting will be on April 9th. Please consider making it a point to attend 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. If you need a new sticker for your vehicle, please let me know and I will send you one. Also, any changes to your address, telephone number or email should be submitted to me so I can keep our membership list as current as possible.

Jane Ott
Financial Secretary

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