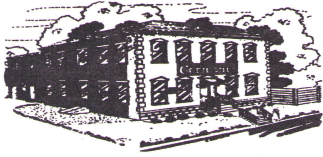


# Germania Nachrichten



## Germania Singing and Sport Society

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January, 2021

## BOTSCHAFT DES PRÄSIDENTEN

Liebe Germania Mitglieder,

I'm writing the letter on St. Nicholas Day. (Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>) St. Nicholas is the bringer of gifts. The tradition of gift giving goes back to the Dutch, where the children would put out their empty shoes, hoping to receive some gifts from St. Nick. Of course, we have *Krampusnacht* on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. The two days go hand in hand, Krampusnacht is for the naughty children and St. Nicholas for the nice children. So, which night do you fall under?

By now, you should have received the announcement of our Weihnachtsfest, either by email or snail mail. (If you haven't, please let me know.) We hope that this event brings some joy to your Germania Christmas.

The Board has been working on our new Committee (hence forth called – Team) structure. We will be looking for our members to help with our daily function of the club through your volunteer involvement. Look for more information to follow.

The year 2020 is past, I say that because this is January's newsletter, though as I stated earlier, it's Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> the day I'm writing. So, I'm torn realizing it's technically still 2020, but I want it to be 2021 so we can say goodbye to 2020. I want it to be 2021 so we can get our vaccines and say goodbye to Covid. I just want to move forward and be done with the past right now! I'm sure you all relate!

So, since it is 2021, Happy New Year! I wish you all the best in 2021. I hope the very best for the Germania in 2021. Wherever you are at on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight, please raise your glass and say, "Prosit" to the Germania and all your friends in the club.

Good luck in the New Year!

Prost!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,  
Mark W. Pinnick

## MONDAY BLITZ PUZZLE RECAP

Nov. 2 – winner – Deb Korting – The Citadel in Spandau

Nov. 9 – winner – Deb Korting – the Village of Ernst on the Mosel

Nov. 16 – winner – Ike Westfall – the chapel in the Südfriedhof in Leipzig

Nov. 23 – winner – Molly Wilsbacher – Heiliggeist Kirche in Heidelberg

Nov. 30 – winner - Deb Korting – Otto Stüben Realtor in Lübeck

## GERMANIA OFFICERS 2021

### President:

Mark Pinnick

### Vice President:

Eric Chivington

### Treasurer:

Deb Korting

### Secretary:

Carolyn Martin

### Director, Activities:

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### Groups:

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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 and event cancellations.

# GERMANIA VIRTUAL WEIHNACHTSFEST

## GERMANIA DRIVE-THRU AND ONLINE HOLIDAY EVENT

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2020**

**DINNER DRIVE-THRU 3:00PM TO 6:00PM**

**VIRTUAL SINGALONG 7:00PM**

The Holidays are meant to be a time of gathering and fellowship. Unfortunately doing so this year is not advised as the rates of COVID exposure remain high. Germania is having an event in which we all can participate.

The Germania Kitchen Elves are putting together a dinner that members can pre-order and pickup on Dec. 20.

An online singalong will be held in the evening and everyone can join in or just watch the antics of the club members. For those of you who are unable to get online, we can help family members help you join in.

The Dinner is Frikadellen with Gravy, Rotkohl, Potatoes, Roll & Butter, and Christmas Cookies. The dinner will be in a microwave-safe, carry-out container and will have re-heating instructions. We will also have the words to Christmas Carols in there too!

Dinner-to-Go is \$19 per person which includes taxes and processing fees.

We will also have a selection of Beers, Wine, or Cocktails to order.

### **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY DEC. 16TH**

We are requiring prepayment for this event. Use the SignupGenius link and follow the signup directions there.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4BAEAD2EA3F85-drivethru>



## RENEWALS ON WILD APRICOT

By Lara Furukawa

Germania is moving most renewals to an online, single step process for January 2021. When you receive your renewal e-mail, it will include instructions and a personalized login to Wild Apricot. In addition to renewing, you will also be able to update or correct your own personal membership data.

Wild Apricot makes membership processes and communication easier by automating tasks that volunteers were doing by hand. It also allows us to host a more interactive website and organize data about event participation and member interests.

If it is your first time using Wild Apricot, you will fill in some member data and preferences we use only to improve your experience with the club. Wild Apricot secures the privacy of your data, and Germania uses it only to communicate with you about participation in club life.

Paper registration is also available. If you currently get your newsletter by US Mail, you will automatically receive a paper registration form to mail in or drop off. Others may pick up a form at the club, or print one from e-mail or website.

Your dues are essential to Germania's future. We hope that celebrating with fellow Germania members at the end of this pandemic is as exciting to you as it is to us! Prost in advance!

## Dear Germania Members,

It's that time again for membership renewals!

Be on the lookout for an email in January 2021 to renew your membership dues electronically. This is a new feature for the convenience of our members. For those whom we do not have an email address on file, you will receive your renewal via the US Postal Service and then will renew via a paper copy.

Everyone can still renew for their membership with the bartender during club nights in January. We look forward to your continued participation as a Germania Singing & Sport Society Member in 2021 and beyond!

Stein dues are \$15 just like last year and are payable at the bar or can be included with your annual membership

Sincerely,

Acting Financial Secretary  
Kimberly Donhauser

*Editor's Note: Wild Apricot is web-based software for small associations, clubs, and nonprofits to help them manage their membership, set up a website, conduct events, and perform other activities. It is "cloud" software, meaning it runs through a web browser without needing to install anything on your local computer.*

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## THE KÜCHENGRUPPE

### Meet Chef Daniel Kern

At the "Thursdays Gemütlichkeit" on December 10 the Germania featured a new guest chef in the kitchen. Daniel Kern is a German-trained chef who has been a featured chef in Columbus Monthly and the Columbus Dispatch newspapers and is a former owner of Alex's Bistro in Upper Arlington. He is currently the special events coordinator and chef for The Country Club at Muirfield Village. Daniel grew up in his parents' hotel in Oberstaufen, Germany, where his dad was a chef. He studied hospitality in Bonn and had a chef apprenticeship in Köln, Germany. He came to Columbus 18 years ago after a friend from school relocated here. He has been a Germania member for the past two years. He lives in Hilliard with his wife and two daughters.



## SCHÖNE WEIHNACHTEN MUSIC

If you're searching for something good in this covid dilemma, this is it! Each year our sister singing society, the **Columbus Männerchor and Damenchor**, normally holds a Christmas Concert at St. Mary Catholic Church. This year's concert is from St. James Lutheran Church, and it is virtual. The choruses are under the direction of Dr. Marc Haag and accompanied by Megan Rainy on piano. We are all welcome to "attend" and enjoy this beautiful Christmas music. Just copy and paste this link into your web browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzQioLSOK2c>

## BENEVOLENCE

Meine lieben Mitglieder,

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Hannelore Hendel, a longtime member of the Germania died on December 1st. Hannelore was married to Mike, who died in 2007. They met here at the Germania in the 1950's and were married in 1956. They both sang in the choirs and were so much fun to be around. [Newcomer Family Obituaries - Hannelore 'Hanna' Hendel 1934 - 2020 - Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions. \(newcomercolumbus.com\)](#)

Our prayers and condolences go out to Kathi Cline, whose mother died on November 26, and to Jeff Schmittauer, who's mother died this past Friday.

Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Mark W. Pinnick, President

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Deb Korting, Treasurer

Due to the cancellation of the General Membership meeting because of virus precautions, the following information is what would have been presented. Revenue for November was moderate despite the club having been open only three business days. Member Night revenues were \$2540 plus one new \$100 membership.

The club received a State refund of Workers Compensation fees of \$138.02. The Club also applied for, and received, an Ohio Restaurant and Bar Economic Relief Grant of \$2500.00.

	Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2020	Nov 2019	Jan-Nov 2019
Income from Sales/ Memb	\$ 5,278.13	\$ 103,141.45	\$ 8,004.20	\$ 148,007.00
Expenses from Sales	\$ 1,529.91	\$ 40,990.60	\$ 5,216.94	\$ 82,672.18
Sales less Expenses	\$ 3,748.22	\$ 62,150.85	\$ 2,787.26	\$ 65,334.82
Facility Op. Expenses	\$ 4,616.17	\$ 59,984.95	\$ 7,173.55	\$ 70,842.14
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (867.95)	\$ 2,165.90	\$ (4,386.29)	\$ (5,507.32)
	NOV 2020		NOV 2019	
Checking/Savings Total	\$ 72,241.47		\$ 37,190.30	
Economic Injury Loan	\$ 25,000.00		\$ -	
Unencumbered Cash	\$ 47,241.47		\$ 37,190.30	

Despite the restrictions placed on the society during this COVID time, our financial position is better than it was one year ago. The positive Net Income figures of \$2165.90 is in large part due to your officers and trustees discussing and taking advantage of the relief efforts of the federal and state governments. We received \$3000 from the Federal Economic Injury Disaster Loan program and \$2500 from the State as mentioned above. Thanks must be given also to those who have participated in the various member events held during the summer and fall.

News from the gardeners

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that have made themselves available throughout the year to help maintain and enhance the grounds. The garden and grounds wouldn't look as nice as they do without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. This is especially true for Leo and Wally Hocke. Germania owes you a large debt of gratitude. Also,



the window boxes have been replanted with greenery for the winter by Susan Cupp and her mom. This spring we will again be needing volunteers to keep the grounds looking beautiful. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ryan Cupp ([ryancupp@gmail.com](mailto:ryancupp@gmail.com) or 419-236-0344).

## RYAN CUPP'S REFLECTIONS AND PEARL'S (of) WISDOM

I want to take a few minutes and share some thoughts with you. This year isn't anything that I thought it would be, I'm sure everyone can say that this year. I never thought I would welcome my child into this world during a global pandemic. As stressful and trying as having a new child can be, it has been even more so this year. However, every day I get to wake up and spend time with my son and watch him grow and learn. This reminds me of my grandmother, Pearl. She lived on a farm her entire life, which included the great depression and World War II. When she would recount stories of all of the unpleasanties and the extreme things that her family would have to do to survive, she would chuckle to herself. Then she would say "Isn't that the stupidest thing you ever heard" and start laughing out loud. When times get tough, I think about my grandmother. I also think that one day, very soon, we'll all be sitting around telling stories about 2020 and we'll be able to have a chuckle ourselves.

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

I was notified on November 30, that the Christmas Dinner scheduled for December 6, had been cancelled because of the current virus situation. The next day I learned that all activities for December were also cancelled. Our December meeting was to be for the election of a new Treasurer and Vice President, that election will be held on whatever date we can meet again. Even though the Ladies Auxiliary income was greatly reduced in 2020, at our November meeting the Ladies decided to donate \$400.00, from our treasury to the Germania Club. We can all hope and pray that by next December things will be back to normal and we can continue with our traditions at Germania.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR – Lets all hope it will be better than 2020.

Dolores Kneller, President, Germania Ladies Auxiliary

## GERMANIA COVID POLICIES

Many have asked, “Why are we open on Thursday evenings, but not having any of our December events?” That is a great question.

The Board obviously has discussed this Covid situation at every meeting and then some. We are constantly weighing the current issues on a weekly basis. We think about the rise in case count, we think about keeping everyone safe and healthy, we think about the financial situation, we think about everyone’s mental health, just to name a few.

The Board decided to cancel the big December events because the rise in Covid cases, the larger group of people that attend the December events, the time everyone is together in one place, the financial costs of a large event and the restrictions from the government are the many factors that swayed our position.

But why open on Thursdays? We have a small gathering on Thursdays, many people come and go, reducing the time with one another and exposure. It’s a semblance of normalcy and Gemütlichkeit. It’s some income for the club.

So, we will continue to be open on Thursday evenings (except for Dec. 24) as long as people follow social distancing practices and stay safe.

As for January, we will play that by ear, as we have the past year.

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