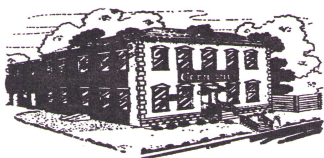


Germania Nachrichten



Germania Singing and Sport Society

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October, 2020

Willkommen OktoberFass

Germania Members, we can't have a "fest," but we can still tap the kegs! With festivals frowned upon this year, we've temporarily renamed our annual celebration "OktoberFass" after the Fass (barrel) we'll be tapping. And we have some other changes in store.

OktoberFass will still be a members-and-guests ticketed event on September 18th. We're limiting attendance and requiring masks (except when seated) to help with safety. But the celebration will be just like it always was!

We'll have a Dinner and Drink package (\$40 member, \$50 guest) that includes a One-Liter (33.8oz) Maß (Stein) with a beer fill-up of your choice or two standard pours of wine, and an unlimited, served buffet dinner from 6-8pm. We also have a Designated Driver package of the served buffet with unlimited soft drinks and water (\$25 member, \$35 guest), and kids 13 and under eat and receive one 16oz soft drink for \$15.

If you prefer to keep your own space, we have a limited number of tables to reserve for \$100 (dinner packages not included). Reserved tables seat 2, 4, or 6, with all guests' names required at the time of signup. Remember, only a few tables are reserved!

We'll have live music from the Route 161 Happy Wanderers and a Stein Hoist competition for both men and women, along with cream puffs, soft pretzels, and other snacks.

Signup and payment are required in advance. We'll see you at OktoberFass!

Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for about 25 OktoberFass volunteers! Join in the fun, meet new people and forge friendships, all while making the event a success! Germania needs:

Ticket Table Greeters
Bar Runners and Kegmeisters
Sanitation and Cleanup Managers
Buffet Servers
Kitchen Assistants, Runner, and Expediter

Each volunteer receives a \$5 voucher per two-hour shift to use toward beverages or snacks. Watch for the volunteer sign-up email and make sure to reserve your shift early!

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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.

BOTSCHAFT DES PRÄSIDENTEN

Liebe Germania Mitglieder,

Here we are already, slipping into Oktober and yet we are still amid the chaos of today's world. Back in March I would have never thought we would still be in the middle of a pandemic. And no end in sight! The cold weather is coming soon and the threat of a second wave is right around the corner. But guess what! We are the Germania! Our heritage of Germans will get us through to the end; and we are also Americans! We are a diverse group of people that when combined, we have the experience to preserve through thick and thin. Again, WE ARE GERMANIA!

Our OktoberFass is about a week away, there is more news about that in the newsletter and look for the emails. In Oktober, we have our last Bike Ride of the year on the 10th (Yes, we thought it was in September.). Our Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Membership Meeting (and Movie!) on the 11th, a special Fundraiser dinner on the 16th, and the Halloween Bash on the 30th. Because of the crazy year, please watch your email for last minute changes to the schedule.

Our Constitution Committee has been hard at work for the last 8 months working on revising our outdated constitution. The final draft will be presented at our Oktober meeting. A huge THANK YOU to Andy Berendts, John Kneller, Ed Franks, Thea Klabunde and Lara Furakawa for the long hours spent on this project. This was a big undertaking and I don't think they realized that a "rewrite" would be so stressful. We will talk more about it at the Oktober meeting.

I heard through the grapevine that our member, Trudy Garland was briefly hospitalized but is now home. Please keep Trudy in your thoughts and prayers. If you hear of any member that has fallen ill, please let us know.

I'll repeat what I said last month. - Thank you to everyone for their patience and perseverance during these trying times. Please, when you see an Officer or Trustee, thank them for their hard work and dedication. It is through their hours and hours of meetings, and personal time at the club that has helped us survive. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who are not Officers or Trustees, who have spent many hours keeping things going too.

Prost!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,
Mark W. Pinnick

FEATURED BREWERY



For the second year in a row Royal Docks Brewing Company located in Canton, Ohio has brewed a beer strictly for the membership of Germania. For those that attended last year's Oktoberfest it was the best-selling beer on tap. For those that will attend OktoberFass events in September and Thursday membership evenings in September and October you will be able to enjoy it on tap. It will our featured beer on tap while supplies last.

This year's version is again at Märzen-Style beer in the tradition or München's autumn beers. Light amber in color, it offers a rich malty-forward sweetness with a bready aroma and full mouthfeel. This is a very special beer as it's exclusively only available at Germania.

This would not of happened without the help of member Harrison Culler who helped facilitate and work with Heidelberg Distributing and Royal Docks Brewing Company to make this happen. It's one more thing that sets Germania apart and helps add to the Gemütlichkeit in the Society. Ein prosit to Harrison.

Eric Chivington



SCHEDULE OF GERMANIA EVENTS

OKTOBERFASS

Friday, September 18, 5:00 pm to 11:00pm

It's not a typo, this year we are calling our annual celebration "OktoberFass." Since we are not really allowed to have any "festivals" this year, we are calling it something different, but similar. We will be needing about 25 volunteers for the OktoberFass, so an email will be going out soon for that. Also, the OktoberFass will be a reservation only event open to 100 people. This is for members, if we do not reach our number of 100 from members, we'll invite others

Bar Open

Thursday, September 24, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Bier Kameraden OktoberFass

Friday, September 25, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Bar Open

Thursday, October 1, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Schnitzel Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, October 2, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

This will be an event hosted jointly by the Germania and the Columbus Männerchor.

Bar Open

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Bike Ride

Saturday, October 10, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Meetings and Movie

Sunday, October 11

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm

General Member Meeting 3:00 pm

Movie following general meeting

Bar Open

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, October 16, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Hosted by Mark Pinnick and Deb Korting

Bar Open

Thursday, October 22, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Bier Kameraden Event

Friday, October 23, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Bar Open

Thursday, October 29, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Halloween Bash

Friday, October 30, 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Hosted by the Bier Kameraden

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Editor's Note:

Conflicting information appears regarding the date, or dates, of the Bier Kameraden Oktoberfass. The schedule above lists it as occurring on only Friday, September 25. The Bier Kameraden article on page 4 has this event occurring on both Friday, September 25, and Saturday, September 26. This conflict was not resolved prior to the newsletter deadline.

LADIES AUXILIARY

As of the last newsletter the Ladies Auxiliary had picked a menu for the Schnitzel Dinner we were supposed to host on October 2. At the September Board meeting I learned that members of our Board are in talks with members of the Columbus Maennerchor about hosting a joint Schnitzel dinner in November, as a fund raiser. At this time (September 6) I do not know what the plans are, but it looks like our event is not going to happen. Perhaps at our September meeting on the 13th, we will have more information. See you on the 13th at 2PM.

Dolores Kneller, President, Germania Ladies Auxiliary

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

By Vice President Eric Chivington



On September 4th, 2020 at 12:00pm in the Germania Biergarten, Chief William Taylor retired from the United States Coast Guard. Chief Taylor proudly served in our country for over 20 years as an active duty member of Coast Guard. He was joined by his family from Minnesota, North Carolina and Texas for his retirement ceremony.

For those Germania members that don't yet know William, or as he would prefer to be called Billy, is a two-year member of the society, Chairperson of the House Committee and designer of the *Motika Wunderbar* in the Biergarten. Next time you're at Germania be sure to thank him for his years of service to our country.



Elizabeth, Berkeley, Billy, Cristina, Colin and Molly Taylor

BENEVOLENCE

The following members remain in our prayers: Lotte Koenemann; Trudy Garland; Helma English; Nancy Hahn; Joe Wallner; Thea and Udo Klabunde; Joe and Vera Motika; and Rolf Digel.

Greetings From THE BIER KAMERADEN

Since our last correspondence the Bier Kameraden has hosted four successful events in July, August and September. Our Christmas in July event was well attended and special Christmas beer from Shiner was enjoyed. Members and guests watched National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation together outside in the Biergarten on a 15-foot movie screen.



Erica and Ben Wiley got into the Christmas spirit of the season too.

During the month of August, the Kameraden hosted an Inventory Reduction Sale or the I.R.S event. This was a first event of its type for Germania. Members and their guests were able to buy various beers at a reduced price to help clear out beers in inventory to get ready for Oktoberfest season. This was also the first occasion that club used the kitchen to sell food. Special thanks to Melinda Green, Sean O'Briant and Billy Taylor for helping cooking the bratwursts and sauerkraut and putting the meals together for everyone to enjoy.

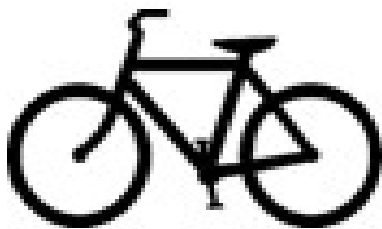
The Kameraden also hosted two soccer viewing parties in the Biergarten. Members and guests watched the Columbus Crew take on FC Cincinnati for the *Hell is Real Derby*. The first match ended in a 0-0 tie, but in the second match the Crew won 3-0. Saucy Brew Works and Taft's Brewery were on hand to with their versions of their German Festbier. These two Ohio breweries completed for the Höllestein. Those in attendance voted on which beer was the best. After very close and fierce competition Taft's Festbier was declared the winner by a vote of 53-51. Germania members are welcome to try both festbiers on tap on Thursdays in September and October.

The Kameraden will be hosting OktoberFass events on September 25th and 26th. Special Oktoberfest beers from Germany will be available. Food will be served and live music. Time both evenings are from 5:00pm to 11:00pm. Be on the lookout for more information in an email blast.

If you haven't been to a Bier Kameraden event yet this year now is the time. Winter weather and cooler fall temperatures are just around the corner. Please come down and enjoy the good weather and camaraderie in the Oldest Biergarten in Columbus. Prost!

Your Official Unofficial Leaders of the Germania Bier Kameraden,

Dhuey Cronk, Melinda Green, Eric Chivington and Billy Taylor



RADFAHR VEREIN – BICYCLE CLUB

October 10, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.



What a great way to see and experience the “New” dam on Buck-eye Lake. Come join us for a ride along the new bike/pedestrian path on the lake. This ride will end with a Brat & Bier picnic at Mark’s house on the lake. The bike path is 4.1 miles long from end to end, Mark’s house is halfway down the path. We’ll start there. You can ride as long as you would like on this easy flat path. (Mark usually makes 5 passes – 20 miles). When you are done. Just go back to the house and wait on the deck for the others to return. Then we’ll have Brats and Bier (and some other things too.) Mark does ask that you RSVP to him so he can plan according. Once you RSVP to Mark, he’ll respond with address and directions to his house. When you RSVP, please give Mark your cell phone number, if something changes, like bad weather, he can text you last minute news. (mwpinnick@earthlink.net).

Germania Fundraising Dinner

Friday, Oktober 16, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Multicourse Dinner

with Wein or Bier pairings.

\$100 per person

Limited to 30 people

Invitation will be sent to all members in Oktober.

Mark W. Pinnick & Deborah Korting, Chefs