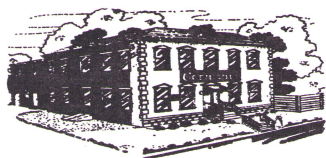


Germania Nachrichten



Germania Singing and Sport Society

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February, 2021

BOTSCHAFT DES PRÄSIDENTEN

Liebe Germania Mitglieder,

Can you believe it!!! 2020 is over!!! I know that many things are still the same, but to say, "2020 is over!" is just a delight!

Even though things have been very difficult the past year for us socially, the Germania has actually done quite well, financially. We actually ended up in the "Black" and not the "Red" as in years past. I thank you all for supporting your club during this crisis, it has made a difference!

Moving forward, as you know, we are still under pandemic restrictions, but the Board is working to find ways for you to enjoy your club. We are planning more smaller events to keep people safe and more virtual events for those who like to see things from a distance. We have some exciting ideas coming up. Eric will give you more information on those events.

We are sorry to have cancelled our January Membership meeting. With the spike in Covid cases, we just thought it was more prudent not to endanger more people. At this point, we will be having our February meeting, and the important part of that is electing another Board person. We have three nominations for that position. We'll be sending out Bios on each person so that you'll be better informed on the persons for whom you are voting.

On a sad note, a very long-time member, Lotte Koennemann, died last week. She joined the club back in the early 1970's. She hasn't been around for several years due to her bad health. But those who remember her, can tell you that she was quite the character. She always spoke her mind, but was a lot of fun.

The Board is wrapping up the Team (committee) structure for the club. We are very excited to be building these Teams, remember, you are the Teams. It will be you who run the club and help it move into the future. We have many volunteer slots on those Teams, so when the list comes out, please do not hesitate to jump in to help us grow in 2021!

I look forward to seeing you all this coming year as the pandemic wanes.

Good luck and Blessings to you and your families!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Mark W. Pinnick

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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.



February Date Night at Germania Singing & Sport Society

February 13th, 5 – 9pm

Belgian Beer & Food Pairing featuring Bosteels & St. Feuillien Breweries!

This dinner is crafted to immerse you in four delicious courses featuring traditional Belgian cuisine with flavors that accentuate the characteristics of its beers. A brewery representative from Artisanal Imports will be present to provide education on the beer making process in Belgium, tasting notes on the selected beers, & history of the Bosteels & St. Feuillien Breweries.

First course: Charcuterie board with St. Feuillien Grand Cru (9.5% ABV).

Second course: Moules Frites with Tripel Karmeliet (8.4% ABV).

Third course: Boulet Liegeois with Kwak (8.4% ABV).

Fourth course: Belgian Waffle with St. Feuillien Quadrupel (8.5% ABV).

Tickets are \$100 per couple and Singles are also welcome for \$50.

Due to Ohio Covid guidelines limited seating.

Masks will be required.

Reservation Link: <https://germaniasingingandsportsociety.wildapricot.org/event-4120889>

Or call the Reservation line at 614-461-8095

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Another month has past and the only change is the numbers on the year. Whenever the Government will allow us to have our next meeting we will proceed with the election of a Vice-President and Treasurer. I have not been notified of any events we will be asked to host.

At the time of our founding, women could not be members of Germania, that situation has changed and I wonder what our role in the club actually is. Please be thinking of how we can go forward in the future, and be ready to offer suggestions when we can meet again.

Dolores Kneller, President, Germania Ladies Auxiliary

GREETINGS FROM THE BIER KAMERADEN

Since our last correspondence the Bier Kameraden has hosted an Ugly Sweater party in December and helped with the NYE event.



If you haven't been to a Bier Kameraden every Germania member is invited to come to any event hosted by the Kameraden. For the January 30th Meeting will feature a beer from Royal Dock's New German Bier line. We also have a couple of firepits outside in the Biergarten to enjoy Gludwein or a Hot Buttered Rum (please dress for outside weather). Please come down and enjoy the winter 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, Billy Taylor and Sean O'Briant

AUS DER KÜCHE: by Michael Queck

In an effort to add the Thursday Night Gemütlichkeit members of Germania have been volunteering in the kitchen to provide dinner.

All the prep time and food costs has been donated to help defer cost to the Society. Those in the kitchen are looking for recipes for simple German food or comfort food that members can enjoy. If you would like to share a recipe for the kitchen or volunteer to help please reach out to Kaylee Steiff or Melinda Green at kayleesteiff@gmail.com or melinda-green@gmail.com.

The meals have included Bratwurst Baskets with sides and homemade soups and chili. In December we had a featured guest chef Daniel Kern. Chef Daniel prepared a lentil soup from scratch and Käsespätzle which is a classic quintessential Swabian comfort food dish. He is looking forward to be featured again in January and February. Look for a email about the dates.

Gemütlichkeit starts at 6pm  Dinner starts at 7pm and goes until 8:30pm. Look for the Monday email for the featured weekly entrée.

Thursday January 14th featured entrée will be 8 Chicken Wings with homemade sauces. As well as a Bratwurst Basket with side. The featured soup will be Beef and Bean Chili with skillet corn bread.

Upcoming Thursday Soup schedule:

01/14 – Beef and Bean Chili

01/21 – Beer Cheese & Kielbasa Soup

01/28 - Butternut Squash & Apple Soup

02/04 - Creamy Tomato Basil Bisque

02/11 - Cream of Potato and Bacon Soup

Each month we feature recipe from the Germania kitchen that has been served in the club house on Thursday evenings for those that can't make to the club currently. Please feel free to share or make the recipe at home and so you can be part of the Gemütlichkeit that makes Germania Singing & Sport Society such a special place.

Frikadellen

The Drive-Thru Dinner in December featured Frikadellen. Here is the recipe for members to make at home.

From member: Michael Queck



1 Kaiser Roll

2/3 pound ground beef (80/20 or 75/25 mix)

1/3 ground pork

1 onion, finely chopped (sweet or white)

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1 large egg

1 teaspoon Hungarian paprika

Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Step 1:

Soak Kaiser roll in a bowl of water for 10 minutes. Drain, squeezing out excess water, and crumble into a large bowl

Step 2:

Mix crumbled roll with ground beef, ground pork onion, parsley, egg, salt and black pepper until well blended. Shape meat into four large flatten meatballs.

Step 3:

Heat a large nonstick (cast iron preferred) skillet over medium heat; fry meatballs until browned and no longer pink in the center (about 5 minutes per side).

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Belated Season Greetings and Happy New Year,

As I wrap up everything with the Christmas and New Year holiday season and head back to work, I can't help but think of all of you. I hope that you are proud of all what the Germania membership accomplished this last year in 2020. The membership attended multiple smaller and more personal events in 2020 because of all the Covid-19 concerns and guidelines by the state. It tried all of our patience and I am sure you are all tired... I know I am. And that is okay. This year has repeatedly tested who we all are as human beings. I have had ugly moments, sad moments, frustrating moments, joyous moments, silly moments, embarrassing moments, hysterical moments... you get it... there hasn't been an emotion left untouched by 2020!!

I want to personally thank all the volunteers that helped with the hours of their time in 2020. Without our volunteer corps our German club wouldn't function. I have made many new friends through my volunteering over the years.

And with all of that said, I am thankful that throughout this last year (which will go down in infamy), I have gone through it side by side with all of you... TEAM Germania! You all give me strength, bring me joy, make me proud, and I can't thank you all enough for what you do day in and day out for the Society!

I hope in 2021 that you are finding reasons to smile & laugh every day (as tough as it may be some days!) My hope for all of you is that you take some time to seek out the joy of the winter season; smile, laugh, and love! I look forward to seeing all the you at Germania in 2021 which is the 155th year anniversary. We will raise our glasses and sing Ein Prosit together.

With warmest regards,

Eric Chivington – Vice President Germania Singing & Sport Society

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deb Korting, Treasurer

I do not know if any of this newsletter's other contributors have used this line, but as of January first - Hindsight really is 2020. And, aren't we all glad 2020 is over! We all hope the virus will be eliminated once all of us better use the health guidelines that are in place and the distribution of the vaccines.

Despite the restrictions put on us through most of the year, we have been able to have a few private events, our Membership Thursdays, and a few Member Events that have successfully kept our club's finances in a positive light. We also learned that we may be able to have more, specialized Member events and not totally depend on the large, public events for our club's financial viability.

While the activities held by the club were the bulk of the revenue received, the club had several member donations - around \$8,000 - and governmental distributions - around \$6,300 - that put us in the black. Our unencumbered cash position at the end of 2020 was approximately \$5000 better than at the same time in 2019.

At this time, our newsletters are publicly available on our website. The Germania Board recently recommended providing our financial performance in general terms in the newsletter. The finances will always be available to members for review at our general meetings, and members may always reach out individually to the Board for the reports.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Korting, Germania Treasurer

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