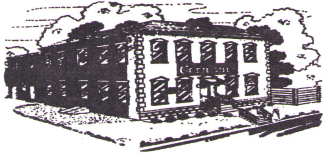


# Germania Nachrichten



## Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

*Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 155 Years*

*Home of the Original Oktoberfest in Columbus*



March, 2021

## BOTSCHAFT DES PRÄSIDENTEN

Liebe Germania Mitglieder,

This is March's newsletter, but since it's going out in early February. I wanted to remind you of some February events.

Don't forget that our Belgian Valentines Night is this Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Further details are in the newsletter.

Our General Membership Meeting is this Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. with the Ladies Auxiliary prior at 2:00 p.m. We will be voting for one new Board member at this meeting. We have two candidates for the position: Melinda Green & Michael Queck. This will be a "must be present to vote" election. We do not have the capability, at this time, to vote other than in person. We will also be discussing our "Teams" and how the club functions. Hope to see you there!

I have heard through the grapevine that Udo Klabunde is in a care facility, please keep him in your prayers. I also heard from Beth Motika, that Joe's doctor has restricted his driving. He loves coming down to the club every week, but he would appreciate a lift from someone if you could help out. He lives down near Obetz. If you're interested in helping let me know and I'll get in touch with Beth.

We've had Covid in our lives now for a year. It hasn't been easy and we're impatient. With the vaccines, slooowly being injected; this will all be over in a bit. I keep telling myself to keep it all in perspective. A little mask is nothing compared to what people have gone through during times of war, or floods, or tornados or other disasters, either natural or man-made. In a year, we'll look back at it all and just shake our heads and realize it was just a blip of time.

Good luck and Blessings to you and your families!

Prost!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Mark W. Pinnick

## GERMANIA OFFICERS 2021

### President:

*Mark Pinnick*

### Vice President:

*Eric Chivington*

### Treasurer:

*Deb Korting*

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*Dhuey Cronk*

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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.



## February Date Night at Germania Singing & Sport Society

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Belgian Beer Dinner—\$50.00; Belgian Dinner w/o Beer—\$30:00 per person**

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

At our February meeting we plan to have an election for a Treasurer and Vice-President. This meeting should have happened before many of you get this Newsletter.

At this time, we have not been asked to host any events at Germania this year.

We still have need to have discussions about the future of our group. At the time of our founding, women could not be members of Germania, that situation has changed and we need to figure out what our role in the club actually is. Please be thinking of how we can best serve Germania, and be ready to offer suggestions at our meeting.

Dolores Kneller, President, Germania Ladies Auxiliary

## BIER KAMERADEN RECAP

The official **Bier Kameraden** meeting on Jan 30 was well attended. First, a huge THANKS to all who braved going out in spite of the forecasted snow. Also, thanks to those who helped with kitchen duties and clean up, especially Melinda Green, Eric Chivington and Mike Bals for the fire wood. There were several fire pits, heaters and special drinks for those who enjoyed the best bier garden in Columbus.

The meeting started with the first sip from the official meeting time keeper, Michael Klamo, a new member who is easily recognized because he is rather tall.

The current **Kameraden** funds are \$1043. This is money we have earned and set aside for improvement projects.

We had pizzas baked in house, radishes (thanks Chris) and Black Forest cake made by our chef Linda Hull.

Excitingly, the **Kameraden** grew last night. Todd Sutton is an engineer who hails from Pittsburgh. As he was walking by, he heard the good time and came in to see how long he could stay until he got kicked out. He found our members to be very welcoming and much fun, so he joined. Erin Donnell and her husband were watching from their apartment, we waved and invited them over, and they joined. Casey Williams also joined (I will have to get his story). Rachel Dinsmore, a sales professional, who is scheduled to be married to Chris, had been to the club before, and they joined. Welcome all.

Quiz winner was Dave Williams, Symone Niesz-Ent was second and Deb Korting random draw winner.

### Upcoming Events and Projects:

**Sat Feb 13** an evening with Belgian Beer and food pairings. Limited seating and cost is \$50 per person.

**Feb 26** will be the next **Kameraden** meeting featuring Homestead Brewery.

We are taking applications for the **Germania Dart League Commissioner**. Duties will be to organize and help run the league. If you want to help please let me know. By the way, this title or similar, "**Germania Dart Czar**," will look good on a resume. We would like to get a league started by March. So, start practicing.

We are now taking orders for the **Germania Members only 2021 steins**. They will be red with the white frosting on top. We will send a link where you can create your special identification, up to 13 characters including spaces. Estimated stein cost is around \$35. Please have your order in by March 1.

Here are some clues for next month's quiz: Africa, clock, lights, Belgian

I have aligned the **Kameraden** roster, so for some this may be the first time you are getting the official **Kameraden** correspondence. Memberships can be renewed on line. Contact Melinda Green if you need the link resent to you. [melindagreen@gmail.com](mailto:melindagreen@gmail.com)

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## GERMANIA DUTY CALENDAR


|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| FEB 15 - 21     | Deb Korting     |
| FEB 22 - FEB 28 | Brett Bohl      |
| MAR 1 - 7       | Dhuey Cronk     |
| MAR 8 - 14      | Dave Rodenbeck  |
| MAR 15 - 21     | Eric Chivington |
| MAR 22 - 28     | Elizabeth Jones |
| MAR 29 - APR 4  | Lara Furukawa   |

## 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 have 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. The meals have included Chicken Schnitzel sandwiches with sides and homemade soups and chili. 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](mailto:kayleesteiff@gmail.com) or [melindagreen@gmail.com](mailto:melindagreen@gmail.com).

In January member Richard Hansgen helped in the kitchen and made his family's Polish potato salad called Salatka Jarzynowa, a vegetable potato salad, which is this month's featured recipe. On February 4 we held the first Souper Bowl Thursday to decide which was the best soup or chili. We featured 3 different soups and a chili. The soups were Butternut Squash and Apple, Beer Cheese and Kielbasa and Lentil Soups. It was a tie, and the winners were Beer Cheese and Kielbasa and the chili., both of which will be featured in the next couple of weeks.

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

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.



The **Guest Chef** in January, **Richard Hansgen**, made his family's Polish potato salad.

Here is the recipe for members to make at home.

### Jarzynowa Salad (Polish Potato Salad)

#### Ingredients

- 6 large potatoes
- 2 large carrots
- 3 German pickles
- 2 large eggs (hard boiled)
- ¾ cup of mayonnaise
- ¼ cup fresh dill
- salt and pepper to taste

#### Instructions

1. Peel and boil potatoes and carrots. Boil eggs at the same time.
2. Once it all cools down, chop all ingredients (apart from peas) into small cubes.
3. Mix everything together and add salt and mayonnaise.
4. Let it stand in a fridge for a bit before consuming.

Notes: You can add a few drops of apple vinegar or lemon juice. If you're looking for a lighter version you could replace half of the mayonnaise with thick plain yogurt.

## THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

By Lara Furukawa, Board of Directors

On behalf of Germania's Officers and Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone who has paid their dues for 2021! Whether you paid by check or over the Wild Apricot system, your dues are keeping the club afloat and helping us plan get-togethers and other fun for the 2021 year.

For me, each renewal I help process is a reminder of how much each of you care about our club. For Deb Korting, our Treasurer, each electronic payment she finds deposited in Germania's accounts is a "very pleasant surprise."

Our growing number of younger members have been requesting online dues payment options for the past several years. Vice President Eric Chivington, who did the painstaking work of setting up the new system and

entering member data, is glad so many of these members are enjoying increased convenience. If you would like to renew online, but did not get a renewal e-mail, contact me at [lara.bertsch@gmail.com](mailto:lara.bertsch@gmail.com) or 614-264-3541.

Members who prefer to renew by mail may continue to do so. Simply send a check for \$100 made out to Germania to 543 S. Front St., Columbus, OH 43215. Write "renewal" in the memo line along with the name of the member.

We hope all Germania's 2020 members will renew their membership in the coming weeks. I know we are looking forward to having a lot more fun together in the coming year.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Deb Korting, Treasurer

The Germania finances continue to 'hold their own' through our restricted operational hours and events. The club's financial position as of the end of January was over \$2000 to the positive and our cash position was better than the same time last year by more than \$12,000.00. This increase did not include the funds from the Economic Injury Disaster Loan the club received during the 2020 summer.

Most of the positive financial performance in January is due to the collection of membership renewals. And, many thanks go to the Kuche Kameraden for their food service on Thursday nights. This has also raised our revenue. One of the finance milestones was met with the payment of the first half property tax. This was a \$8600 cash outlay.

A detailed report of the finances for the end of 2020 and the end of January 2021 will be presented at the General Membership meeting on Sunday 2/14/2021.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Korting, Germania Treasurer

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## SCHEDULE OF GERMANIA EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

Feb 13 Valentine's Dinner 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
 Feb 14 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm  
                     Membership Meeting 3:00 pm  
 Feb 18 Thursday's Gemütlichkeit 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
 Feb 25 Thursday's Gemütlichkeit 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
 Feb 26 Bier Kameraden Meeting

### MARCH

Mar 2 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
 Mar 4 Thursday's Gemütlichkeit 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
 Mar 11 Thursday's Gemütlichkeit 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
 Mar 14 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm  
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## GREETINGS FROM THE BIER KAMERADEN



**Helles**

Royal Docks Brewing Co.  
Lager - Helles



**Twenty-Hour Sour with Raspberry Syrup**

Lock 15 Brewing Company  
Collaboration with Royal Docks Brewing Co.  
Sour - Fruited Berliner Weisse

Since our last correspondence the Bier Kameraden had their first meeting of 2021. We featured beers from Royal Dock Brewing out of Canton, Ohio. On draft was their Helles Lager and available in can was a Raspberry Berliner Weisse. There were multiple firepits outside to keep members and their guests warm. Food served was house-made pizzas. Most importantly four guests of members applied to become members and will sworn in at the February 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

For the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature beers from Homestead Beer Company out of Heath, Ohio. The beers featured from Homestead will be Galactic Heroes West Coast IPA, Pioneer Pilsner, Sun-Kissed Wheat, Tenpenny Amber Ale. A flight of 4 will be \$8. The kitchen will have Nuremberger sausage sandwiches with German potato salad for \$8. We also have a couple of firepits outside in the Biergarten to enjoy hot Gludwein (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

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