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**GERMANIA NEWSLETTER**

**JULY AND AUGUST 2008**

The Germania Facility is available for Private Parties **not in conflict** with Germania Events

Dear Germania Member

Thea Klabunde, President (614)

866-5876

As most of you are aware by now our *Bezirk Sängerfest* hosted by us was a huge success, thanks to the many volunteers who donated many hours of their time to make it so. Our special thanks must go to our Fest President **Stephen Schneider** and his very capable committee. We heard many compliments especially about the **good food** and our **Germania hospitality**. However, our work is never done. The next big event needing all of our help is the **“Bratwurst Festival”** also known as **Red, White and Boom on Thursday, July 3, 2008. Beth Motika and Gretchen Moriarty** have kindly accepted to chair this event. In August we are bringing back our ever popular **“Luau”** hosted by the Damenchor. For any further upcoming attractions at your Club, please check your calendar. Mit  
freundlichen Grüßen, Thea Klabunde

**Germania People noteworthy:**

The **Gegenheimer** girls (all are Volkstänzer) distinguished themselves. **Anneliese** was named at the fall semester dean’s list at the University Of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **Gabriella**, a Upper Arlington High School student was recently named the Grand National Award Winner by the National Junior Horticultural Association in the Experimental Horticulture category for 15-18 year olds. **Brigitta**, a student at Hastings Middle School has been named the first place winner of the National Junior Horticulture Association 2007 Poster Contest for ages 11-14.

Our Server **Hayden Browning** graduated from Worthington Christian School and will attend Cedarville University in the fall. **Jordan Browning**, our Server, is attending Ohio State University entering his third year as a medical student with double major in Chemistry and Jazz studies. We wish all our young people the best and want them to know we are so proud of them.

Congratulations to **Harry and Johanna Paulino on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**



Our heartfelt condolences to Fritz Saenger, Jr. and family in the loss of his mother, Ruth Saenger, wife of our long time director Fritz Saenger, Sr. whom we honored at our *Bezirk Sängerfest* and whose sister and daughter were able to attend that function. The Germania members extend their deepest sympathy. Ruth, rest in peace.



Please continue to **uphold in prayer** and wish **continued** recovery for **Beth Bradley, Carlyne Donner, Gigi Lobnow, Vera Motika, Frank and Richard Nairn, Gerhard and Judy Wolff.** Please **let the Germania know** if any of our members are sick or suffering, we want to be there for you in prayer. We also would like to rejoice with you in any healing progress.

The Auxiliary will not meet in July and August. So please join us **Friday, September 5, 2008 at 7:30pm** for our next meeting. At that meeting we will sign up volunteers and finalize communications for our **Boutique** at the **Germania Oktoberfest on September 13 and 14**. We will also start to accept donations for the Boutique. German Clothing items can be donated or can be submitted on consignment. 50% of all Clothing Sales on consignment will go to the Ladies Auxiliary to help in its effort to support the **Germania**. We will also be asking for donations of baked goods. Watch for more information and a consignment form in the September Newsletter.

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### GERMANIA MÄNNERCHOR NEWS

Rolf Digel (614/267-3385)



Looking back at our recent *Zentral Ohio Bezirk Sängerfest* we felt that most of our singers enjoyed the Concert and the *Freundschaftsinging* on Sunday afternoon. We received many compliments on the organization of the event. Many thanks go to the Music Selection Committee for the fine assortment of songs and to all the other committee members for all their hard work during the past couple of years.

On Friday, June 6, 2008 we officially **opened the Bier Garten** for this summer. The weather cooperated although it could have been a few degrees cooler. **Mike Bals** did a great job preparing the barbequed ribs.

The choruses will sing for the Paletines of America on June 19<sup>th</sup>. This is the organization to contact if you are interested in learning about our German ancestry.

Rolf H. Digel, Männerchor

Chairman

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### GERMANIA DAMENCHOR

Vera Motika, President 614/491-6832



Our ladies were pleased with the performance at our recent **Bezirk Sängerfest** and did well at the Paletine National Convention on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Our next project is to assist at the **Red, White and Boom** event and then to prepare for our **“Luau” on Friday, August 8, 2008**. I hope that many of our members will attend both events and support our **Germania**. We look forward to seeing you there. The choruses are scheduled to sing at the **Swiss on Saturday, August 2**, and also at the **Newark Oxroast on Saturday August 9, 2008**.

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### VOLKSTÄNZER

By Mark Pinnick (614/496-3443)



Are you in need of exercise but want to have fun? Then join the **Germania's Volkstänzer**. Dance is an excellent form of physical activity that comes highly recommended by doctors and exercise specialists. But unlike sweaty, smelly gyms, you get to have fun and conversation with friends. So please come and join us. Both dance groups meet on **Tuesday evenings**, the children's dance group meets at 7:15pm and the adult dancers meet at 7:45pm. **Try it, you might like it!**



DEUTSCHER RADFAHRER VEREIN  
By Stephen Schneider (614/253-4211)

We had our inaugural ride of this year along the Olentangy River Bike Path. A detailed write up will be in September's Newsletter.

Our next rides will be as follows:

**July 13, 2008 – Yellow Springs to Xenia** – Leave the Train Depot in Yellow Springs at 1:30 pm, with lunch at the Old Trail Tavern immediately following – I will call repeatedly for confirmation on this one!

**August 10, 2008 – Gambier to Danville** – leave the Train Depot in Gambier by 1:30pm and ride to Danville. Following this ride we will travel to Roger's Hunting Lodge for the potluck picnic (looking forward to Pete's stuffed cabbage, yum!)

**September 7, 2008 – Gambier to Johnstown** – What a fun early fall ride this always has been! Looking forward to a farm yard picnic for this one – stay tuned!

**October 5, 2008 – Three Rivers Park** – Meet at 1:30 pm at the Huron Pond parking lot for an enjoyable loop through the finest cycling trails in Central Ohio! Perhaps the post ride picnic will barge in on the Motika Haus again – stay tuned!

There it is, a fine outline of the best little cycling club around. And please don't forget, we always appreciate those members who wish to join us by walking along these delightful pathways instead of riding. It's all about getting out and sharing a little Gemütlichkeit with other members of our delightful club! I hope to see you there! New riders are always welcome!

Tschüß!  
614/253-4211

Stephen Schneider ([sschneider@att.net](mailto:sschneider@att.net)) or call for more information:

### 37. OHIO BEZIRK SÄNGERFEST WRAP-UP By Stephen Schneider (614/253-4211)

What a weekend it was! I bet it's been years since such a gathering like this **37<sup>th</sup> Sängerfest** has happened like it did at the **Germania** this past May! For those who made it, the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> found 17 choruses invade the **Germania** for a very memorable weekend long festival of song! I was very proud to be a part of such an event and would like to personally thank all those who made it come together like it did! Many of the singers in attendance complemented me repeatedly on how well our Sängerfest was run! However, I need to say that it would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our **TERRIFIC Sängerfest Committee** members who worked for three years in putting this event together! That's quite a commitment and I will be eternally grateful for all their efforts. Still, it would never have gone as smoothly without our **outstanding team of volunteers**, many of whom worked the whole weekend. I would like to give them a very special **"Thank You"** as well! While planning this event I had moments of doubt, but during these moments I kept forgetting what makes our Club truly unique, **Gemütlichkeit**. I have seen it often enough when hanging around or working at the Club and this event was no exception! It was for this reason I joined a mere 5 years ago this fall and I still enjoy to this day. The **Germania** members should all be very proud of this **"Gemütlichkeit"** which our Club possesses it is a very special thing and we do it so well. We also should all be very proud of how the tradition is being kept alive here at the **Germania**. But let's not sit on our laurels too long. Take a moment to consider how much you have personally contributed to the **Germania** so far this year and then ask yourself if there is may be more you are able to do? If there is, please contact any Board Member and keep involved with our **Germania** family. Remember, we possess a unique gift and need to keep it alive for many years to come. So, when someone asks for your help, please jump in so we may keep alive the German culture and traditions we are so proud of here at the **Germania**. **Thank you all** and I look forward to the many upcoming events the rest of the year has in store. See you there!

**JULY through DECEMBER 2008 CALENDAR**

<b>Thursday, July 3</b>	<b>Red, White &amp; Boom (all ) (Dance to Ray Galla)</b>
<b>Thursday, July 10,17,24,31</b>	<b>Open for Social Activities 6 pm</b>
	<b>Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)</b>
<b>Monday, July 14</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Friday, July 18</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grill Night (Volkstänzer) (Dance to Bill Antoniak)</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28</b>	<b>Open for Social Activities 6 pm</b>
	<b>Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)</b>
<b>Saturday, Aug 2</b>	<b>Singers at the Swiss Club</b>
<b>Friday, Aug 8</b>	<b>Luau (sponsored by Damenchor) (Dance to Ray Galla)</b>
<b>Saturday, Aug 9</b>	<b>Singers at the Ox Roast in Newark</b>
<b>Monday, Aug 11</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Aug 22</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grill Night (House Committee) (Dance to Chris Weiss)</b>
<b>Thursday, Sep 4, 11, 18, 25</b>	<b>Open for Social Activities 6 pm</b>
	<b>Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)</b>
<b>First General Membership Meeting</b>	
<b>Friday, Sep 5</b>	<b>7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b>
	<b>8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)</b>
<b>Monday, Sep 8</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, Sep 13</b>	<b>Oktoberfest (Ray Galla and Hank Haller)</b>
<b>Sunday, Sep 14</b>	<b>Oktoberfest (Bill Antoniak)</b>
<b>Friday, Oct 3</b>	<b>7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b>
	<b>8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)</b>
<b>Friday, Oct 10</b>	<b>German/American Day (Wine Fest) (Trustees)</b>
<b>Monday, Oct 13</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, Oct 31</b>	<b>Halloween (Volkstänzer)</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov 6, 13, 20, 27</b>	<b>Open for Social Activities 6 pm</b>
	<b>Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)</b>
<b>Friday, Nov 7</b>	<b>7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b>
	<b>8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)</b>
<b>Monday, Nov 10</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov 15</b>	<b>Singers Banquet (singers)</b>
<b>Friday, Nov 21</b>	<b>OSU Beat Michigan Pep Rally &amp; Chili Cook-Off</b>
	Beth, Sue, Gretchen
<b>Thursday, Dec 4, 11, 18,</b>	<b>Open for Social Activities 6 pm</b>
	<b>Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)</b>
<b>Friday, Dec 5</b>	<b>7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b>
	<b>8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec 6</b>	<b>Childrens Christmas Party 11am-2pm</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 7</b>	<b>Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party (Auxiliary)</b>
<b>Monday, Dec 8</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec 13</b>	<b>Candlelight Dinner (Thea and help)</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 31</b>	<b>New Years Eve Dance (Joe Motika and help)</b>

**Please remember;**            there are NO General Membership Meetings in July and August.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

For formal DINNER MENUS and RESERVATIONS and which BAND is playing, call 614/228-9055.  
When **no** formal dinner is planned, there will always be Brats or sandwiches, etc. available around 7:30

pm. Dance Music starts at 8 pm. Remember to support your Society and come to as many functions as possible. Also, please send us your e-mail in case of urgent changes or cancellations. Thank You.



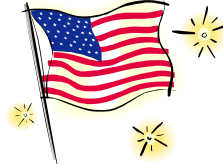
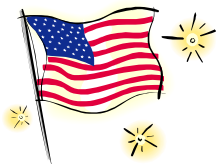
**RED/WHITE AND BOOM  
AKA BRATWURST FESTIVAL  
AN AMERICAN/GERMAN TRADITION  
THURSDAY, July 3, 2008**

Doors open at 4:30 pm

Donation \$5.00 for non-members  
(kids under 10 are free)

**Ray Galla playing for your dancing pleasure from 8 pm to ?**

**WHAT IS MORE GERMAN THAN A BRATWURST GRILLED TO PERFECTION, OR A WEISSWURST, POTATO SALAD, SAUERKRAUT, POTATO PANCAKES AND APPLE SAUCE, DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED BEER AND GERMAN MUSIC? COME AND EXPERIENCE A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA, RIGHT HERE IN COLUMBUS. GERMANIA HAS THE ONLY GRASS OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN. YOU CAN SING ALONG AND HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME. THE CITY OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE THEIR FIREWORKS AT NIGHT AND IT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION. I KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY IT. SO DON'T MISS IT, BE THERE!**



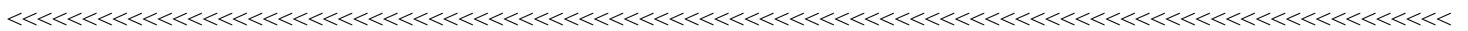
**2nd SUMMER'S EVE GRILL NIGHT**

(sponsored by the Volkstänzer)

Friday, July 18, 2008



BILL ANTONIAK WILL PLAY FOR YOUR DANCING PLEASURE



**Next Newsletter Deadline: August 1, 2008.** Please contact me, Gisela aka Gigi Lobnow at 614/275-3589 or send me an e-mail at [globnow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:globnow@sbcglobal.net) Thank you.

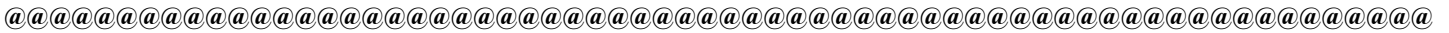
Please keep the Germania posted of any address, phone or e-mail changes. We can only reach you if we have your current information. Thank you! Send any changes to Beth Bradley or Gisela Lobnow c/o of the Club (Germania, 543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215) or e-mail Gisela at [globnow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:globnow@sbcglobal.net).

**Remember:** Use your Germania CAR STICKER



**COME TO OUR LUAU**  
(sponsored by the Damenchor)  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2008**

**Ray Galla will play for your entertainment pleasure.**



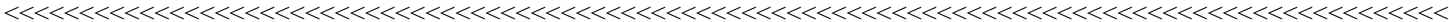
**3rd SUMMER'S EVE GRILL NIGHT**

(sponsored by the House Committee)

Friday, August 22, 2008



CHRIS WEISS WILL PLAY FOR YOUR DANCING PLEASURE



**OKTOBERFEST**

**Saturday, September 13, 2008 and Sunday, September 14, 2008**

**Saturday. Ray Galla and Hank Haller will play**

**Sunday, Bill Antoniak will play for your dancing pleasure.**

**More details and flyer to come in next newsletter.**

**Mark your calendars!**

**BOUTIQUE CONSIGNMENT FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Items donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing item on consignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected \$ amount to be returned \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50% of money will go to Ladies Auxiliary

If not sold, return item? Yes \_\_\_ Or Reduce price? Minimum \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate \_\_\_\_\_

**Delivery of items can start on Thursday, Sept 4 until noon of Saturday, September 13, 2008.**