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GERMANIA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2008

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Dear Germania Member
866-5876

Thea Klabunde, President (614)


As the year 2008 is coming to an end, let me thank all of you for making this a great year for your Germania. As we are a Singing Society, the most exciting event for us had to be hosting the **Bezirk Sangerfest** in May. Our **Bratwurst Festival** on July 3rd was as always a huge success. **Oktoberfest** back a couple of weeks ago worked out fine. Saturday could have been better attended, but thanks to the **Ohio State Football Game** we had a rather slim turnout. Please remember, next year's event is our 50th **Oktoberfest** hosted by our Soccer Team, old and new.

Let me praise our **Singers** and **Volkstanzer** for performing so well in the name of the Germania at many different events at home and away this year. Again thank you all for your help and support throughout the year. On behalf of the Board of Officers, I wish you all a most joyful **Holiday Season**. **Frohe Weihnachten und ein gluckliches Neues Jahr.**

Best Wishes, Thea Klabunde, President



Our heartfelt condolences to Inge Griffith and Family in the loss of her husband and our dear member of 31 years, Paul E. (Gene) Griffith. He will be sorely missed. Our sympathy as well goes to **John and Doris Gellner and family** in the loss of John's mother **Susanna Gellner**. The Germania members share your loss and uphold you in our prayers.

 Please continue to **uphold in prayer** and wish **continued** recovery for **Arvin Donner, Carolyne Donner, Ron Guth, Bob Leeder, Gigi Lobnow, Frank and Richard Nairn**. We are pleased that **Lotte Konnemann** is on the mend after her knee surgery. Keep up the good work! 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.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Beth Bradley.President (614) 833-6498

The Boutique and the Bake Sale at the Germania **Oktoberfest** made for two very busy days; but it was worth the work. We made \$936.50 for our efforts. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped both days, to the people that donated baked goods, those that brought clothing and other items to sell and the people that shopped. Our next event will be the **Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7**. We will be having Rouladen and all things good to go with it. Please make **your reservations no later than December 1, 2008** by

calling 614/228-9055. We need volunteers for that event as well. Our next **meeting** will be on **Friday, November 7 at 7:30 pm.** (We will have our nominations at that time) Please mark your calendars.

Wishing all of you **A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year**

Beth

Bradley, President



GERMANIA MÄNNERCHOR NEWS



Rolf Digel (614/267-3385)

The Männerchor sang at the **Germania Oktoberfest**, as well as at the **Oktoberfest of the Columbus Männerchor** on Saturday, October 4, 2008 and at the **Newark Liederabend** on Saturday, October 18, and represented our Society very well. We are very pleased to announce 3 new singers in our midst: **Mark Herter, Jon Kenney and Eric Kirsten**. We are also happy to have **Mike Klabunde** sing with us again.

Rolf H. Digel, Männerchor

Chairman



GERMANIA DAMENCHOR

Vera Motika, President 614/491-6832



Our ladies were happy with their performances at the Germania Oktoberfest, the **Oktoberfest of the Columbus Männerchor**, the **Newark Liederabend** and are now eagerly practicing Christmas songs. We are very pleased to officially welcome 2 new singers, **Kathy Megown and Kathy Bonner**. Our **Annual Singers Banquet** will take place on **Saturday, November 15**. See you there! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the ladies for their confidence in me and wish each and everyone eine Frohe Weihnachten and ein gesegnetes Neues Jahr.

Vera Motika, President



VOLKSTÄNZER

By Mark Pinnick (614/496-3443)



The Germania's Volkstänzer delighted those present at the Oktoberfest, on Saturday, September 13, 2008 and showed off some of their new steps. We are especially delighted to welcome **two new dancers, Eric Kirsten and Jon Kenney**. Our next performance will be **on Sunday, November 9 at 5pm at the International Festival at the Veteran's Memorial**. Come and cheer us on and support your **Volkstänzer**! I would also like to invite interested people to come and check us out you might really get hooked on "**Volkstanzen**". No prior experience is required. 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!** Please **remember**, that the **Volkstänzer** will take their **annual break in November and December** and start again in **January 2009**. Wishing all of you a **Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year**, Mark Pinnick

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DEUTSCHER RADFAHRER VEREIN

By Stephen Schneider (614/253-4211)

By the time you read this, we all will have fond memories of the 2008 riding season! It truly was one of the best. Although we got a late start due to the Sängerfest, every ride was a beautiful day and never too hot – considering how dry the summer was. I would like to thank all those who participated and also those who opened their cabins and homes for the last three rides. As usual, the Gemütlichkeit was as abundant as the Bier

after each adventure and I hope to see more of you joining us next year! Even though, winter is just around the corner, don't hang up the wheels yet, there is always a day or two of pleasant afternoons left in which to ride. As always, remember our motto: **"Keep the fun between your legs!"** See you in the spring! For information about the Deutscher Radfahrer Verein contact Stephen Schneider (sschneider@att.net) or call 614/253-4211. Tschüß!

NOVEMBER through DECEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

Friday, Oct 31	Halloween (Volkstänzer)- Chris Weiss
Saturday, Nov 1	21st Celtic New Year Celebration (Ancient Order of Hibernians) (6pm)
Thursday, Nov 6, 13, 20	Open for Social Activities 6 pm Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Friday, Nov 7	7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6 – 8) Nominations Board Meeting 7:30pm
Monday, Nov 10	Movie and Dinner (8pm) doors open 7 pm
Tuesday, Nov 11	Singers Banquet (singers)-Ray Galla (see write-up)
Saturday, Nov 15	OSU Beat Michigan Pep Rally & Chili Cook-Off-Bill Antoniak
Friday, Nov 21	Beth, Sue, Gretchen (start at 6pm) Happy Thanksgiving
Thursday, Nov 27	Open for Social Activities 6 pm
Thursday, Dec 4, 11, 18,	Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Saturday, Dec 6	Children's Christmas Party 11am-2pm
Saturday, Dec 6	Singers sing at Whitehall Manor at 3pm
Sunday, Dec 7	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party (Auxiliary) starting at 1:30 pm
Sunday, Dec 7	4:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 5:00 pm General Membership Meeting (Elections) Board Meeting 7:30pm
Monday, Dec 8	Candlelight Dinner (Thea and help) – Ray Galla
Saturday, Dec 13	New Years Eve Dance (Joe Motika and help) - Bill Antoniak
Wednesday, Dec 31	
<u>Sunday, Jan 11, 2009</u>	4:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
	5:00 pm General Membership Meeting
Saturday, Jan 31, 2009	Mardi Gras (Damenchor)

PLEASE NOTE:

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

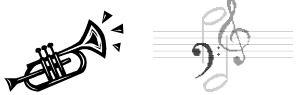
Please keep the Germania posted of any address, phone or e-mail changes. We can only reach you if we have your current information. Thank you! Send any changes to Beth Bradley or Gisela Lobnow c/o of the Club (Germania, 543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215) or e-mail Gisela at globnow@sbcglobal.net.

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able to enjoy the festivities throughout the morning and early afternoon before seeking shelter for their valuable autos and the sky turned dark and threatening!

Next year, we have already looked into the OSU schedule and hope to have selected a weekend of a boring, out-of-town game in the afternoon for our Oktoberfest. After all it will be the Germania's 50th Oktoberfest and a choir directly from **Germany** is planned to joining us that weekend to perform, plus a few other surprises, so stay tuned and mark **September 19 and September 20, 2009** on your calendars.

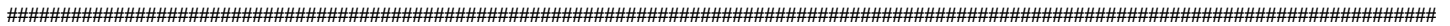
As always, this and many other events are "volunteer run", so please answer the call when asked and sign up for a shift or two – your club depends on it! I look forward to our 50th Oktoberfest. Stephen Schneider



SINGERS BANQUET
Saturday, November 15, 2008
(Männer- und Damenchor)

Cocktails at 4:30 pm; Dinner at 5:30 pm
Feast on Rouladen or Chicken Cordon Blue, Red Cabbage, Spätzle and Dessert. (\$20.00)

Dinner is followed by a short program to honor Singers;
afterwards dancing to the music of *Ray Galla*.
RESERVATIONS are a MUST by 11/12/08 (NO WALK-INS FOR DINNER).
Call 614/228-9055 with your menu choice and number of people attending.
This is our once a year special banquet, so come and enjoy.



Thursday, November 27, 2008
Happy Thanksgiving to all!



CANDLE LIGHT DINNER DANCE



Saturday, December 13, 2008



By Reservation Only (*No walk-Ins for Dinner*)
Reservation Deadline : Wednesday, December 10, 2008
Cocktail Hour 4 pm, Dinner 5-7 pm, Dancing from 7-10 pm

For Reservations and Menu Choices call 614/461-8095
Come and Enjoy a Great Evening and Dance to the Music of **Ray Galla**



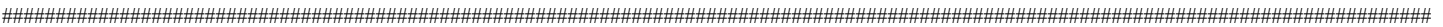
56th ANNUAL COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 8pm
At the Germania

(543 S. Front St – Columbus, OH)
Doors open at 7pm (**NO ADMISSION**)

The film, **The Challenge of Change – In The Melting Heart Of The Alps** (by Lorenz Knauer) is a beautiful and thoughtful view of the lives of the people who live not only in the well-developed Alpine ski resort areas, but also those who inhabit the remote mountaintops and create a living from the stunning but sometimes harsh landscape. The film examines the consequences of global warming and its effect not only on the landscape but also on the people whose lives are inescapably intertwined with the stunning but sometimes unforgiving environment. The Otz Valley serves as an example for the entire Alpine region, its people as they deal with the phenomena of climate change, the consequences of unconstrained mass tourism, of avalanche danger, traffic deluges but as well the people’s love for their home, traditions, ancient customs, of the power of families and last but not least the unbelievable beauty of the landscape. This film is in English and German with English subtitles.

Authentic German Bratwurst and Beer will be available at the bar. This is a perfect opportunity to bring friends and family and have a fun evening or introduce neighbors and friends to the **Germania** one of the Brewery District’s best “insider” locales and enjoying beer and brats while watching this great German environmental film. **For further information call the Germania at 228-9055 or Stephen Schneider at 253-4211.** We look forward to seeing you.



GERMANIA’S BEAT MICHIGAN PARTY AND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2008

Door Donation: \$3.00 adults - Members and children under 6 years free

Dinner 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
**\$6.00 (includes Chili, cornbread, Brat or Hot Dog,
German Potato Salad or Chips and Dessert)**

Bill Antoniak will play for your entertainment and dancing pleasure (8-11 pm)

Come and **bring your best chili** or at least join the fun of **judging the best chili (Prizes for top 3)**

Call **(614) 228-9055** to let us know that you are coming and also if you are **bringing chili**

(Beth Motika, Sue Stalter and Gretchen Moriarty will appreciate the advance notice)

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