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GERMANIA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2008

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Dear Germania Member

Thea Klabunde, President (614) 866-5876

I hope you are having a great summer. By the time you read this newsletter, plans are well under way for our **Annual Oktoberfest, our 49th!!** Remember, we are the home of the **Original Oktoberfest in Columbus**, most likely in Ohio!! By now you have received your raffle tickets to help support your Society. In September we will resume our regular monthly General Membership meetings, starting with Friday, **Sept. 5, 2008 at 8:30 pm.**

Also, we are happy to have the **Buckeye Ballroom Dance Band** for their practice on Thursday evenings right here at the **Germania**. So come on down and swing a leg to the “oldies”. For schedule information call the Club at **614/461-8095**.

Important Reminder: Please ***do not park*** between the two buildings across the driveway from us. You will be towed! As well, be sure to have your **Germania** sticker on your car at all times as we will have more competi-tion for parking with the arrival of the new Theatre down the street.

Viele
liebe Grüße,

Thea Klabunde,

President



Our heartfelt condolences to the Henry Jocz family in his passing, Henry, an avid dancer at the Germania will be especially missed by all the lady dancers. The Germania members extend their deepest sympathy.



Please continue **to uphold in prayer** and wish **continued** recovery for **Arvin Donner, Carlyne Donner, Paul aka Gene Griffith, Gigi Lobnow, 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.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Beth Bradley.President (614) 833-6498

The Auxiliary will have their first meeting on **Friday, September 5, 2008 at 7:30pm**. 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 this Newsletter.



GERMANIA MÄNNERCHOR NEWS
Rolf Digel (614/267-3385)



The Männerchor sang with the Swiss Singers on August 2, 2008 and had a great time participating at the Newark Ox Roast on Saturday, August 9, 2008. We are presently rehearsing the selection of songs for our upcoming **49th Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 13 and Sunday September 14, 2008**. We will be participating on **both days**. This is also an appeal for volunteers for the Oktoberfest, our major event of the year.

Rolf H. Digel, Männerchor

Chairman



GERMANIA DAMENCHOR
Vera Motika, President 614/491-6832



Our ladies were pleased with their performance at the Swiss Club as well as at the Newark Ox Roast. We had a wonderful time. We also had a lot of fun at the **“Luau” on Friday, August 8, 2008** sponsored by our Damenchor. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all. We are now focusing on practicing the songs for our **Oktoberfest** on September 13 and September 14, and are looking forward to a successful Oktoberfest. Please ladies, sign up for volunteer positions, this is our main event of the year and we need all of your help. Thank you.

Vera Motika,



VOLKSTÄNZER
By Mark Pinnick (614/496-3443)



As always, the Germania's Volkstänzer will be dancing at the Oktoberfest, on **Saturday, September 13, from 7 to 7:30 pm** only and we are looking forward to show off some of our new steps. 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!**

INVITATION TO GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY (A WINE FEST)



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008
(SPONSORED BY THE TRUSTEES)

Come and enjoy Dinner
(call 614/228-9055 for menu and reservations)

Dance to the lively tunes of Bill Antoniak



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

The Cycling Club has had a wonderful season thus far with the opening ride along the **Olentangy River Bike Path**, a delightful way to spend a beautiful Father's Day. The **Motika Family** even brought the grand kids along for the afternoon with their **Opa Joe!** As usual, the potluck in the **Bier Garten** following the ride was a welcome repast to wind down the afternoon.

Even though the season got a late start, with the **Sängerfest** occupying our May ride, we headed into July with another fine ride from **Yellow Springs to Xenia**. The weather was perfect and everyone had a marvelous time that afternoon, especially at the Old Trail Tavern immediately following the ride.

Our August ride was no exception in fact the weather almost had a hint of fall in it. Even though it started out with a chill, it ended up warming up and left everyone exhilarated. The potluck was again at Roger's cabin and **boy what a spread there was!** A special thanks to **Pete** for all those wonderful and tasty stuffed cabbages, he did up with a Hungarian twist this time, yum! But hey, thanks to **everyone** who went all out on a feast I could not believe!! But then, where else can one ride away the afternoon and then eat and drink like a king immediately following? – only with our very **own Deutscher Radfahrer Verein (DRV)!!**

Now for the last two rides: In September, we ride on **Sunday the 7th from Granville to Johnstown**. Meet at the Friendship Park just west of **Granville at 1pm**. Immediately following the ride we will stop over at the **Hohmann's Haus** for a potluck picnic on their beautiful farm! I hope to see everyone there – walkers too!

The final ride will take place on the **second weekend of October, on Sunday, October 12, 2008, please note the change!** The original date was scheduled for the first Sunday in October but our gracious hosts, **Joe and Vera Motika** have a conflict and we need **to now do it on the 12th**. **Please mark your calendar!** As usual we meet at the **Three Rivers Park** at the Watkins Road entrance for a delightful ride through one of the nicest trails right here in Columbus. Then it's off to the **Motika's** for the potluck picnic with a few beers to wash it all down and to toast another successful year of riding.

So that's it for now, remember – “keep the fun between your legs!” – see you soon!

Just a brief reminder to not 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! New riders are always welcome!

Tschüß!

Stephen Schneider (sschneider@att.net) or call for more information: 614/253-4211

Next Newsletter Deadline: October 1, 2008. Please contact me, Gisela aka Gigi Lobnow at 614/275-3589 or send me an e-mail at 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.

Remember: Use your **Germania CAR STICKER**

SEPTEMBER through DECEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

Friday, Aug 22	3 rd Grill Night (House Committee) (Dance to Chris Weiss)
Thursday, Sep 4, 11, 18, 25	Open for Social Activities 6 pm
Friday, Sep 5	Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Sunday, Sep 7	7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Monday, Sep 8	8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)
Saturday, Sep 13	Deutscher Radfahrer Verein (Bicycle Club)
Sunday, Sep 14	Board Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	See separate write-up
Friday, Oct 3	Oktoberfest (Ray Galla and Hank Haller)
Saturday, Oct 4	Oktoberfest (Bill Antoniak)
Friday, Oct 10	Open for Social Activities 6 pm
Sunday, Oct 12	Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Monday, Oct 13	7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Friday, Oct 31	8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)
Thursday, Nov 6, 13, 20	Singers perform at Columbus Männerchor Oktoberfest
Friday, Nov 7	German/American Day (Wine Fest) (Trustees)-Bill Antoniak
Monday, Nov 10	Deutscher Radfahrer Verein (Bicycle Club)
Tuesday, Nov 11	Board Meeting 7:30pm
aturday, Nov 15	Halloween (Volkstänzer)- Chris Weiss
Friday, Nov 21	Open for Social Activities 6 pm
Thursday, Nov 27	Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)
Thursday, Dec 4, 11, 18,	7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Friday, Dec 5	8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)
Saturday, Dec 6	Board Meeting 7:30pm
Sunday, Dec 7	MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER (8pm-doors open 7pm)
Monday, Dec 8	Singers Banquet (singers)-Ray Galla
Saturday, Dec 13	OSU Beat Michigan Pep Rally & Chili Cook-Off-Bill Antoniak
Wednesday, Dec 31	Beth, Sue, Gretchen
	Happy Thanksgiving
	Open for Social Activities 6 pm
	Chorus Rehearsal (7:30pm women - 8:00 pm men)
	7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
	8:30 pm General Membership Meeting (Dinner 6-8 pm)
	Childrens Christmas Party 11am-2pm
	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party (Auxiliary)
	Board Meeting 7:30pm
	Candlelight Dinner (Thea and help) – Ray Galla
	New Years Eve Dance (Joe Motika and help) - Bill Antoniak

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.



Germania 49th OKTOBERFEST

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

As Festival Director of this year's 49th Annual Germania Oktoberfest, I extend a heartfelt invitation to all of the Germania members to come down with friends and family to enjoy the most **original Oktoberfest** in town – complete with grass! This year's festival will be on **Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14** and will be two fun filled days of music, singing, dancing good food and of course – Bier! Also, back again this year, we are pleased to host the **German Car Show** in our parking lot down behind the Club. The participants were so pleased with us last year, they are looking forward to being back and celebrating with us again – can't wait! The scheduled events promise a lot of fun and enjoyment. On both days, we will have a dinner inside with Kassler Rippchen or Cabbage Rolls and all the trimmings. Yummy desserts will also be available. Our outside menu will feature Bratwurst, Weißwurst, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Pretzels, Potato Pancakes with Applesauce, Pretzels and domestic and imported beer, wine, soda and water are all available for reasonable prices. Saturday, the doors will open at 3 pm, Non-Member admission donation is \$6 at the door, the **Central Ohio Squeeze Box Society** will entertain us until the **Tapping of the Keg** at 4pm followed by singing of the **Germania Männer and Damenchor**, and then the **Newark Singers, Ray Galla** will play for your dancing pleasure from 5-7. The **Volkstänzer** will perform from 7-7:30pm and then **Hank Haller and his Ensemble** will play favorite dance music from 7:30 – 11:30pm, It promises to be a fun day. On Sunday, the doors open at noon (admission free) and the **Central Ohio Squeeze Box Society** will play till our choruses will start their programs in 20 minute increments, starting at 12:30 pm with the **Germania Männer and Damenchor**, first time participants **St. John's Evangelical Protestant Choir, Columbus Damenchor, Columbus Männerchor, Columbus Kinder-Jugendchor, Mendelsohn Liedertafel, Swiss Singers** and finishing with the **Columbus Männerchor Gemischter Chor at 2:50pm** From 3 – 5 pm the 52 plus Musicians of the **Worthington Civic Band** will delight you with all your favorite melodies. **Bill Antoniak** will play your favorite dance music from 5:30 – 8:30pm at which time we will have our **Raffle and Closing Toast** and all will be sorry to have to go home after a wonderful Oktoberfest. As with all the functions at the Germania it cannot happen **WITHOUT YOU! Volunteers** will bring it all together and I will be circulating a sign-up sheet every Thursday evening until the festival weekend. So, please, stop down and say "Hi" to everyone and get your name unto the list for the benefit of everyone. Each **shift is only two hours** and I will have Warsteiner T-Shirts for all those who help out – for free! If you cannot make it on Thursdays, please call me at home and I will be more than happy to call you back. My home phone number is **614/253-4211**. I just came off of presiding over a very successful Sängerfest and I look forward to our **Oktoberfest** because it is so much fun! So come down and join us this September and **let's show the city of Columbus how a real Oktoberfest can be in Central Ohio**. See you there!

Tschüß!

Stephen Schneider, Oktoberfest Festival

Director

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.

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE AN EVENING OF FUN?
INVITATION TO OUR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE



(Sponsored by our Volkstänzer)

friday, OCTOBER 31, 2008

Dance to the music of Chris Weiss from 8 - 11pm

(call 614/228-9055 for menu and reservations)

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Elections will be coming up in the fall and to keep you informed, here are the positions up for election/re-election.

The following are the members presently serving and are up for re-election.

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| Treasurer: | Udo Klabunde | |
| Recording Secretary: | Harry Paulino | |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Gisela aka Gigi Lobnow | |
| Financial Secretary: | Beth Bradley | |
| Trustees: | Mike Bals (Chairman) | |
| | Mark Pinnick | |
| | Stephen Schneider | |
| All of | | |
| House Committee: | Christel Pounds (Chair) | Gretchen Moriarity |
| | Jim Fath | Beth Motika |
| | David Hout | Don Neader |
| | Steve Kisor | Chuck Wrenn |
| | Dolores Kneller | |
| | Mike Lochner | |
| Ladies Auxiliary: | Beth Bradley, President | |
| Damenchor: | Vera Motika, President | |
| Männerchor: | Rolf Digel, Chairman | |
| Volkstänzer: | Mark Pinnick, President | |

Please give it some thought if you would be able to fill one of these positions, and those in office right now, Please indicate if you are willing to serve another term. A Society is only as good as its leadership. No official Election Committee or Chairman has been named, but I thought you should give it some thought **now!**

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For any other information please check out the Bulletin Board at the Club, i.e. more detailed information of the **Car Show on Sunday, September 14, 2008 (see flyer)**

Also, I would like to acknowledge the efforts and many hours of work of our Photographer John Clear, who uploads hundreds and hundreds of pictures of our functions onto the Internet. Check some of the websites listed on page one of this newsletter and enjoy the fruit of his skills. Thank you very much John.