



Nachrichten Extra

Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

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May, 2013

We Need YOU For GERMANIA SOMMERFEST: June 7, July 12 and Aug 16

Germania's first-ever Sommerfests debuted last summer — and each night was both fun and profitable, raising in total more than \$10,000 in gross revenue for Germania! As such, Sommerfests will be back for 2013, enabling us to showcase our Club, our amazing Bier Garten, and the Gemutlichkeit that is uniquely Germania!

Volunteers were a critical part of making each Sommerfest successful last year, and we need ALL of our members to once again help us to put on these events. This year there will be three Friday night Sommerfests — one each in June, July and August. And our hope is that volunteers will try to sign up for the same jobs and shifts for each of those three nights, in order to really learn and become comfortable in the various jobs. As last year, we need help with everything from Greeters/ID Checkers, to food/beverage ticket sellers, outside bartenders, food preparers/servers and "Sidewalk Wranglers" to entice passerby's inside — so lots of opportunities for everyone to sign up for the role(s) that best suit their skills and desires best.

Irrespective of your volunteer shifts, we are once again **asking that ALL Members to wear German attire and serve as "Ambassadors of Germania and Gemutlichkeit"** throughout the night. What does being an "Ambassador of Gemutlichkeit" mean? ...please reach out and welcome our guests, help them learn the songs, ask them to dance, ask if they would be interested in joining Germania, etc. The doors open at 5pm for each Sommerfest, food will be available for sale, there will be a live band for dancing, and there is no entry charge.....so tell/bring your friends too! We will have posters and flyers available at the Club that you can put up and/or distribute.

Last year, we did entice new members after Sommerfest, and hope that your friendly and outgoing personalities will help us spread the fun/Gemutlichkeit again this year — including inviting our guests to join Germania. (Membership Applications will be available at the front gate and ticket tables during Sommerfest, and please do offer to sponsor our guests too!) There is no better time or place to get

new members to fill in an application than while they are with us and having a good time....so please help them by getting them an application and filling in the sponsorship information for them that night!

To sign-up for Sommerfest Volunteer Shifts, please call or email Crista Bobb (717 953 4701; crista@columbus.rr.com) or sign-up on the Bulletin Board at Germania, and please do include your phone number and email if you have one. Again, if at all possible, our hope is that volunteers will try to sign up for the same role/shift for each of the three Sommerfests.

One last way to join in on the fun and to help get the word out about our upcoming events is to join the Publicity Team in distributing flyers at the Short North Gallery Hop on Saturday, June 1st (we are meeting at Germania at 6pm IN GERMAN ATTIRE and will carpool there) and/or Sunday, June 2nd in German Village (we will be meeting at the Schiller Park Parking Lot at 1pm; no German attire required, just comfortable walking shoes). No need to sign up in advance for these two days; just meet us at Germania on 6/1 or Schiller Park Parking Lot on 6/2, or contact Vicky Leavitt (614 824 0250) with any questions.

Huge thanks in advance for everyone's volunteer support as well as sharing the very special Germania Gemutlichkeit with our friends, neighbors and potential new members, while raising much needed funds for our Club. We cannot put on these events without you, and greatly appreciate ALL MEMBERS chipping in in whatever way they can. **There are many jobs to be done, so there is definitely a role for everyone!!**

Vicky Leavitt and Crista Bobb
Sommerfest Co-Chairs

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And...calling all Schmeckfest Presenters

If you have a favorite German dish that you can prepare and present at **SCHMECKFEST** on June 16, please call Thea at 614-866-5876 and volunteer your time and talent. Remember that we expect to serve "tastes" to over 400 guests that day, so you can expect over 200 persons to sample your wares. Also, we need the recipe for your dish submitted by May 8 so that we can include it in the smartly bound SCHMECKFEST COOKBOOK that we want to offer for sale.

United German Singing Societies Present a Concert
WIR SINGEN UNSERE LIEDER !

"Wir singen unsere Lieder" means "We're singing our songs," and for the first time in over 20 years the five German/Swiss Choruses of central Ohio are coming together to showcase songs of Germany and Switzerland.

Singing will be members of the **Germania Singing and Sport Society, the Columbus Maennerchor, the Columbus Swiss Club, Mendelssohn Liedertafel and the Newark Maennerchor.**

The tradition of choral music is alive and well in these choruses, and added treats will be performances by the **Germania Folk Dancers, the Columbus Kinderchor and the Swiss Alpine Horns.**

Saturday, June 8, at 4:00 P.M.

Mees Hall at Capital University

2199 E. Main Street
Columbus, OH 43209



Admission: \$10 per person



For tickets please call **CAPA** ticket office, 614-469-0939, or see the Ticketmaster link below:

http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/05004A8CBC96BB4C?artistid=1858982&majorcatid=10001&minorcatid=5&tm_link=search_msg-0_05004A8CBC96BB4C

Tickets are also available from chorus members and at the door.

SCHMECKFEST IV

It's that time of year again ... **ALL YOU CAN EAT**

Introducing **Schmeckfest IV** (Tasting Fest IV) – **June 16th** – a popular fundraiser at the Germania that all who have previously attended look forward to. It will feature baked goods and at least 20 (or more) different dishes. Here is your chance to celebrate **Father's Day** surrounded by family, friends and all-around Gemütlichkeit while you support your club.

This is an excellent opportunity to sample authentic German Cuisine made by Germania members ... some food is prepared right in front of you. Many of the servers will be the actual cooks and will be able to tell about the food ... how it's made and from what part of Germany it originates.

Some of the food featured will be Sauerbraten, Gulasch, Schnitzel, Bratwurst, Weißwurst, Rouladen, Zwiebelkuchen, Sauerkraut, Gurkensalat (Cucumber Salad), Spätzle, Kartoffelpfannkuchen (Potato Pancakes), Hot German Potato Salad, Crème Puffs, Bienenstich Kuchen, Schwarzwaldler Kirschen Torte (Black Forest Cherry Cake), Linzertorte, Lebkuchen (Gingerbread) ... and much more.

\$12.00 donation tickets may be purchased prior to the event from Jane Ott (614-425-9439) **OR** at the Bar during open hours. For Bar open hours, please contact the club at 228-9055. Of course, we will be grateful for \$15.00 donations the day of the event. Children under 6 may attend the event free.

(Please note ... there will be no "will call" \$12.00 donation tickets the day of the event.)

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