



Germania Nachrichten

Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 147 Years
Home of the Original Oktoberfest in Columbus



September—October, 2013

President's Message

Dear Germania Member,

It's hard to believe that Summer is almost over. But we still have some great outdoor festivities planned for you. Our annual, and the original (in Columbus), Oktoberfest is September 14 and 15. We'll be welcoming a lot of old and a lot of new friends to the Germania.

Sunday, September 8 at 3:00 p.m is our Membership Meeting. Please attend so that you can learn first-hand what's going on in your society. On October 4 we will hold a Schnitzel Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Please make your reservations by October 2 so we can feed all our hungry guests.

On October 25 the Volkstänzer will host our Halloween Dance. For dinner menu and reservation call 228-9055.

November 16 is special, as we'll be celebrating our 147th anniversary and honoring and recognizing deserving members, as well as singers. For menu and pricing see the November-December issue of our newsletter.

Our Sommerfests are over for 2013. We hope you were among the many members who made all three fests a huge success. A big Danke Schön to all involved. It was truly amazing to see so-o-o many of you help wherever needed. For all the hard work we will treat all of our volunteers to a special Recognition Dinner on Friday, October 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Hope to see all of you at our upcoming events.

Thea Klabunde, President

Benevolence

We offer prayers for healing and good health for Vera Motika and Johanna Paulino. Also in our prayers are Isabella Rosanski, Lotte Koennemann, Gerhard Wolff and Mike Lochner. Mike is now living with his daughter Hilda Lynn, whose address is 21547 N. 85th Dr., Peoria, Arizona 85382-3413. We are glad to see Joe Wallner back in circulation after successful knee surgery. Welcome back, Joe.

GERMANIA OFFICERS 2013

President:

Thea Klabunde

Vice President:

Joe Motika

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Udo Klabunde

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John Kneller, Chm

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Kathi Cline

Bob Traphagen

House Committee:

Dolores Kneller, Chm

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Deb Korting

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Bob Traphagen

**Next News
Deadline
October 15**

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Dining Room/Reservations: 614/228-9055
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.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Auxiliary will meet in the Germania Weinstube at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 8, 2013. We will sell cake and hold a raffle. The lucky raffle ticket will be drawn at the end of the Germania general meeting which begins at 3:00 pm.

I am sad to announce that Johanna Paulino has stepped down as Auxiliary Treasurer due to illness. On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary I extend our thanks for Johanna's years of service. We hope she will be able to participate in Germania activities later this year.

I am pleased to announce that Deb Korting has agreed to step in as our Auxiliary Treasurer until the position is up for election. Deb and her husband John have been active in Club events the past two years. Deb has served as chair for food service for both Sommerfest and Oktoberfest events. Please welcome Deb as she begins her work as Auxiliary Treasurer.

The purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary is to support the Germania. We accomplish this by hosting events, selling cakes at club events and hosting raffles – all of which allow the Auxiliary to provide our club with funds for needed items to maintain our club and catering service. To this end September is a busy month for the Ladies Auxiliary. Our Oktoberfest bake sale is at the back of the Old Hall and the Boutique is in the Weinstube.

My thanks to Dolores Kneller and all the ladies who agreed to bake cakes and those who have agreed to serve them during Oktoberfest. My thanks to those who volunteered to help me run our Oktoberfest Boutique. I also extend my thanks to everyone who has donated items for the Auxiliary to sell in our Boutique and to Jane Ott who lends us a mirror and partitions to create a changing room each year.

Beth Bradley
Auxiliary President

Donate to, and visit,
the Ladies Auxiliary
Oktoberfest Boutique!

Damenchor

Greetings from the Damenchor ... the lady singers (along with the gentlemen of the Germania Männerchor) performed for the Newark Ox Roast on August 10th. We had a lot of fun.

We're currently working on songs we will soon present at the Germania Oktoberfest September 14th & 15th.

The next fun event the ladies will be hosting is on August 30th. ... the Hawaiian Luau. The menu will be Sweet & Sour Pork or Stir-fried Chicken, steamed rice / House Salad. If you plan to have dinner that night and are inviting friends, please be sure to reserve by Tuesday, August 28. We will have raffle prizes, and participants are encouraged to dress "Hawaiian", so break out those grass skirts and leis.

You are sincerely invited to join us in rehearsal every Thursday evening up in the music room at 7:30 PM.

Sincerely,
Jane Ott, Presidentt

House Committee

During the months of Setember and October, members of the House Committee will be busy helping get the building and Garten ready for the Oktoberfest and the closing of the Garten in late October or early November. For Oktoberfest we will meet on the evening of September 12, to wash down the ourside bar and the tables for the garten. On September 14, at about 2 PM we will need a crew to put up umbrellas, put out trash cans, probably hang banners and do anything else that is needed. Your chairman will be occupied with the Ladies auxiliary bake sale and has asked Stan Bradley to take charge that day.

I look forward to seeing many of you in addition to the House Committee members working away for this event.

When the time comes to put the Garten away for the winter, the committee will be under the direction of Vice-President Joe Motika. Joe sets the date(s) and determines the task to be completed.

I look forward to seeing many of you on these dates.

Dolores Kneller,
House Committee Chairman.

***** **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *****

Reservations are required where noted, and must be made on or before the dates given. Call [614-228-9055](tel:614-228-9055) (unless noted otherwise) for reservations and for more information (menu, price...etc.) concerning specific events. Unless otherwise noted, all dinners are served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the bands play for dancing from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dinner & Dancing pricing per person: Members - Dinner & Dance, \$16.00; Non-members—Dinner \$16.00 + \$3.00 for dancing—Dancing only, \$8.00.

Friday, August 30

LUAU

Sweet & Sour Pork or Stir-fried Chicken
Music by “Ken and Mary”

For reservation call 228-9055 by August 27

Sunday, September 8

MEETINGS

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting — 3:00 p.m.
(No meetings in October)

Saturday & Sunday, September 14 & 15

OKTOBERFEST!

Like last year, but even better.

Friday, October 4

SCHNITZEL DINNER

Serving 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bill Antoniak Band for Dancing at 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Members \$16.00, Guests \$19.00

Dancing, only, for guests \$8.00

Call for reservations by Oct. 2

Friday, October 18

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Call 228-9055 for menu

Friday, October 25

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Hosted by the Volkstänzer

Ray Galla Band for Dancing at 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Members \$16.00, Guests \$19.00

Dancing, only, for guests \$8.00

Saturday, November 16

147th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

By reservation, only

More information in Nov-Dec issue of die Nachrichten



Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, September 15 (non-members \$5.00)

4:00 p.m.— Doors Open

4:00 — 6:30 p.m.— **RAY GALLA BAND**

5:00 p.m.— Keg Tapping w/ Germania singers

6:30 & 8:00 p.m.— Volkstänzers & Schuhplattlers

7:00 — 11:00 p.m.— **HANK HALLER BAND**

Sunday, September 16 (no cover charge)

Noon — Germania Doors Open

1:00 p.m. — Germania Choruses

1:30 p.m. — Newark Maennerchor

1:30 p.m.— Paul Hickman DJ (outside)

2:00 p.m. — Swiss Club Chorus

2:30 p.m. — Mendelssohn Liedertafel

3:00 p.m. — Kinderchor/Jugendchor

3:30 p.m. — Columbus Maennerchor & Damenchor

4:00 p.m. — Worthington Civic Band

6:00 — 8:30 p.m.—**BILL ANTONIAK BAND**

8:30 p.m. Raffle Drawing

We Are the Germania — Meet Dolores Corbett

There are a few people in this world who will make you smile and laugh, whether you want to, or not. Our dear Dolores Corbett is one of those people.

Dolores was born and reared on the south side of Columbus and graduated from South High School in 1941. She was the youngest of seven children of an American mother and an Austrian father. Her mother played the accordion, but her uncle told young Dolores that she could never learn it. That's all the challenge she needed. At the age of 15 she took to the instrument and practiced three to four hours a day, and she's still playing.

John W. Corbett was in the Army and about to deploy overseas when he asked Dolores to marry him. She told John he would have to wait until he came back. In the mean time Dolores worked as a secretary at Battelle Institute. John returned home, and they married and eventually raised two sons and two daughters.

Dolores inherited her musical talent from both her father and mother. Her father was a member of the Arbeiter Gesangver-



Dolores dressed up for Red, White and Boom

ein, later called the Harmony Glee Club. In 1973 Dolores joined the Germania as a charter member of the newly formed Damenchor.

Dolores's companion these days is her dog, Muffy, whom she says looks like the actress Patricia Routledge of the British TV comedy, "Keeping Up Appearances." Dolores says that Muffy not only understands English, but she can also read lips. Uh-huh.

With her accordion and her natural talent for entertaining, Dolores leads an active life. Of course she amazes us with new and different costumes every Halloween and Mardi Gras. And she plays many gigs with the local Squeeze Box Society, most recently at the St. James Bratwurst Festival and at the Newark Männerchor Ox Roast.

One of Dolores's favorite gigs is playing Mrs. Santa Claus at the annual Christmas party for the Plumbers and Steamfitters union local 189.

We are delighted to call Dolores one of our own at the Germania. Her bubbly personality and infectious smile always brighten our day.

Trustees News

The trustees are happy to report that on August 16 we received a check in the amount of just over \$5,000 from the Franklin County Auditor as the final adjustment in our taxes. We had previously received a partial adjustment of over \$2,000. Many thanks go to Harry Paulino who guided us through the complaint process to get this correction made.

Mike Bals is tracking our electricity costs, and he has found that our bills, beginning in April this year, are over \$250 less per month than they were for same months last year. We credit this to our capital improvements (attic insulation, smaller ice machine and shutting off the basement cooler).

Last year the trustees lent their support to Sommerfest as a way to make the Germania more visible in the community, to attract new members and to bring in needed income to make up for the unfortunate slump in our rental income. Sommerfest was a success in 2012, but a huge success in 2013. Last year's total attendance for the five Sommerfests was 1,133, and gross income was \$10,184. This year the total attendance for the three Sommerfests was 1,646, and the gross income was \$27,529!

Our thanks go to the members who made Sommerfest a success: those who signed up to bring a cake, those who worked a couple hours as they were able and those who worked two or three shifts. But especially, we thank those leaders who organized, trained and lead their teams. Without these leaders to we couldn't pull off our big public events. And we now need to continue these events to survive as a society.

Our average Sommerfest attendance in 2012 was 227 per night. This year it was 549! With these large crowds at our public events we are finding it difficult to provide them with adequate service. Word-of-mouth and creative publicity has brought us these crowds. But, if by word-of-mouth the people hear that we have problems serving our guests, then they will disappear as fast as they came. So, the leaders I mentioned above will be working during the off season to find ways to streamline our operation and improve our service. And then we'll be asking the many other member volunteers to pitch in and help make Sommerfest 2014 an even greater success than Sommerfest 2013!

John Kneller, Chairman

Oktoberfest is almost here! Your society needs your help.

Dear Germania Fellow Members,

We have been discovered! Last year’s Sommerfests introduced our Germania to many people, and those folks significantly increased our 2012 Oktoberfest attendance. This year our Sommerfest attendance “exploded,” and we can’t even guess how big Oktoberfest will be!

So, we’re asking...no, were pleading with, every member to do something to help us host the best and most fun **Germania Oktoberfest** ever. Our team leaders are asking for commitments of time and energy in the areas listed below. Please call them and tell them you can work 2, 4, 6 or more hours. If you ask to be a “floater” we will still assign you to a specific time and place. Some of the work is days and hours prior to the event, and some is on the days of the event, **September 14 and 15. Whatever you can do for your Germania will be greatly appreciated!**



- Decorating:** John Kneller — [614-898-9022](tel:6148989022)
Hanging signs and decorations, morning of Sept. 14
- Facilities Setup:** Joe Motika — [614-491-6832](tel:6144916832)
Move tables, set up outside bar, help Joe, Sept. 13 & 14
- Outside Bartending:** Joe Motika — [614-491-6832](tel:6144916832)
Serve beer and soft drinks
- Cooks & Pretzel Bakers:** Thea Klabunde — [614-866-5876](tel:6148665876)
Food preparation Sept. 13, 14 & 15
- Brats Cooks:** Dave Kneller — [614-329-1567](tel:6143291567)
Cook brats
- Food Servers & Runners:** Deb Korting — [614-457-7731](tel:6144577731)
Mostly two-hour shifts, throughout days of the event
- Bussing:** Mike Bals — [614-875-2118](tel:6148752118)
Collecting glassware, picking up trash day of event
- Greeting:** John Korting — [614-457-7731](tel:6144577731)
Greeting members and guests at the door, checking IDs
- Food/Drink Tickets:** Kathi Cline — [614-506-5267](tel:6145065267)
Two hour shifts day of event, sit-down job
- Raffle Ticket Sales:** Anita Johnson — [614-861-2936](tel:6148612936)
Sit-down job, two hour shifts day of event, plus roaming ticket sellers for 20-30 minute stints
- Boutique:** Beth Bradley — [614-725-8035](tel:6147258035)
Selling clothes and other items in the Ladies Auxiliary boutique
- Bake Sale:** Dolores Kneller — [614-898-9022](tel:6148989022)
Selling clothes and other items in the Ladies Auxiliary boutique
- Other:** John Kneller, Chairman — [614-898-9022](tel:6148989022)

Also, please pick up some Oktoberfest flyers and posters at the club to hand out and post in the places where you spend your money. And don't forget to sell or buy those raffle tickets!

Radfahrerverein

Summer has surely passed quickly and the end of the biking season is approaching. The following are the remaining three rides, we hope you can join us for the ride as well as for the food and fun afterwards:

Sunday Sept 22nd- Meet at 1:30 at Evans Bike Trail, Parking available at Evans Widlwood Park, 799 West Broadway. We'll meet up where the parking lot dead ends in the park.

<http://lickingcountytrails.com/2011BikeTrailMap.pdf>

Potluck afterwards at the Hohmann Family home (need address).

Sunday October 6th- Meet at 1:30 at Three Creeks Trail. Meet at 3860 Bixby Road, Groveport, OH 43125 (Franklin County), we will gather in the parking lot near the pond.

<http://www.metroparks.net/MapThreeCreeks.aspx>

Potluck afterwards at the Motika Family home (need address).



Tschüß!
Sean O'Briant

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