



Germania Nachrichten

Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 148 Years
Home of the Original Oktoberfest in Columbus



January—February, 2014

President's Message

Dear Germania Member,

I hope you're all keeping warm, enjoying the snow and are looking forward to Spring? As the year is coming to the end let me thank all of you for the many hours of volunteering whenever needed at your society. With all your help we had a great 2013. We made many new friends, have great new neighbors (on both sides) and are looking ahead with pride to 2014.

Please join us at our January 12 Membership Meeting for the installation of officers for 2014. Also, you don't have to prepare lunch at home, as we are serving chili and cornbread from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for \$5.00 per person. So please come down and meet your old and new Board.

On behalf of the Board of Officers we wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season.

Thea Klabunde, President

Benevolence

We offer our sympathy to **Woody Combs**, to **Brent** and **Anita Combs** and to all of their family on the passing of Woody's wife and Brent's mother, **Vaughn D'Lee**. We also offer our condolences to the family of **Jim Gundling** who was a long time member of the Germania, and to the family of **Dr. Werner Samlowski**, who passed away on December 6. Our prayers go up for **Johanna Paulino**, **Emmy Hack**, **Lotte Koennemann** and **Gerhard Wolff**. We congratulate **Eric** and **Jackie Chivington** on the birth of their daughter, **Caci** (sounds like Casey).

Ladies Auxiliary

At our December meeting, new officers were elected to serve for 2014 and 2015. President is **Dolores Kneller**, secretary is **Beth Bradley** (they just traded chairs). The report on the Christmas dinner was that 40 persons enjoyed the excellent meal and entertainment by our Germania singers. We will be hosting the Sweetheart Dance on February 14, 2014. The menu will feature Chicken Parmesan or fish, with the usual sides. The cost will be \$16.00, reservations are required by February 11. See you there.

Dolores Kneller, President Elect

House Committee

Unless there is a major problem, the House Committee has completed its work for 2013. Our next activity will be selecting a chairman and setting the dates for the first cleanings of 2014. This will happen after the installation of officers at our January General meeting.

We will have lots to do in 2014 and are enjoying our "rest" time right now. Germania members who are not elected to the House Committee are always welcome to help with our projects. I hope to see you often this year.

Dolores Kneller, chairman

Germania House Committee

GERMANIA OFFICERS 2013

President:

Thea Klabunde

Vice President:

Joe Motika

Financial Secretary:

Udo Klabunde

Treasurer:

Udo Klabunde

Recording Secretary:

Harry Paulino

Corres. Secretary:

John Kneller

Trustees:

John Kneller, Chm

Mike Bals

Stan Bradley

Kathi Cline

Bob Traphagen

House Committee:

Dolores Kneller, Chm

Kathi Cline

Woody Davis

Deb Korting

John Korting

Vera Motika

Johanna Queck

Bob Traphagen

**Next News
Deadline
February 15**

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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.

Greetings from the Damenchor

Holiday greetings from the Damenchor ... the ladies (along with the gentlemen of the Germania Männerchor) have been keeping busy this holiday season ... out spreading holiday "musical" cheer!

After holding annual elections, the ladies of the Damenchor have decided to give the current leadership another year at the helm so officers continue as before: President – **Jane Ott**, Vice-President – **Kathy Megown**, Secretary – **Anne Hohmann**, Treasurer – **Kathi Cline**.

The annual Sanger & Membership banquet had a wonderful turnout, and several members received pins in recognition of years of dedication to our club and singing organizations. We are happy to honor them for the support of our society.

Our annual combined concert with the Swiss Club singers and Alphorner on December 8th was well-attended, and I'm told the contributions that day went to a food pantry that greatly appreciated the gift. I know I speak for everyone who attended the party at the Swiss Club after the concert when I say it was a really nice party, and the food was wonderful. Thanks to all who contributed.

We're still putting a few finishing touches on songs we will be singing for our annual performance on December 29th at the Villas at Saint Theresa. That starts at 2 PM for anyone interested in also attending. The address is 25 Noe Bixby Road. It's at the corner of East Broad Street and Noe Bixby Road. Enter via the road off of Noe Bixby Road.

Okay ... think 2014! We've begun rehearsing for the annual Epiphany service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on January 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 2001 Northwest Blvd. in Upper Arlington. Our chorus has been performing for this for several years and each year we seem to have more and more people there. We hope to see you there too.

We'd also like you to give some thought to attending the *Mardi Gras* dinner & dance. Depending on your family history ... *Mardi Gras* could also be known as *Fasching* or *Karneval*. If your background is German Swiss, then it's *Fastnacht*. The dinner & dance will be held on March 1, 2014 and the ladies of the Damenchor will be your hosts. For more information see the Calendar of Events on page 3.

As always, we celebrate Mardi Gras in style so Mardi Gras attire is always welcome. We hope to see you there.

The Damenchor rehearses every Thursday evening at the club up in the music room at 7:30 PM and all are welcome to join us.

Sincerely,

Jane Ott, President

Parking and the Dumpster

We have virtually no parking space at Germania. We are dependent entirely upon others for allowing us to park in their lots for whatever price they want to charge. Fortunately, we have a new neighbor at 555 South Front Street, Cabo Leasing, who is being very reasonable in the pricing of the spaces they own "down the hill."

Here's the deal. We are now renting to Cabo five parking spaces adjacent to the Germania building and nearest to Front Street for their use from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We are renting from Cabo the parking spaces "down the hill" that are numbered 1 through 63, the ones with white striping. Our members, our paid staff, our paid performers and our rental parties may park in those spaces on week days after 6:00 p.m. and at any time on weekends. Members may also park in Germania's spaces next to our building when they are available. Everyone else can use public parking facilities. If we park in other locations we risk having our cars towed. And we cannot at any time park between buildings 555 and 551 S. Front Street. We have not yet made firm arrangements for parking on July 3. We should also note that common courtesy requires that you make arrangements prior to "double parking" on Germania's property.

In regards to the dumpster, it belongs to our new neighbor, not to us. In exchange for our letting them put the dumpster on Germania property they are allowing us to deposit our trash in it. This is a very good deal.

To insure that we maintain a good relationship with our new neighbors, the Trustees ask that all members observe some common courtesy. We ask that if you see something that appears to be an infraction of parking or dumpster use rules on the Germania property, that you do NOT confront the offender. If you must, just please very politely inquire of what is going on, and by whom, and report it to one of the Trustees. This is very important in the management of your club. Believe me, just a misspoken word could jeopardize a good relationship and cost the Germania thousands of dollars per year.

John Kneller, Chairman
Germania Trustees

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

Reservations are required where noted, and must be made on or before the dates given. Call **614-228-9055** (unless noted otherwise) for reservations and for more information (menu, price...etc.) concerning specific events. Unless otherwise noted, all diners 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.

Tuesday, December 31

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Paid reservations required by December 26

Sunday, January 12

MEETINGS

Chili & Cornbread— only \$5.00! 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting — 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 25

SNOWFLAKE DANCE

Dinner 5:00—7:00

Menu: Roast Pork with Mashed Potatoes & Sauerkraut or
Crabcakes with Home Fries and Vegetables

Salad & Rolls

Ray Galla Band for dancing 7:00—10:00

Hosted by the Germania Männerchor

Call for reservations by January 21

Tuesday, February 4

PUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 14

SWEETHEART DANCE

Dinner 5:00—7:00

Menu: Chicken Parmesan or Fish

Ray Galla Band for dancing 7:00—10:00

\$16.00 per person

Call for reservations by February 11

Saturday, March 1

MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

Dinner 5:00—7:00

Menu: Vegetable Lasagna and Salad or
Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and Salad

Ray Galla Band for dancing 7:00—10:00

Hosted by the Germania Damenchor

Call for reservations by February 26

Saturday, March 15

ST PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Dave Sabatka for dancing 7:00—10:00

More information in next Nachrichten

Sunday, March 30

MÄNNERCHOR SPAGHETTI DINNER

Volkstänzer News

The New Year is almost here and the dancers will be coming off their annual Holiday break. Our first rehearsal of the New Year will be on January 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Remember, dancing is great exercise, so if you've made a New's Resolution to lose weight, come and join us! We'll get your weight off!

We like to invite everyone to "A Night of German Music and Dance," up at Grace Lutheran Church in Westerville, located on E. Schrock. The Mendelssohn Liedertafel will be providing the music and the Volkstaenzer's will be providing the dance. Come up and join us for an evening of fun. It begins at 7:30 p.m. on January 19, 2014.

Happy New Year!

Mark Pinnick

Trustees News

This year has been an exciting one for the Germania Trustees. Last year was one of financial "survival," but 2013 was one of financial success. This success was due to a combination of getting our property tax issue resolved, a slight increase in rentals, three very successful Sommerfests, another very successful Oktoberfest and measurable utility cost savings resulting from some of our capital improvements. We were also able to build a new fence to enhance the appearance of our garden. And, to complete the garden beautification we have to thank **Leo Hocke** and **Mike** and **Sue Oskins** for all the landscaping and **Bob Traphagen** for keeping the lawn well manicured.

We welcome newly elected Trustee, **John Korting**, and we look forward to working with him. We will miss **Stan Bradley**, who contributed much as a Trustee, but Stan is going to now serve on the House Committee.

All indications are that we're in for another good year in 2014!

John Kneller, Chairman

Highlights of Recent General Membership Meetings

At the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas dinner the ladies presented the Club with a check for \$3,000.

Voted into membership at the November 10 General Membership meeting were: **Jack Nettis, Jesse Moore, James D. Atkinson, Timothy Morbitzer, James Beatty, Mark Stach, Brooke Schnieder, Jeremy Sipes and Kareem Walton.** **Toni Ryan** was inducted at the December 8 meeting.

Mike Bals is looking for more volunteers to tend the Germania booth at the Bride Show on January 4 and 5. If you like to talk to people and want to tell brides and their mothers about the wonderful features of the Germania facilities, this is an opportunity to have some fun. Please call Mike to sign up for two or three hours, and he'll give you all the details.

At the December 8 meeting the membership elected the following officers for 2014, to be sworn in on January 12:

President: **Thea Klabunde**
Vice President: **Joe Motika**
Treasurer: **Udo Klabunde**
Financial Secretary: **Jane Ott**
Recording Secretary: **Deb Korting**
Trustees: **John Korting, Kathi Cline & John Kneller**
House Committee: **Dolores Kneller, Deb Korting, Kathi Cline, Danny Bonner, John Korting, Vera Motika, Johanna Queck, Beth Bradley, Bob Traphagen, and Christel Pounds.** President Thea appointed **Stan Bradley** to the House Committee.

Continuing in office are Corresponding Secretary **John Kneller**, and Trustees **Mike Bals** and **Bob Traphagen**.

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