

Germania Nachrichten

Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

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May — June, 2015

President's Message

Dear Germania Member,

"Happy Spring!"

I know we've been looking ahead to warmer weather, so enjoy!

As in every household, spring cleaning is in progress at your Germania Club. The House Committee is sprucing things up for us, and we're also getting the garden ready for our Summer activities. If you'd like to help, give us a call at 228-9055.

May and June promise to be active, starting with our Mai Tanz on May 1. On May 15 Mike Bals will prepare his famous ribs for our Grill Night. On May 29 our garden will be ready for its grand opening for the year! On June 7 the Singers, under the direction of Mark Pinnick, will entertain you with an afternoon Kaffeekonzert. Then our first Sommerfest of the season takes place on June 12. Our next General Membership Meeting is on June 14 at 3:00 p.m. July 3 is the date of our annual Red, White and Brats Festival. I hope to see you all at these upcoming events at **your society**.

Thea Klabunde, Germania President

Membership News

The Financial Secretary says ... a big **THANK YOU** to all who punctually submitted renewal of your membership with our club for 2015. There are still a number of members who have not yet renewed. I will attempt to connect with those individuals by telephone in the upcoming week(s).

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I am compiling lists of volunteers for our various event organizers (based on the information at the bottom of the renewal forms) and so the sooner I get the renewals, the sooner I can complete the lists. Collecting the membership dues and compiling membership lists is not meant to be a year-long duty. For those of you who have yet to send in your renewals, please consider doing so soon.

Just a note to all who may wonder ... I furnish a membership list for the hosts to use to verify membership at member events. Guests and non-member spouses will be charged at non-member rates.

Jane Ott,
Financial Secretary

Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all those who enjoyed our Palm Sunday Dinner on March 29. We especially thank Helga Leeder for once again making her famous Chocolate Mousse dessert.

On April 11 we hosted the Spring Dinner Dance. We had a very nice attendance, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

The Ladies Auxiliary is not responsible for any more events this year, but we will be busy helping with all the Summer and Fall happenings at the Germania: Sommerfest on June 12, July 24 and August 21; Red White & Brats on July 3; and our expanded Oktoberfest on September 18, 19 and 20. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Dolores Kneller,
Ladies Auxiliary President

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**Next News
Deadline
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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 an event cancellations.

Damenchor News

The ladies of the Damenchor have been busy preparing for the upcoming Schmeckfest fundraiser to be held on **April 26th** ... the last Sunday in April. This is the time to bring your family and friends to the club to taste German cuisine at its finest, and all cooked by our own Germania members. \$13.00 pre-event (donation) tickets may be purchased prior to the event from most Damenchor members or you can call Jane Ott (614-425-9439) ... **OR** there will be pre-event tickets at the Bar during open hours.

For Bar open hours, please contact the club at **228-9055**. Of course, we will be grateful for \$16.00 donations the day of the event. Children 6 and under may attend the event free. **Please note** ... \$13.00 pre-event (donation) tickets **will not** be available the day of the event ... not even for "will call". All \$13.00 pre-event (donation) tickets must be purchased and in hand in advance of the day of the event.

The following Friday (May 1st), we will be hosting the Mai Tanz (May Dance). The cook is selecting the menu and I'm told it will be related to the theme of the dance. We promise to have all kinds of really good food and as usual, raffle prizes. It should be very nice. Please have your dinner reservation in to the club no later than Wednesday, April 29th.

On June 7th the ladies (along with the gentlemen of the Germania Männerchor) will be singing for the annual Germania Kaffee Konzert – sponsored by the club for everyone's enjoyment. Come drink coffee and eat cake (desserts) while listening to us sing. See the Germania calendar for start times.

I hope everyone has a good spring ... into summer. As always, the ladies are very supportive of the club Sommerfests so look for us to be lurking there as well. 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

Benevolence

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Sarah Garbe and the Garbe family for the loss of our Sangerbruder, Gunter Garbe. We extend our prayers and well wishes for Gerhard Wolff, Johanna Paulino, Lotte Koennemann, Rita Zarth and Dolores Corbett, each of whom is suffering from illness. We are happy and encouraged to have Mike Oskins back with us and singing.

Volkstanzer News

Due to unfortunate circumstances the Volkstanzers will be shutting down for this year.

Marty Dukat

Parking Review

For the benefit of our new members and as a refresher for old members, the following is a review of our Germania parking arrangements.

Germania owns no parking space except those nine narrow spaces next to our building. Any other "free" parking is what we have bargained for with our good neighbors. So, here are the "rules."

We have rented to our neighbors five of our spaces, those closest to Front Street. from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. week days. That means there are only the four spaces near the kitchen door available to members, staff and contractors during the week from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Only after 6:00 p.m. and all day on weekends are all nine of our spaces available to members and staff.

Also, after 6:00 p.m. and all day on weekends we and our rental guests are allowed, according to an agreement with our neighbor, to park "down the hill" in the 63 parking spaces that are numbered in WHITE and bounded by WHITE stripes. If the stripes are some other color and the spaces are not numbered in white, we do not have permission to park there. These 63 spaces are not available to us on July 3.

No parking is available to us at any time between the two buildings south of the Germania.

Some of our members have found space to double park after 6:00 p.m. behind our nine spaces. The Trustees do not encourage this, but we recognize that some members are unable to make the walk from "down the hill", and we have no otherwise designated handicapped spaces. So, we ask that those who need to double park leave their keys with the bartender so that their cars may be moved if necessary.

On some very special occasions we have made arrangements to park south of the Kroger store. If you park there make sure that you have first received permission to do so.

We need to have our Germania sticker or a guest parking pass displayed in order to park in any of the spaces listed above. Public parking is nearly always available for a charge at one of the nearby parking lots or garages. You may want to check them out for special occasions such as Red White and Brats (Boom).

The 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. Non-member dancing only, \$8.00.

Friday, May 1

MAI TANZ

Chicken Enchiladas or Shrimp with Rice
Salad—Sides—Rolls
Coffee or Tea
Ray Galla Band for dancing
Hosted by the Damenchor

Phone in reservation by Wednesday, April 29

Sunday, June 7

KAFFEEKONZERT

Free & Open to the Public

Featuring the Männerchor & Damenchor
Light Desserts
For more information call 228-9055

Sunday, June 7

SOMMERFEST!!

Open to the Public

Beer, Brats, and Fun galore!
Who could ask for anything more?
Introducing the Euro Mutts band.
Come and show off your Trachten!

Sunday, June 14

GERMANIA MEETINGS

2:00 P.M. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
3:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting

Friday, May 15

GRILL NIGHT

Mike's Ribs!!
Baked Potato & Sides
Ken & Mary Turbo Accordions
Hosted by the House Committee

Phone in reservation by Wednesday, May 13

Friday, May 29

GARDEN OPENING

Schnitzel or Swiss Steak
And Side Dishes
Bill Antoniak Band
Hosted by the Männerchor

Phone in reservation by Wednesday, May 27

Friday, July 3

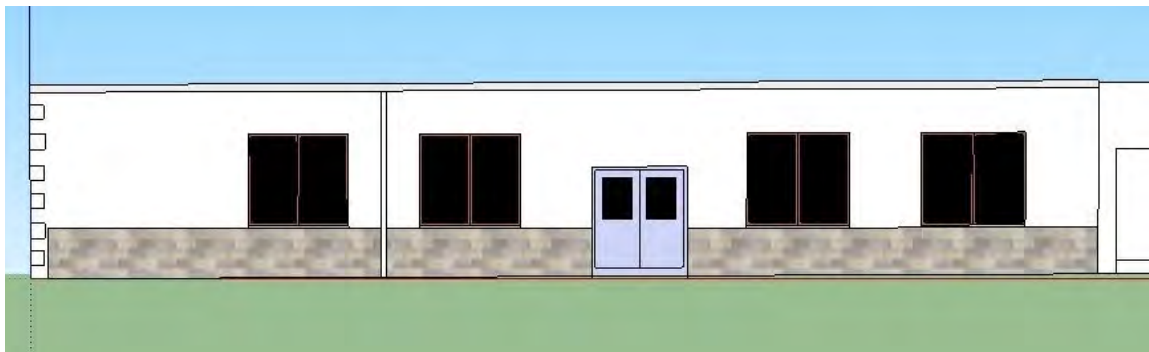
RED WHITE & BRATS

Open to the Public

Ken & Mary Turbo Accordions

Please note: Desserts at most dinners cost extra. We trust all members and guests to observe the honor system in paying for them.

Capital Improvements



If you own an old house, or houses, you know how much effort is required to maintain them. Germania is an old house, and we have a list of maintenance projects. One such project is to improve the appearance of the north wall of our building. To conceal and stabilize the cracking stucco on this wall we have contracted with MWS Construction to apply a cultured stone wainscoting to the lower three feet of the wall. The work will begin on May 18 and will be completed before our garden opening on May 29. It will look something like the above sketch.

District Leadership Workshop



On April 11 the members of the District Board and the directors, presidents, vice presidents and music chairpersons of the choruses of the Zentral Ohio Sangerbezirk gathered for the annual district leadership workshop, hosted this year by the Cleveland Mannerchor. Attending and representing Germania and the Newark Mannerchor were Thea Klabunde, Kathi Cline, Mark Pinnick, Dave Kneller and John Kneller.

Upon arriving at the Cleveland Mannerchor we were greeted by the eye-catching artwork on the front and side of their

once-unadorned building. This was one result of a City program offering free artwork to spruce up qualifying neighborhood buildings. See accompanying picture.

At the workshop some of the discussion dealt with next year's "national" Sangerfest in Pittsburgh and the following year our district Sangerfest hosted by the Germania. Mark and President Thea also reported on plans for celebrating Germania's 150th anniversary.

Another enlightening part of the workshop occurs when the representatives of the various choruses report on their societies' activities and their states of affairs. We were saddened to learn that in Cleveland the Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor is no longer affiliated with our Sangerbezirk. Every year the number of singers in the Bezirk decreases.

But there are bits of good news, and Deutsche Lieder are still alive in northern and central Ohio. For example, the Apollo Mannerchor in Sharon, Pennsylvania, has a thriving organization of 2,000 non-singing members. The singers make an occasional appearance to sing and entertain the crowd that comes to eat, drink and dance on Thursdays and weekends.

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