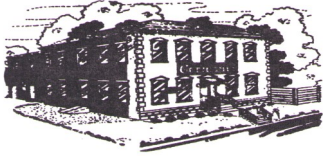


# Germania Nachrichten



## Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 152 Years

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January—February, 2018

## EUROPEAN CONCERT TOUR

We regret having to report that plans for the 2018 European Concert Tour have been suspended. Only 17 persons signed up to participate, and at least 40 are needed to a tour like this feasible. Whether this becomes a 2019 tour remains to be seen.

Mark Pinnick and John Kneller

## GERMANIA DAMENCHOR

The ladies of the Damenchor have been out and about along with the gentlemen of the Männerchor with various performances. If you missed it, we presented a wonderful concert for the annual Christmas dinner, and then those in attendance enjoyed a sing-a-long of Christmas Carols. On December 17 we participated in a joint concert at St. Paul's United Church of Christ which is always a treat to the people who attend.

The only performance we have left this year is that of our annual visit to The Villas at Saint Therese, 25 Noe Bixby Road, Columbus, OH 43213. This year it will be on December 31 ... a great way for the residents there to welcome in the New Year.

We are wishing all a continued wonderful holiday season as well as a Happy and Healthy New Year. Stay warm and safe out there, and we thank you all for the support you give us. We hope more of you will consider joining us in song in the coming year!

The Damenchor rehearses every Thursday evening at the club, up in the rehearsal hall, at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to join us.

Germania Damenchor

Jane Ott, President

## BENEVOLENCE

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Ruth Janisch and family on the passing of Leonard Janisch in November. We will miss Leonard's accordion serenades at our Germania events. We offer condolences to the family of long-time member Käthe Zimmer on her passing in December. We also offer our condolences to Deb Korting and her family on the recent passing of their mother. We continue to keep Lotte Könnemann, Johanna Paulino, Doris Gellner, Stan Bradley and Joe and Vera Motika in our thoughts and prayers. We wish speedy recoveries for all who are dealing with the flu, pneumonia and colds.

## GERMANIA OFFICERS 2018

### President:

Mark Pinnick

### Vice President:

Eric Chivington

### Financial Secretary:

Jane Ott

### Treasurer:

Deb Korting

### Recording Secretary:

Dolores Kneller

### Corres. Secretary:

John Kneller

### Trustees:

Mike Bals

Dan Bonner

John Kneller

Deborah Korting

Bob Traphagan

### House Committee:

Dean Allemang

Matthaeus Beldoch

Danny Bonner

Eric Chivington

Ryan Cupp

Gary DeMont

Dave Fitzgerald

Richard Hansgen

John Korting

Dave Rodenbeck

Mike Schumacher

Marianne Settele

Bashir Tofanghazi

**Next News  
Deadline  
February 15**

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Website: [www.germaniacolumbus.org](http://www.germaniacolumbus.org)

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.

\*\*\*\*\* **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 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. Non-member dancing, only, \$8.00. Please note: Desserts at most dinners cost extra. We trust all members and guests to observe the honor system in paying for them.**

Sunday, January 14

**MEETINGS**

2:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting  
**Installation of Officers for 2018**

Saturday, January 20

**SNOWFLAKE DANCE**

Saturday, February 10

**MARDI GRAS DINNER & DANCE**

Sunday, March 11

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Please bring your family and join us for our Spaghetti Dinner, prepared from scratch by the Men’s Choir.  
 A Germania Männerchor fundraiser

Editor’s Note: We apologize for the lack of information on the above events. We assume the times and prices will be similar to previous years and the meals will be well presented and “Germania tasty.”

**Election Results**

The following officers were elected, or re-elected at the December 10 General Membership meeting:

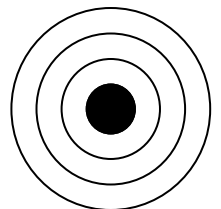
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  - Eric Chivington**
  - Ryan Cupp**
  - Gary DeMont**
  - Dave Fitzgerald**
  - Richard Hansgen**
  - John Korting**
  - Dave Rodenbeck**
  - Mike Schumacher**
  - Marianne Settele**
  - Bashir Tofangsazi**

For many years of faithful service to the Germania we thank outgoing President, **Thea Klabunde**, and Vice President, **Joe Motika**. We also thank outgoing House Committee members **Vera Motika, Stan Bradley, Deb Korting and Gerhart and Johanna Queck**.

**GERMANIA SCHÜTZENVEREIN**

In 2017 the Germania Indoor Shooting Club (Germania Schützenverein) had its best year ever. The club has had its best attendance. We’ve added members that also belong to the Central Ohio Air Gunners (a local outdoor club). The addition of these experienced Air Gunners have added more interesting and accurate air guns as well as added more interesting shooting challenges. The club has added 3 air pistols to the normal 4 rifles. Join us at 7PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 7PM. (12/18, 1/15 & 2/19). Email [JKorting@KortingFamily.org](mailto:JKorting@KortingFamily.org) to be added to the reminder list, or text 614 371 6883 for more information. Participation fees are minimal; no experience or personal air guns needed.



John Korting, Schützenführer

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Membership renewal forms for 2018 will be mailed out during the last week of December, and I would appreciate it if you fill them out and submit your dues in a timely manner. All club members are expected to fill out the forms whether or not you are receiving a complimentary membership. Membership ***renewals are due by March 31, 2018***. Please note, there is a ***\$10.00 late fee*** if you do not pay your dues by March 31. If you have not received a renewal form by the end of January, please contact me and I will send you one ... Jane Ott – 614-425-9439.

At the November and December membership meetings, we welcomed and inducted numerous new members into the club and so, as always, if you see a new face please introduce yourself and ask them if they are a member, and if so, welcome them. If they are not a member, tell them about the club and invite them to join. If you have any questions about what the club now offers its membership, you will find a list on the back of club applications which are available in the front hallway at the entrance of the club.

And as I continue to stress, in order to meet new members, one has to attend our membership meetings. I note that attendance at recent membership meetings has increased, and I hope that is a trend. Additionally, we are going to be making an effort to organize more “new member” events which will, of course, be open to all members but will be sponsored with the idea of orienting new members to the club and our numerous activities as well as open the club to members inviting friends into the club.

We are proud of our club and we welcome every opportunity to show it off to anyone interested in what we do at our club ... the various activities we participate in and how easy it is to become a part of the fun we have.

The next membership meeting will be in ***January 14, 2018***.

If you need a new sticker for your vehicle, please let me know and I will send you one. Also, *any changes to your address, telephone number or email should be submitted to me* so I can keep our membership list as current as possible. I can be reached by telephone at 614-425-9439 or you can email me at ... [janieo6797@gmail.com](mailto:janieo6797@gmail.com).

Thank you to all who are out there promoting the club and bringing us so many wonderful new members ... let's keep up the good work.

Jane Ott  
Financial Secretary

## GERMANIA TRUSTEES

The year 2017 has been an interesting year for our Germania and for the Trustees. We pulled off a successful Sangerfest; Sommerfest and Oktoberfest remain popular and fruitful ventures; we pleased guests and servers alike with a new functioning beer tap; and we survived a hectic and at times confusing election.

Now, we're looking at some big challenges in 2018, some we can already see, and perhaps some not yet revealed. We're losing some leaders and faithful workers who for quite some time have guided us in accomplishing some amazing things. We can't be sure how this will affect the management and staffing of our non-member events, or how it will affect our members, in general. The Trustees have become accustomed to having many of the physical tasks of our club automatically carried out by responsible and experienced persons. This is going to change. We will have to find people to step up and not only help with the many detailed tasks, but we need to stay us focused on our purpose as a society for German culture. As Trustees we need to help manage this work efficiently. This is all on top of our normal, hopefully diligent work of managing the income and expenditures.

As we work to support our Germania society's purposes of cultivating German song and language and promoting Germania sports and good fellowship, I hope that we can also maintain an air of respect for all and be sensitive to the feelings of all...both those who have worked, and are working, so hard for our club, but also those members whom we see less often or who are less inspired to take on some of the work. I hope that in our conduct as Trustees we can help to foster a team spirit and guide our fellow members in contributing something in a positive way.

We look forward to the coming year when we hope to have the support of the yet-developing Marketing Committee and when we work with our newly implemented Budget to provide more comprehensive financial reports to the membership.

We wish you all a healthy, prosperous and happy New Year.

The Germania Trustees  
John Kneller, Chairman

### LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies hosted the annual Christmas Dinner on December 3. Our donation to the Germania club this year was \$3,000.

There was a situation that developed in getting reservations for the dinner. We require reservations by the Wednesday before each event. This enables the person who purchases and prepares the meals to have time to get everything together. For each event it is necessary to have about 50 people present for the club to break even on the cost. For the Christmas Dinner we had 20 reservations at the deadline, but by Saturday there were 46. This created problems for me and those who purchase and prepare our meals. At one point we considered canceling the event. We ask for more cooperation so that our events can proceed as planned.

The Ladies have been assigned to host the Mardi-Gras on February 10. Details as to menu, price and costumes will be available on the reservation line 614-228-9055 by February 1.

Thank You for Your consideration. For any questions my phone number is 614-898-9022.

Germania Ladies Auxiliary  
Dolores Kneller, President

### DUTY CALENDAR

Jan 1—7	Mike Bals
Jan 8—14	Marianne Settele
Jan 15—21	Eric Chivington
Jan 22—28	Gary DeMont
Jan 29—Feb 4	John Kneller
Feb 5—11	John Korting
Feb 12—18	Dolores Kneller
Feb 19—25	Richard Hansgen
Feb 26—Mar 4	Bob Traphagan

Note: Duty Officers are the persons directly responsible for security and safety on the premises during the hours the club is open, and they see that all systems are properly set and secured upon closing.

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