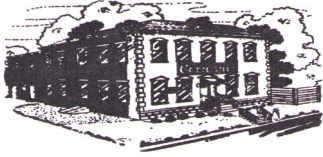


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March—April, 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Liebe Germania Mitglieder,

I'd like to thank you for electing me to be your president. I will do my best to guide the Germania into the future.

I would also like to thank past-president and vice-president, Thea Klabunde and Joe Motika, for their many years of dedicated service to the Germania. Their leadership has brought us to where we are today, a strong, vibrant organization with a 151 year history celebrating German culture, music and sport. Their dedication serves as an example of what we all should do to keep our club strong for years to come.

At our board meeting on February 6, I laid out some ideas and plans for our future growth. But as with any volunteer organization, it is really up to you, the membership, that keeps the club alive and strong. Each of you has a responsibility to support the club, not only with your membership dues, but your presence and time.

We need your presence. That means you need to attend as many events that you can for us to be successful. Your participation in events builds the relationships that can only strengthen a club. It strengthens it through fellowship, it strengthens it financially, it strengthens it through new ideas.

We need your time. We need you to volunteer. We are a volunteer organization. Volunteering strengthens our club through fellowship, it strengthens it financially, and it strengthens it through new ideas and skills. Yes, I'm repeating myself.

With all this being said, I would like to form an Activities Committee as soon as possible, which means I need volunteers. (That includes old and new members alike.) The responsibility of the committee is to brainstorm and come up with new activities for the club and to help put together sub-committees to run individual activities and offer leadership to those new to volunteering. An example of this will be a new Fest in May, the Maibock Fest, celebrating the Maibock beer. This will be modeled after our successful Sommerfests, but we need people to step forward and help with it's organization. So please step forward. We have many other ideas that will be discussed in later newsletters. If you would like to be on this new committee, please contact me at mwpinnick@earthlink.net.

I would also like to get an Historian for the club. This could be either an individual or a committee. If you are interested in this important role, please let me know.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Mark W. Pinnick

GERMANIA OFFICERS 2018

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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 and event cancellations.

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

SPAGHETTI DINNER**Sunday, March 11 — 11:30 am to 2:30 pm****Public Invited — Sponsored by Germania Männerchor, Mike Bals, Chairman**

Please bring your family and friends and join us for our Spaghetti Dinner, prepared from scratch by the men's choir, Sunday March 11th, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. The cost for adults is \$9.00, Children 6 to 12 are \$5.00, 5 and under free. Desserts are also available for sale.

Also, If you want to learn the secrets of handmade meatball preparation, meet me in the kitchen at 9am that Sunday. I would be more than happy to give a free tutorial !

Please call 614-228-9055 by Wednesday, March 08 to reserve your table of 10 or more.

PALM SUNDAY DINNER**Sunday, March 25 — Serving Begins at 1:00 pm —Public Invited****Menu: Choice of Ham or Chicken Marsala; Au gratin Potatoes; Green Beans; Salad; Rolls and Butter Chocolate Mousse for dessert. Price: \$16.00, including dessert.**

Due to the necessity of being able to properly plan for our dinner guest, we ask that reservations be made by 6:00 pm, Wednesday, March 21. If there are fewer than 40 reservations by that date, the event will be cancelled. We ask that when you make your reservations to 614-228-9055 or 614-898-9022, to give your phone number, so that if we have to cancel we can notify you. Thank You.

Hosted by the Germania Ladies Auxiliary, Dolores Kneller, President

SCHMECKFEST 2018!

Mark your calendars! The ladies of the **Damenchor** are happy to announce we will be hosting the very popular annual **Schmeckfest** fundraiser to be held **April 29th** ... the last Sunday in April ... from **1PM to 3 PM**. It's amazing to us that we have been doing this for so long ... this is the 9th year for this event.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated this year to the food pantry at **St. Paul's United Church of Christ** ... also known as "**South Side Community Ministries (SSCM) Food Pantry.**" Please consider bringing your family and friends to the club for this wonderful "**all-you-can-eat**" event ... to taste German cuisine at its finest and all cooked by our own Germania members. Help us raise money for this very worthy cause.

Damenchor members will have pre-event donation tickets/vouchers for **\$12.00**/each that can be purchased up to the day prior to the event. Pre-event donation tickets/vouchers will also be available at the bar during open hours. Admission donation at the door the day of the event will be **\$15.00**. Children under 6 years of age will be admitted free. I will be glad to answer questions about this event ... (614) 425-9439. Jane Ott, President, Germania Damenchor

MAIBOCKFEST**Friday, May 11 — Doors open at 5:00 pm****Similar to Sommerfest — Public Invited — Dave Sabatka Band**

Our first **Maibockfest** is scheduled for May 11, with doors opening at 5:00 p.m. This will be our first event in our Biergarten this year. Great food, music and beverages, Of course, Maibock bier will be an important part of this German tradition. So, invite your friends and neighbors, and bring your kids, too!

Maibock is a special bock beer that, in Germany, is only available in the month of May. As with most specially brewed beers, the arrival of Maibock in the towns is cause for much celebration. We will serve Maibock bier from several different breweries. Come taste the difference. **Prosit!**

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS**St. Patrick's Dance, March 16; Meetings April 8; Spring Dance, April 21**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

It is renewal time! **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. Renewal forms for 2018 were mailed out during the last week of December and if you have not received a renewal form yet, please contact me and I will send you one ... Jane Ott – 614-425-9439.

My functions as the Financial Secretary are to send welcome letters to new members and see that they get a sticker for their vehicle, a membership card, a key, a club pin and, of course, a copy of the constitution and by-laws.

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.

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

GERMANIA DAMENCHOR

The ladies of the Damenchor are now rehearsing for spring and summer events. One is the annual Kaffee Konzert which will be held this year on May 6th. It's always free and always quite enjoyable. Naturally, we will be joined by the gentlemen of the Männerchor with our various performances.

Feb. 10th, the Damenchor co-sponsored the annual Mardi Gras with the Ladies Auxiliary and if you were not there, you missed a delicious dinner and many choice desserts as well as the chance to win raffle prizes ... there were more than 50 this year. One of our long-time singers, Vera Motika and her husband, Joe led the parade of costumed participants and reigned over the dance as princess and prince ... and Joe really has been Vera's prince for a very long time.

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

Jane Ott, President

CLUB HISTORY

We could utilize a Club Historian or a History Committee. They could accumulate information about the club from the 1860's forward. Many topics are open to research and compilation. Bob Traphagan, Trustee Chairman

FOSTER SPONSOR PROGRAM

Proposed by Jane Ott, Financial Secretary

It is the responsibility of the **whole membership** to assist new members in learning about everything our club has to offer ... to introduce them to the customs and cultures our club offers. I am continuously seeking new ways to welcome new members so at this time, I'm promoting the idea of seeking established members who are interested in **foster-sponsoring** a new member.

This involves offering to help a new member learn more about the club in an in-depth way. A "**foster sponsor**" would call a new member and remind them of upcoming events and encourage them to attend ... and (for example) assist them in how dinner reservations need to be made. A "**foster sponsor**" would encourage new members to participate in various activities they are interested in, would assist new members in signing up to volunteer for events where greater numbers of volunteers are necessary (for example) during events in the Bier Garten.

If you are interested in working with new members in this manner, please let me know **ASAP**. I need several people to help with this. This is a program that would allow an establish member to work with a new member and (so to speak) "show them the ropes". This can be a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

We know our members are proud of our club and welcome every opportunity to show it off to anyone interested. We can't stop with that. We need to carry that pride further by helping our new members in any way we can to feel welcome and wanted. The best way to do that is get them involved in the various activities and events at the club. Show them how easy it is to become a part of the fun we have.

Our next General Membership Meeting is Sunday, April 8.

GERMANIA TRUSTEES

The trustee group is working hard to get ready for another active year. We are working on a maintenance manual, operations manual, evaluating our property tax position, planning training for Duty Officers, reworking the outside bar to incorporate a five pan heating system, reviewing contracts and we have reassigned trustee duties. We have approved the membership dues for the German Village Society and the Brewery District Association. In March we will clean and wax the floors in the old hall, new hall and bar area to prepare for weddings and rentals. It is clear the club is moving to improve our financial picture by adding new events, improving club functions and helping finance current activities for members.

We have been fortunate to have solid leadership and with the transition to new leadership we hope to continue to improve and grow in the coming years. I would recommend that all members, but especially our new members, become active in the club by volunteering or joining the any of the many clubs activities; singing, shooting, soccer, cycling and the Ladies Auxiliary. What a great way to meet many of our members who came from Germany. I look forward to meeting many new faces.

Bob Traphagan

DUTY CALENDAR

FEB 26—MAR 4	Bob Traphagan
MAR 5 - 11	Ryan Cupp
MAR 12 - 18	Deb Korting
MAR 19 - 25	Dave Rodenbeck
MAR 26 - APR 1	Dean Allemang
APR 2 - 8	Dolores Kneller
APR 9 - 15	Jane Ott
APR 16 - 22	Mike Schumacher
APR 23 - 29	Dan Bonner
APR 30 - MAY 6	Matthaeus Beldoch

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.

BENEVOLENCE Our thoughts and prayers are with Lotte Koennermann, Harry and Joanna Paulino, Udo Klabunde and Mike and Sue Oskins. An interesting read is the obituary of John Maurer, <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?pid=187195116>

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