

Germania Nachrichten

Newsletter of the Germania Verein
The German-American
Club of San Jose

November / December 2008

Upcoming Events

Germania Verein feiert Weihnachten

DATE: Sunday, December 7, 2008

TIME: Doors open at 12:30 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT: The Children Choir of the German International School will sing for us at 1 P.M. We will have surprise entertainment, music, and sing-along by Peter Zackel on the piano, and dancing to our "DJ".

DINNER: Following the choir presentation, a sit-down dinner by Gunther's Catering will be served followed by dessert and coffee.

DONATIONS: \$35 members / \$40 non-members

RESERVATIONS: By December 2, 2008

TICKETS: Available from members or send a check to Germania Verein

INFORMATION: For further information call Marianne Grotheer at 408.253.5218 or Elisabeth Muth at 408.255.7637

New Year's Dance

DATE: Wednesday, December 31, 2008

TIME: Doors open at 7 P.M.

DINNER: European-style cold buffet at 9 P.M. / Champagne at midnight

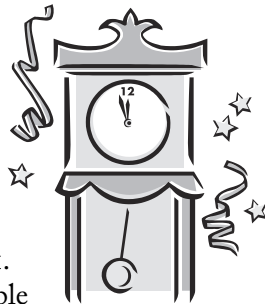
MUSIC: The Al Gruber Band plays until 12:30 A.M.

TICKETS: \$50 members / \$55 non-members Available from members or send a check to Germania Verein

RESERVATIONS: Please make reservations by December 26, 2008

ATTIRE: This is a semi-formal event.

INFORMATION: For more information call Hans at 408.253.2539



Calendar of Events

November

5 Membership meeting

December

- 2 Kaffeeklatsch Christmas Party
- 5 General meeting / Election of Board Members
- 7 Weihnachtsfeier
- 13 Christmas Concert
- 31 New Year's Ball

Department News

Language Group

The Germania Sprachabteilung meets for conversation at a Stammtisch every other Wednesday night at Hardy's Restaurant in Sunnyvale. Meet with us at **7:30 P.M.** for dinner or just drinks and dessert.

For the most current information please contact Albert Zimmermann at 408.210.9491 or email AlbertZimmer@yahoo.com.

Albert Zimmermann

Kaffeeklatsch

Once again the holiday season is upon us. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year. Our best wishes for a joyous time go to all our members and friends.

In our upcoming November meeting we will discuss the details of our Christmas luncheon which will be held on **DECEMBER 2 at 12 NOON** in the upstairs clubroom. Gunther's Restaurant will be our caterer. Guests are very welcome.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting on **NOVEMBER 11, 2008**.

Meetings are every second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 P.M.

Edith Meyer



When purchasing tickets by mail for any event, please send your check to:

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PO Box 622
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The President's Message

It is time to get ready for the holidays. The days are getting shorter and before we know it, we have Christmas and the year 2008 is ending.

Let me first comment on our Oktoberfest on September 14. Members and guests had a great time, the hall was filled to capacity, and I would like to thank Clara Kahlen and everyone on her team for the successful event.

The Fall Dance by the Schützen on October 19 also turned out to the enjoyment of everyone. The Schützen have always known how to put on the perfect atmosphere for members and their guests.

As I mentioned at our October membership meeting, we are looking for a few good men or women to serve on the Germania board for the next two years. According to our bylaws, the nomination list of candidates for board members needs to be completed at the November meeting. So please don't be shy and step forward on Nov. 7. We can't run the club without new board members.

The upgrade to our kitchen and restaurant project is just about completed. Our Germania team, with Achim Schomann and Klaus Glimski, has been working since January just about on a daily schedule, to put this masterpiece of a kitchen together. In the coming two months, we should be able to upgrade the old restaurant with new carpets, paint, curtains and a few light fixtures to make it usable for rent, and/or catering. Other team members on our kitchen upgrade are Edmund Loens, Hans Muskat, and Wilhelm Grotheer.

Don't let anybody tell you differently, the Germania board has always been in favor and willing to rent or lease our facilities to offset the constant increasing expenses that go along with owning our hall. Around the first part of 2009, as soon as the upgrade is completed, we will select and meet with caterers or renters.

Please attend our membership meetings and festivities. The Germania Verein is part of your heritage and future.

Best wishes for Happy Holidays. Hermann Rehmeier

Committee News

Sunshine

Autumn is here with its cooler nights and cloudy days so that "our" sunshine is needed. Several of our members have not been well and are recuperating. It is always nice to get a telephone call from a friend to let us know we are being thought of. Keep in touch with "your" sunshine.

Of all the moments we gather in our lives, those we cherish most are the moments shared.

Jutta Kiel

Membership

We welcome our newest member Tanif Stephenson. We hope to see you at many of our functions.

Ute Nelson



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German Pioneers

Learn about our German ancestors who have contributed to this area since 1841. Visit www.germanamericanpioneers.org or contact Maria Brand at 408.270.4888.

Birthdays

November

Evi Alford
 Brigitte Beyer
 Günter Beyer
 Georg Breitling
 Earl Conyers
 Otto Fuggis
 Clarice Gault
 Emily Hunt
 Susanne Ivarson
 Werner Kahlen
 Christa Leinberger
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December

Rudy Albrecht
 Ellen Berg
 Dittmer Bubert
 Barbara Burt
 Astrid Grosser
 Marianne Grotheer
 Josef Hilmer
 Johann Hoffmann
 Joachim Jaeger
 Elli Keil
 Hans Kruger
 Paul Lang
 Christa Mueller
 Elisabeth Muth
 Klaus Nagel
 Karin Neumaier
 Else Ross
 Emma Sawatzki
 Rudi Schulz
 Ingrid Stahl
 Alois Stock
 Hildegard Werle
 Arlette Zimmermann

Department News

Skat

We are seriously playing for the Skat-Meisterschaft. The next Skat games will be on **NOVEMBER 20** and **DECEMBER 4** at **7:30 P.M.** upstairs at the Germania Hall. For information contact Dittmer Bubert at 650.961.6122.

Gut Blatt, Dittmer Bubert



Choir

After the summer break the thirty-some singers of your Germania Mixed Choir have begun rigorously practicing for the upcoming Christmas Concert to be held in Germania Hall on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.**

This is a perfect time to join our group. No audition is necessary. Just drop in to one of our weekly two-hour practices, held every **TUESDAY** at **7:30 P.M.** upstairs in Germania Hall.

We are also looking forward to the annual Singers' Commerce, the yearly event where each of the ten or so German choirs in Northern California get together to sing, eat, drink, dance, and have a merry time. It is held every February and this coming year it will be hosted by the Sacramento choir at their big club house. For more information about the choir contact Edith Meyer at 408.379.6540 or me at 408.997.3309.

William "Woody" Woodcock

Carnival

Hello to all our carnival friends. We are in preparation for the upcoming carnival season which starts November 11. We will celebrate this occasion in a typical carnival spirit as always. Anyone who is interested in joining our group should contact Georg Breitling or Frieda Sonksen at 408.448.5084.

*Alaaf and Helau,
 Klaus Vorrath*



In Memoriam

Ingrid Angerhoefer

Rudolf Waiton

Werner Kletke

Herta Coombs



Hiking

NOVEMBER 2 – SANBORN PARK AND YOUTH HOSTEL IN SARATOGA 12 NOON

- ▶ Take Hwy. 9 through the town of Saratoga into the mountains.
- ▶ After about two miles turn left on Sanborn Rd.
- ▶ Then go right on the first road, where you see the AYH sign.
- ▶ We meet at the Hostel at 12 noon for our walk.

Thanks to Christa Benson who has arranged for us the use of the community room at the Youth Hostel, so we can have a potluck. Please call Klara a few days earlier, so that we can decide what everybody should bring.

DECEMBER 21 – MYSTERY HIKE 12 NOON

- ▶ To find out where we are going, please call Werner at 408.374.2373 for information and directions.

As always, participants go at their own risk. Also, please carpool. For more information call Werner at 408.374.2373.

Your fearless leader, Werner Kahlen

Line Dancing

I am very sorry to let you know that our dancing classes have been discontinued, however I hope that all of you *keep on dancing!*

Jutta Kiel

Schützen

If you missed our Fall Dance you missed a wonderful affair. Please join us for our practice target shooting on the **LAST SUNDAY** of the month at **11 AM.**

Gut Schuß, Georg Breitling

Department Meetings

Carnival

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Choir

Every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.

Hiking

Call for upcoming hikes and events.

Kaffeeklatsch

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 P.M.

Language Group

Stammtisch meets every other Wednesday.
Call for additional event dates.

Line Dancing

Every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Skat

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

Schützen

Target shooting last Sunday of the
month at 11:00 A.M.

Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the
month at 7:00 P.M.

Und wieder ist ein Jahr vergangen,
gerade hatte es doch angefangen!

Die Zeit verging fast wie im Flug.
Nun tut uns allen Ruhe gut.

Bei Kerzenschein sitzen wir nun
in gemütlicher Runde,
genießen jede freie Stunde.

Trinken Glühwein oder Punsch – es erfüllt sich so mancher Wunsch.

Man besucht Verwandte oder Freunde fern und nah.
und plötzlich ist das neue Jahr schon da.

Hoffen, dass es Gutes uns bringt, dass alles, was wir anpacken, uns
gelingt,
dass wir gesund bleiben oder werden,
und, dass es Frieden bleibt auf Erden.

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