

Germania Nachrichten

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

March / April 2009

Upcoming Events

Schützenfest

Come join us for the annual Schützenfest at the Germania Hall.

DATE: Saturday, April 4, 2009

TIME: Doors open at 3:00 P.M.

DINNER: Dinner will be served at 5:00 P.M. (catered by Gunther's)

MUSIC: The Bill Blythe Band will begin playing at 6:00 P.M.

DONATIONS: \$35 per person

TICKETS: Purchase from Schützen members or send a check to the Germania Verein

INFORMATION: For further information contact Frieda Sonksen at 408.448.5084



Choir Spring Concert

Don't forget that the Choir Spring Concert takes place on **MAY 16**. Keep an eye out for more details in the next newsletter!

Calendar of Events

March

6 Membership meeting

April

3 Membership meeting

4 Schützenfest

May

1 Membership meeting

16 Choir Spring Concert

31 Picnic in Vasona Park

June

5 Membership meeting

August

2 Wiener Café

7 Membership meeting

September

4 Membership meeting

13 Oktoberfest

October

2 Membership meeting

18 Schützen Fall Dance

November

6 Membership meeting

December

4 Membership meeting

6 Club Weihnachtsfeier

12 Choir Christmas Concert

31 New Year's Eve Party

Department News

Language Group

The Germania Sprachabteilung meets for our Stammtisch at Hardy's in Sunnyvale twice a month on Wednesdays. Our next get-together is **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19** and then every two weeks thereafter. Please join us and you can order drinks or a full meal while we enjoy each others company.

For more information contact Albert Zimmermann at Albert@AtoZtravelplanners.com or 408.210.9491. Give me a call if you plan to attend and maybe I can give you a ride if you need one. See you at the Stammtisch!

Albert Zimmermann

Carnival

Hello to all our carnival friends. Once again, we made our trip to Las Vegas to celebrate carnival at the Plaza Hotel.

As always, the attendance was large with approximately 1000 people from 28 carnival clubs throughout the US and Canada, as well as some from Germany. The performances by these clubs were excellent, especially the ones by the Phoenix Club of Anaheim. We also enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Hofbräu-Haus.

Perhaps some of you will join us next year.

Thank you to all who came to our carnival dance at the Germania hall. We hope you enjoyed our show and we thank you for your support. Until the next carnival season,

*Alaaf and Helau,
Klaus Vorrath*



The President's Message

On Wednesday, January 28, I was notified that starting on February 1, our parking arrangement with the Redevelopment Agency had been canceled. Monday, February 2, Ute and I met with a representative of Standard Parking to find out what we could do about our parking privileges in the city parking lot. I hope that by the time you read this in the newsletter, we are allowed to park in the city lot again. You will be notified by your group leader as soon as this situation is resolved.

Achim, Klaus, Werner, and I met with our architect on February 5 to get our blueprints upgraded to finish our restaurant and basement for the city inspectors. We need to rent the place out in order to bring in needed revenue to pay our never-ending expenses.

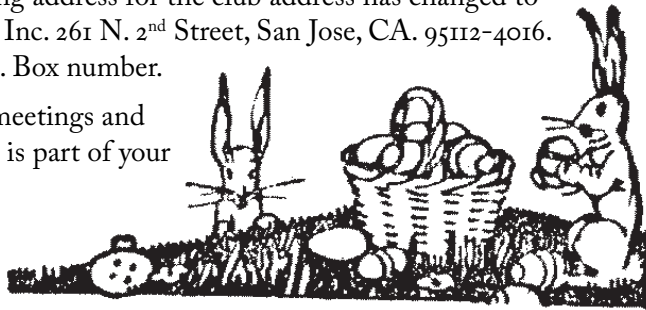
It has come to my attention that at our festivities some of our members and/or guests have been bringing their own liquor. This is **not allowed**. We don't want to jeopardize our liquor license for the club. Please buy your drinks at the bar with Germania drink tickets. Violators will have to buy drinks for everyone present next time this happens.

Two weeks ago, we had a second keypad for our alarm system installed. The new keypad is on your left side as you enter the double entrance door, which leads to the hall. I will notify all members that are in possession of a key to enter our building before we activate the alarm again.

Please be advised that our mailing address for the club address has changed to the following: Germania Verein Inc. 261 N. 2nd Street, San Jose, CA. 95112-4016. We are no longer using the P. O. Box number.

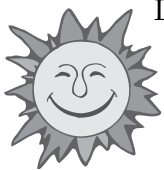
Please attend our membership meetings and festivities. The Germania Verein is part of your heritage and future.

*Happy Easter,
Hermann Rehmeier*



Committee News

Sunshine



Let the sun shine on us and celebrate the friendship we have with each other; get in touch with a member we have not talked to in awhile; share memories and plan future get togethers at the Germania Verein.

A very special "Sonnenstrahl" for our members who are under the weather. Please let me know when I may contact a member who needs a little extra "Sunshine".

There is nothing more important in life than to love and to be loved.

Jutta Kiel

Membership

Welcome to our newest members Edith Monette, Eveline König and William Matolyak. We hope we will see you at many of our functions.

In the meantime you have all received the statements for the membership dues for 2009. Please send your payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

March

Lore Baur
Ingrid Bayne
Maria Brand
Stanley Cheever
Frank Coot
Amanda Cuva
Erwin Fritz
Klaus Glimski
Gail Haderle
Elfried Hull
Undine Krauss
Marlen Meier
Helen Neschen
Loretta Preisser
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Gerhard Steiner
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Herbert Teschner
Manfred Trogisch
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Walter Worth

April

Gary Angst
Renate Blum
Hildegard Boehringer
Siegfried Boldt
Evelyn Cheever
Hildegard Donner
Gary Fust
Gerhard Gipner
Guenther Grosser
Melissa Guerrero
Pedro Guzman
Emil Heyler
Willi Huebner
Ingrid Kohler
Hermann Kuester
Irmgard Kutsche
Otto Leidreiter
August Liebelt
Edmund Loens
Nicole Mueller
Monika Naslund
Horst Neumann
Gloria Nyberg
James Spalding
Martin Thurmann
Peter Wacker
William Woodcock

Department News

Choir

The Germania Gesangverein has just returned from our fun bus trip to the annual German Choir Festival (Saengerkommers), held this year in the Sacramento Turner Harmonie's big clubhouse and banquet hall. Nine German choirs from Northern California performed and the thirty-some singers of your own Germania Choir gave, as always, one of the top performances.

We are now polishing new musical numbers for our annual Spring Concert, to be held on **MAY 16** in Germania Hall. We are in the planning stages for serving a light dinner after the concert and have engaged the Edelweiss Band for your dancing pleasure. Tickets for that event will go on sale sometime in March and will be available from any choir member.

Now would be a great time to join our group. No auditioning is necessary. Just drop in to our weekly two-hour practices held every **TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM** in Germania Hall.

For more information about the choir contact Edith Meyer at 408.379.6540 or me at 408.997.3309.

William "Woody" Woodcock

Schützen

The results from the 2008 shooting are:

- ▶ First prize: Marianne Grotheer with 239 points
- ▶ Second prize: Hedi Loens with 237 points
- ▶ Third prize: Marlen Meier with 234 points.

Our new "fun cards" price shooting was won by Hans Scheelke after a three way shoot-out.

Our annual Schuetzenfest is **SATURDAY, APRIL 4**. See front page for details. All guests are always welcome.

Gut Schuß, Georg Breitling

Kaffeeklatsch

We have tried to set up downstairs in the restaurant room but we have decided that it is more "gemütlich" upstairs. Please join us at our monthly Kaffeeklatsch afternoons. Our next meetings are **MARCH 10 AND APRIL 14 AT 12:30 P.M.**

Edith Meyer

In Memoriam

Christa Leinberger

Ernst and Marga Stern



Hiking

MARCH 9, 2009 - ALUM ROCK AT 12 NOON

- ▶ We will use Penitencia Creek Road.
- ▶ Take 680 freeway north, exit on McKee Road.
- ▶ Head east towards the hills and turn left on Capital Avenue.
- ▶ Go north on Capitol Avenue approximately one mile and turn right on Penitencia Creek Road.
- ▶ Follow Penitencia Creek Road approximately two miles to Alum Rock Park entrance.
- ▶ There is a parking lot where we will meet at noon.



APRIL 19, 2009 - HIDDEN VILLA RANCH IN LOS ALTOS AT 11AM

- ▶ Take Highway 280 North to El Monte and Moody Road.
- ▶ Go west (left) past Foothill College.
- ▶ Stay to the left when road forks.
- ▶ After about 2.2 miles on Moody Road you will see the AYH sign on the left side.
- ▶ Turn left here and go thru the gate to the first parking lot where we will meet at 11am.

Again be prepared for rain and remember to dress accordingly.

As always, participants go at their own risk. Remember to carpool, because Villa Hidden Ranch is private and there is an admission. For more information call Werner at 408.374.2373.

Your fearless leader, Werner Kahlen

Skat

Our next games will be on **MARCH 19** and **APRIL 16 AT 7:30 P.M.** upstairs in the Germania Hall.

Gut Blatt, Dittmer Bubert



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.

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.

The 2009 Germania Verein Board of Directors



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