

Germania Nachrichten

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

January / February 2013

President's Message

This is my first greeting in the new year. I hope your holidays were filled with special moments with family and friends and I wish you health and happiness in the new year.

This concludes one year of service to the Germania Verein as President and it has been a rewarding and at times challenging experience. I had the opportunity to work with many of our Germania volunteers and to honor them we had our annual Appreciation Dinner to give recognition.

On a different occasion, Maria and Helmut Lippert gave a handmade gift, fruit and a personal note to show their gratitude to our volunteers. The gestures we make to show our thanks and appreciation will never equal the contributions of our members. Our tokens of appreciation will never outshine the good feelings that someone gets from volunteering. The true joy comes from within and from the knowledge that you gave time freely and selfishly for the betterment of the Germania Verein.

Some highlights for me this past year were recognizing 25-year and 50-year members at the Wiener Café ceremony and I look forward to honoring members at this same event in 2013; seeing our main hall newly painted and looking brand new; enjoying the new and beautifully detailed exterior paint job of our Victorian club house with the new metal front porch railing.

The challenges of juggling meetings and managing purchasing and understanding the workings of Aiello

and repairs and maintenance of our buildings have been met head on by our Board and volunteers. Our Germania board has been exceptional in tending to all the needs of the club and each volunteer and Abteilung has been instrumental in preserving our purpose to honor our German culture and customs and language. In 2013 we will be looking for more volunteers to be a part of the Germania team.

It does take time for our ideas and improvements to come to fruition. I hope that we can soon see our Germania Flag proudly displayed in the main hall for everyone to see when they enter the room. We have

plans to discuss TVs in the lounges for viewing German language TV events and shows of cultural interest direct from Germany and Europe. A plan needs to be discussed and devised on how to interest the extended family of current members so they come to events at Germania. A volunteer's works is never done ... there will be a number of additional projects and needs to address throughout the year.

I am looking forward to 2013 and I hope you are as well. Best wishes to you and your families.

Sincerely,
Albert Zimmermann

2013 Calendar (PRELIMINARY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

JANUARY

- 4 Membership Meeting
26 Faschingsball

FEBRUARY

- 1 Membership Meeting

MARCH

- 1 Membership Meeting

APRIL

- 5 Membership Meeting
13 Schützenfest

MAY

- 3 Membership Meeting
5 Choir Spring Concert

JUNE

- 1 Picnic in Vasona Park
7 General Meeting

AUGUST

- 2 Membership Meeting
4 Wiener Café

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Membership Meeting
15 Oktoberfest

OCTOBER

- 4 Membership Meeting
19 Fall Dance

NOVEMBER

- 1 Membership Meeting

DECEMBER

- 6 Membership Meeting
8 Advents Café
15 Choir Christmas Concert
31 New Year's Eve Party

Upcoming Events

Faschingsball

DATE: Saturday, January 26, 2013

TIME: Doors open at 2 P.M.

DINNER: Served at 3 P.M. with coffee and cake to follow.

ENTERTAINMENT: Musik-Meister Jürgen Pikat from Anaheim.

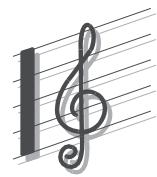
TICKETS: \$35/person available from carnival members.

INFORMATION: For more info call Frieda at 408.448.5084



Department News

Choir



Germania Hall was full of excited visitors on Sunday, December 16, for Germania Choir's ever-popular annual Christmas Concert. Departing from our traditional December program, we sang a long "story" medley of beautiful serious pieces depicting the biblical events of the original Christmas. Everyone was charmed by it as well as by the Frazer's mulled wine served at the bar.

After the holidays we will begin practice for our trip to the annual Singer's Commerce, where the German choirs of Northern California gather to enjoy performances by each and to revisit with old choir friends. In late February we will bus to the large Greek Orthodox Church in Oakland for the event, hosted this year by the Oakland Choir.

It would be a great time for new singers to join us at our first practice of 2013 on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**. We always have room for new singers, male or female, young or old, at all levels of musical proficiency. We practice for two hours **EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:30PM** in Germania Hall.

You can get more information about the choir from Edith Meyer at 408.379.6540 or me at 408.997.3309.

William "Woody" Woodcock

Schützen

Our next meeting is scheduled for **JANUARY 27, 2013 AT 11 AM**. This will also be the day for the 2012 shooting award presentations. All members should attend in the green uniform.

Don Sommerfeld played for us on our Grünkohl dinner dance. It was a most enjoyable event with good music and plenty of delicious food.

At our October meeting most of our members attended in their favored costume. This annual tradition is enjoyed by everyone. We all had a great time. This was also the day for our annual Pizza lunch.

The Schützen Christmas dinner party will be on December 14 this year.

Our monthly meetings and target shooting are normally on the **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 11 AM**. Guests are welcome to attend.

Gut Schuß, Werner Springer, Secretary

Birthdays

January

Margaret Bubert
Egon Donner
Sieglinda Fuggis
Ingrid Fust
Marina Gerola
Herta Giessler
Rosa Harding
Hertha Hoche
Anna Hoegel
Erwin Hoffmann
Helga Hoffmann
Kurt Janssen
Jutta Kiel
Eveline König
Hans Muskat
Joyce Williams
Albert Zimmermann

February

Brigitte Andermatt
Frank Busch
Monica Dournaee
Barbara Figone
Wilhelm Grotheer
Don Haderle
Brigitte Heinze
Helga E. Hoffmann
Thomas Holford
Ingrid Lang
Helmut Lippert
Hedi Loens
Ludwig Meyer
Henry Muth
Thomas Nelson
Ursula Scheelke
Josef Schwarzl
Craig Tarr
Barbara Tuma
Burgie Vorrath
Anne Wipfler
Blanca Zimmermann

Carnival

Hello to all our Carnival friends. We are getting close to celebrate Carnival once again in Las Vegas on **JANUARY 11, 2013**. There are many Germania club members who will be joining us there.

Our Carnival dinner dance at our club will be held on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 26**. See details on front page.

For reservations please call either Frieda at 408.448.5084, Klara at 408.374.2373, Hedi at 408.446.4140, or Burgi at 650.592.9665. We hope to have a full house again.

Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath



Skat

I hope you had woderful holidays and are now ready to play to become the "Skatmeister" of 2013.

The "Skatmeister" of 2012 is
Klaus Glimsky,
2. Georg Kuestermann
3. Ludwig Meyer
4. Dittmer Bubert

Congratulations to all of you!

I also want to let you know, that because of health reasons I no longer will continue to be in charge of the Skat group. Our new "Skatmeister", Klaus Glimsky, offered to be the new leader, but I will still attend the card games as much as I can.

The next card games will be on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**, and **FEBRUARY 21 AT 7:30 PM** upstairs at the Germania Hall. New players, experienced or not, are always welcome.

Gut Blatt, Dittmer Bubert



Language

We invite you to join us at Hardy's Restaurant in Sunnyvale for some German conversation. All ability levels welcome.

We meet **EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY** for a couple of hours. We start to gather at the Stammtisch between **7:30PM AND 8PM** and for a couple hours discuss the topics of the day (in German of course).

Contact Albert Zimmermann at 408.210.9491 or albert@AtoZtravelplanners.com.

See you at Hardy's.

Albert Zimmermann

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Department News

Kaffeeklatsch

A happy and healthy New Year to all our members and friends. I hope you have enjoyed the holidays with all the excitement.



Our Christmas Luncheon on December 11 was a very festive affair. Everyone enjoyed the Glühwein donated and prepared by Anna Hoegel and Martin Schimm. Also, the food from Monalisa was excellent.

Also I would like to thank our members for all their helping hands during the past year and hope to see you all at our next meeting on **JANUARY 8** again. Guests are always welcome.

Edith Meyer

Choir Christmas Concert 2012



In Memoriam

Theo Zimmermann



Committee News

Sunshine

Thank you to all the "Germania Elves" who worked hard so that we were able to enjoy the holiday festivities in the Germania Hall again this year; we know it is not easy to plan these big events and we are truly grateful for all their efforts.

Let us continue sharing our friendship, kindness, forgiveness and tolerance among our Germania Familie in the New Year.

May "Sunshine" always warm your hearts and spirit.

Jutta Kiel

Now is the time when the sharing of love fills our lives with comfort and joy. Open your hearts to the making of new memories.

Membership

Welcome to our newest members Leilani and Michael Eames, Daniel Kionka, Viola Kuchlenz, Helmut Schott, Martina Lavery and Siegfried Eggeling. We hope to see you at many of our events.

Our membership statements will be going out beginning of January. Please make sure to send your payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

We are mourning the passing of Theo Zimmermann, the father of our president Albert Zimmermann. Theo had been a member of our club for 47 years.

Ute Nelson

Department Meetings

Carnival

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10A.M.

Choir

Every Tuesday at 7:30P.M.

Hiking

No hikes scheduled presently.

Kaffeeklatsch

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

Language Group

Stammtisch meets every other Wednesday.

Call for additional event dates.

Skat

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

Schützen

Meetings are on the same day as the target shooting which is the last Sunday of the month at 11A.M.

Happy New Year (Maria Förster de J.)

The old year ushers us with grace
into a brand new set of days
with resolutions and the need
to overcome or to succeed
in goals we failed to reach before
and to this load we add some more.

The pressures from without begin
to team with pressures from within
and after not too many days
we settle for our good old days.

So why not enter each new year
without a plan and free of fear?
Just hope and pray and leave the rest
to fall in place. Just do your best.
Eventually our faith finds ways
to make this world a better place,
so peace on earth can some day be
more than a possibility.
Salute three-hundred sixty-five
new chances and outlooks on life.



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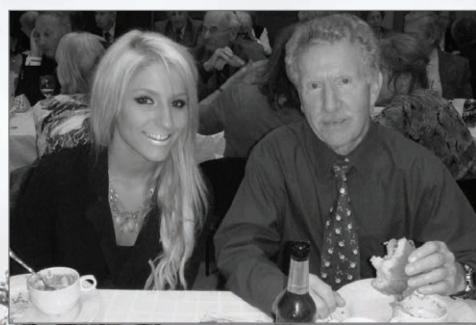
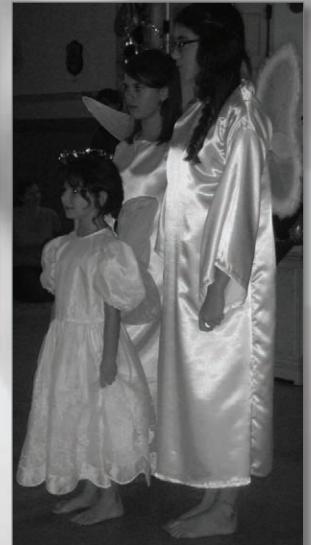
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