

September / October 2013

President's Message

September is here and the Germania Oktoberfest on **SEPTEMBER 15** will soon be opening the doors and the Alpiners' music will be flowing through the hall. Get your tickets and bring yourselves, your children, their children, and your friends and have a great time dancing to the music and enjoying the company of your friends and tablemates.

In August, at the Wiener Café, we had the pleasure to honor our 50 year and 25 year members. Hildegard Wehner and her committee organized a wonderful afternoon and Margaret Bubert prepared the entertainment and treated us to a comical skit and some outlandish hats and costumes.

This year we honored Paul and Ingrid Lang with a plaque for fifty years of membership. Our 25 year membership pin was presented to Hans and Ingrid Kruger, Peter and Brigitte Heinze, Klaus and Burgie Vorrath, Heinz and Sigrid Wegener, Peter and Linda Zakel, Christa Benson and Emma Sawatzki. Helmut and Undine Krauss have also concluded their 50 years of membership but were unable to join us. Congratulations to all of them.

Fifty years ago was a long time ago and our membership was growing. Even twenty-five years ago, the Germania Verein was active and heavily visited by members enjoying parties and club and department events.

From then to now, the Germania membership has slowed down and yet we still manage to fill our hall with happy faces and song and dance and food and drink.

We are still doing something right, but we also need to see changes that might interest new members and get volunteers behind the scenes to make these events possible. It could be soccer or language or dancing or singing or shooting or cards or masquerades or "Klatsch" that could be the catalyst to keeping our Club open for the next twenty-five years.

When I stand before you in a little over twenty-five years to receive my fifty year plaque, I hope there will be many twenty-five year members as well. That means we need to increase our membership numbers now so that the room will be filled to capacity with Germania members having a wonderful afternoon. Something to think about. If you have any ideas to share please let me know your thoughts.

Have a great time at the Germania Hall.

Albert Zimmermann

Upcoming Events



Oktoberfest

DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2013

TIME: Doors open at 12:30 PM

DINNER: Dinner with bratwurst, sauerkraut, and more served at 1:30 PM.

ENTERTAINMENT: The Alpiners will play from 2-6 PM

TICKETS: \$25 for members / \$30 for non-members

RESERVATIONS: Please make reservations by Saturday, September 15

INFORMATION: For info call Hildegard Wehner at 408.246.4644 or

Ute Nelson at 408.241.2926.

Fall Dance

DATE: Saturday, October 12, 2013

TIME: Doors open at 1 PM

DINNER: Grünkohl dinner, coffee served at 2 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT: Provided by Bill Bly

ADMISSION: \$38 per person

INFORMATION: For info call Frieda Sonksen or Georg Breitling

at 408.448.5084

2013 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

6 Membership Meeting

15 Oktoberfest

OCTOBER

4 Membership Meeting

12 Fall Dance

NOVEMBER

1 Membership Meeting

DECEMBER

6 Membership Meeting

8 Advents Café

15 Choir Christmas Concert

31 New Year's Eve Party

Department News

We will hold our next meeting on September 6 in our Upstairs Club Room.

Choir

Despite vacations, nearly our full four-part choir dropped in to the Wiener Café event at the clubhouse in early August and delighted a splendidly dressed full house by singing three waltzes. At the end of August we enjoyed our annual choir picnic at the Elderton's villa, sitting by the pool and tasting various gourmet Würstchen, lovingly grilled by Dittmer Bubert.

Our most popular event, our Christmas Concert, will be our next appearance. We will start preparations at our weekly practices, which resume the week after Labor Day, on **SEPTEMBER 10**.

We meet for two hours **EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:30 PM** upstairs in Germania Hall. New singers of all levels of musical proficiency are always welcome. 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

Twelve of our Germania Schützen members attended the Schützenfest in Anaheim this year. The Germania Schützen earned the second price from the five shooting clubs participating.

Our monthly meetings and target shooting are on the **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING AT 11AM**. Guests are welcome to attend. Our next meetings are scheduled for **SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 27**. The Fall dance with Kale dinner is scheduled for Saturday October 12th. More information on the first page of this news letter.

Gut Schuß, Werner Springer, Secretary

Language

Please join the Stammtisch at Hardy's in Sunnyvale **EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY**. Please arrive between **7:30PM AND 8PM** and stay a couple of hours while enjoying a meal or a drink and some hearty German conversation. Contact Albert Zimmermann at 408.210.9491 or albert@AtoZtravelplanners.com.

*See you at Hardy's.
Albert Zimmermann*

Carnival

We are preparing for a new season in November and now is the time to join and participate in our group.

Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath

Skat

I hope everyone had a good summer. We still meet **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY** of the month in our upstairs club room. Our next games will be **SEPTEMBER 19 AND OCTOBER 17 AT 7:30 PM**. New players, experienced or not, are always welcome.

Gut Blatt, Klaus Glimski

Kaffeeklatsch

The summer is coming to an end. On August 11 we had our first fall meeting and we continue to meet on **SEPTEMBER 10**. Guest are always welcome.

We miss our dear member Henry Rechkemmer but hope to see his wife Margie at future meetings.

Edith Meyer

Committee News

Sunshine

Hopefully all of you who have traveled during the summer months are back, having enjoyed your vacations and are ready to participate in our upcoming events. Some of our "Germania Familie" members encountered various health issues and we wish them a speedy recovery; our special heartfelt thoughts are going to our members who have lost a loved one.

A telephone call or visit shows that we care for each other, so please keep in touch. Let me know when I can bring "Sunshine"; it is better to receive several calls than none at all.

Like the sun that warms everything in its path, kindred souls bring light into our lives.

*Sunshine Lady,
Jutta Kiel*

Membership

Welcome to our newest member Elizabeth Stamp. We hope we will see you at many of our events.

We are saddened by the loss of our longtime member Henry Rechkemmer. Henry and his wife Margie were honored last year for 50 years of membership in our club. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Ute Nelson

Birthdays

September

Else Allmendinger
Ruth Angst
Christa Benson
Ilse Boldt
Willy Bongartz
John Cicotte
Helga Cihlar
Allan Dourmaee
Elisabeth Felix
Irmgard Funk
Renee Hendriksz
Klara Kahlen
Guenter Knoop
Viola Kuchlenz
Mathilde Lucht
Irene Marahrens
Stephen Nelson
Ute Nelson
Sonja Norland
Magdalena Schweiger
Susan Torngren
Heinz Wegener

October

Roswitha Barry
Robert Busse
Liselotte Coot
Nora Elderton
Gerald Hunt
Aurel Keck
Herbert Knoesel
Ursula Knox
Edwin Long
Dennis Mueller
Annemarie Nelson
Werner Neumaier
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Germania
The German-American
Club of San Jose **Verein**

Wiener Café 2013



The Germania Choir



Ingrid and Paul Lang receiving 50 year membership plaque from Albert Zimmermann



Group receiving 25-year membership pin



Margaret and Dittmer Bubert



Margaret Bubert's "Hat Models"



Mrs. Hawlitscheck (Hildegard Wehner) and Mrs. Posposchill (Margaret Bubert)

In Memoriam

Henry Rechkemmer



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 12P.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.

Herbst ~

*Schon ins Land der Pyramiden
Flohn die Störche übers Meer;
Schwalbenflug ist längst geschieden,
Auch die Lerche singt nicht mehr.*

*Seufzend in geheimer Klage
Streift der Wind das letzte Grün;
Und die süßen Sommertage,
Ach, sie sind dahin, dahin!*

*Nur noch einmal bricht die Sonne
Unaufhaltsam durch den Duft,
Und ein Strahl der alten Wonne
Rieselt über Tal und Kluft.*

*Und es leuchten Wald und Heide,
Dass man sicher glauben mag,
Hinter allem Winterleide
Liegt ein ferner Frühlingstag.*

Theodor Storm



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