

May / June 2014

## President's Message

Please make an extra effort to attend our **MAY 1 MEETING** at the Germania Verein. We will have special guest speaker, mayoral candidate and supervisor, Mr. Sam Liccardo. **REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BEFORE THE 8PM START TIME, SO PLEASE COME ABOUT 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO GET SITUATED.** The subject matter to be discussed is of interest to Germania members and San Jose residents alike, as we learn about the city's plans for the Second and Julian neighborhood and also upcoming development and parking plans for the area; an added benefit will be the chance to meet Mr. Liccardo up close while putting the Germania Verein on his radar. There will be a short question and answer period as well. Please join us for this event and following will be a shortened form of our regular monthly **MEMBERSHIP MEETING FROM 8:45PM TO 9:15PM.** I hope we have a large turnout.

The German/Swiss/Austrian Heritage night at the San Jose Earthquakes Game on **OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:30PM** is really gearing up to be a great event. Only two-hundred game ticket and commemorative T-shirt packages are now available for \$25 per person. Seating will be in our special section and other special pre-game youth and adult activities will be announced in the coming months. Please give me your check payments sooner than later so you don't miss out on this event. Ask your family and friends to join us because it will be a fun night out! If you dare say you need another chance to show off your "German-ness", don't forget I still have a limited number of tickets for the **OKTOBERFEST BY THE BAY** in San Francisco on **SEPTEMBER 21**, for only \$5.00 per person (\$20 at the door).

Now that I have exhausted you with event after event, take some time to relax at our **GERMANIA PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1**, at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. We will be using the same picnic area we have used for many years.

Come and be serenaded by our gift to you: some live music for your enjoyment to go along with the BBQ and drinks provided by the Club. There is no cost for members to attend this event.

Again, I am hoping for a good turnout at all these events and at all Germania Abteilungen and Verein events throughout the year. I know it is not possible to always be present, but make an effort when you can. Wishing you "Gute Unterhaltung und viel Spass".

*Albert Zimmermann*

## Upcoming Events

### Choir Spring Concert

**DATE:** Sunday, May 4, 2014

**TIME:** Doors open at 1PM and the singing begins at 2PM

**DINNER:** Served at 3:30PM

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Jan Meer will play until 7PM

**TICKETS:** \$35/person available from Choir members

**INFORMATION:** For reservations and further

information call Edith Meyer at 408.379.6540.

### Picnic in Vasona Park

**DATE:** Sunday, June 1, 2014

**TIME:** Festivities begin at 11AM

**LOCATION:** Vasona Park, 333 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos (last picnic area when you drive all the way up the hill on the right)

**FOOD:** Food and soft drinks provided by the club

**ADMISSION:** Free - donations for guests appreciated.

**FUN FOR THE FAMILY:** Life accordion music. Bring your kids and grandkids! Don't forget your sunshade or umbrella for your picnic table.

**RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:** We need a head count so that we have enough sausages. Please call either Hildegard Wehner at 408.246.4644, or Ute Nelson at 408.241.2926.

### Vienna Café

Mark your calendars for the Vienna Cafe on **AUGUST 10** at Germania Hall. More details to follow.

## 2014 Calendar

### MAY

- 2 Membership Meeting
- 4 Choir Spring Concert

### JUNE

- 1 Picnic in Vasona Park
- 6 Membership Meeting

**JULY** - The club is closed during July.

### AUGUST

- 1 Membership Meeting
- 10 Wiener Café

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Membership Meeting
- 13 Oktoberfest

### OCTOBER

- 3 Membership Meeting

### NOVEMBER

- 7 Membership Meeting
- 8 Fall Dance

### DECEMBER

- 5 Membership Meeting / Election of Board of Director
- 14 Choir Christmas Concert

# Department News

## Choir

On Sunday afternoon, **MAY 4**, the Germania Choir will be presenting its annual **SPRING CONCERT IN GERMANIA HALL**. This year our program is centered about a wonderful medley of songs from the beloved operetta "Der Vogelhändler". You don't want to miss hearing your favorite operetta tunes. See the Upcoming Events section on the first page for details. Admission tickets must be purchased in advance from choir members or may be reserved by calling Edith Meyer at 379-6540.

After that we begin a summer pause and start our rehearsals again on 9 September. That would be a great time for any new singers, male or female, young or old, at all levels of musical proficiency, to join us in preparation for our popular Christmas Concert. We will practice for two hours every **TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:30 PM** upstairs in Germania Hall. You can get more information about joining the choir from Edith Meyer 408.379.6540 or me 408.997.3309.

**William "Woody" Woodcock**

## Schützen

Our Schützenfest was a successful event. As in previous years we had good representation from the Anaheim and the Las Vegas Schützen Clubs to help us celebrate. Frieda Sonksen is our Queen this year and Klaus Glimski is our Vice King. Both were introduced at the Schützenfest.

Monthly meetings and target shooting are generally on the **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING AT 11 AM**. Guests and prospective new members are welcome to attend on our regular monthly meetings.

However the April meeting has been changed to **WEDNESDAY APRIL 30 STARTING AT 7 PM**. The May meeting may also need to be changed.

**Gut Schuß, Werner Springer, Secretary**

## Carnival

Hello to all our Carnival friends. Our group is resting. We will continue in fall.

**Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath**

## Language

Our 'Stammtisch' meets **EVERY OTHER WENESDAY** at Hardy's in Sunnyvale **BETWEEN 7:30 AND 8:00 P.M.** For more info call me at 408.210.9491.

**Albert Zimmermann**

## Kaffeeklatsch

On April 8 we celebrated Easter with a delicious brunch. The atmosphere was very festive and the food was excellent. A big thank you to all the ladies who contributed to this wonderful event.

It was nice to see Achim Schomann and Elfriede Maitland again after a lengthy illness.

The next two meetings will be on **MAY 13 AND JUNE 10**, and we will be on summer break during the month of July. Have a wonderful summer.

**Edith Meyer**

## Skat

Don't forget - we are playing **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30PM** in the Club's upstairs lounge. New players, both experienced and beginner, are always welcome.

**Gut Blatt, Klaus Glimski**

# Committee News

## Sunshine

I have overcome my health issues and hope to bring "Sunshine" to our Germania Family. The weather is getting better which will lift our spirits so that we can share "sunny" thoughts, enjoying each other's company during our monthly membership meetings and upcoming festivities.

Please call me if some of our Germania Family members need a little extra "Sunshine" and encouragement so that I can let them know they are in our thoughts. "Sunshine" to all of you.

**Happy thoughts brighten our days.**

**Jutta Kiel**

## Membership

Welcome new members: **MARGRIT GIPNER, CAROLYN SCHMIDT, KATHRYN STEELE SCHMIDT, RUSSELL KRIEDEL, RAJKUMAR AND SHAKUNTALA AGARWAL**. We are looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and events.

**Ute Nelson**

## Birthdays

### May

Gerhard Beutelspacher  
 Carl Conrad  
 Laura Frazer  
 Michael Gottwald  
 Rudy Gottwald  
 Walter Hecker  
 Peter Heinze  
 Shirley Koch  
 John Kreiser  
 Jutta Leidreiter  
 Maria Lippert  
 Radina Lueneburger  
 Gertrud Perhson  
 Frieda Schomann  
 Werner Springer  
 Alfred Viereckl  
 Jerry Weiblen  
 Christopher Werle  
 Debra Wolf  
 Caroline Wolf



### June

Roswitha Guzman  
 Steve Klesitz  
 Georg Kuestermann  
 Karl Leinberger  
 Anna Long  
 Richard McKinney  
 Edith Monet  
 Frieda Sonksen  
 Hildegard Wehner  
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### Newsletter

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### German Pioneers

Learn about our German ancestors who have contributed to this area since 1841. Visit [www.germanamericanpioneers.org](http://www.germanamericanpioneers.org) or contact Maria Brand at 408.270.4888.

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# Schützenfest 2014



*Outgoing Royals*



*Incoming Royals*



# Department Meetings

## Carnival

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10A.M.

## Choir

Every Tuesday at 7:30P.M.

## Hiking

No hikes scheduled presently.

## Kaffeeklatsch

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 12P.M.

## Language Group

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

## Skat

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## Der Einsame

Wer einsam ist, der hat es gut,  
Weil keiner da, der ihm was tut.  
Ihn stört in seinem Lustrevier  
Kein Tier, kein Mensch und kein Klavier,  
Und niemand gibt ihm weise Lehren,  
Die gut gemeint und böse zu hören.  
Der Welt entronnen, geht er still  
In Filzpantoffeln, wann er will.  
Sogar im Schlafrock wandelt er  
Bequem den ganzen Tag umher.  
Er kennt kein weibliches Verbot,  
Drum raucht und dampft er wie ein Schlot.  
Geschützt vor fremden Späherblicken,  
Kann er sich selbst die Hose flicken.  
Liebt er Musik, so darf er flöten,  
Um angenehm die Zeit zu töten,  
Und laut und kräftig darf er prusten,  
Und ohne Rücksicht darf er husten,  
Und allgemach vergisst man seiner.  
Nur allerhöchstens fragt mal einer:  
Was, lebt er noch? Ei, Schwerenot,  
Ich dachte längst, er wäre tot.  
Kurz, abgesehn vom Steuerzahlen,  
Lässt sich das Glück nicht schöner malen.  
Worauf denn auch der Satz beruht:  
Wer einsam ist, der hat es gut.  
~Wilhelm Busch~