

March / April 2015

## President's Message

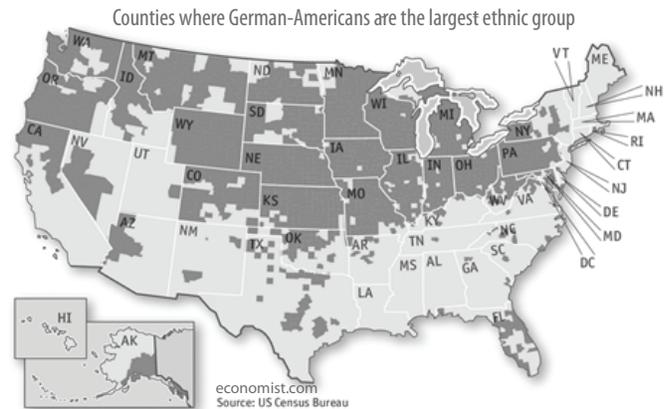
***"Wir sind hier, so we don't disappear; Germania ist hier, so we don't disappear."***

If you did not see the recent article in "The Economist" then please ask me for a copy or see the article online (and the interesting comments).

The article reconfirms the notion that our German Community is hidden within the greater community and that we are strong and vibrant yet operate under the radar. After reading the article, I quickly coined the phrase "Wir sind hier, so we don't disappear; Germania ist hier, so we don't disappear". The strongest aspects of our Germania existence are that we congregate each week and each month at our Club House so we can keep our German heritage and culture and language and traditions alive in the New World so that these aspects which our relatives and forefathers brought to America don't disappear. But our Club House is behind closed doors and not part of the public scene.

I can think of two German events that I personally like to support because they get our community out in front of the general public to display our German-side. The long standing "German Day" at Oktoberfest by the Bay is a day set aside for the German clubs of the Bay Area to congregate and this event is also open to the general public so a nice mix of Germans and "non-Germans". The newest event, which this year will only be in its second year is The German Heritage Night

with the San Jose Earthquakes (tentative date October 3rd), which again is an event you don't want to miss because it will be a lot of fun in the brand new stadium, and the relevance is that our German Community gets to say to all of San Jose and the greater Bay Area "Wir sind hier, so we don't disappear!". Please continue to support our underlying cause so that we can separate ourselves from the general societal fabric for one or two days a year so that we don't disappear. I look forward to spending some time with you and your families at all the Germania and German Community events this year so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. ***Viel Spass! Albert Zimmermann***



## Upcoming Events

### Schützenfest

**DATE:** Saturday, April 11, 2015

**TIME:** Doors open at 1PM

**DINNER:** Served at 2PM

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Music by Bill Blythe

**TICKETS:** \$35 per person to be purchased from Schützen members

**INFORMATION:** For more info call Frieda Sonksen or Georg Breitling at 408.448.5084

## 2015 Calendar

### MARCH

6 Membership Meeting

### APRIL

3 Membership Meeting

11 Schützenfest

### MAY

1 Membership Meeting

17 Choir Spring Concert

31 Picnic in Vasona Park

### JUNE

5 Membership Meeting

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

### AUGUST

7 Membership Meeting

9 Wiener Café

### SEPTEMBER

4 Membership Meeting

13 Oktoberfest

### OCTOBER

2 Membership Meeting

### NOVEMBER

6 Membership Meeting

8 Fall Dance

### DECEMBER

1 Kaffeeklatsch Christmas Lunch

4 Membership Meeting / Election of Board of Director

13 Choir Christmas Concert

# Department News

## Schützen

The San Jose Schützen had two successful function in 2014. The annual Schützenfest and the Fall dinner dance.

We are thankful for our loyal supporters and guests who were able to attend and celebrate with us on one or both of those events.

The 2015 Schützenfest will be on **SATURDAY APRIL 11..** See the Upcoming Events section on the front page for details.

The date for the Fall dinner dance has not been decided on at this time.

The regular meetings and target shooting are on the **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING AT 11 AM.** Guests are welcome to attend and try out their shooting skills.



**Gut Schuß, Werner Springer**

## Carnival

Our carnival dance on February 8 was very nice and a great success. Many of our carnival friends attended and everyone had a good time.

Once again prizes were given for best costumes. Everyone enjoyed our dinner menu and no one went home hungry.

**Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath**

## Kaffeeklatsch

We had a good start in the New Year and we are looking forward to our next meeting on March 10. On April 14th we'll have our annual Easter-Brunch. We hope to see many of you as we would like to make a group picture for our new Germania history book.

**Edith Meyer**

## Language

Come and join our "Stammtisch" if you want to practice your German. We meet **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**

## Skat

Our top players for 2014 are:

1. Steve Nelson - 9650 points
2. Ludwig Meyer - 7990 points
3. Klaus Glimski - 7988 points



The best players of the month are

- ▶ Otto Fuggis - 1744 points
- ▶ Günter Knoop - 1432
- ▶ Erwin Fritz - 1458
- ▶ Gerhard Gipner - 1453
- ▶ Klaus Vorrath - 1357.

We play every **THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:30 PM.** Please join our group, everyone is welcome - experienced or not.

**Gut Blatt, Klaus Glimski**

## Choir

By the time you read this, the Germania Choir will have just returned from a successful bus excursion to the Pacific Singing Society's annual Kommers at the German Club in Sacramento. Some seven German choirs of Northern California, as well as the Phoenix Choir from Los Angeles, made an appearance, and the San Jose choir delighted the audience with our medley of beloved tunes from the operetta Der Vogelhaendler.

We are now practicing for our annual Spring concert, to be held on Sunday, May 17, in Germania Hall.

If you have a desire join our thirty-some singers, now would be a good time to come on-board. We welcome singers of all ages, genders, and any level of singing proficiency. Fluent German is not required. We 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 408.379.6540 or me 408.997.3309.

**William "Woody" Woodcock**



## Birthdays

### March

Lore Baur  
Ingrid Bayne  
Maria Brand  
Stanley Cheever  
Amanda Cuva  
Erwin Fritz  
Klaus Glimski  
Gail Haderle  
Elfriede Hull  
Undine Krauss  
Marlen Meier  
Patricia Nelson  
Helen Neschen  
Loretta Preisser  
Sergio Ramirez  
Hermann Rehmeier  
Gerhard Schlecht  
Cecilie Springer  
Werner Tams  
Manfred Trogisch  
Renate Wedel  
Kay Weeks  
Gaby Werner  
Herbert Wipfler  
Walter Worth



### April

Hildegard Boehringer  
Siegfried Boldt  
Evelyn Cheever  
Hildegard Donner  
Gerhard Gipner  
Stephen Goth  
Guenther Grosser  
Melissa Guerrero  
Pedro Guzman  
Gita Hartzheim  
Emil Heyler  
Willi Huebner  
Ingrid Kohler  
Otto Leidreiter  
Edmund Loens  
Monika Naslund  
Gloria Nyberg  
Kathryn Steele-Schmidt  
William Woodcock

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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.

**Germania**  
 The German-American  
 Club of San Jose **Verein**

## Committee News

### Sunshine

We have began a new year, with great intentions to bring special "Sunshine" to our Germania family members. It brings great pleasure to our family members to get a call "out of the blue" to inquire about their well being, showing them that we care about them and that we have not forgotten our friends.

Please, let me know if I can a very special "Sunshine" to anyone in our "Germania Familie".

Open your  so that my "Sunshine" may enter.

**Jutta Kiel**

### Membership

Our statements for membership dues went out late. Thank you for sending your payment so promptly.

**Ute Nelson**

*Life is measured  
 in kindness  
 and all the  
 sweet blessings  
 we've known.*

## The 2015 Board of Directors



Top Row: Claudia Weller, Christine Rehmeier, Walter Harding, Klaus Glimski, Reinhard Wolf  
 Front Row: Ute Nelson, Albert Zimmerman, Dennis Mueller

# Department Meetings

## Carnival

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 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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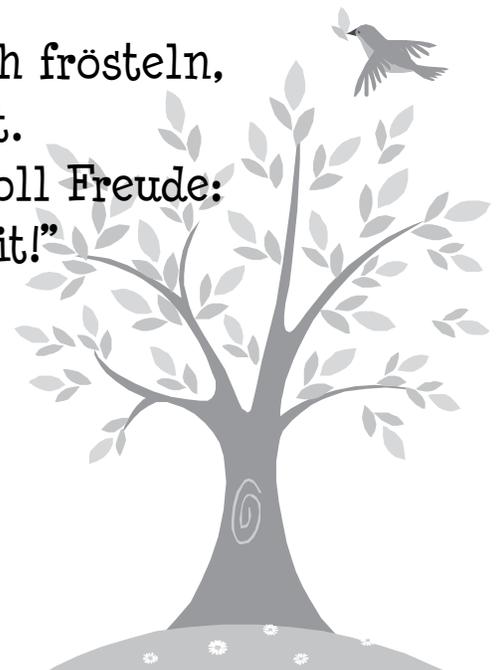
Ich habe es gespürt,  
als mich am frühen Morgen  
ein Sonnenstrahl berührt.

Schon stehen Tulpenblätter  
und Krokusse vorm Haus,  
auch eine Hyazinthe  
streckt keck ihr Köpfchen raus.

Verwelktes Laub vom Vorjahr  
hängt zitternd noch am Baum,  
leicht zögernd löst sich dieser  
aus seinem Wintertraum.

Hoch oben auf dem Schornstein  
bezieht Herr Storch sein Nest  
und Menschenkinder freuen  
sich auf das Osterfest.

Der Märzwind lässt mich frösteln,  
noch ist es nicht so weit.  
Doch singt mein Herz voll Freude:  
"Nah ist die Frühlingszeit!"



# Faschingsball 2015



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