

May / June 2015

President's Message

Here I am again, number one Germania cheerleader. Go Germania! Wir sind hier, so we don't disappear! We need you at all our events and more.

Don't forget to note in your calendar that the **FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH** (except for July) is our General Membership meeting. See the club government in action and participate. Plan to attend a future Department event so ask the groups about their next event and support them.

Another reminder is our **GERMANIA PICNIC AT VASONA ON MAY 30** for members, family and friends, so bring a car full, but please RSVP so we can provide enough food and drinks. We will have live music and games for the kids.

Some special events going on now that you need to know about are The Santa Clara University/Germania community learning film project (ongoing for 5 more weeks, a free event for members participation as part of the Language group) to view and discuss top German films with university students; Oktoberfest by the Bay discounted \$5 admission for Sunday, September 27, must be ordered now from Albert or Edith Meyer (also volunteers needed for the Saturday date to man the UGAS booth selling Beersteins); German Heritage Soccer night, October 3, evening at new Avaya Stadium (order tickets from Albert \$30 and get free t-shirt).

Every event I mentioned here is for YOU, and if we have your support these programs can continue. But if our members and their friends and families do not support our efforts then what we are offering will slowly go away, so please attend and tell others about all the wonderful events on our calendar. The soccer night was started by me for Germania and family to have a night out on the town and say "We are German". The

departments work very hard to provide a cultural experience year after year, and the University project is a unique language experience we have never had before. Our Board of Directors spends countless hours keeping the club running and can use your help and support too. I have to say it again, remember: Go Germania! Wir Sind hier, so we don't disappear!

Albert Zimmermann

UPDATE!

Please be aware that the date for the Picnic in Vasona Park is now SATURDAY, MAY 30.

Upcoming Events

Choir Spring Concert

DATE: Sunday, May 17, 2015

TIME: Doors open at 1PM and the concert begins at 2PM

DINNER: Leberkäse, potato salad, and dessert at 3:30PM

ENTERTAINMENT: Jan Meer will play until 7PM

TICKETS: \$35/person available. Checks to be made out to Germania Choir

INFORMATION: Edith Meyer 408.379.6540 or Hildegard Wehner 408.246.4644

Picnic in Vasona Park

DATE: Saturday, May 30, 2015

TIME: Join us beginning 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: Live accordion music. There will be games and prizes for children. Don't forget your sunshade or umbrella for your picnic table.

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION: Contact Hildegard Wehner at 408.246.4644.

2015 Calendar

MAY

- 1 Membership Meeting
- 17 Choir Spring Concert
- 30 Picnic in Vasona Park

JUNE

- 5 Membership Meeting

JULY - The club is closed during July.

AUGUST

- 7 Membership Meeting
- 16 Wiener Café

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Membership Meeting
- 13 Oktoberfest

OCTOBER

- 2 Membership Meeting
- 24 Fall Dance

NOVEMBER

- 6 Membership Meeting

DECEMBER

- 1 Kaffeeklatsch Christmas Lunch
- 5 Membership Meeting / Election of Board of Director
- 13 Choir Christmas Concert

Department News

Schützen

The 2015 Schützenfest on April 11 was well attended. All had a great time. This year the plywood bird was used for the king shooting. That poor bird had to suffer a lot.

Our new king is Stephen Goth, the vice king Werner Kahlen, and the king of kings is Werner Springer.

The other parts of the bird were shot off by Siegfried Boldt, Carl Smith, Ingrid Kruger, Marianne Grotheer, and Hedi Loens.

We had again a number of visitors from Anaheim and two groups from Las Vegas helping us to celebrate. The San Jose Schützen had the highest score, Anaheim the second, and Las Vegas the third in the Sunday club shooting competition.

The regular meetings and target shooting are on the **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING AT 11 AM**. The May meeting has been moved to the 24th because of Memorial Day.

Guests are welcome to attend and try out their shooting skills.

Gut Schuß, Werner Springer

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

Carnival

The carnival group is resting till their new season starts again in November.

Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath



Skat

You are missing out on the excitement playing the old card game, Skat! So come and join us.

We play **EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH** and new players - experienced or not - are always welcome.

Gut Blatt, Klaus Glimski

Choir

With the coming of spring, the Germania Choir is now concentrating on a diverse program for the upcoming **SPRING CONCERT ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, IN THE GERMANIA HALL**. See the Upcoming Events on the front page for details. You will hear some wonderful tunes from old Berlin by Walter Kollo, as well as some beautiful classical choral pieces by the likes of Felix Mendelsohn.

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 in the ballroom at Germania Hall.

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

William "Woody" Woodcock

Kaffeeklatsch

We had our Easter brunch in April and quite a few guests joined us for this event. Everyone enjoyed

the potluck food our members brought in and we had a wonderful time.

I hope to see many of you at our next meetings on **MAY 12 AND JUNE 9**. We will be on summer break in July.

Edith Meyer



Calendar Changes

Some dates on our calendar have changed. Please review the calendar on the front page and take note of the changes.

Birthdays

May

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



June

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

In Memoriam

Emma Sawatzki



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Committee News

Sunshine

We are about to celebrate Mothers Day and I would like to wish all of you special women a wonderful day; you do not need to be a mother to have had a great impact on a child - we thank you for your generous love and affection, celebrating all woman in our Germania Familie.

Come join us in our monthly meetings and events to continue our friendships and build new ones; let us laugh together and exchange memories.

"Sunshine" to all of you.

Jutta Kiel

*Favorite people, favorite places,
favorite memories of the past
these are the joys of a lifetime,
these are the things that last.*

Membership

Welcome to our newest members Martina Keim, Swantje Agape, Stacey Cler, and Karen Buck. We are looking forward to seeing you at many of our events.

By the way, if you don't find yourself in the birthday list that is because you have neglected to state your birth date on the membership application. Let me know if you want to correct it.

We are saddened by the loss of our longtime member Emma Sawatzki. Emma was Walter Harding's mother and lived to be 101 years of age. Our condolences to the family.

Ute Nelson

The Secret of the Onion

In 1919, approximately 40 million people died because of influenza. A doctor visited many farmers to see how he could help them to fight this disease.

When he came upon one farm he was surprise to see that no one was ill. He asked what they do differently than the others to stay healthy and the woman of the house said that in each room she has an unpeeled onion on a plate to keep the flu symptoms away.

The doctor didn't believe this and asked if he could have one of the onions to check it under the microscope. Well, he then found that the onion had trapped all the bacteria, which in turn enabled the family to stay healthy.

Another story says to cut off the two end of the onion, prick a side with a fork and put it on a plate next to the patient. The onion should then blacken from the bacteria. So the moral of this story is - buy a few onions, lay them unpeeled on plates throughout the house, and you will remain healthy.

A cheap medication for the whole family !!



New This Year!

December Meeting and Christmas Lunch Celebration!

Hear! Hear! Something new for Germania members. The December membership meeting will be on Saturday, Dec.5th, at noon time followed by a Christmas luncheon, coffee and cake, and a sing a long! This is free to all members by reservation only. Details will follow after the summer break in the Germania Nachrichten.

Department Meetings

Carnival

Every 2nd Monday 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.

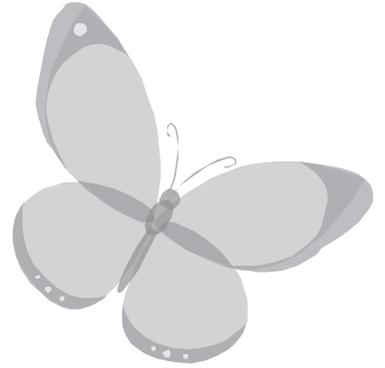
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Hab Dank

Hab Dank für frohe Kinderjahre
ich denke gern daran zurück.
Dein warmes Lachen - unsre Nähe,
mein ungetrübtes Kinderglück.
Hab Dank für die stets offenen Arme
in die ich immer flüchten kann.
Für dein so herzliches Verstehen,
für ernste Worte dann und wann.
Hab Dank für dieses „Selbstverständlich“
das deinem Tun zu Grunde liegt
und dafür, dass ich sicher sein kann,
dass deine Liebe immer siegt.
Hab Dank will ich dir heute sagen.
Doch Dank gebührt dir jede Stund.
Hab Dank - lass herzlich dich umarmen,
bleib wie du bist und bleib gesund

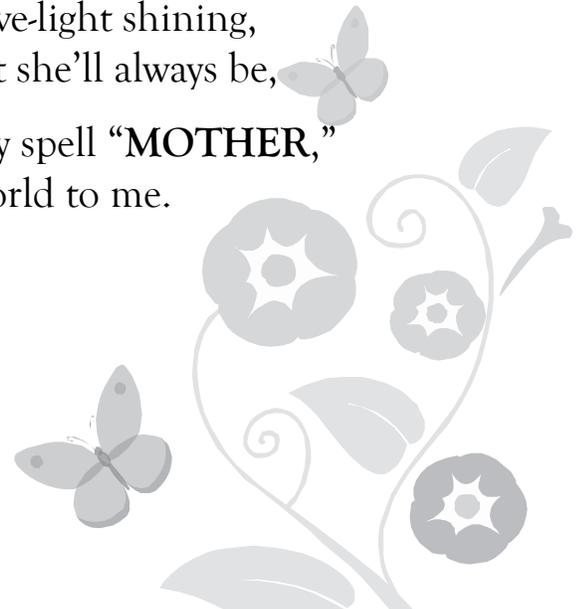


M - O - T - H - E - R

“M” is for the million things she gave me,
“O” means only that she’s growing old,
“T” is for the tears she shed to save me,
“H” is for her heart of purest gold;
“E” is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
“R” means right, and right she’ll always be,

Put them all together, they spell “MOTHER,”
A word that means the world to me.

Howard Johnson (c. 1915)



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