

Germania Nachrichten

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

July / August 2015

President's Message

The Germania Verein has been at the center of the German community in the Santa Clara Valley for over 150 years and hopefully soon we will be able to make a new statement with a historical book compiled by our member Maria Brand, a book that "celebrates the lives and accomplishments of the German immigrants who came to Santa Clara Valley." which was how her friend April Halberstadt described it to me. Maria approached the Germania Board to ask for support to get this historical compilation published and requested a financial contribution toward the book, and even though the Board strongly supported the cause and her efforts, no funding was granted until a business plan is presented for further consideration. I am encouraged the book will be published and funded by personal and corporate contributions, advance book sales and other sponsorships. I will help Maria prepare a business plan and we are also looking for members that would be interested in being part of a committee and/or contributing their time to make this project a success.

I encourage you to voice your opinion to your board members if you would like the Germania to help finance this lasting relic of German history in Santa Clara Valley. The book will consist primarily of 75 stories about German immigrants who made a difference and will feature the Germania Verein and our past and current history. We hope to encourage other German Clubs and organizations to publish one page about themselves so they will be represented and be interested in having the book as part of their library. I will make a personal contribution towards getting the book published and I would also like to pay in advance for a copy or two. Maybe you can do the same and encourage others to do likewise. If we support this project it will truly be a way to preserve our German heritage in this valley. This is a positive collection and statement of what Germans have done to build up this Valley we call home. There is no other book of this type in existence and this should be printed so

we have a legacy in place for ourselves and future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

Again, what can you do to support this project? Tell the Board that you support funding of this book from our general fund; offer a personal financial contribution toward getting the project completed; pay in advance for copies of this book; tell your friends and family about your efforts to ensure this book get published. You will continue to hear more about this book project and we need to keep the momentum going so this idea remains a priority. Please contact me or Maria Brand for more information about the book and how you can be part of the effort to get it published.

Albert Zimmerman

Upcoming Events

Wiener Café

The Wiener Café will be an exciting event. Ladies wear your "Sonntagsnachmittagsspaziergangsommerhut"!

DATE: Sunday, August 16, 2015

TIME: Doors open 1:30 P.M.

MUSIC: Provided by Joe Domitrovich from 2-6 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT: By Margaret Bubert

FOOD: Cake and coffee will be served

ADMISSION: \$13 members / \$16 non-members

RESERVATIONS: Make reservations by August 11

INFORMATION & TICKETS: Contact Hildegard Wehner at 408.246.4644 or Ute Nelson at 408.241.2926

Oktoberfest

DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2015

TIME: Doors open at 12 noon

DINNER: Dinner with sausages, sauerkraut, potato salad, and cake served at 1 PM.

ENTERTAINMENT: Music entertainment starting 2 PM

TICKETS: \$35/person, Checks to be made out to Carnival Group

INFORMATION & TICKETS: Georg & Frieda at 408.448.5084

2015 Calendar

AUGUST

- 7 Membership Meeting
- 16 Wiener Café

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Membership Meeting
- 12 Oktoberfest

OCTOBER

- 2 Membership Meeting
- 24 Fall Dance

NOVEMBER

- 6 Membership Meeting

DECEMBER

- 1 Kaffeeklatsch Christmas Lunch
- 5 Membership Meeting / Christmas Luncheon
- 13 Choir Christmas Concert

Department News

Schützen

A few of our members participated in the Las Vegas Schützenfest. Five members and three guests also attended the Anaheim Schützen festivities. This year the Saturday dance was held in the large tent together with the Summer Bierfest. The Bluebirds played the appropriated dance music.

The next function in San Jose will be the Fall dance. More details soon.

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

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 will not meet until October 2015. However, we are hosting the Oktoberfest event and hope to see many of you to celebrate with us. Please see the events forecast at the front page.

Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath

Skat

We are off for the month of July, but starting in August we will again play **EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH** and new players are always welcome.

Gut Blatt, Klaus Glimski

Kaffeeklatsch

We are on summer break during July, but I hope to see many of you at our next meeting on **AUGUST 11**.

Edith Meyer

In Memoriam

Willi Bongartz



Choir

Our choir members were pleased to see so many of you in Germania Hall in May to enjoy our Spring Concert dinner/dance. We are now taking a brief summer break during which we will gather for our popular choir picnic on August 2 at the Elderton's.

There we will also have a brief rehearsal for our appearance at the club's annual **WIENER CAFÉ EVENT ON AUGUST 16** in Germania Hall (hope to see you there). On September 15 we start our weekly rehearsals again in preparation for our very popular Christmas Concert.

September would be a great time for any new singers, male or female, young or old, at any level of musical or German language proficiency, to join us at Germania Hall **EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:30PM**. You can get more information about joining the choir from Edith 408.379.6540 or me 408.997.3309.

William "Woody" Woodcock

Committee News

Sunshine

A lot of our Germania family members are still traveling and we wish them safe journeys, looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

A lot of special "Sunshine" to several of our Germania family members who are under the weather, we are thinking about you with all our hearts and wish you a speedy recovery so that we can enjoy your company again shortly,

Please call me to let me know if I can bring "Sunshine" to any member of our Germania family.

Jutta Kiel

Membership

A big welcome to our newest member Mark Bubert. Mark has already been quite active in our club by aiding his mother Margaret in her comedy performances. Thank you Mark and we hope to see you at many of our festivities.

We are saddened by the loss of Willy Bongartz. Willy joined Germania in 1956 which presently made him our most senior club member.

Ute Nelson

Birthdays

July

Rajkumar Agarwal
Ursula Christiansen
Mark Cihlar
Edith Davenport
Rosa Genys
Eugenie Kippes
Eric Kohler
Gerhard Lueneburger
Rosemary McKinney
Reinhard Meier
Hedi Peller
Heinz Plischke
John Poole
Maria Ramirez
Margarete Reckemmer
Chris Rehmeyer
Gisela Reinhold
Carolyn Schmidt
Irene Stock
Stephanie Tuma
Al Wedel
Sigrid Wegener
Ann Werle
Heinz Werle
Manfred Werner
Gerda Wicklow



August

Karen Buck
Alice Busch
Leilanie Eames
Michael Eames
Claire Gerwulf
Ursula Hoffmeister
Daniel Ivarson
Armin Kippes
Irma Kletke
Helmut Krauss
Ingrid Kruger
Ilse Lyon
Elfriede Maitland
John Mermis
Edith Meyer
Donald Neely
Anni Patrus
Helmut Schott
Sigrid Sikora
Leona Snyder
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Klaus Vorrath
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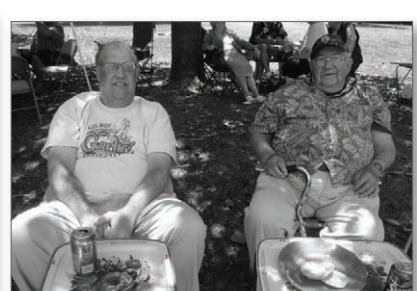
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German Pioneers

Learn about our German ancestors who have contributed to this area since 1841. Visit www.germanamericanpioneers.org or contact Maria Brand at 408.270.4888.



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 The German-American Club of San Jose
Verein



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.

Spring Concert May 17, 2015



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