

March / April 2016

President's Message

The new year is starting out as a very busy year. Get your calendars out and start writing in all these "save the dates". Also other events on the Germania calendar for the first half of the year are shaping up well. The Schützenfest is scheduled for April, Choir Spring Concert in May. Germania Picnic at Vasona on June 5. Looking even a bit further forward, the Heritage German Soccer night is scheduled for October 1. More info on all these events will be available soon.

We recently were granted an amendment to our Conditional Use Permit at Germania which allows our new restaurant and Biergarten "Ludwig's" to operate expanded restaurant hours. Make a note that the Grand Opening event for Ludwig's is schedule for April 30th. More info to come.

On a sad note, we recently lost one of our active members, Karl Leinberger. He was a lively man with many words for a good poem. He will be missed.

The Germania flag in our hall was his design and doing, so when you see the flag, think of Karl and salute him.

As you can see, there is a lot of activity going on in our German community. Please participate and remember that our Germania Verein is important. We get together, we meet, we plan these events and attend these events so that we can be seen as an active community. I will repeat what I have said before, "Wir sind hier, so we don't disappear!"

Albert Zimmermann



2016 Calendar

MARCH

4 Membership Meeting

APRIL

1 Membership Meeting
9 Schützen König - Dinner
Dance

MAY

6 Membership Meeting
15 Choir Concert - Dinner Dance

JUNE

3 Membership Meeting
5 Germania Picnic Vasona Park

JULY - The club is closed during July.

AUGUST

5 Membership Meeting
21 Vienna Café - Dance

SEPTEMBER

2 Membership Meeting

OCTOBER

7 Membership Meeting

NOVEMBER

4 Membership Meeting
12 Fall Dance

DECEMBER

3 Membership Meeting
with Christmas Luncheon
11 Choir Christmas Concert

Upcoming Events

Schützen Königs Ball

DATE: Saturday, April 9, 2016

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

Choir Spring Concert

Stay tuned for more information about the the Choir
Spring Concert taking place on May 15!

Department News

Kaffeeklatsch

Our last meetings were well attended and we meet again on **MARCH 8** and **APRIL 14**. We will then discuss our Mother's Day brunch. I hope you will all be able to attend.

*Have a Happy New Year,
Edith Meyer*

Language

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

Hello to all of our carnival friends.

Our carnival dance on January 30 at the Germania Hall was once again a very good event. Even though we had a low attendance everyone had a good time and Bill Bly provided good music as always. Our club president Albert Zimmerman once again was there to help us with the bar service! Thank you Albert.

We want to thank everyone who attended to celebrate carnival. It couldn't happen without you. Our 2015 season is over and we will resume our activities for next year in August 2016.

Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath

Skat

Our group of card players is dwindling down and we definitely need new players to join the fun. Anyone interested in the German card play Skat is welcome to join, experienced or not. We meet **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:30PM** upstairs and hope to see you there.

Gut Blatt, Klaus Glimski

In Memoriam

Alice Bush
Karl Leinberger
Magdalena Schweiger



Schützen

Sadly, we lost our long time and active member, Karl Leinberger. Karl always wrote the proclamation for each new King and Vice-King.

Schützen members enjoyed the Christmas party in the club's upstairs meeting room. The room, tables setting, and the Christmas decorations were well done. Our Herbst Queen, Beverly Choate, treated us to excellent cheese cake and candy.

Other members brought Hors 'oeuvres and drinks. The main dish was catered by Guenther's Catering. Christmas songs by all of us helped provide the proper Christmas-Stimmung.

The scheduled January meeting and the plans were postponed to the February meeting. It is time to make plans to attend our Schützenfest on Saturday April 9th 2016.

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

Gut Schuß, Werner Springer

Choir

By the time you read this, the Germania Choir will have taken its turn in hosting the Pacific Singing Society's annual Sänger-Kommers at the Italian-American Heritage Hall in downtown San Jose.

We greeted five other German Choirs from Northern California who bussed in for this, one of our favorite events of the year. We also greeted the Phoenix German Choir from Anaheim, who flew in especially to participate.

The audience of nearly 300 guests showed a special enthusiasm for our own rousing medley of beloved tunes by Berlin composer Walther Kollo.

We have now begun practicing for our annual **SPRING CONCERT**, to be held on **SUNDAY, MAY 15**, in Germania Hall. If you have a desire join our friendly group of thirty-five 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

Swantje Agape
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 Rehmeyer
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
Guenther Grosser
Melissa Guerrero
Pedro Guzman
Gita Hartzheim
Emil Heyler
Ingrid Kohler
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Committee News

Sunshine

To keep in touch with each other let's get together at our monthly meetings; this is a great time to catch up on what is going on in our Germania Family and meet new members. Yes, we do have new members and it is great that we are able to show them what we are all about - Friendship being the most important part.

Our special thoughts are with our Germania Family members who have lost loved ones; we know these are very difficult times for you.

We are also sending "Get Well" wishes to our members who are sick or recovering from illness; may our special "Sunshine" warm your hearts.

Try to be a Rainbow in someone's cloud.

Sunshine to all of you, Jutta Kiel

Membership

Thank you for being prompt in mailing in your membership dues. There are a few still missing but I am sure you will mail it in soon.

We are sad to announce the loss of three longtime Germania members: Alice Bush, Karl Leinberger, and Magdalena Schweiger. Our condolences to their families.

On a brighter note we have added some new members that we would like to welcome to our Club: Matthew Blackburn, Hans and April Halberstadt, George Hoss. We hope to see you at our meetings and events.

Ute Nelson

Other News

December 2015

Membership Meeting

Germania Verein's December membership meeting was held on a Saturday and combined with a free Christmas Luncheon to all members, which was catered by our new restaurant tenant.

It was well attended, and the entertainment by the Madrigals Acapella Choir of 48 young adults was welcomed by all members.

Christkind Stephanie's appearance added to the opening of the Christmas season. We will repeat this event on **DECEMBER 3, 2016** and we hope all of you can join us then.

Marianne Grotheer

Miscellaneous

If you or one of your daughters is interested in a "dirndl" dress, Claire Gerwulf is giving away two dirndls for free.

One is Size 42 (American size 12) which is raspberry red, the other one is olive green Size 48 (American 16-18). If you are interested call Claire at 408.241.5738.

Zur Frühlingsfeier

Seht nur der junge Frühling
ist endlich aufgewacht.
Er hat uns zarte Knospen
und Sonnenschein gebracht.

Auch die Natur wird munter,
sie wirkt bei Tag und Nacht.
Zum Fest der Auferstehung
glänzt sie in ihrer Pracht.

Mit Tulpe, Krokus, Veilchen,
Narziss und Tausendschön
will sie zur Frühlingsfeier
in voller Blüte stehn.



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.

Faschingsball January 30, 2016



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Christmas Luncheon



