

May / June 2016

## President's Message

**H**appy Spring to everyone. May has come very quickly this year and our next event will be the **GERMANIA PICNIC ON JUNE 5**, so I hope to see you there. If you are able to volunteer to help in some way, please let me know because there are a number of tasks that have to be completed to make the picnic happen.

The Club has completed the transition to allowing "green ticket" drink sales for alcohol on the upstairs and basement levels only. We are looking forward to the opening of Ludwig's restaurant by July so we can enjoy their food, drink and service.

I hope you have had the chance to meet the restaurant partners, Nicole and Ben. They are very hard working and motivated and they interface regarding the Germania frequently and exclusively with Hermann Rehmeyer and myself as backup to resolve any issues. Like any new relationship there are issues to iron out, yet we expect a long love affair with Ludwig's because we really are a very good fit with each other. If you need to address any concerns, please speak to Hermann first.

Did you notice the new hallway and upstairs carpeting? This project was spearheaded by Hermann Rehmeyer, so a big thank you to him for his time and effort in finding the vendor, and supervising the installation. Because we often have projects we need a variety of volunteers to step up to give the "regulars" a break. If you can help in some capacity, please let me know you are willing.

Please note that all the Abteilungen need your support and participation at their events. We have a unique variety of offerings and with two new Departments starting up (History and Dance) we can now appeal to and attract new members. History Society is focusing on fundraising

and trying to find a nonprofit to publish a history book about notable German immigrants and their contributions to Silicon Valley. The Tanz Abteilung will be offering opportunities to learn and attend dances and events. Please see each Department head for the latest about their efforts, and I know our Choir will soon have their Spring concert event.

I am pleased to see the high activity level at our Verein. There are two more events I hope you have room for on your calendar. The **GERMAN HERITAGE SOCCER NIGHT IS OCTOBER 1** and **GERMAN DAY OKTOBERFEST IN SAN FRANCISCO ON SEPTEMBER 25**. More info to follow.

Remember, "Wir sind hier, so we don't disappear". Proudly celebrate German Heritage!

*Albert Zimmermann*

## Upcoming Events

### Choir Spring Concert

**DATE:** Sunday, May 15, 2016

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

**DINNER:** Light dinner and dessert served at 3:30PM

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Bill Bly

**TICKETS:** \$35 per person / checks made out to Germania Choir

**INFORMATION:** Edith Meyer 408.379.6540 or Hildegard Wehner 408.246.4644

### Picnic in Vasona Park

**DATE:** Sunday, June 5, 2016

**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 we need a count.

## 2016 Calendar

### 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

# Department News

## Historical Society of Germania

This is the first report of a new Abteilung, the Historical Society of Germania, which grew out of an informal project team. For nearly a year the team has been managing the effort to prepare a manuscript of historical notes by Maria Brand and to publish and market it as an attractive book. We have an extensive Business Plan with task schedules, cash-flow projections, and marketing strategies. As the manuscript is approaching book form, we are presently approaching several Bay Area organizations to serve as official publisher, a task which is not in our Society's charter.

**William "Woody" Woodcock**

## Dance Group

The Germania Verein Tanzgruppe would like to thank our 17 charter members for supporting our Abteilung. Albert Zimmermann and Georg Breitling have been especially supportive in helping us access our clubhouse for rehearsals, sorting out our club's sound system and understanding our club's procedures.

Out of that appreciation, we have hit the ground running with performances planned with Bay Area local bands: The Internationals and the Joseph Bajuk Trio. Also, we have been honored by being formally invited by the 1.Gauvorstand of the Gauverband Nordamerika to attend the upcoming Delegierten Versammlung at the S.G. Edelweiß in St. Paul, MN.

Who says that German club dance groups always dance to the beat of the same drum? Not ours! We are already planning our first cub event and it is another 80s and 70s music dance event in May. A special thanks goes to: Claudia Weller along with Susan Torngren and Martina Keim for getting us started on the right track with what will be a sequel to the well-attended party they hosted several weeks ago.

Stay tuned to our section on the website for our meeting times, event details and rehearsal information. You may always reach us at: germaniatanzgruppe@gmail.com. Auf geht's!

**Stephen Goth**

## In Memoriam

James Raymond



## Schützen

The Schützenfest on April 9 was well attended. Everyone had a great time. The top shooters for 2015 were:

- ▶ Siegfried Boldt - First place
- ▶ Marlen Meier - Second place
- ▶ Hedi Loens - Third place

Our new Schützen-König is Carl Smith and Clara Kahlen is the new Vize-Königin. Georg Breiling became the King of Kings, and Edmund Loens won the Wander Pokal.

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

**Gut Schuß, Werner Springer**

## Choir

With the coming of spring, the Germania Choir is concentrating on a diverse program for our upcoming **SPRING CONCERT ON SUNDAY, MAY 15**. See the Upcoming Events on the front page for details. Tickets must be purchased in advance from choir members or may be reserved and picked up at the door by calling Edith Meyer at 379-6540.

For those with a desire to sing, 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 7:30PM at Germania. You can get more information about joining the choir from Edith 408.379.6540 or me 408.997.3309.

**William "Woody" Woodcock**

## Kaffeeklatsch

"Der Mai ist gekommen..." this well-known German song tells us that spring has arrived. **MOTHER'S DAY IS ON MAY 8**, and we are meeting again on **MAY 10** to enjoy our traditional Mother's day luncheon. I hope to see all of our members and friends.

**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**

## 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  
 David Wendt  
 Christopher Werle  
 Caroline Wolf  
 Debra Wolf



### June

Douglas Davis  
 Roswitha Guzman  
 Steve Klesitz  
 Ulrike Kuehn  
 Georg Kuesterman  
 Anna Long  
 Holli McCormick  
 Richard McKinney  
 Frieda Sonksen  
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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**

## Department News

### Carnival

Hello to all of our carnival friends. Our new season will begin again in August 2016. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter.

*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*

## Committee News

### Sunshine

May is a very special month to say "Thank you" to all our mothers and the very special women in our lives who have guided us with love and understanding. Let them know that they are appreciated and loved, always, not only on Mother's Day.

We are looking forward to sharing friendship for each other during the coming Spring Concert and our annual picnic. To our Germania Familie members who are under the weather and not able to join us, you are in our thoughts, hoping that you will be able to participate in our functions again soon.

Wishing all our Germania Familie members "Sunshine" in their hearts.

*From sunrise to starry night, let your heart be filled with love.*

*Jutta Kiel*

### Membership

We are sorry to hear of the passing of James Raymond. We will miss him in our choir group.

Please welcome our newest member - **PAMELA SOMMER**. We hope to see her at many of our activities.

We will try to hold our monthly membership meetings upstairs again in our club room. Please join us on the first Friday of the month at 8PM.

*Ute Nelson*

## Happy Mothers Day

"Happy Mother's Day"  
means more

Than have  
a happy day.

Within those words  
lie lots of things

We never  
get to say.

It means I love you  
first of all,

Then thanks for  
all you do.

It means you mean  
a lot to me,

And that  
I honor you.

But most of all,  
I guess it means

That I am  
thinking of

Your happiness  
on this, your day,

With pleasure  
and with love



# Department Meetings

## Carnival

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

## Choir

Every Tuesday at 7:30P.M.

## Dance Group

Meeting times coming soon.

## Hiking

No hikes scheduled presently.

## Historical Society

Details coming soon.

## 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.

# Schützen König Dinner Dance



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