

September / October 2016

## President's Message

With the year nearly three quarters completed we still have many events and important dates on our agenda.

The Wiener Cafe was well attended (thank you Hildegard and your team for arranging this beautiful afternoon) and we danced to Bill Blyth's music. We honored Al and Renate Wedel, John and Sony Wehner, Manfred Werner, and Rudi Schulz for having completed 25 years of Germania membership. Don and Gale Haderle were unable to come. We listened to the beautiful musical trio with piano, violin and the voice of Karen Buck. Then we were treated to "Dinner for two" - a very funny skit - by Mark Bubert and his girlfriend Michelle. To all our surprise we then witnessed Mark's marriage proposal to Michelle.

We have a full array of Oktoberfest options at Germania's Ludwig's Restaurant on **SEPTEMBER 17 AND 24**. Please check their website at [www.ludwigssj.com](http://www.ludwigssj.com) for further information.

At the **OKTOBERFEST BY THE BAY** (ticket required) on **SEPTEMBER 25** the Germania flag will be paraded so please come to walk in the **FLAG CEREMONY AT 1PM**.

The **3RD ANNUAL GERMAN HERITAGE SOCCER NIGHT** is **OCTOBER 16** at Avaya stadium. Come **AT 2PM** to enjoy the pre-game atmosphere; the **GAME STARTS AT 4PM**. The ticket and t-shirt package is \$30/person. Send your request to Albert Zimmermann, 422 Roding Dr., San Jose 95123 by September 23, with number of tickets, t-shirt size, and check payment payable to SBDS. You will be seated together in our special section. Email questions to me at [albertzimmer@yahoo.com](mailto:albertzimmer@yahoo.com).

Check the Germania Calendar for all the Abteilung meetings and events, notably the Choir's Christmas Concert, and you will need more time to plan for the Karneval in Las Vegas (call George Breitling for more info). There will also be another 80's/90's Dance for the membership in October and the fall dance in November.

On **NOVEMBER 13**, please plan to pay your respects at the Ceremony in San Bruno where the German community honors the fallen German soldiers.

At our **DECEMBER 3** meeting we will hold elections for the positions of vice-president and two directors. This meeting will be combined with a Christmas Party which is free to all members. See details below.

And believe it or not we will still find time in January to hold our annual "Thank You" Dinner, which is the event that gives us a way to honor all the members that make the Germania Verein tick. I call this our most exclusive event ... you cannot buy a ticket; you have to earn a seat at the table by volunteering your time to the Germania.

**See you at the next event!**  
**Albert Zimmermann**

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## Upcoming Events

### Dance Party

**DATE:** Saturday, October 15, 2016

**TIME:** Doors open 7:30 P.M.

**MUSIC BY DJ:** starts 8:00 P.M. (von 8-9:30 P.M. Deutsche Schlager = German Hits)

**COVER CHARGE:** \$5 per person

**RESERVATIONS:** Make reservations by August 15

**INFORMATION & TICKETS:** Contact Claudia at

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and Martina at [martinakeimo13@gmail.com](mailto:martinakeimo13@gmail.com) or 408.250.5560

### Save the Date!

Our **MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND CONCERT** will be held on **SATURDAY DEC. 3RD, 2016 AT 10:30AM**. This event is free to all members by reservation only! More information to come in the next edition of the Germania Nachrichten.

**Marianne Grotheer**

## 2016 Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

9 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

## Choir

Two noteworthy events occurred since you heard from the choir in the last issue. As always, more than thirty members of our choir family enjoyed our popular annual choir picnic, graciously hosted each year by Nora and Chuck Elderton. We enjoyed a sunny afternoon sampling the best of Dittmer Bubert's grilled sausages, a variety of beers and wines, and splashing about in the Eldertons' refreshing pool and spa.

Then, in late August, we serenaded the general Germania audience at the club's annual Wiener (Vienna) Café festival with a medley of familiar Viennese waltzes.

Now we are enjoying a brief summer break and will begin our weekly two-hour practices again on **SEPTEMBER 13**. We gather **EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:30PM** in Germania Hall. Anyone who wishes to join our large choir is welcome, regardless of age, gender, or level of singing proficiency. Although we sing mostly in German, fluent command of the German language is not required. You can get more information about joining the choir from Edith 408.379.6540 or me 408.997.3309.

**William "Woody" Woodcock**

## 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**

## Dance Group

We are thinking of adding another line dancing class, perhaps in the fall. We are working out the details and will let you know as soon as they are available.

Join us at Squaw Valley USA on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** for the **SQUAW VALLEY OKTOBERFEST FROM 2-6:00PM**.

As always, stay tuned to our section on the website for our meeting times, event details and rehearsal information.

You may always reach us at 415.572.6490 or at [germaniatanzgruppe@gmail.com](mailto:germaniatanzgruppe@gmail.com).

**Auf geht's!**

**Stephen Goth**

## Historical Society of Germania

The Society has concluded that we will continue to manage our ambitious book project through to completion, effectively functioning as publisher, while seeking assistance in financial administration from more experienced cultural organizations.

A team from our Society gave a detailed presentation of our project to the board of the familiar Excelsior German Center at the Altenheim in Oakland. We were very enthusiastically received, presenting each Excelsior board member with an impressive high-fidelity color mock-up of part 1 of the book, to be titled "Germania San Jose: The Early German Heritage in Silicon Valley" which features numerous historical photos.

Excelsior is now reviewing what roles they might be permitted to play under their incorporation as a "c3" non-profit. Based upon over 30 years of note-taking by archivist Maria Brand, the manuscript is now nearly 90% complete under the hand of Maria and experienced editor April Halberstadt.

Anyone who is interested in joining us in our mission to promote the history of German-speaking immigration in the South Bay can call me at 408.997.3309 for more information. Meetings are announced whenever they are needed to support important project events.

**William "Woody" Woodcock**

## Kaffeeklatsch

Our first meeting in the new season was fairly well attended, but it seems that members are still on vacation. Also some health problems were reported. Lore Baur had a bad fall and will be unable to climb up the stairs to our clubroom for a while. We wish her speedy recovery.

Our next meetings will be held on **SEPTEMBER 13 AND OCTOBER 11**, and we hope to see you all again. Guests are always welcome.

**Edith Meyer**

## Skat

We need new players to join the fun! Anyone interested in the German card game, 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**

## Birthdays

### September

Shakuntala Agarwal  
Else Allmendinger  
Ruth Angst  
Elizabeth Baur  
Christa Benson  
Ilse Boldt  
Helga Cihlar  
Allen Dourmaee  
Elisabeth Felix  
Andrea Fleiner  
Irmgard Funk  
Renee Hendriksz  
Klara Kahlen  
Guenter Knoop  
Russell Kriegel  
Viola Kuchlenz  
Mathilde Lucht  
Irene Marahrens  
Stephen Nelson  
Ute Nelson  
Susan Torngren  
Heinz Wegener  
Claudia Weller



### October

Robert Busse  
Nora Elderton  
Gerald Hunt  
Aurel Keck  
Herbert Knoesel  
Ursula Knox  
Edwin Long  
Dennis Mueller  
Werner Neumaier  
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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

We just had our first meeting of the season and are in the midst of finalizing the date for our Maskenball. We will be going to Las Vegas again for the big GAMGA event. Please call Georg (408.448.584) for more information if you would like to join us.

**Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath**

### Schützen

Ten of the San Jose Schützen attended the Schützenfest at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. As in the past it was a fun event. The San Jose team made the second place in the competition shooting.

Our focus is now on the 2017 Schützenfest. This year it will not be in April but on **MARCH 25**. At this time the Schützen Club will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. Details for the Fall dinner dance have not been decided at this time. More details to follow.

The regular meetings and target shooting are usually 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**

## Committee News

### Sunshine

It was wonderful that so many Germania Familie members were able to attend the Wiener Cafe, enjoying coffee and cake; entertainment and especially each other, reminiscing and hopefully forming friendships with our newer members, making them feel at home.

Several of our members are no longer able to attend our functions; we miss you and you are in our thoughts, remembering the fun times we shared.

Let's spread our special "Sunshine" to all.

**We remember our pleasures with fullness of heart.**

**Jutta Kiel**

### Membership

Willkommen **RUDOLF ALBRECHT**, our newest Germania member. We are looking forward to meeting you at many of our events.

**Ute Nelson**



## Herbstsonne

Der Sommer ist vergangen,  
 der Herbst hat angefangen,  
 Frau Sonne bleibt sein Gast.  
 Sie ist dem Herbst verbunden  
 und schenkt ihm goldne Stunden,  
 verweilend - ohne Hast.

Will sie auch nicht mehr prahlen,  
 so schickt sie dennoch Strahlen,  
 nur milder als bisher.

Der Wind singt seine Weise,  
 nach Abschied klingt es leise,  
 doch auch nach Wiederkehr.

**Anita Menger**



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# Department Meetings

## Carnival

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

## Choir

Every Tuesday at 7:30P.M.

## Dance Group

Last Friday of the month at 8P.M.

## 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.

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# Choir Picnic

