

November / December 2017

President's Message

As the year comes to a close, it's customary for me to prepare a year end report and my account will also need to suffice as the end of a six year term as president of the Germania Verein. To keep it short, my lasting memory will be working with the board, which has been a great interaction with like-minded people that want to get things done to make Germania Verein better. There have been some challenges over the years, but we worked them out with the help of everyone along the way.

During my tenure we found two different tenants for our Restaurant space, and currently Ludwig's is our successful tenant. Our board erased our mortgage with city of San José leaving us, at this time, debt-free. We created opportunities and also took advantage of opportunities. The saddest moment was losing Ute Nelson, who was an extraordinary colleague.

As the neighborhood continues to change we will need to find new solutions to issues such as parking. Recently Carl Schmidt arranged parking spaces with the Santa Clara Law Library. Germania parking passes are required. It important to mention the rules for the new parking lot which is located at: 360 North First Street San Jose, CA. 95113. The Santa Clara Law Library requires that you prominently display our parking tags, enter via First Street and Basset, and to follow the rules stipulated in the agreement. Specifically:

- ▶ On Monday through Thursday, parking after 7pm
- ▶ On Friday, parking after 5 pm
- ▶ On Saturday & Sunday, all day
- ▶ NO Overnight Parking

Important to mention is that Dennis Mueller announced the creation of the Ute Nelson scholarship for German students at the South Bay Deutscher Schulverein. Donations were received in Ute's name and it was decided to continue her legacy of language and learning through this scholarship. Recipients will be selected based on their essays. An essay of 150 words, in English, on "Why I Want To Learn German" will be required.

As you can see, our Germania Verein community continues to be busy with the daily and the long term issues. We have many new facets of our relationship that we continue to explore, such as with South Bay Deutscher Schulverein German Heritage Soccer events, offering the

scholarship, forging a relationship with the Law Library for parking access, and with our restaurant, Ludwig's, we continue to lean on one-another. I think our organization was more insular before and now we are a more active partner and have a role in the greater San Jose and Bay Area community. I am excited to see what our new administration can forge with our Club, Departments and the San Jose community. Long live Germania!

*I have proudly served you,
Albert Zimmermann*



Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting and Christmas Luncheon

DATE: Saturday, December 2, 2017

TIME: Doors open 10:30A.M., meeting starts 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH: Lunch will be served **FREE** to all Germania members. If a non-member spouse or house guest attends, the cost is \$15.

ENTERTAINMENT: The Madrigals Acapella Choir will perform. Thereafter we will enjoy Christmas songs and socializing.

INFORMATION & RSVP: RSVP by **NOVEMBER 28** and give your check (made out to Germania) to Marianne or Hildegard, or mail it to the club. **YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND.** Call Marianne Grotheer at 408.253.5218 or Hildegard Wehner at 408.246.4644.

Choir Christmas Concert and Dinner/Dance

DATE: Sunday, December 10, 2017

TIME: Doors open at 1:30 PM / Concert begins at 2:30 PM

DINING: Coffee and cake served after the concert

ENTERTAINMENT: Bill Blythe will play for entertainment

ADMISSION: Cost is \$20 per person

TICKETS AND INFORMATION: For tickets and information, contact Hildegard Wehner at 408.246.4644 or Edith Meyer at 408.379.6540



2017 Calendar

NOVEMBER

3 Membership Meeting

DECEMBER

2 Membership Meeting
with Christmas Luncheon
9 Choir Christmas Concert

Department News

Choir

The Germania Choir is busy practicing songs for the **DECEMBER 10 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**. Our director Diana has selected a variety of nice, new songs for our concert. Although there is still plenty of time until then, we are all eager to perfect the program.

There is still time for prospective singers to join our group. As always we are rehearsing **EVERY TUESDAY EVENING FROM 7:30PM TO 9:30PM**. Since Halloween falls this year on Tuesday, we decided to move our practice date to the following **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**.

The final times, ticket price, etc. will become available soon. For more information about the choir please call Edith Meyer 408.379.6540 or me 408.255.2118.

Keep a song in your heart, Manfred Trogisch

Dance Group

We had a very successful performance at Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows Oktoberfest. Six members of the team performed for the approximately 5,000 Oktoberfest attendees.

Our next rehearsals are **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 8PM** at the Germania Verein. Stay tuned for more meeting times, rehearsal information, and events. You may also reach us at 415.572.6490 or at germaniatanzgruppe@gmail.com.

Auf gehts! Stephen Goth

Schützen

At the September meeting we enjoyed a pizza lunch, various delicious hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. Carl explained to us the new parking options and the conditions. We had a discussion about a small refrigerator.

The **SCHÜTZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY** is scheduled for **DECEMBER 17 AT 1PM**.

Klara Kahlen won the honor of being Herbst Queen for the next 12 months.

Next year on January 28, we will be having our Kale dinner and also the shooting award presentation. As in the past, this event requires us to be in in our Schützen uniform.

The regular meetings and target shooting are usually on the **LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**. Board meeting at 10AM, target shooting at 10:30AM, lunch at 12:30PM (bring some to share), and the membership meeting at 1:30PM.

Gut Schuß, Werner Springer

Historical Society of Germania

I would like to report to you about a breakfast meeting we attended at the home of Mr. Patrick Heinz, the Deputy Consul General for Germany. In addition to Mr. Heinz, in attendance were: April Halberstadt, the editor and her daughter-in-law, Bridget, who is the Graphic Designer and Illustrator for the book: "Germania San Jose, early German Heritage in Silicon Valley."

The consul had invited four women, all of them from Germany. They all left a good impression on me and work in the high-tech industry. These ladies will try to publish stories from the book to make the public aware of its production.

Mr. Heinz expressed much interest in the German American history, which has been neglected for a hundred years. He mentioned that all German Clubs, nation wide, are interested in preserving their Heritage and the book could serve as a pattern. He is eager to get it done so it can go to the printers.

Regarding financing, he will try his utmost to get the project financed by German companies, etc. and he is confident to find a publisher as well. He expressed an urgency to complete the book. April and Bridget promised to do their part.

In the last newsletter, I explained the complications we encountered, which I had not expected. We are moving forward.

Thank you, Maria Brand

Skat

We have had increased membership recently, but we are still looking for players who want to play this German card game. Anyone, experienced or not, is welcome to join. We are meeting on the **THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:30PM** upstairs and hope to see you there.

Gut Blatt, Klaus Glimski

Language

The Sprachabteilung, led by Albert Zimmermann, will be making it's return to the Germania Hall 2018. We will be getting together with interested members to determine the schedule, topics of discussion, lesson plan ideas and other agenda items. Look for more details in the January issue of the Germania Nachrichten. For questions, contact me at albertzimmer@yahoo.com.

Albert Zimmermann

Birthdays

November

Robert Aissa
 Brigitte Beyer
 Georg Breittling
 Dru Gregory
 Emilie R. Hunt
 Susanne Ivarson
 Werner Kahlen
 Wolfgang Lochner
 Christa Logue
 Jule L. Lueders
 Linda Pfahnl
 Susana Ruecker
 Hans Joachim Scheelke
 Achim Schomann
 Erna Trogisch
 Doris T. Wacker
 Liselotte Zaechelein



December

Ellen Berg
 Dittmer Bubert
 Barbara Burt
 Gerhard W. Fritz
 Marianne Grotheer
 Johann Hoffmann
 Joachim Jaeger
 Elli Keil
 Hans Kruger
 Christa Mueller
 Elisabeth Muth
 Karin Neumaier
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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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Department News

Carnival

Hello to all our carnival friends. Once again carnival is just around the corner. The festivities will start on November 11 and go until Ash Wednesday 2018.

We will once again sponser the **CARNIVAL DANCE** at Germania Hall on **JANUARY 27, 2018**. Bill Bly and his partner will provide us with his great music for our entertainment. The cost is \$15 per person and we will serve coffee and cake in the afternoon. **DOORS OPEN AT 1PM**. We hope for a good attendance by our club members.

Tickets are available by calling Burgie Vorrath at 650.592.9665, Hedi Loehms at 408.446.4140. and Klara Kahlen at 408.374.2373. Let's all support the Karneval Club.

Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath

Kaffeeklatsch

Fröhliche Weihnacht überall, tönet durch die Lüfte froher Schall...

Yes, the holidays are just around the corner and we all get busy preparing for this joyous time of the year.

The Kaffeeklatsch will meet on **NOVEMBER 14** where we will discuss our **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** which will be held **ON DECEMBER 12 AT NOON**. We will start this party off with Anna's famous Glühwein. I hope to see you all. Guests are very welcome (\$30/person).

Wishing you all happy holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year).

Edith Meyer

Elections

Election Day is coming up soon!

Submit your nominations no later than **END OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2017**.

We are looking for two directors and one president. You can submit your nominations in a written form or in person on that day.

Written forms or any nominations please contact me at martinakeim013@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Martina Keim

Committee News

Sunshine

It is time again to get ready for the holidays! Yes, we have to make plans for the wonderful functions our Germania Verein has to offer. Let's get together, meet old friends to reminisce and make new friends to start memories. Join our Germania Familie members at the general meeting and the very special Weihnachts Konzert; these are opportunities to share your friendship, good spirits and most importantly laughter, which is medicine for the soul.

We are sending very special "Sunshine" to our members who are under the weather; we are thinking of you and hope that you will be able to join us again soon. Please let me know if I can bring "Sunshine" to any member who would like to receive a call or a visit.

To our "Germania Family", best wishes for the Holiday Season and a very happy and healthy New year.

Life's truest happiness is found in the friendships we make along the way.

Jutta Kiel

Membership

Welcome to our new members: **GREGORY DRU, INGRID EBELING, ERIC ROBBINS, AND URSULA RICHTER**. We look forward to seeing you at our events!

Hermann Rehmeier



Department Meetings

Carnival

Every 2nd 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 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12P.M.

Language Group

Stammtisch meets every other Wednesday.
Call for additional event dates.

Skat

Every 3rd Tuesday 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 10A.M.

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Thank you!

Thank you to our hard-working volunteers, Klaus Glimski and Edmund Loens, for working on the electrical and fan installation in the ice room!

