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President's Message

BENEFACTORS

This newsletter, our Germania Verein, the German Pioneers of Santa Clara County and the discovery of gold by James A. Marshall on John Sutter's property in 1848 would not have been possible had it not been for the efforts of our principal benefactor, William Penn, an English Real Estate Entrepreneur, Philosopher, Quaker and founder of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It was he who was the first to recognize the industry, thrift and piety of German speaking peoples, and invite Francis Daniel Pastorius, a German born educator, lawyer, poet, abolitionist, and public official, to lead a group of German Mennonites, Pietists and Quakers, to found Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first permanent German-American settlement and the gateway for subsequent immigrants from German-speaking lands. Millions of German-speaking peoples were to follow through this gateway. In addition to his support for German immigrants, his legacy includes the continued support of his Society of Friends during our most difficult of times, including the immediate relief of German speaking refugees after both world wars and the subsequent immigration and resettlement of many in the United States. His ideas endure in our Constitution and Bill of Rights, especially the First Amendment. William Penn died on July 30, 1718, 300 years ago. We owe him much; we celebrate his life and commemorate his passing.

ANNUAL PICNIC

A special thanks to all who participated and especially to our many volunteers. A special thanks to Hildegard Wehner, who effectively kept us all focused and on task so that the final outcome was something in which we can all take pride. In planning our picnics we place an extraordinary amount of effort to ensure the safety of all of our guests by making our best efforts to keep cold foods, cold, and hot foods, hot. In addition, we want to make the picnic event fun for all participants, including volunteers. As a result, we are exploring ideas to both designate and adhere to a specific time window for food service. The time window has yet to be decided and your input is welcome.

BALLROOM DANCING

Our Board of Directors is always looking for ways to improve and enhance our members' experience. We have elected to support a pilot

project to evaluate how much of a benefit it would be to members if we offered monthly Ballroom Dancing, with lessons, in our Hall on selected Sunday afternoons. We chose Sunday afternoons (1-5 P.M.), because we have parking available and daylight, making it easier for some to drive. Food and beverages will be available from Ludwig's. The Germania Verein will subsidize three Sunday events, up to \$300 per event, for music and instruction: **SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 14, AND NOVEMBER 11.**

Board Member Martina Keim and former Board Member Walter Harding will collaborate in planning these events. In addition to the \$300 subsidy per event, the Germania Verein will be providing the use of the Hall. For these three dates, no tickets will be sold; members and their guests will be free.

IN MEMORIAM, KLAUS GLIMSKI

We lost a colleague, counselor, craftsman, volunteer, friend. We mourn his passing, but more importantly, we celebrate his life. He spent countless hours on Germania Verein Business. He kept Skat alive and ensured our club was safe and secure. He even called Bingo when required. Personally, for me, he was always a source of guidance and institutional knowledge. We thank his extended family and friends for sharing him with us; we are all better for it. Dear Klaus, Ruhe in Frieden.

Carl Schmidt, President

Upcoming Events

Wiener Café

Join us for our annual Wiener Cafe. Ladies: wear your "Sonntagsnachmittagsspaziergangsommerhut"!

DATE: Sunday, August 19, 2018

TIME: Doors open 1:30 P.M. Music from 2-6 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT: Margaret Bubert, The Buck Family, and the Choir

FOOD: Cake and coffee will be served

ADMISSION: \$15 per person

RESERVATIONS: Make reservations by August 15.

INFORMATION & TICKETS: Contact Hildegard Wehner at 408.246.4644

2018 Calendar

JULY

The club is closed.

AUGUST

3 Membership Meeting

19 Vienna Cafe

Department News

Dance Group

A reminder that our club is closed during the month of July and there will be no dancing after Friday, June 22 dance night until **FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 8:00PM**.

We will be working on the basics while focusing on our favorite ballroom dances: waltz, schottische and landler. Our certified ballroom dance instructor, James Zimmerman, will be leading us through good technique, frame, lead foot position etc.

For a list of the dances we enjoy, rehearse and perform, please review on our websites:

- ▶ germaniaverein.org/departments
- ▶ sites.google.com/view/tanzgruppe/about

The dance department congratulates Nancy Mast on her recent membership application acceptance to the Germania Verein Inc.

Auf gehts! Stephen Goth

Choir

Our Spring Concert was again a great success. The changes we made to our program were well received by the audience. It was also the first time that the Music Ensemble, which is part of our choir, could show off their skills. With this concert the choir is now on their summer break. Our first night of practice will be on **SEPTEMBER 11 AT 7:30PM**.

During the summer time we will have our Potluck Picnic at Nora Elderton's house. There we will also practice what we are planning to sing at the Wiener Café on August 19. We wish you a wonderful summer.

Mit musikalischem Gruss, Manfred Trogisch

Historical Society of Germania

The German history book is nearing completion. The book is **GERMANIA SAN JOSE: THE EARLY GERMAN HERITAGE OF SILICON VALLEY**. The editor, April Halberstadt is putting the finishing touches on the book with the help from Bridget Halberstadt, the graphic designer. Bridget is carefully placing some recently acquired photos into the book.

Also a big thank you to Nora Elderton who is proofreading, which is a very tedious job, and will be assisted by Carina Frazer as we get closer to the final quarter of the book. Please consider putting your name on our list of interest to purchase a copy of the book. Contact Maria Brand for more information.

Thank you, Maria Brand

Language

The Sprachgruppe meets **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30PM** upstairs in the meeting room. Our next meeting is **AUGUST 8**. Please join our evite list so you can receive reminders and updates. Send me a note at albertzimmer@yahoo.com with your email address and indicate your interest to participate in our group. We welcome all levels of German language ability for a couple hours of conversation...in German of course!

Albert Zimmermann

Carnival

We are on break until the next Karneval season. Our plans for the next Karneval season will be announced in September. We wish all our Karneval friends a wonderful summer.

Alaaf and Helau, Klaus Vorrath

Schützen

Cecilie and I attended the Las Vegas Schützenfest on Saturday, April 28. The Germania Schützen Verein received the third prize in the shooting competition. The Las Vegas men received the first prize and Anaheim the second prize. Also, the Phoenix Schützengesellschaft sent us an invitation for their Schützenfest on July 14.

Our next meetings are scheduled for **AUGUST 26, SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 28, and NOVEMBER 18**. There will be no meeting in July. Our meetings and target shooting are on the **LAST SUNDAY** of most months starting about **10:30AM**. Guests are welcome to attend.

Gut Schuß, Werner Springer

Kaffeeklatsch

Hallo, Hallo friends, vacation time is here. There will be no meeting in July, as the club is closed. The next meeting date is **AUGUST 11**. So I hope to see you all well rested and we can start into the new season.

I sadly have to report to you that our dear member Klaus Glimski quite unexpectedly passed away. Rest in peace dear Klaus, we miss you.

See you all on August 11th, guests are always welcome!

Edith Meyer

Skat

We are still meeting on the **THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:30**. All levels are welcome! For more information, contact Steve at 408.828.0770.

Gut Blatt, Steve Nelson

Birthdays

July

Rajkumar Agarwal
Matthew Horst
Blackburn
Ursula Christiansen
Edith Davenport
Rosa M. Genys
Eugenie Kippes
Eric Kohler
Gerhard Lueneburger
Rosemary McKinney
Reinhard Meier
Hedy Peller
Heinz Plischke
John E. Poole
Maria Ramirez
Margarete Reckemmer
Chris Rehmeyer
Carolyn Schmidt
Irene Stock
Stephanie Tuma
Al Wedel
Sigrid Wegener
Heinz F. Werle
Ann Werle
Gerda Wicklow
James Zimmerman



August

Mark Bubert
Karen Buck
Michael Eames
Leilani Eames
Claire Gerwulf
April H. Halberstadt
Ursula Hoffmeister
George Hoss
Daniel Iverson
Armin J. Kippes
Helmut Krauss
Sylvia Kuhne
Ilse Lyon
Elfriede Maitland
John Mermis
Edith Meyer
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Helmut Schott
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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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Committee News

Sunshine

Yes, it is vacation time again; numerous members of our Germania Family are traveling, visiting friends and family around the world. We wish them safe and enjoyable travels with experiences to share with us upon their return. Our members who are staying at home, perhaps you can call a Germania Family member to reminisce or make a date to spend time with each other.

Our thoughts and good wishes are going to our members whose hearts are heavy, their health is suffering; know that we're thinking of you. Thank you to all of our Germania Family members who felt comfortable in sharing their joys and sorrows with us.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting in our beautiful home, the Germania Hall.

Good friends are like angels, you don't have to see them to know they are there.

Jutta Kiel

Membership

If you are not receiving our e-blasts and would like to, please email Tricia (secretary@germaniaverein.org) your email address!

Membership dues were due by June 30! Don't forget to send them in. Any questions, please feel free to ask!

Tricia Nelson and Hermann Rehmeier

Other News

UGAS-SF Events

There are 3 events sponsored by UGAS SF that you should have on your calendar:

1. Oktoberfest by The Bay, German Day is **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23**, \$5.00 tickets available for advance purchase (\$20 at door) – order them from Albert.
2. UGAS Banquet **OCTOBER 7, 3:00PM**, which is a semi-formal dinner evening with music and dancing at the Basque Center in South San Francisco. There are 3 choices for dinner and tickets \$55 per person can be purchased from Albert or Edith.
3. Volkstrauertag Event on **NOVEMBER 18 AT 1:30PM** at Colma Cemetary with a speech by the German Consulate and music by Deutschermusikverein. Dinner is afterwards at the Concordia Club. You must make your dinner reservation by contacting Albert or the Concordia Club directly.

German Heritage Night

German Heritage Soccer Night takes place at Avaya Stadium at 1123 Coleman Ave in San Jose. Join the South Bay German School and the rest of the Bay Area's German Community for this exciting event! We'll have rows of Oktoberfest tables, a live German band and plenty of fun games and activities for attendees of all ages!

German Heritage Soccer Night will take place on **OCTOBER 6, 7:15PM**, at Avaya stadium. Arrive by 5:30PM to enjoy the festive atmosphere, food trucks, and stadium fare. The Earthquakes will go up against the New York Redbull. The Germania Verein is a sponsor of this event.

The special event ticket package (\$33 per person) includes your match ticket, a small donation to the SBDS German School and the first 200 purchasers will receive a special German Heritage Night-themed T-Shirt! That's not all, the first 7,500 fans to arrive at Avaya Stadium that day will receive a limited edition, San Jose Earthquakes Stein! We can't wait to see you at German Heritage Night 2018!

Online purchases will incur a transaction fee or, for no fee, pay by check to Albert Zimmermann. Albert can also assist with seating friend and families together in the special German Heritage section in the stadium. Contact Albert at albertzimmer@yahoo.com for questions or more information.

In Memoriam

Brigitte Andermatt
(passed away February 2017)

Klaus Glimski

Helga E. Hoffmann
(wife of Johann Hoffmann)

Don Neely



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 Saturday of the month at 12P.M.

Language Group

First Wednesday of month at 7:30P.M.

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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Die Pumpe

Der Herr Professor Wundersam -
ein sehr begabter weiser Mann,
hält einen Vortrag über's Herz
und wie man's nennen kann.

Das Herz ist eine Pumpe,
so spricht er weisevoll,
und daher will die Wissenschaft,
dass man es Pumpe heißen soll.

Es pumpt wie eine Pumpe
das ganze Blut im Kreis,
und daher will die Wissenschaft,
dass man es Pumpe heißt!

Da meldet sich ein Studio
mit lachendem Gesicht:
Ach lieber Herr Professor -
das geht doch wirklich nicht!

Wenn man verliebt ist
und man spürt so heißes Weh:
Da kann man doch nicht sagen -
ach Schatz, mir tut die Pumpe weh.

Komm doch an meine Pumpe,
du süße Pumpenmaid.
Hörst nicht, wie meine Pumpe
nach deiner Pumpe schreit.

Ich lege meine Pumpe
dir zu Füßen hin.
Ach schenk mir deine Pumpe,
damit ich glücklich bin.

Als der Student geendet,
die ganze Klasse lacht.
Der Herr Professor spricht:
das hab ich nicht gedacht.

Ich sehe, meine Herren -
sie treiben mit mir Scherz.
Drum kehren wir zurück
zu unserm alten Herz.

by Theresia Forstinger
(submitted by Marlen Meier)

Choir Spring Concert



Choir Performance at Maifest



Schützenfest



Queen Cecilie von Geroldsheim Rheinland -Pfalz

