December, 2012

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr!

HOLIDAY PARTY REMINDERS: The Germania Christmas Party is on December 15th and advance paid reservations are due to be received by December 7th. For more information you may call 845-797-7519 or refer to the flyer in your October newsletter. Also, anyone that did not reserve their children for the Kinder Christmas Party by November 30th, we are sorry to remind you that it is now too late. See page two (2) for New Year’s Eve Party details and reservation form.

MEMBERSHIP DINNER
JANUARY 26, 2013

Details for the Annual Membership Dinner will be out soon, so please watch out for them at the club house and on our website. For more information: Sylvia Reuter 914-882-0200 or sylvreuter@gmail.com and Maria Bruhmuller 516-470-2158.

Our honorees at this year’s Membership Dinner will be:

25 Year Members: Ann Braun, Greg Delaney, Hubert Gilner, Martin Heresniak, and Theresia Kizina. 50 Year Members: Eberhard Fischer, Karl Holl (deceased 9/14/12), and Margarethe Killmer.

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Lots of fun to be had with good friends, good food, music and dancing past midnight!

Doors will open at 6:30pm on New Year’s Eve Monday Dec. 31st. Enjoy a wonderful Cocktail Hour including a wide array of hot & cold hors d’oeuvres with Open Bar from 7pm-8pm. The cocktail hour will be followed by a Cash Bar, a scrumptious dinner with your choice of Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Vegetarian meal, music and dancing by The Mountain Tops until 12:30, and a Champagne Toast to bring in the New Year at midnight!

We hope you'll join us for a great time!  *** RSVP by Dec. 18th ***

For more information please call Joyce Schonmann at (845) 454-9324 or Dori Licis at (845) 255-7616.

Mail this reservation form with check payable to Germania to: Dori Licis, 10 Gardiner Park Road, New Paltz, NY 12561
$65pp members - $75pp non-members
PLEASE P-R-I-N-T
Name: ___________________________ Telephone #: _____________________
Additional Guests: ________________________________________________________________________________________
Total # Attending: ___________ Total amount enclosed: $________________
Our dinner choice(s) are (indicate the # for each): _____ Prime Rib _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ Vegetarian
Please seat us with: _______________________________________________________________________________________

FASCHING * CARNIVAL * MASQUERADE * MARDI GRAS
Please save the date for our annual Fasching Mardi Gras Party on February 2, 2013. Entertainment by a live band and light fare refreshments will be served. Doors open at 7pm; Music from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. Flyers for this event will be available at the club house in January. Call Bill Reuter at 914-882-0307 or email him at wcr_292@hotmail.com.

NAME YOUR NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Germania Newsletter seems less than exciting, so we would like to come up with a title name for your bimonthly club newsletter, which can be in German or English. Please send your name, address and phone number together with your idea for a title for our newsletter publication to the Editor no later than February 1st, 2013. The Germania Board and Editor will then review the submissions and vote for their favorite in time for the April 2013 issue. The winner will receive a Free Friday Dinner at the club!
Be clever, and best of luck!

NAME YOUR NEWSLETTER CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
DEADLINE 2/1/2013
(Please Print)

Name: ___________________________
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Email: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________
Newsletter Title: ___________________________

Rules: Members only may enter to win. Limit three (3) entries per member. Editor and Board Members may enter to win but forfeit their vote for winning title. Entries must be received by 2/1/2013 at Editor@GermaniaPok.com or K. Rose, 93 E Cedar St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. You can use this entry form or email the required information.
FROM THE TAX RAFFLE COMMITTEE: The October tax raffle is now over, with 8 lucky winners of $100 each! If you didn't win this time, you can try again in the March raffle - look for the mailing in February. We had 138 members enter the raffle and raised $3,660 which will help the club pay for the property tax bill. Special thanks to Brigitte Dessauer and Herb Wenskus for their years of service in running the tax raffle. We hope we can follow in their footsteps! The winners this month were:

- Oct. 1 = George Tebolt
- Oct. 5 = Gisela Chrisley
- Oct. 9 = Guenther Grosshans
- Oct. 13 = Ilse de la Puente
- Oct. 17 = Edward Fikis
- Oct. 21 = Margaret Oettle
- Oct. 25 = Marlene Heer
- Oct. 29 = Gerda Veneman

We appreciate all the members who donated extra money to help with the tax bill. The October 5th winner, Gisela Chrisley, also donated back her winnings!

Submitted by Georgia Herring-Trott, Tax Raffle Chairperson
Tax Raffle Committee: Georgia Herring-Trott, John Trott, Brigitte Dessauer, and Herb Wenskus

GERMANIA KINDERCHOR
(See Kinderchor news on page 7)
BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE CHANGES

As everyone knows, with the passing of Jon Wagner, Vice President Carol Ann Fischer became President of Germania. We would like to thank her for accepting this role. The vacancy of Vice President has been filled by Trustee Melissa Wagner, and member Stephen Ren has accepted the appointment to fill the Trustee vacancy left by Melissa’s move. Thanks to both Melissa and Stephen!

Effective January 2013, Board Trustees and Membership Co-Chairpersons Maria Bruhmuller and Sylvia Reuter will report the membership news to the Editor everyone knows as “Sunshine Report”. We would like to thank Janett Frank for the years she has passed along member good and welfare news to the club, she was always so good at it because she knows so many of the club’s members. We thank Maria and Sylvia for taking on this additional role. Also, Maria will now handle having the newsletter printed, a job she is taking over for Janett, so that member Katherine Ulrich can mail it. Thank you everyone for the team effort!

CLUB WISH LIST

Many members ask how they can help Germania other than cash contributions. The club currently has the following items on its ‘wish list’:

- Refrigerator
- Large Storage bins and containers

Additionally, the Board is establishing a master list of members who have specific skills such as painting, carpentry, plumber, HVAC, etc. who are willing to donate their services to Germania and can be called upon when needed. Think of your club they way you think of owning your home; we have ‘house’ projects and building and grounds repairs and maintenance needs year round for both the clubhouse and the pavilion and could use all the help we can get from the membership.

Members should contact Evelyn Blatz at 845-632-1555 to be added to the list or to arrange a donation of any of the items on the Wish List.

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GALA 2013

The date for the annual Gala has been set for SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013. Mark your calendar. Tickets will cost $65 if paid by February 15th, $70 between Feb 16th and March 23rd, $75 after March 23rd. Look for details on this event in the February newsletter or for the flyer that will be at the clubhouse or on our website in February.

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If you have not yet joined the Germania 25-Week Club, there are three reasons to join:

#3 If you enjoy games of chance you will be entered into 25 weekly drawings for $10, $25 and $50 winnings,
#2 Your $25 ticket includes a dinner-dance at the end of the 25 weeks and grand prize raffle drawings, and
#1 Ticket holder funds are deposited into Germania’s insurance fund and the net funds from each 25-week club help pay the club’s insurance premium… so, it’s a great way to support your club.

For more information, call 25-Week Club chairperson Carol Ann Fischer at 845-876-2592

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DER GEMUETLICHE TANZVEREIN

Free dance lessons at Germania! Der Gemuetliche Tanzverein will start beginner dance lessons on Thursday the 3rd of January 2013 at 7:00 PM. We will teach all popular dances done at Germania affairs. Guest teachers will teach some advanced steps and some of the more difficult dances. If you never danced before, this is the place to find out how much fun dancing can be. Everybody is welcome, you do not need a partner, no experience required. For information call Horst at 845-229-9013.
ATTENTION GERMANIA OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS:

Once again, thank you for your much needed help this past September. Your input is important to us so that we may be made aware of what worked well and what may need improvement next year. We cannot observe all work areas at all times of the day, so you can help us understand feedback you may have received from festival guests, and give us feedback from your own experiences as a volunteer. We welcome positive thoughts on what worked well and constructive criticism and suggestions for anything that did not work well, and we are always looking for ways to run the festival more efficiently. Please look for the OKTOBERFEST FEEDBACK BOX we have placed at the clubhouse; we welcome you to take a moment the next time you are at the club to write down your thoughts and place them in the box. Also, please watch the February newsletter issue for a date announcement for a Post-Oktoberfest Volunteer Meeting to be held in March 2013. Thank you!

Save the Dates for the next Germania Oktoberfest:
September 6th, 7th and 8th, 2013
www.GermaniaOktoberfest.com
FRIDAY DINNERS AND BIERGARTENS: WE NEED YOU!

While all of Germania’s parties and other calendar events raise funds to help us pay our mortgage and bills, it is the Friday Dinners and Biergartens that give the club a regular stream of income throughout the year both from food and bar sales. In order for the club to hold Friday Dinners and Biergartens every month, we need member volunteers for the food preparation in the days before and the morning of, kitchen and food service during, set up of tables, and cleanup after. This kind of work takes more than a handful of dedicated members. There are all kinds of jobs to get a dinner or biergarten done such as peeling potatoes, slicing onions and other vegetables, cooking ahead of the date and during, grilling bratwurst and potato pancakes, washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen counters and floor afterward, taking food orders, retrieving and delivering food orders from kitchen to guests, plating food, making cakes and strudels, and more. And we are willing to teach anyone that wants to learn.

If you think you can be a volunteer at Friday Dinners or Biergartens, PLEASE call and let us know, even if it is only one or two each year! Not sure? Ask a Board Member if you can observe the behind the scenes or talk with the lead kitchen volunteers for more information. We can’t do it without you! Call the club at 845-471-0609 or Virginia Wagner at 845-462-0243 with your name, phone number and date or dates you are available.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS:

All members whose dues are paid current are issued a membership card. Please carry your membership card in your wallet any time you plan to visit the clubhouse because we are only able to serve members at the bar and the bartender may ask to see your card if they do not personally know you to be a member of Germania.

If you have a change of mailing address, telephone number or email address, please remember to notify the Membership Co-Chairpersons: Sylvia Reuter at 914-882-0200 or sylvreuter@gmail.com, or Maria Bruhmuller at 516-470-2158 or mbruhmuller@rapportmeyers.com, or write to them at the clubhouse address, so that we can update our membership records. Also, if you were overlooked in our Member Birthday Announcements, it is possible we do not have your date of birth in our membership records and welcome you to contact us.

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag! Happy Birthday!


Willkommen!

GERMANIA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME 27 NEW MEMBERS TO GERMANIA! Our total membership is 432. We encourage everyone to invite family and friends to join Germania and help grow our membership.

CHORAL CORNER

On November 4th the Singers had their Annual Fall Concert. Margarethe Kilmer presented a wonderful roast beef dinner. Helmut Loibl made a delicious pineapple strudel. Our director was George Calabrese. It was an enjoyable concert with both German and American selections and concluded with “So ein Tag”. The song “In schönsten Wiesengründe” was dedicated to Jon Wagner. The Kinderchor, under direction of Helga Baker, was great. Music was by Joe Unger. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

Some facts about The Men and Ladies Singers:
- The Men Singers have been continuously singing since 1850 - the beginning of Germania.
- The Ladies began singing in May 1929 - making them 83 years in existence.
- We do two concerts a year in the Spring and Fall.
- We also do Good Friday Services beginning in 2000 and Christmas Weihnacht Service also since 2000. Both at the First Lutheran Church with Carol Reickert as the liaison between the Singers and the Church.
- We also support the Church with a donation towards the distribution of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets working with Theresa Kizina.
- We also appear at Tymor’s and Mt. Carmel’s Oktoberfest as well as at our own Germania Oktoberfest, we entertain at local nursing homes twice a year and we sing Christmas Carols to our housebound members of Germania.

We are a small group - but have an enjoyable time. We all volunteer at Germania and are very proud of our record. If you would be interested in joining us, call me at (845) 454-8192. The knowledge of the German language is not necessary.

Have a very safe and enjoyable Holiday. Pat Kemmerer, President of the Men and Ladies Singers.

KINDERCHOR

The Germania Kinderchor has been very busy this year. At the Sängerfest they performed the national anthems of Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and the USA at the opening concert. On Sunday they presented their own concert of German folk songs and skits that was extremely well received.

At the Germania Oktoberfest they again sang the national anthems at the opening ceremony and folk songs for the enjoyment of our guests. As you can see there was also time to have a lot of fun at the Germania grounds.

In addition the children also sang at Tymor Park in Union Vale, at Woodland Pond in New Paltz, and at the Oktoberfest at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Poughkeepsie. A good time was enjoyed by the children during these festivities. Plans are being made to go to Radio City Music Hall for their Christmas Show.

Now preparations have begun for the Christmas Season: the church service on December 16, at 2 PM at The First Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie. We continue to practice Saturdays from 10 to 11 am. All children are welcome! - Frau Baker
GERMANIA BLUE & WHITE SOCCER CLUB

**Soccer club results.** Our teams are doing well this year. All three teams are in the hunt to win our respective leagues this year. Look for game schedules posted at the club and get a copy to take home with you from behind the bar.

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The soccer club would like to recognize the following members:

**Bill Kapogiannis,** Over 30 team manager/player, and soccer board trustee was honored by being inducted in The Oneonta State Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was held on October 27, 2012.

**Colin Hodge,** Open team soccer player. Colin is the coach of the Dominican College Men’s soccer team that won the 2012 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Men's Soccer Tournament.

**Kevin Longacre**, Over 30 player and head coach at Mount Saint Mary College, was named the Skyline conference coach of the year. In just his second season with the Knights, Longacre led the team to a record of 11-8-1 and the program's first-ever appearance in the Skyline championship game. The team's 11 wins are the most for the program since 1993.

**Matthew Koziol,** student/soccer player at RPI and son of Mariola and club member Wojciech Koziol, was named the Liberty League Tournament’s Most Outstanding Player. RPI won the tournament and will play in the NCAA playoffs. Matthew was also selected to the Liberty League’s all-league team and the 2012 Liberty League Fall All-Academic Team.

German Heritage Day and Bake Sale: February 9th

Germania’s 10th annual German Heritage Day and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall (Center Court). Starting when the mall opens at 10:00 AM the Bake Sale features a variety of pastries and cakes including German favorites such as Strudel, Linzer Tart and Stollen. Each year in addition to what the club’s chefs prepare, we rely on baked goods donations with ingredients labels from our members; baked goods and pastries can be dropped off at Germania on February 7th or 8th, or at the Mall on the morning of the 9th. Also, please contact Chairpersons Gábor Pattantyus (845) 452-6219 or Bobbie Gordon (845) 471-0474 to volunteer your time for this rewarding experience introducing German heritage and our club to the Hudson Valley community. We need help wrapping baked goods Thurs., Feb. 7 and Fri., Feb. 8 as well as help transporting goods and equipment back and forth from the club and at the sales table. At this event both our singers and Schuhplattlers perform at 12 Noon, 1:30PM and 3:00PM, so come out and show your support!
On October 6th the parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church welcomed us back for their annual Oktoberfest and we were happy to be back; of all our dances they always enjoy the Bankl Tanz the most, and some of our dancers had great fun joining Father Peter for his singing of The Schnitzelbank Song. This was the first time some of our Kindergruppe joined us at Mt. Carmel and I think they enjoyed it, especially the piñata. We were at Hunter Mountain again this year on September 29th and 30th and October 7th and always enjoy the audience there, the bands, and the beautiful autumn colors on the mountain; it’s an Oktoberfest event with free admission and children’s activities such as puppet show and pumpkin decorating. We ended the Oktoberfest dance season on Sunday, October 14, 2012 on the Newburgh Waterfront where an Oktoberfest was held on a beautiful fall day and it was our first appearance at that event, in fact their first Oktoberfest so we hope it will become an annual engagement.

Our Kindergruppe once again stole the show whenever they performed with us and this is a reflection on the wonderful job Dave does as their instructor. We take great pride in our Kindergruppe and we believe the kids enjoy the cultural experiences they have gained as well as the friendships they have created within our Almrausch family.

At the beginning of our dance season we had Janneke, Alex, Rachael and Gregory move up from the Kindergruppe into the adult group as Junior Members and both our Vorplattler Robb Rose and Kindergruppe Director Dave Yearack congratulate them on a job well done with their performances this year.

In a recent note to our members, Robb stated the following: “Without a doubt we all missed our good friend Jon Wagner this Oktoberfest season and I am sure that he was looking down upon us mit einem Bierkrug of Spaten and a big smile!!!”

On Saturday, October 13th seven of our members attended the Edelweiss-Passaic Oktoberfest in Pompton Lakes, NJ, an event that was also their 55th Anniversary. We had a wonderful time.

As this newsletter goes to print, the Germania Christkindlmarkt will have possibly already passed; this year we registered to have a vendor table on Saturday December 1st to sell gently used Trachten clothing and other items. We would like to thank the Almrausch members that donated items for sale and/or volunteered to work the table.

Our members are looking forward to Germania’s annual Christmas Party on December 15th. It is always the perfect atmosphere to put us in the holiday spirit and it is a fun, relaxing evening for our group after a busy Oktoberfest season and all the yard work that comes with the change of seasons. If we do not see you there, then we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

(1) Evelyn Wuytack & George Hupe
(2) Jenny Reichert & GJ Doedee at Hunter
(3) Mike Reichert & Robb Rose at the bench with Bev Orser looking on
(4) Dave, Gregory & the Kindergruppe at Hunter Mountain
(5) Robb Rose (back) helps carry the Münchner Kindl at Edelweiss-Passaic’s Oktoberfest
NEWS FROM AND ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to KATARINA HERRING-TROTT, daughter of members Georgia and John, who entered 8 works of art in the 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Dutchess County Fair in August 2012. She won the Fine Arts Award at the Fair and had four pieces advance to the New York State Fair, where she won a Special Recognition for Outstanding Exhibits for her artwork "Black Stallion", "Golden Tiger", "Cold Winter's Day", and "Night Walker". Her dairy goat, Sunset, also won the Milking Competition for her breed at the Dutchess Fair.

Members TAMMY and KEN MAIER at our Germania Oktoberfest!

In the October issue the newsletter editor asked for members to share their favorite Oktoberfest picture for the December issue. Thank you for your email Ken!

Special thanks to RENATE GROSSHANS who made the Goulash Dinner for Germania Friday Dinner on October 12th! Margarethe Killmer wanted to give Renate recognition and express her appreciation for the help. Renate took the lead on the prep and cooking and Margarethe was only there for guidance. Renate also has “news” about the Friday Dinner: “Germania is very fortunate to have Margarethe in the kitchen. I have worked before with her on the dinners, but this time it was on one to one basis. Margarethe is a great teacher and nothing gets wasted. Every Member should at least once work in the kitchen to see what is involved.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR, OCTOBER 12, 2012: “Last week, I went onto the general Germania website and was very impressed -- It is very extensive, fun to read, and very welcoming. The people at Germania seem to be fun-loving, and seem to have a special camaraderie through the club. That feeling is conveyed through the website and through your newsletter. Good job! -- looks like a lot of work, too! I especially enjoyed the Smilebox videos on the website.”
From Barbara Dombroski from Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish.

Note from the Editor: The above email could not come at a better time as many of us are still mourning the loss of Jon Wagner; the website we currently have was Jon’s creation and he was the webmaster, it is one of the many special projects he managed; the Smilebox videos are also his creation and if you have never spent time on your club website I strongly encourage you to do so and see what wonderful information, photos and videos we have on the web. Jon’s daughter Erin has been assisting the club with gaining access to the website and making necessary updates, and we would like to thank her. I have no doubt she makes her father proud.

In the November 2nd, 2012 edition of The Press of Atlantic City appeared a Commentary article in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy entitled ‘Dunes Saved Avalon and Stone Harbor’ written by ANDRÉ PATTANTYÚS, former Germania Almrausch Kindergruppe member and son of members Gábor and Christine. André, a former resident of Avalon and now living in Hawaii has his master’s degree in Meteorology and is studying toward his doctorate. In his article André says “I urge municipal and county planners to armor their coastlines with naturally with a dune system”. Congratulations on having the article published and we were also happy to hear the Pattantyús family’s vacation home in Avalon suffered very little damage from the storm surge.

PETER LICIS donated a lid / cover for the storage box used for empty bottles from the bar.

vielen Dank Peter!

Dear Fellow Germania Members and Friends, On behalf of Germania Almrausch S.V., I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2013. Working together, we have enjoyed a successful year for our club and weathered all the storms that came our way – not just Sandy, but also the thunderstorms of our Oktoberfest weekend! Let us continue to work cooperatively so that our German heritage will flourish in the Hudson Valley. Christine Pattantyús, President of Germania Almrausch SV
NEWS FROM AND ABOUT OUR MEMBERS (Continued from previous page)

Congratulations to Germania member, BENEDICTA NIEVES for receiving the 2012 award from the Hispanic Heritage Committee of the Exempt Firemen's Association. The award is a symbol of recognition of her ongoing commitment and dedication to the community, for her professional achievements and contributions to the political and social climate and discourse in the community. Benedicta was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico. She worked her way up from teacher's aide, teacher assistant, and paraprofessional trainer to teacher, curriculum specialist and Director of the Beacon Bilingual Program. She worked at a State level with students with emotional problems. She was chairperson for the Foreign Language Department for the Hyde Park School system. She was president of the Red Oaks Mill Lions Club that provided scholarships to high school students and also provided testing and eye glasses for children and adults who can't afford them. She also volunteered her time at the Exempt Firemen's Association by working at the community block parties. She is an adjunct professor of Spanish at Marist College and volunteers as a teacher for the Center for Lifetime Studies, sponsored by Marist College. She assists at the Office of the Aging, giving information to seniors about Medicare. She has been a member of the Committee for the Hudson Valley Task Force for Assessment of Needs of the Hispanic Community; Beacon Continuing Treatment Center of Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board; Planning Committee for First Hudson Valley Instructional Management Fair; Board for SUNY New Paltz Bilingual Program; and the Board of Beacon Opportunity Center. Benedicta enjoys our Thursday dance lessons and German Language Classes which we offer in Germania. She loves to learn and make new friends along the way. Congratulations from your friends at Germania. We are very proud of you!

SUNSHINE NEWS by Janett Frank

It was a very bad month for the TACINELLI family. On September 22nd, Charlie and his step-brother John lost their mother, Vivian A. Tacinelli, who passed away at St. Francis Hospital. Vivian is survived by Charlie, his wife Linda, her daughter Sandra Steele and her husband Bob, her stepson John and his partner Barbara Troan. Vivian is also survived by 8 grandchildren. Sad news came once again to their family when their sister, Sandra Steele, died on Saturday, October 13th at Hudson Valley Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center in Highland. Sandra leaves her husband Bob, her daughter and Charlie and John. Please accept our sincere condolences to their entire family.

On September 18th, NANCY ANN REICHERT GLASSBERG passed away in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Nancy was the daughter of passed member and photographer Henry Reichert and his wife Thelma, and sister to Carol Reichert and sister-in-law, Susan Russell. Nancy is also survived by her husband Joseph Glassberg and daughter and son-in-law. Our sincere sympathy goes to Carol and Susan.

MARION BAUER, JIM GORDON and HANSHEINRICH FRANZEN-NICHOLSON are all recovering from their recent operations. ART KALBLE is also recovering at home from his recent hospital stay. We wish you all well and a complete recovery to follow.

Best wishes goes to WERNER GROSS who remains on our sick list.

Our 95-year old member, ELEANOR QUICK, mother of Cal Baker and mother-in-law of Helga Baker, is now residing at Arch Care, formerly Ferncliff, in Rhinebeck. Stay well Eleanor.

Member TOM BAUER made front page headlines on Monday, November 5th in the Poughkeepsie Journal. Tom is shown working at the Town of Poughkeepsie Board of Elections preparing equipment for the Presidential election. You could see Tom once again in the Tuesday edition of the Journal overseeing the equipment delivered to the different polling sites.

I would like to apologize for the oversight and congratulate member, HILDEGARD EDLING for winning First Place at the Dutchess County Fair for her hooked piece.

WHAT’S COOKIN’?

Are you interested in seeing a recipe exchange section of your club newsletter? Please submit your name and recipe(s) and any credits (i.e. this was my mom’s favorite pie or this is a traditional German dish served at my grandfather’s house) to Editor@GermaniaPok.com.

This is a second request, but so far it does not look like the membership is interested in seeing a section for recipe exchange in the newsletter.
REMINDERS TO MEMBERS

THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN DECEMBER. ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

LUNCH IS SERVED AT THE CLUB WEDNESDAYS 11:30AM – 1:30PM. Wednesday Lunches will be closed annually during the week of the following affairs and holidays: GALLERIA MALL BAKE SALE, EASTER, OKTOBERFEST, THANKSGIVING, CHRISTKINDLMARKT and the Wednesday between CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR’S DAY. For more information, call Grete at (845) 454-1055.

PICTURES WANTED. If you would like to see more members or events pictured in the newsletter, please email pictures you take to Editor@GermaniaPok.com and we would be happy to share them in the newsletter! It is after all your newsletter, so send us your pictures and your news!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS are due no later than the 15th of January, March, May, July, September, and November. News and photographs from or about our members are welcome! Commentaries to the Editor about Germania events are also welcome. Email editor@germaniapok.com.

HEIMATSTUNDE MIT HELGA, a one hour radio program of German music every Sunday at 2:00pm on WHVW, 950 AM. Contact the program host, Helga Nowak Razey, at helgawhvw@aol.com or 845-797-7519 with music requests or comments.

THANK YOU

This is the time of year when we are supposed to take stock and give thanks for the blessings we have received. When I started thinking about it I became incredibly sad because I did not feel that the blessings were many in my life right now. This thought made me feel a little guilty and maybe just a little selfish.

This past year with Jon’s illness and death it was hard to think of blessings. But, I do have many. Jon left me with many gifts, the first being my children and family. I also look upon Germania as a gift. So many of you have helped me get through these past months. It may have been with shared tears, hugs or just a kind word, it helped. I realize that many people go through a similar event but do not have a Germania to help them through.

All of you helped make a very difficult day bearable. Germania never looked more welcoming, Jon would have loved seeing it ready for a Festival. But more importantly, it was seeing the faces of so many who I knew were there to support our family. Thank You for decorating, cooking, serving, donating to the Germania Fund in Jon’s name, or just being there.

Melissa and Family
Germania Blue and White Soccer Club
Celebrating “54” Years 1958 - 2012
President - Joseph Ulrich
Vice President - Jeff Contelmo
Treasurer - Mark Woyner
Secretary - Scott Grimes

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
97 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-454-0340

Celebration of the Eucharist
Weekdays 8AM
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT GERMANIA**

**CLUBHOUSE/BAR IS OPEN** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY LUNCH** 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (Except Holiday, Bake Sale & Oktoberfest weeks)  
**Ballroom Dance Lessons** Thursdays @7pm 845/229-9013  
**Rental Inquiries** 845/471-0609

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
ALL EVENTS ARE RUN BY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS - THESE EVENTS CANNOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

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No German Language Lessons until further notice due to illness of the class instructor.  
Fish dinners will be available at Friday Dinners and Biergartens during Lent  
When Arlington Central School District closes due to weather, Germania will be closed.

*Germania wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!*