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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 17 Frühlings Gala 454-8192

Apr 20 Membership Meeting

Apr 23 Dinner: Pork Schnitzel

Apr 24 Almrausch 40th 452-6219

May 01 Spring Concert 454-8192

May 07 Dinner: Roast Pork

May 16 Internat'l Dinner: TBD

May 18 Membership Meeting

May 21 Dinner: Sauerbraten

May 28 Biergarten: Wurst/Music

Jun 04 Dinner and Music

Jun 19 Annual Meeting/Elections

Jun 27 Internat'l Dinner: Poland

Aug 08 Internat'l Dinner: Hungary

GREETINGS FROM GERMANIA'S PRESIDENT JON WAGNER:

February has certainly been a challenging month for all of us! We thought we dodged the bullet when snow pounded areas south of New York, but the escape was short lived. Hopefully everyone got through the long power outages with only a little discomfort and lost food. I know some members endured better than a week without any power. The Club stayed powered up for the most part, so freezers were not a concern. We were forced to cancel some events like Wednesday lunch and a Friday night dinner, so our revenue is a little less that we would like. Hopefully when we thaw out, the room will be full again!

The February Biergarten was a huge success thanks to you. We had a full house and a great party atmosphere. Robb Rose became ancient and celebrated his birthday at the Biergarten with family and friends which turned out to be a perfect venue for such a celebration. March 19th was equally successful and fun; good food and music, no admission fee. If you have a special occasion coming up around May 28th let us know and we will reserve space at the May Biergarten for your friends and guests!

German Language classes are moving along nicely each Thursday at 6 PM. We have 30 classmates!

The new Travel Raffle is here. Please participate by buying and more importantly selling some tickets

This year we hired a five piece Irish band called Mac Cana. Germania was transferred into an Irish Pub on March 21st for your dining, dancing and listening pleasure. The membership dinner was a great success again this year. Special thanks to Gisela and Bobbie for coordinating, and a huge thank you to Darcy Sala and the students from BOCES CTI for a delicious meal and great service. Keep your eye on the calendar, there are great events coming up.

Oktoberfest plans and plans for the 160th weekend are moving forward. Please call me if you would like to be a part of the planning committee.

I had the distinct honor to act as the "Master of Ceremonies" February 27th for a fundraiser at the Elks Club to help out Brad Forrest's daughter Jovonna and Son in Law Chad. Sadly, Chad Otrosinka passed away before the event took place, but the evening was transformed into a celebration of Chad's life as well as the intended fundraiser. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brad, Jovonna and Chad's entire circle of friends and family.

Please keep supporting your club and each other. We can't do it alone.

REMINDERS: PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE UPCOMING GALA CELEBRATING OUR 160TH ANNIVERSARY ON APRIL 17TH. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!! Call Pat at 845-454-8192

Take advantage of what your club has to offer!

Wednesday Lunch 11:30 – 1:30PM. Grete Licis and her member volunteer staff are doing a great service to the club not only giving Germania a weekly income but providing the members with a welcoming gathering place on a mid-week afternoon. Thanks also to our Wednesday afternoon bartender!!

Conversational German language is being taught on Thursday nights at 6PM sharp; a fun 45 minute class. Contact Karen Wagner at (845) 838-5316 for more information. She loves Germany and German culture; she lived in Dresden for 17 months and would love to share her enthusiasm with you!

Thursday nights are also free Ballroom Dancing lessons starting at 7PM: Polka, Swing, Electric Slide, Zillertaler Hochzeitsmarsch, Das Flieger Lied, Viennese Waltz, Box Step and more... why not give it a try??? Or come by for a drink at YOUR club after work or after dinner and just observe.

Friday Night Out: Every other Friday Germania is serving dinner from 5PM until 7PM. A home cooked entrée with two side dishes, bread, dessert and coffee for \$12!!! Come and join us for an affordable meal served by member volunteers in a family style seating and get to know your fellow members. And at 7:30PM most Friday night dinner dates you can observe the Schuhplattler dancers rehearsing for their upcoming 40th Anniversary, Kinderfest and Oktoberfest season! Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein welcomes people of all ages, children through retirement, to join us!!!

Sunday Movies: Helga Baker runs movies at Germania Hall on calendared Sundays at 1PM which are followed by cake & coffee, a small donation is collected and reservations are appreciated, call 845/454-6572. There is a movie on April 11th "Solange noch die Rosen blueh'n". It will be the last one until fall. Our movie feature for March, "Das suendige Dorf", was a big success filling Germania's hall with lots of hearty laughter; the Schuhplattlers in the movie were superb.

Did we mention Germania has a full calendar of dinners, dances and events?? Did you know we have a soccer club and choral group? You just might meet your new best friend at Germania! Check out www.GermaniaPok.com

Membership meetings: short and to the point on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM. Stay informed and be proactive. Please join us!!!

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER: Approximately 50 members have not paid the dues that were due July 2009. Please be kind enough and mail it in as soon as possible. Our Dues are small and the club counts on every Dollar from the Dues to pay the bills. The club cannot afford to keep mailing Newsletters or any other information to non paying members. If you have any questions or concerns about your membership dues, please contact me at 845-454-9849. Sincerely, your membership chair - Gisela Hetherington.

GERMANIA NEWSLETTER by Karen L. Rose: Reminder! Please submit your articles, pictures and news to me by emailing them to editor@germaniapok.com by the 15th of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Please look ahead to what you are planning as a chairperson or daughter club so your event is submitted timely. Please also remember to report on the events you recently hosted or feel free to comment on events you have attended. We welcome announcements and personal news from our members, so please write to me! ALSO, please *Go Green* and help the club save on postage; receive your newsletter and the photographs throughout in clear full color via email! **Please take a few moments to sign up for the newsletter via email** by going to our club website, www.GermaniaPok.com, click on the button on the left called "Newsletter", click the grey box that says Email Me the Newsletter and follow the two (2) steps: one to register your name and mailing address and one to register your email. Thank you very much!!



GERMANIA ALMRAUSCH CELEBRATES 40 YEARS! Last call for reservations!! Join us for our 40th Stiftungsfest on **Saturday April 24, 2010** featuring a parade of flags, music by The Austrian Boys and Ehrentanzen by Germania Almrausch S.V. and our guest Schuhplattler Vereine. Doors open at 5:30pm; Beef Goulash with spätzle and green beans will be served for dinner at 6:30pm followed by dessert and coffee/tea. Adult Guests are \$25 and children ages 5-12 are \$5. Call Christine Pattantus at (845) 452-6219 to see if there are seats left!! Remember our 38th? Yup, the Jägerettes are back!!!

SPRING CONCERT: MAY 1, 2010. Did you know Germania was chartered on May 1, 1850? Come and celebrate Germania's 160th year with the group with whom the Club began, the Germania Men and Ladies Singers *und Kinderchor*. On May 1st Germania Hall will open at 5 PM; a Sauerbraten Dinner will be served at 6 PM followed by the Spring Concert and dancing afterwards. Please send your reservation by April 16th along with \$25 per person to Patricia Kemmerer, 173 Rothenburg Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. For information call (845) 454-8192.



GREETINGS FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIRLADY GISELA HETHERINGTON:

I would like to thank every member that has supported the club by attending our events. Without you, we could not survive. Please continue and spread the word to your friends and neighbors and bring them along.

IN EVERY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION YOU HAVE SOMEONE THAT ALWAYS helps with grace and is totally unassuming, great to work with, is always the first to help and never expects anything. This person in my view is Ed Blatz. Ed works a lot in the background of all aspects of the club, from office work, to helping in the kitchen, taking pictures of events and providing copies of the pictures to all that are involved, to helping anywhere and anytime, besides being the Secretary on the Board of Directors. He is also the one that helped me with the set up and decorating for our Christmas and New Years Eve parties. THANK YOU, THANK YOU Ed for all you do for the club. (Now if we only could clone you.) Many thanks also to his wife Evelyn and Carol Ann and Eddie Fischer who are always willing to lend a helping hand with setups and cleanups of any events.

As was written up in the last newsletter, our CHRISTMAS PARTY was a huge happy affair. All of you who attended were in such a wonderful, happy holiday spirit and you turned this Christmas party into a truly memorable event. My sincere thanks to our kitchen and wait staff, which cooked and served one of the most delicious meals. Thank you all. THE NEW YEAR EVE PARTY found us with a spread of absolutely delicious appetizers that were enough to fill everyone. The Prime Rib dinner was cooked to perfection. We normally do not thank our Volunteers individually since you inadvertently miss someone. I will make an exception for New Years and sure hope I did not forget someone. These Volunteers gave up their New Year Eve celebration in order to cook and serve the rest of us enjoying the good food and good time. So I think it is time to write them up and thank them publicly for such a great job. The kitchen crew was Monica Jorgensen, Margarethe Killmer, Grete Licis, Gerhard and Robin Stoetzel, Theresa Pointer and Gene Schlag. Helmut Loibl made the delicious Swan cream puffs and Ronnie Kemmerer got us the Prime Rib. The Wait / Bar Staff was Hanni Gilgert, John Jorgensen, Fran Kalble, Christine Pattantus, Karen Beyer, and Melissa and Jon Wagner. Many many thanks to all of you and also thank you to the members that joined us in bringing in the New Year.

On our 160TH MEMBERSHIP DINNER DANCE we honored and celebrated Otto Mahn and Frank Serching Sr. along with their family and friends. The Membership Dinner Dance is one affair that we really try to give all our members a chance to enjoy the festivities without having to work. So with this in mind, we asked Darcy Sala and her students for their help again. The delightful and very tasty meal showed off their culinary skills which were very much appreciated. Ed Blatz, thank you for the pictures and input to the newsletter on this. We also remembered our deceased members with the Singers performing "Still Ruht Dein Herz" while Joe Ulrich spoke their names: George Armstrong, Frank Carlton, Robert Krauss, Philip Meister and Leonard Rugman Jr.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I think the Board and members will agree that Gisela also deserves a big thank you for chairing the three parties she reported on in this article. Without members like Gisela to take a leadership role in planning and running an event we would not have a social calendar as full as the one Germania offers us. Thanks Gisela!!

NEWS FROM THE SINGERS by Janett Frank

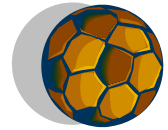
A group of the singers paid their respect to the family of George Armstrong at the wake held Sunday March 7th and sang 'Sanctus-Heilig, heilig, heilig is der Herr' and 'So nimmt denn meinen Haenden', which was greatly appreciated by his son and family.

We are presently rehearsing for our 160th Anniversary Concert on May 1st. If you have not made your reservation yet, please do so by April 16th; please send your check in the amount of \$25.00 per person to Patricia Kemmerer, 173 Rothenberg Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. For further information call (845) 454-8192.

The Singers are also rehearsing for KARFREITAG (Good Friday) German Service at the First Lutheran Church in the City of Poughkeepsie at 3PM. Following the service, refreshments will be served.

SOCCER CLUB NEWS

by Joe Ulrich, Germania Blue & White Soccer Club President



World Cup Central at Germania! The world cup starts on June 11 and Germania will be the place to be to watch all the big games. The soccer club will be hosting world cup events throughout the tournament. The first big weekend starts on June 12 when we'll be watching the games on Saturday and Sunday. Games are at 7:30am, 10:00, and 2:00pm each day. Plan on coming to the club for all the games; you may even win a flat screen TV after the Final in our raffle!

Soccer Club Golf Tournament: The annual soccer club golf tournament is set for June 25, 2010 at the McCann Memorial Golf Course. The shotgun start will start at 8:00am with a reception to follow at the Germania club house. Tickets are \$100 per person which includes greens fees, golf carts, breakfast at the course, lunch reception at Germania, German beer and prizes. Check out our event flyer for details and where to sign up. The event is open to all members and friends so get a foursome and come out and play!

Soccer members and family working for Habitat. Soccer club members Mitch Greene, Jeff McDonough, Mark Woyner, Jeff Contelmo, and Joe Ulrich went to Baltimore, MD in February to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. The ten person team met with David Wunderink, a Habitat coordinator and son-in-law to member Mitch Greene and his wife Rose and did electrical wiring on a house. Kudos to those that volunteer! *Pictured below are (l-r) Luanne McDonough, David Wunderink, Casey Wunderlink, Jeff McDonough, Jeff Contelmo, Michelle Marmo, Rose Greene, James Woyner, Joe Ulrich, Mark Woyner, Mitch Greene.*

KUDOS: Soccer member Earl Farrier's son CODY FARRIER was awarded the Elks Athlete of the Year for playing Soccer with Arlington High School. DARRYL SULLIVAN was named for Coaching Achievements; Darryl is son of long time member and soccer player David Sullivan. Congratulations to both Cody and Darryl!

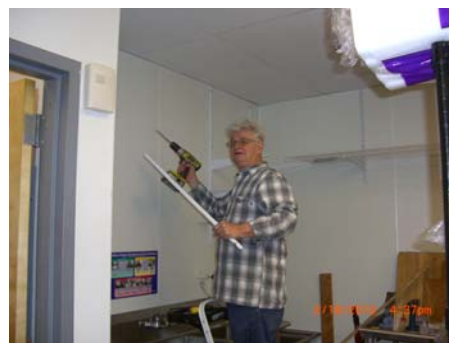
DANKE! The Board would like to thank all the members and guests who attend our Friday Night Dinners. Those who could not attend the dinner on March the 12th missed out on a great meal; not only was the Pork Ragu delicious, but the fish dinner (special during the Lenten season) was Linguini with Scallops. If you have any questions regarding the meals served, feel free to call Germania at 845-471-0609 on the day of the dinner.



Habitat for Humanity volunteers

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS AND OTHER TIDBITS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.... One would think the clubhouse is complete and the building committee can relax. Not so, there are still projects unseen by the majority. One just has to look into the basement. All kinds of things are on the floor and need to be sorted, organized or thrown away. Our singers had to store boxes of sheet music and all kinds of other things on the floor, unprotected from any potential flood, and needed some type of shelving. Some concerned members donated funds for material, and Cal Baker spent most of his time hauling material and assembling the shelving. He did get some part time help from the following members: Rudy Braun, Bill Reuter, and Herb Wenskus. Then came the time to clear the floor of all the clutter, organize, sort and stack the items with the help of Cal, Rudy Braun and Helga Nowak-Razey. And... finally some kitchen clutter can be stored on shelves! The shelves are not heavy duty, and one should be aware what to put on them. There is Cal Baker hauling hardware from the supplier and diligently climbing the ladder over sinks and obstacles, mounting brackets and shelving. Well, he did get some help from Herb Wenskus who was mostly acting as a (Handlanger), handing him the right tools, brackets, and screws, while he was up on top of sinks. Here are some pictures to show the great work that has been done for storage:



ALEXANDRA REICHERT daughter of Michael and Jennifer Reichert attended the National Young Leaders State Conference (NYSCLC) in Albany, NY March 4-7th, 2010. Alexandra, a 9th grader at Arlington High School was nominated by Mrs. Pollack, a Lagrange Middle School Math teacher. Outstanding students from across the nation participated in a unique leadership development program being held in 35 cities across the country. The scholars were challenged to step forward in a manner that is decisive and confident, to grasp the concepts of leadership that will be taught and to act upon their dreams of making a difference in the world while maintaining the courage of their convictions. The NYLSC curriculum focused on an introspective and highly-personalized assessment of student's leadership skills and abilities. The conference also helped identify how students get at the heart of their innate skills and talents and help them identify how they can best serve their communities. Alexandra earned a Certificate of Merit in Recognition of Outstanding Dedication to Educational Achievement, Strength of Character and Leadership.

ALYSSA TACINELLI, daughter of Linda and Charlie Tacinelli, granddaughter of Margot and Karl Berghofer, celebrated her 15th Birthday at Villa Borghese on Saturday, February 27th. It was the 12th Annual Awards Banquet sponsored by the Southern Dutchess Horse and Pony Association. Alyssa was awarded Green Hunter Champion on her horse Ima Dixie Deluxe, and Junior Hunter Reserve Champion, Open Hunter Reserve Champion and Pleasure Horse Reserve Champion on her horse Mystery Commander for 2009. Way to go Alyssa! Congratulations and good luck in 2010.



HELP WANTED: I hope we do not have to post this one every month...***Please join the Oktoberfest Planning Committee!*** Our annual Oktoberfest is the club's largest fundraiser and when you are on a committee at your club it is a great way to meet fellow members and adopt a second family. The Oktoberfest Committee attends planning meetings; participates in grounds set up/clean up and works the three-day festival. Some committee members have specific planning assignments; we could use help in the areas of Vendor registration and advertising in addition to general planning. Interested members should contact Jon Wagner at 635-9009. Special thanks to Sara Ali who recently agreed to coordinate the volunteers!

ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL AND MAY BABIES! Mark Day, Carol Reichert, Karen Beyer, Rudolf Dehnert, Helmut Loibl, David R Longacre, Chris Mastreani, Richard Siegmund, Fred Harold Siemer, Christian Cacciotti, Melissa K Wagner, Siegfried Schrandt, Michael Thompson, Elizabeth Calabrese, Paula Nichole Lopez, James Bowne, Lisa Faith Yearack, Helen Doland, Guenther Grosshans, Norman Licis, Henry Reichert, Elenora Granda, John Bahrenburg, William (Earl) Farrier, Edward Klepeis, Keith Fowler, Raymond Skov, Andrea Simonson, Colleen Cherry, Randy Desdune, Heribert Puberl, Karl Seitz, William R Smith, Margot Berghofer, Daniel Sommerville, George DelGrosso, Marijo Doedee, Jim Schneider, George Bernhard, Chuck Omphalius, Anita Schunzel, Gerhard Stoetzel, Henry Kading, Frank Serching Sr., William Harschow, Marilyn Luhmann,

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Belated birthday wishes to Cal Baker who was inadvertently left out of our March babies announcement!



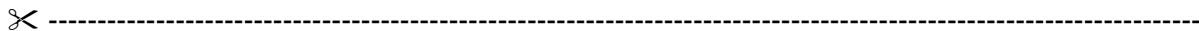
SINCERE CONDOLENCIES:

To the family of our Anonymous Jeweler on Main Street in the City of Poughkeepsie, long time Member LEONARD H. RUGMAN (Lenny to all his friends). Lenny will be greatly missed by his friends, and especially his wife Loretta and their sons, John and Ty, their daughters Laura and Kate and his son-in-law, Thomas Rochenski and his sister, Jane Rugman. Lenny and Loretta also have a granddaughter Ramona Lucy Rugman.

To Brad Forrest and his wife Debbie, their daughter Jovonna Otrrosinka and their granddaughter Ember Forrest Otrrosinka on the death of their son-in-law, husband and father, CHAD R. TROIKA. Chad passed away on February 23rd at Memorial Sloan Kettering after a brave fight with cancer. Our hearts go out to all of you especially to lose a family member so early in life.

To George Lakatos, his daughter and her husband, Judy Lakatos and Timothy Arndt, and George's three grandchildren Theresa, Eric and Sean Arndt, on the loss of his wife, mother and Oma, MARIA M. LAKATOS. Maria passed away on March 2nd, after a long illness of many years. All our prayers go to George and his family, especially George who has been disabled for quite some time.

To the family of GEORGE A. ARMSTRONG who died on March 4th at his home. George had been a singer on and off throughout the years, and had suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease for a number of years.



17TH ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC KINDERFEST – GERMANIA KINDER MUST REGISTER BY 4/15/2010



Attention members! If you wish to reserve your children or grandchildren for Kinderfest on June 5, 2010 please complete and mail this form **by April 15th** to Kinderfest 2010, c/o Dave Yearack, 112 Bower Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or email the information needed to kinderfest@germaniapok.com, please put 'Kinderfest RSVP' in the subject.

Child's Name _____
(Note: Kinderchor children must reserve as a group through Director Helga Baker)

Child is (____) boy (____) girl Child's Age ____ # of adults attending with child ____

Member's Name _____

Member's Email _____ Member's Phone _____

KINDERFEST is almost here! We anticipate attendance by more than 200 children and their families! Germania is celebrating 160 years and Germania Almrausch SV is celebrating its 40th year; we are proud Kinderfest will be part of these celebrations and that we can showcase our heritage, honor our future (the children) and bring visitors to the Hudson Valley. We have been fundraising for a little more than 2 years now. **THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR YOU TO HELP GERMANIA REDUCE THE EXPENSES OF THIS FESTIVAL FOR WE WILL BE PURCHASING WHAT WE STILL NEED AFTER APRIL 15TH:** Please drop off raffle gift, game prizes or craft items as soon as possible. Gift cards to toy and craft stores are also greatly appreciated. You can also support the children by submitting an ad or greeting for the program book or purchase the new Germania Cookbook *Guten Apetite*. If you want more information about Kinderfest or ways you can support this children's festival please contact us at Kinderfest@GermaniaPok.com, 845/471-7442 or 845/452-6360.



Picture above from 2010 Heritage Day at Galleria Mall: April Yearack, Tori Reichert and Sabine Doedee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
 Part of our 160th celebrations and Kinderfest weekend includes:
Friday June 4, 2010 Friday Dinner, Music and Summer Concert by the Germania Men & Ladies Chorus
Sat. June 5, 2010 After Kinderfest, Music by The Austrian Boys 6-10PM and food for sale; no admission fee!

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



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Friday, September 10
Doors Open 5PM
 The Schwarzenegger Connection 5-10

Saturday, September 11
Doors Open 11AM
 Schachtelgebirger Musikanten
 aka Scha-Musi 12-4pm
 Spitze 5-10pm

Sunday, September 12
Doors Open Noon
 The Mountain Brauhaus Band 1-6pm

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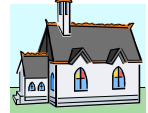
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