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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 09 Oktoberfest 5pm

Sep 10 Oktoberfest 11am-10pm

Sep 11 Oktoberfest Noon-6

Sep 30 Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm

Oct 07 Biergarten (Joe Unger) 6:30pm

Oct 18 Membership Meeting 7:30pm (food)

Oct 21 Rouladen Dinner 5:30pm

SEE FULL CALENDAR WITHIN

**Club Bar is Open 7 - 11 pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays**



Wednesday Lunch

11:30 am - 1:30pm



Newsletter - September 2016

OKTOBERFEST

Munich's Oktoberfest began life as a wedding for the Bavarian crown prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, to Princess Therese from Saxony-Hildburghausen on October 12, 1810 which was attended by the local community. Although the horse races of those first years were eventually abandoned, many characteristics of the early Oktoberfest celebrations have been retained or expanded upon. It is held on its original site, Theresienwiese ("Theresa's fields"), in front of the city gates, also called by the locals the "Wies'n". The Bayerisches Zentral-Landwirtschaftsfest (Bavarian Central Agricultural Festival or ZLF) continues to be a feature (only held every four years now), and the tradition of beer and food stands, begun in 1818, continues today. 16 days; six million people; many tents including giant brewery-sponsored beer halls that can hold up to 5,000 people apiece; carousels and rides; the festival opens with a grand parade of the Oktoberfest "landlords" and breweries, lead by the Münchner Kindl and the Lord Mayor of Munich, and features traditional dancers and costumed performers, the Riflemen's Procession, music...and, most definitely, beer!



The 183rd Munich Oktoberfest

17. September 2016 through 03. October 2016.

Two art students, Linda Sophie Schultheis and Susanna Schneider (Designschule München, München) won the 2016 Oktoberfest poster design competition. The competition for the design for the Oktoberfest poster has been taking place since 1952, and since 1978, the winning design gets to be on the official collectors' mug.



ozapfa (v.) - to tap a beer barrel. The Munich Oktoberfest is each year inaugurated with a ceremonial taping of the first barrel of beer in the Schottenhamel tent by the Mayor. At our Germania Oktoberfest, while we do not tap a beer barrel, we do have one at our opening ceremony each day and the beer is blessed!

Germania does its best to bring traditional Oktoberfest to the community by holding a three-day festival with a huge tent on the grounds, an opening ceremony parade of its members in Dirndl and Lederhosen, live bands, great food, imported beer, Bavarian style pretzels, Schuhplattler dance performances, German song, vendors and children's activities.

Germania Oktoberfest (Poughkeepsie, NY)

9. September 2016 through 11. September 2016

Oktoberfest!

September 9th, 10th and 11th

Germania Festival Grounds - 51 Old Degarmo Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 - (845) 471-0609

**Delicious
German Food!**



German Baked Goods!



Bavarian Pretzels!



**MUNICH's FINEST
BIERS!**



Sponsored by
**Dutchess Beer
Distributors**

German Singers!

Bavarian Dancers!

Vendors!

**Children's
Activities!**



Dancing!

Food!

Singing!

Families!



Friday, September 9th
Doors Open 5PM
Alpine Squeeze!
6pm - 10pm



Gregory & The Brauhaus Band!
12pm-4pm



Spitze!
5pm-10pm

Sunday, September 11th
Doors Open Noon
Spitze! 1pm-6pm

FOR the KIDS!

Each Day!
Piñata, Chicken Dance,
Playground!
Saturday 12:30-4:30pm
Oakie Dokie
beloved hobo clown!
Sunday 2-4pm
Whoopsy Daisy the Clown!
Sunday 4-6pm
Button Down Balloons!

Gemütlichkeit!

Willkommen!

President's Greeting



Dear Members:

Summer has sped by once again this year; and Oktoberfest is just around the corner. The Festival Committee has been working almost non-stop to have everything in place for our opening evening on Friday, September 9th. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for one or more volunteer shifts. Your willingness to volunteer enables us to keep Oktoberfest running smoothly each and every year. All we need is "perfect" weather. There is always a need for additional volunteers, so if you haven't signed up yet, there's still time to contact

Sylvia Reuter. Don't forget to invite your family, colleagues and friends to come and enjoy a family friendly Oktoberfest.

I was unable to attend the August events at Germania, as I was traveling with my relatives from Heidelberg, Germany. But I've heard all about them from our members.

Germania was filled wall to wall with both members and guests at the August 12th Friday Night Biergarten. Karen Rose had included it as part of the Heller family reunion weekend. Thank you, Karen for bringing your relatives from throughout the United States and Germany to Germania, and making the Biergarten memorable for all. It was an overwhelming success financially for Germania as well as a totally enjoyable one.

Joe Ulrich and his team of volunteers put on an outstanding Indoor Barbecue last August 21st. Everyone who attended had a great time and wants to see this event continue annually, despite the fact that it was poorly attended. Reports say the food was excellent, the beer flowed and the music catered to everyone. If you missed it this year, be sure to mark your 2017 calendar for a "don't miss" barbecue once the date has been set. Thank you Joe for all your hard work and dedication.

Events this fall include a 50th anniversary celebration of the Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167, Steuben Society of America, a Schlachtfest, Fall Concert, and Christkindlmarkt in addition to our lunches, indoor biergartens and Friday night dinners. I know they'll all showcase the best Gemütlichkeit in the Hudson Valley.

Enjoy the final days of summer and see you all at the Oktoberfest!. Carol Ann Fischer, President

*EVENT
CANCELLATION
Car Show
October 15, 2016
CANCELLED*



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP BOOK

In an effort to become more organized, and lighten the work load of a few, we are proud to introduce our new volunteer sign up book.

Members can now look into the volunteer book at Germania Hall at their convenience, any time they are at the club, and see pages for each of our calendared events and sign up to work. Event Chairpersons and the Board will now be able to ascertain and address any shortages.

There is also a new master list where members can add their contact information and special skills and abilities so that they may be called upon when needed. If so desired in the future, this book will allow us to track volunteer hours for incentives and volunteer appreciation activities.



Notes from the Singers

The Singers have a new web page. Please explore it by typing the following address into your browser: <http://nyssb.org/PGS.htm> or you can click on the "singers" button on our club home page www.GermaniaPok.com.



Several friends from our group got together at one of Germania's open Friday nights (no dinner or biergarten scheduled) and enjoyed a meal they brought, drinks and camaraderie.

Rehearsals for the upcoming year have resumed. Everyone is invited to join us Monday evenings at 7:30pm. You don't need to speak German. The only criterion is that you enjoy singing. Of course it would be helpful if you can carry a tune. For more information, please call George at 452-2905 or Helga at 797-7519.

The Fall Concert, "A Little Watermusic", has been scheduled for Sunday, November 20th, at 3 PM followed by a delicious pork roast dinner with bread dumplings. Reinhold Wiedemann will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure. Please see the event flyer with reservation details within this issue of the Germania Newsletter.

The July 10, 2016 25-Week Club Party was once again a very successful event for Germania. Thanks to all the volunteers who so graciously offered their time and assistance with this function. This affair helps to offset insurance expenses necessary to operate out clubhouse and the recreation grounds. The music, food and camaraderie were exceptional as usual. One hundred thirty-five persons attended this event. And a great time was had by all! Thanks to everyone for your participation.



Congratulations to the following Grand Prize winners:

\$500 Kay Streck
\$250 Helga Baker
\$150 Meta Laib
\$100 Melissa Jones
\$ 50 Warren Dow

We welcome all members to purchase tickets for the upcoming 25-Week Club. Please call Marilyn Luhmann at (914)489-2561.

FROM OUR GERMAN CLASS...WER BIN ICH? (Who am I?)

If you can guess the answers, email your name and the answer to Editor@GermaniaPok.com by October 15, 2016. The answers will be published in the November newsletter.

1 Ich lebte mit meinem Vater in einer kleinen fiktiven italienischen Stadt. Mein Vater schnitzte mich aus Holz und ich war eine Puppe. Meine Nase wächst und wird länger wenn ich lüge. Mein Vater heisst Gepetto.

2 Ich war eine Legendenfigur und ein Died aus dem 14. Jahrhundert. Ich stahl von den Reichen und gab den Armen. Ich lebte mit meinen Männern im Sherwood Wald.

3. Prepositions requiring the dative

Eight to memorize

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HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE STUDYING HIS GERMAN PHRASE BOOK...

"ICH, MEINER, MIR, MICH, DU, DEINER, DIR, DICH, DER, DESSEN, DEM, DEN, DIE, DEREN, DER, DIE"

"AUS, AUßER, BEI, MIT, NACH, SEIT, VON, ZU... AN, AUF, HINTER, IN, NEBEN, ÜBER, UNTER"

I SURRENDER!!

German Classes will resume on Thursday, September 15, 2016!



www.GermaniaPok.com



Germania Singers Proudly Present Their Fall Concert



“A Little Watermusic”



November 20th, 2016 at 3 PM

At Germania of Poughkeepsie

37 Old DeGarmo Road

Followed by a choice from a large variety of appetizers,
Roast Pork Dinner, Bread Dumplings, Mushroom Ragout,
Vegetables and Dessert.

The cost is \$30 per person. Music for your dancing and
listening pleasure performed by Reinhold Wiedemann on his
“Dancing Zither with Rhythm”



Reservation deadline is November 12th. Please send your check made out to Germania Singers
along with your reservations to:

Patricia Kemmerer, 173 Rothenburg Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Name: _____ Telephone _____

How many _____

For information call Pat at 454-8192 or George at 452-2905 or Helga at 797-7519



Steuben Society News



The Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167 of the Steuben Society of America will be celebrating its **50th Anniversary on Sunday, October 30, 2016**. Please join us at Germania Hall for a celebration of this milestone. The afternoon will feature cash bar and an assortment of Hors d' oeuvres being served from 1pm til 2pm followed by dinner and dancing. At 2PM you have a choice of



Prime Rib, Salmon or a Vegetarian Dinner. Musical entertainment will be by Gregory Reinwald and the Mountain Brauhaus Band. The donation is \$40.00 per person. Reservations are due by October 18th. This event is open to anyone. However, you must have reservations to attend. We request dressy casual attire please. (no jeans). For further information please call Virginia Obry at 845-489-2391

Please send reservations along with your check made out to Steuben Society of America to: Virginia Obry, P.O. Box 246, Modena, N.Y. 12548. Indicate # of people and their choice of Prime Rib, Salmon or Vegetarian dinner.

Award for Excellence in German by Carol Ann Fischer - On Thursday, May 19th, a gorgeous Spring day, there was much anticipation and excitement in the air at West Point for the Graduation Awards Ceremony. It was my distinct honor and privilege to have presented the 2016 Steuben Society of America Award for Excellence in German. The Steuben Award is one of the oldest awards presented at West Point, having been established in 1936 and continuously presented annually since then. The award is a Crossed Saber, mounted and framed for display, that is coveted by all cadets. This year's recipient, Cadet Darien Vaughn, comes from Madison, New Hampshire. During his 4 years at West Point, he spent some semesters abroad training with the German and Austrian militaries. Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was held where Eddie and I spent time with Cadet Vaughn, his family, Professor Johannes Vazulik and German Department faculty members including Colonel Mark Gagnon, who I have known through previous visits to West Point. Cadet Vaughn, now a Second Lieutenant, will report to his first duty assignment in July in Colorado.



Save the Date... 2017

Fasching - February 25, 2017

(Bud & Linda Gramer)

St. Patrick's Party - March 25, 2017

(MacCana)

Polish Dinner Dance - April 23, 2017

(Maria and John)

Maifest - May 19, 20 & 21, 2017

Oktoberfest - September 8, 9 & 10, 2017

Save the Date... 2017

Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, the bar will be open and there will be cold cut platters available for purchase. Meeting starts at 7:30pm. Please attend the meeting... be informed, be proactive, sign-up to work upcoming events or get event details. There are no membership meetings in November and December.



GOOD AND WELFARE (News from and about our members)

Please submit your announcements, news and pictures to Editor@GermaniaPok.com.

If you know of a member who should be added to our Get Well mentions, please contact Sylvia Reuter 914-882-0200.

Get Well wishes to ALEX JOMBACH from your Soccer Club friends!

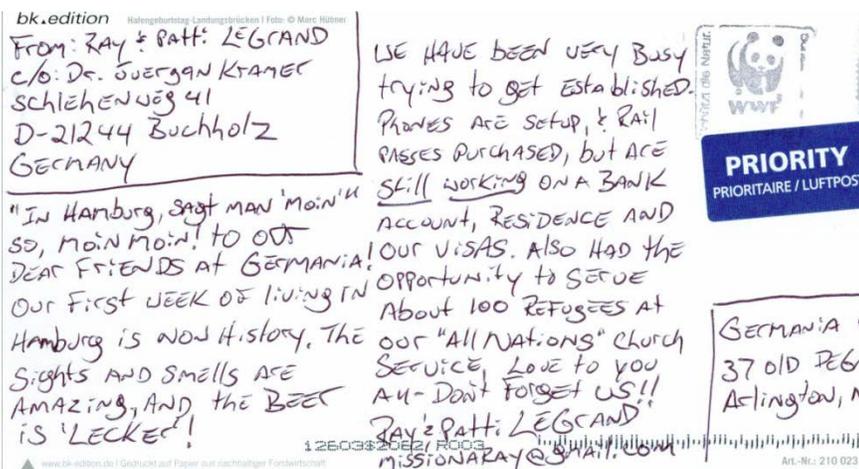
Get Well Soon to the following members: John Kading who had knee replacement surgery, Trudy Cerbone, Leonard Hummel, Todd Lobb, and Guenther Grosshans.



Congratulations to our daughter CHRISTINE SHELLNBARGER on her excellent completion of her MS in Human Computer Interaction from De Paul University. She presently lives with her husband Chris in San Francisco where she is employed. Love, Riki & George Engelhardt



Congratulations MICHAEL SCHROEDER on his marriage to Maria Forero on Saturday July 16, 2016. The wedding was held at St Martin de Porres parish with a reception following at Christo's. Their rehearsal dinner was held at Germania's biergarten on July 15th and everyone had a wonderful time.



**Special wishes to
 Margarethe Killmer who
 will be celebrating her
 80th Birthday on
 September 21st, 2016!!!**



Member LORE SCHOENFELD is in this picture (left) that appeared in the Poughkeepsie Journal on 8/4/16; she is a volunteer for Mended Hearts Chapter 5 of the Hudson Valley, and so his her husband Karlheinz. Mended Hearts is a non-profit organization made up of and helping people with heart disease.



GOOD AND WELFARE CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE
(News from and about our members)



Congratulations to Madeline Grey on the birth of her new granddaughter, CALLYN GREY PETERS! She is blessed with two other grandchildren, Aryanna 10 and Logan 12.

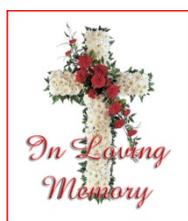
Happy 1st birthday to Bill and Sylvia Reuter's granddaughter, SOPHIA ANN REUTER!!!

Congratulations to Ted and Ginni on the marriage ♥♥♥ of their granddaughter, SAMANTHA GHOSTLAW to Teddy Connors.



Congratulations to PAUL & CAROL BLAUTH on their 40th Wedding Anniversary on September 5th.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the following members and friends of Germania:



Condolences to Susie Greinacher. Her partner and soul mate HERBERT "HERB" "SAM" CADE, JR. passed away on July 21, 2016 at the age of 57. At one Oktoberfest, Herb and Susie brought a pair of horses and wagon where they led the ceremonial parade and later gave wagon rides for the children.



Sympathy to Jim and Kathy Whalen. Jim's sister, BARBARA WHALEN HANSEN, passed away July 31st. She was 73 years old.



Sympathy to Joe Erdt and family. His wife KLARA M. ERDT, 81, passed away on August 15, 2016. Klara was a beloved member of Germania. She enjoyed helping in the kitchen where she made fresh spaetzle for the dinners; she donated a spaetzle maker to Germania. Klara supported the club with her generous donations of financial and kitchen and food supplies. We'll remember her for her willingness to help where she could. Klara was born in Wolfsschlugen, Germany on February 5, 1935, the daughter of Albert & Martha Bauer. She married Joseph in October of 1959 in Poughkeepsie, NY. Klara was a loving wife, mother and Oma who enjoyed cooking, gardening and baking. Survivors include her husband Joe, her son Frank, her daughter Karin, her Granddaughters: Kaitlin, Lauren, Natalie, Samantha, her brothers and many nieces and nephews.

GERMANIA'S SYCAMORE TREE. A gentleman passing through the area sent a note to Germania saying he saw the sycamore tree we have on our property, loved the tree and suggested that we clean the area around the tree to preserve it. He mentioned that the local people in Simsbury, CT got together to make the Pinchot Sycamore (pictured) a landmark in the town, and he thinks our tree was just as beautiful as that one. The Pinchot Sycamore is a large American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) that is almost 28 feet (8.5 m) around and 104 feet (32 m) tall, with a canopy diameter of about 147 feet (45 m). It is estimated to be between 200 and 300 years old, and was named in honor of Gifford Pinchot, an American forester and politician. According to the conservation group American Forests in 2000, the Pinchot Sycamore was scheduled to be listed in the 2001 edition of the National Register of Big Trees as one of the two largest known American sycamores in the US, tied with a tree in Bath County, VA. But, as of 2009 a larger tree in Ashland, OH is listed as the champion American sycamore. In 2005, a guitar made from a fallen bough of the Pinchot Sycamore was auctioned off by the Farmington River Watershed Association. In 2011 it sustained some damage to its canopy as a result of an early snowstorm; however, it was not diminished in size, and its large recognizable lower limbs remain intact.





Building and Grounds

Peter Licis, Chairman, (845)255-7616

"For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad." - Edwin Way Teale

It is that time of year again when the leaves will be falling and the summer flowers will wither; soon it will be time to do the fall yard work and winterize the pavilion. We welcome member volunteers to come and attend to anything you see that needs attention in our front yard and at the festival grounds the way you would at your own home. Please coordinate with Peter Licis at (845)255-7616, or let him know if you would like to be called upon when work dates are set.



Also, Peter is looking for members to join the Building and Grounds Committee. If you are handy around the house and yard at home then you are the perfect buildings and grounds volunteer for Germania! We are also interested in members with trade experience that can offer advice, materials discounts or work on projects. Some examples are HVAC, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters, masonry, landscaping and tree removal, or equipment and flooring maintenance. If you are willing to be put on a list or join the committee please call Peter!

Once a Building and Grounds Committee is established, committee meetings will be set, and are expected to start up after October. At meetings projects and building needs are discussed and planned (or attended to), fundraising ideas are discussed when appropriate, and work dates are set. Also, knowledgeable committee members meet contractors and inspectors when necessary, open the clubhouse or grounds for cleaners and workers, or oversee project and cleanup work dates.

There is a lot to do at Germania, and we need your help! Please call today!



RECIPES WANTED

We are creating a Germania Member's Recipes Cookbook! Help us make this a successful fundraising project!

Submit your recipe to us **before October 1, 2016** by:

1. Mail to Germania to: Joyce – Attention Cookbook
2. Email to: jms4956@optonline.net
3. Or, place your recipe in the RECIPE BOX at Germania

Remember we will need your name, address and phone #, and be sure to let us know a little bit about your recipe(s) – what you like about it, it's history, etc. Can't wait to see – and especially taste – all your favorites! Thank you!



So you get up and the calendar says it is Wednesday. Have you had breakfast yet? So now it's 11:30 AM and time for lunch. Everyone likes to eat, right? So why not come to Germania! You might even meet some of your long time friends there enjoying good conversation along with a glass of beer or

wine. Every Wednesday is a different "chef's choice" special and who knows, your favorite meal could be the one served this week. Of course the tasty sandwiches, soup and wurst are always available. And really, you can't beat the prices! Lunch is served from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM but come early so the day's special is still available and not sold out, and bring a friend!



YOUR AD OR MESSAGE HERE

\$60/year supports Germania by reducing postage & copy expense of this newsletter.

Mail checks payable to "Germania" to Katherine Ulrich, 1 Baldwin Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Email ad to Editor@GermaniaPok.com
(MS Word, Rich Text or jpeg formats)

RENT GERMANIA FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY

Call Dori (845) 255-7616 or email
rentals@GermaniaPok.com



Member Discount Available

BIERGARTEN

**Brats, Pretzels, Dessert and more,
Beer, Music and Gemütlichkeit!**
Germania Hall opens at 6:30pm; á la carte food service and accordionist Joe Unger 7-10pm.

NEXT BIERGARTEN DATES:

Oct 7 * Nov 4



OKTOBERFEST



Weekend After Labor Day

WWW.GERMANIAOKTOBERFEST.COM

Special thanks to Germania's "regulars" who come to the Wednesday Lunch, Biergartens, Friday Night Dinners, special events, etc. We cannot mention particular names because there are so many members that support the club by coming to our events.

We recognize that our regulars can't do volunteer work anymore because they aren't able to but they do come to our events very religiously and support the club that way, and some travel quite a distance. They also generously donate in monetary form. Our "regulars" are important to us.

Our Regulars

Wednesday Lunch

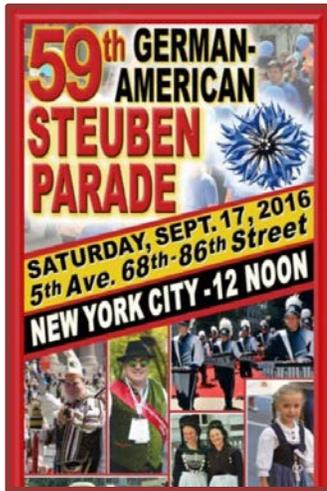
The Wednesday Lunch volunteer group has made changes so that there is more effective kitchen crew scheduling, better service, and cost savings on printing menus every week. It's working better because we don't

have just one or two people cooking the lunches anymore (additional help was very much needed) and different groups have been established. Thank you to everyone that has helped make Wednesday lunches a success for Germania.



Pictures: (1) George and Liz Calabrese, Kathy & John Borgoy and Phil and Hans Franzen -Nicholson (2) Kitchen crew: Helga Nowak-Razey, Joan Magee and Eugene Schlag (3) Lunch Specials Board, which changes every Wednesday and is new.

SAVE THE DATE



REMINDER – ROAD DETOUR DUE TO BRIDGE CLOSURE ON DEGARMO/OVERLOOK ROAD:

If you are coming from Route 55 West, County 46 is temporarily closed. Detour to County 43-Burnett Boulevard (right at 4th light after 46), then right onto 44 East. Pass Rhinebeck Savings Bank and CVS Pharmacy



on your right and Adams Fairacre Farms on your left; At traffic light (Walgreens on left), turn right onto County Route 43- DeGarmo Road (Purple Parlor Carwash on corner); Turn right onto Old DeGarmo

Road (across from church; you will see sign for Germania and the clubhouse on the corner lot); Clubhouse is first driveway on your left and the Pavilion is the gravel parking lot, second driveway on your left.

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY!

German-American Day is a holiday in the United States, observed annually on **October 6**. The holiday, which celebrates German American heritage, commemorates the date in 1683 when 13 German families from Krefeld near the Rhine landed in Philadelphia. These families subsequently founded Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first German settlement in the original thirteen American colonies. Originally celebrated in the nineteenth century, German-American Day died out in World War I as a result of the anti-German sentiment that prevailed at the time. The holiday was revived in 1983. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6th as German-American Day to celebrate and honor the 300th anniversary of German American immigration and culture to the United States. On August 6, 1987, Congress approved S.J. Resolution 108, designating October 6, 1987, as German-American Day. It became Public



Law 100-104 when President Reagan signed it on August 18. A proclamation (#5719) to this effect was issued October 2, 1987, by President Reagan in a formal ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, at which time the President called on Americans to observe the Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.



WISHING YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER: John Beurket, Blaise Blabac, Carol Blauth, Lino Brajuha, Ann Braun, Emily Braun, Jeffrey Contelmo, Gerald Dolan, Angela Dourdis, Phil Franzen-Nicholson, Herbert Graff, Madeline Grey, Linda Hacksteiner, Reiner Herink, Richmond Hodge, Alex Jombach, Margarethe Killmer, Manfred Klein, Klara Laks, Barbara Lang Hutchison, Dori



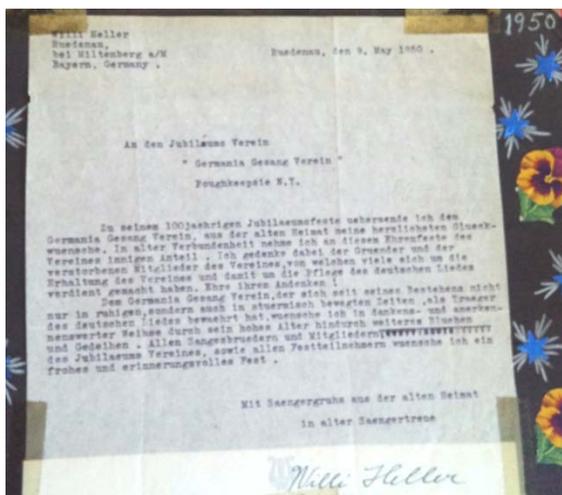
Licis, Greg Loibl, Charles Luhmann, Joan Magee, George Magloczki, Virginia Obyr, Esther Odescalchi, Diana Palmer, Jennifer Reichert, Christa Reuter, James Ricker, John Russell, Charles Schneible, James Sciacovelli, Sandra Segar, Patricia Serching, Joan Siebert, Martha Siegmund, Maria Silver, Richard Soedler, Gisela Sullens, Ted Wagner, John F.C. Weinzierl, Evelyn Wuytack, and Robert F. Zwissler.

OCTOBER: Helga Baker, Angelo Belmonte, Paul Blauth, Paul J. (Hans) Burkhardt, Charles Chlanda IV, Mark H. Delaney, Jeffery Dezaggo, Patrick Femia, Karoline Flick, Orlando Gagliardo, Jim Gordon, William Gorton, Mitch Greene, Elinore Haverkamp,

John Haverkamp, Monica Jorgensen, Manfred Karius, Theresia Kizina, Erich Kling, Werner Lackner, Conor Lander, Marie Lumb, Catherine McNeal Maas, Christopher Mygan, Frieda Popp, John Reifenberger, Gertrude Reifenberger, Tracey Ricker, Erin Sommerville, Gerhard Ukrijs, and Frank Urbanski.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If we have missed your birthday, please contact the Membership Chairperson so we can update our records.

Days of Yore 1950



Willi Heller
Rüdenau near Miltenberg a.M. (at the River Main)
Bavaria, Germany

Willi Heller's picture as Club Historian in 1925



Rüdenau, May 9, 1950

To the club celebrating its anniversary
"Germania Gesang-Verein"
Poughkeepsie, NY

To its 100th anniversary, I am offering the Germania Gesang-Verein [choir] my most cordial congratulations from its old home country. In old emotional attachment to the club, I am taking a heartfelt interest in its anniversary. In doing so, I am commemorating the founders and the deceased members of the club, many of whom rendered outstanding services towards the preservation of the club and thus

towards the cultivation of German songs. They deserve to be honored and remembered.

Full of appreciation and gratefulness, I wish the Germania Gesang-Verein, which has always proved itself a supporter of German songs – in quiet but also in tough times-, that it will continue to flourish and thrive. All fellow choir-members and other members of the anniversary club I wish a cheerful and unforgettable celebration.

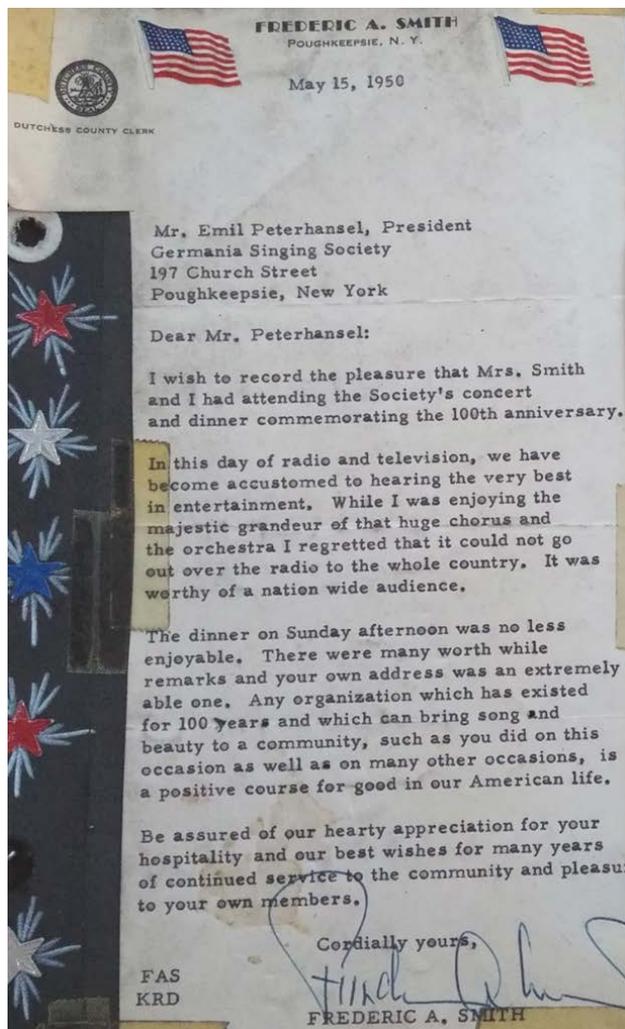
With musical regards from your old home country and full of loyalty,
Willi Heller



1950.... CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

To the right, a thank you letter from Dutchess County Clerk Frederic A. Smith after attendance at Germania's 100th Anniversary.

"Days of Yore" will feature one, or more, photos from Germania's 166 year history. If you have an old picture taken at Germania, or a club event, please submit it with date or approximate year, description of event and members in the photo. Questions, or to arrange submission, should be directed to Editor@GermaniaPok.com or (845)471-7442.



PLANNING A PARTY? GERMANIA IS THE ULTIMATE PARTY VENUE!



If you or someone you know is looking for the ultimate party venue, individuals and businesses alike should consider Germania Hall or our outdoor pavilion for any type of gathering. Since 2006 we have offered affordable rental of our facilities for weddings, anniversaries, bridal and baby showers, retirement parties, graduations, birthdays, confirmations, communions, christenings, baptisms, **holiday parties**, fundraisers, meetings, award ceremonies, memorial services and more.

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We wish to extend get well wishes to our Vorplattler John Weinzierl who is home recovering from back surgery.

You can see our performances at the following Oktoberfest festivals:

September 9, 10 & 11 Germania Festival Grounds, 51 Old Degarmo Road, Poughkeepsie
 September 17 Yulan Fire Department Oktoberfest in Barryville, NY (outside of Port Jervis)
 September 24 & 25 Hunter Mountain Oktoberfest
 October 1 & 2 Hunter Mountain Oktoberfest
 October 22 Edelweiss-Passaic Oktoberfest, Pompton Lakes Elks, NJ www.edelweisspassaic.com



If you would like to learn more, or are interested in Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, please visit and "Like" us on our Facebook Page: Germania Almrausch SV, or contact our Vorstand, Christine Pattantyús at (845) 452-6219, or our Vorplattler, John Weinzierl at (845) 497-8312.



"RARELY WITHOUT COVER" The article below was published in both the bi-monthly Bavarian newsletter, "Heimat- und Trachtenbote" and the Gauverband Nordamerika's Gauzeitung, as translated by Karin Dean Kraft. Walter Weinzierl is a relative and currently the 1.Kassier of the Bayrischer Trachtenverband e.V. in Bavaria and Gauhervorstand des Bayrischer Inngau-Trachtenverband (a daughter club within the Bayrischer Trachtenverband). Sincerely, John Weinzierl

Tracht: Warum behalten die Trachtler im Wirtshaus den Hut auf?

Zum Versuch, diese Frage zu beantworten, müssen wir uns in Zeiten zurückversetzen, als es noch Kleiderordnungen gab, als die "Obrigkeit" noch vorschrieb, wer welche Art von Kleidung tragen darf oder muss, vor allem, wer bestimmte Kleidungsstücke nicht tragen darf. In Zeiten der grossen Standesunterschiede (Adel, Klerus, Bürgerschaft, gemeines Volk, Unfreie) erkannte man schon am Gewand, welcher "Art Mensch" der oder die Träger bestimmter Kleidung angehörten. Dazu gehört natürlich auch die Kopfbedeckung. Der freie Mann durfte einen Hut tragen je grösser, desto mehr Macht sollte dargestellt werden (bei kirchlichen Würdenträgern, Militär usw.) Der unfreie Mann musste sein Haupt bar tragen oder seine Mütze oder Kappe immer ziehen, sobald er auf jemand trifft, der "höhergestellt" ist. Verurteilten oder Ausgestossenen wurden sogar die Haare geschoren (daher der Ausdruck: die "Gscherten," welcher oftmals gegenüber Mitmenschen angewandt wird, die sich daneben benehmen). Demnach war der Hut das Zeichen des freien Mannes, diese Tradition pflegten viele Trachtler (und auch andere Männer) und behalten den Hut auf, ausser beim Essen (aus Ehrfurcht vor der Speise), in der Kirche und beim Beten (aus Ehrfurcht vor dem Herrgott) und am Grab (aus Ehrfurcht vor dem Tod). Meine Begründung, warum auch ich fast nie "oben ohne" gehe, darf gerne weitergegeben werden.

Walter Weinzierl, Kolbermoor
 Heimat- und Trachtenbote, 15. Februar 2016



Tracht: Why Do Trachtler Leave Their Hats on in Pubs?

To attempt to answer this question, we have to look back at a time when clothing regulations existed, when the authorities prescribed what type of clothing could or must be worn, who was not allowed to wear particular articles of clothing. In times of big class differences (royalty, clerics, citizens, common folk, indentured), one could tell at a glance the "kind of people" a wearer of belonged with. The free man was allowed to wear a hat, the bigger the hat, the more power it represented (such as religious wearers, military, etc.). The indentured man had to leave his head bare or was required to remove his cap every time he encountered someone of a higher status. Convicts or outcasts would even have their heads shaved (hence the expression "the shorn one," which is often used to describe a person who acts inappropriately). As a result of the hat being a sign of a free man, this tradition is practiced by many Trachtler (and other men) and thus they keep their hats on except when eating (out of respect for the food), in church or in prayer (out of respect for God), graveside (out of respect for the dead). My reason that I am rarely "without cover" may gladly be shared.

Walter Weinzierl, Kolbermoor
 Heimat- und Trachtenbote, February 15, 2016
 Translation: Karin Dean-Kraft

EDITOR'S CORNER



The **deadline** for newsletter submissions is the 15th of February, April, June, August, October and December for **issues** coming out in January, March, May, July, September and November. Please send **YOUR** news and pictures to Editor@GermaniaPok.com by **10/15/2016 for the November 2016 newsletter.**

We will be in a testing phase of the Constant Contact **email marketing service** soon and hope to have it set-up and running smoothly by December 2016. There will an easy way to register your email to be added to the distribution list. We are looking forward to reaching our members efficiently and quickly with newsletters as well as important announcements. Thank you for your continued patience.

I hope you are enjoying our newsletter section "**Days of Yore**". So far, I have only received pictures from two members. Please send me your pictures of days long past highlighting memorable times at the club and the great members of Germania, with a brief description of when, where and who. Email Editor@GermaniaPok.com, or call me (Karen Rose) at 845-471-7442 to make arrangements for me to scan your pictures and I will return them to you.

VOLUNTEERS

"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another."



- (1) Helga Baker, Chairperson of Germania's Spring formal, the Frülingsgala
- (2) Sue Koppenhaver, Trustee, Festival Committee and one of the club's bartenders
- (3) Stan Elmendorf, Festival Committee and one of the club's bartenders
- (4) Bill Reuter, Vice President and Festival Committee, pictured with George Gumbel, kitchen and festival volunteer
- (5) Carol Ann Fischer, Festival and Gala Committees, and Germania's President, a job that results in hundreds of volunteer hours
- (6 & 7) Germania's soccer players and wives volunteering at the Indoor BBQ on August 21st.



If you have a photo of one of our club's cherished volunteers, please email it to Editor@GermaniaPok.com



Meet the Members

Manfred and Mary Lou Karius

Manfred was born in Sindelfingen Germany on October 30, 1949. He went to public school until he was 13 ½ years old then for three years he worked at Daimler Benz/Mercedes Benz for his electrician's apprenticeship. After that he worked as an electrician for Daimler for 2 years. Then Manfred went to government technical school for 2 years for electronics. When he finished there with an electricians' certificate he joined IBM on September 1, 1970 in the Sindelfingen branch. He moved around to different branches including Stuttgart where he was an apprenticeship teacher. He finally landed in the Boeblingen Lab as an electronic engineer. Manfred retired in 2009 after 39 years with the company.



Mary Lou was born in Poughkeepsie on May 23, 1947. She graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School and Dutchess Community College. She worked most of her career as a bookkeeper/accountant retiring in Sept 2005 when she went to live in Germany after her marriage to Manfred.

Manfred and Mary Lou met at line dancing when he was in Poughkeepsie on assignment with IBM. They started dating in March, 2005, were engaged in May and married on August 6, 2005. When Manfred's assignment ended in September they moved back to Germany for 2 years while he finished his employment with IBM. Through a deal with IBM, Manfred stopped working in April of 2007 but was not formally retired until October 1, 2009.

Manfred and Mary Lou own a house in Stollhofen/Rheinmuenster Germany (in the Rhine Valley near the Black Forrest) and also here in LaGrange. They live about six months in each place every year.

Mary Lou knew of Germania through friends who belonged but it wasn't until they had a party here that they decided to join in 2012. With Manfred being from Germany and Mary Lou being descended from Germans it felt like a good move and they have both been very happy with the decision. Although not being in the states for half a year they have tried to be a part of the Germania community. They have made a lot of friends here. Both Manfred and Mary Lou have volunteered to work in the kitchen for various events like the Friday night dinners and worked in the food concession at the Oktoberfest. Mary Lou is a server at the Wednesday luncheons and some dinners like the Friday nights and the Christmas Party. Mary Lou belongs to the German language class and Manfred is a member of the choir.

Manfred and Mary Lou love their time in Germany. Their home there is on a lake and they enjoy swimming and sailing their boat. Manfred loves windsurfing. Mary Lou has found that the German's are very friendly and even though her German is not very good they have accepted her. Manfred and Mary Lou have joined in 2008 a Fasching group in the town of Bad Rotenfels in the Black Forrest called the Quellengeisters and that has been a wonderful experience. They have made many great friends that feel like family. Through this group they have traveled around a lot of Germany and learned a lot of the culture.

Manfred and Mary Lou both love to dance and do it as often as they can. They also like to ski, swim, sail, and camp. Manfred likes to windsurf and his most recent project is solar energy. Mary Lou likes gardening and knitting.

Both of them were married before and have children. Mary Lou has three, 2 girls and a boy, and Manfred has two a boy and a girl. They now share two grandchildren. Someone once said second chances are the best and they have to agree.



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(As of August 30, 2016)

September 2016 – December 2016

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CLUBHOUSE/BAR OPENS 7PM Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights
We are open for LUNCH EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
German Language Class – Thursdays 5:30pm-7:00pm

Sep 09	Oktoberfest	Fri	5:00pm-10:00pm
Sep 10	Oktoberfest www.GermaniaOktoberfest.com	Sat	11:00am-10:00pm
Sep 11	Oktoberfest	Sun	Noon – 6:00 pm
Sep 30	Friday Night Dinner (Oktoberfest Surprise)	Fri	5:30pm-7:30pm



Oct 07	Biergarten (<i>Joe Unger</i>)	Fri	6:30pm-10:00pm
Oct 18	Membership Meeting	Tue	7:30pm
Oct 21	Friday Night Dinner	Fri	5:30pm-7:30pm
Oct 30	Steuben Society 50 th Anniversary Dinner Dance (<i>Gregory Reinwald & The Brauhaus Band</i>)	Sun	1:00pm – 6:00pm



Nov 04	Biergarten (<i>Joe Unger</i>)	Fri	6:30pm-10:00pm
Nov 12	Schlachtfest	Sat	7:00pm – 11:30pm

Nov 18	Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market)	Fri	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Nov 19	Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market)	Sat	10:00am – 4pm
Nov 20	Fall Concert (<i>Reinhold Wiedemann</i>)	Sun	3:00pm 



Dec 03	Christmas Party (<i>Reinhold Wiedemann</i>)	Sat	6:00pm-11:00pm
Dec 10	Children's Christmas Party	Sat	11:30am-2:00pm
Dec 10	Soccer Christmas Party	Sat	5:30pm
Dec 18	Weihnachtsmesse, First Lutheran Church	Sun	2pm
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party (<i>Paul Slusa</i>)	Sat	



ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
ALL EVENTS ARE RUN BY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS
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*****When Arlington Central School District closes due to inclement weather, Germania will be closed*****