

# Germania Nachrichten

Newsletter of the Germania Verein  
The German-American Club of San Jose

January / February 2008

## Upcoming Events

### Carnival Fasching Dance

Announcing the annual Carnival Fasching Dance! Prizes awarded to the 3 best costumes. Skits and lots of fun too!

**DATE:** Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** Doors open 4:00 P.M. /  
Dinner at 5:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** Germania Verein Hall

**MUSIC:** Bill Blythe Band

**ADMISSION:** \$30 for all

**TICKETS:** Purchase from Carnival members or call Frieda Sonksen at 408.448.5084

### Tanz zum Winterausklang

Mark your calendar for the Tanz zum Winterausklang!

**DATE:** Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**TIME:** Doors open 1:00 P.M. / Lunch at 2:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** Germania Verein Hall

**MUSIC:** Bill Blythe Band

**ADMISSION:** \$25 members /  
\$30 non-members

**TICKETS:** Purchase from Carnival members or call Frieda Sonksen at 408.448.5084



## Editor's Note

My name is Susanne Ivarson and I am your new newsletter editor.

Although you may not have met me yet, I have been a Germania Verein member for a number of years. My husband and I moved to Santa Rosa in 2004, so unfortunately we are not able to attend many of the meetings and events.

I am glad for this opportunity to do the Germania Nachrichten. I hope that you enjoy the new format. Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

**Happy New Year!**  
**Susanne Ivarson**

## Calendar of Events

### January

- 4 Membership meeting
- 19 Carnival / Fasching Dance

### February

- 1 Membership meeting

### March

- 2 Tanz zum Winterausklang
- 7 Membership meeting

### April

- 4 Membership meeting
- 12 Schützenfest

### May

- 2 Membership meeting
- 10 Spring Concert
- 18 Picnic at Vasona Park

### June

- 6 General meeting

### August

- 1 Membership meeting

### 10 Wiener Café

### September

- 5 Membership meeting
- 14 Oktoberfest

### October

- 3 Membership meeting
- 19 Fall Dance

### November

- 7 Membership meeting

### December

- 2 Kaffeeklatsch Christmas Party
- 5 General meeting / elections
- 7 Christmas Dance
- 13 Christmas Concert
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

## Committee News

### Sunshine

May the New Year bring all of you good things, most importantly good health.

Get in touch with old friends to share fond memories so that your friendships will continue and not become dormant. Perhaps offer a ride to meetings and festivities if a member is not able to drive any longer.

**In a  
busy world,  
time shared  
is golden.**

Let *your sunshine* warm their hearts. *Jutta Kiel*

### Membership

We are mourning the loss of our longtime member Jürgen Pastorino. Our condolences to his family.

As new members, we welcome Guenter Knoop and Erwin Fritz. Both are avid Skat players. We hope to see you also at other club functions.

# The President's Message

The holidays are behind us and we have started a new year. The Germania Christmas party was not sold out but was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The Christmas concert was totally booked and all enjoyed the singing and the celebration of Christmas. New Years was also well attended and members and guests had a good time until the morning hours.

In the December membership meeting, we elected Klaus Glimski and Dennis Mueller as new directors for the Germania Board. Edmund Loens and Achim Schomann are the directors leaving the board after a two year term. I would like to thank them for their service to the Germania Verein.

Furthermore, a by-law change of Article 2, Section 2.04 was voted on as reported in the last newsletter and it passed with a yes vote of 71.6% majority.

Our project of upgrading our kitchen at the Germania has finally started. Thanks to our renovation committee with Achim Schomann, Klaus Glimski and Edmund Loens, the rebuilding has begun. After many months of hassling with our restaurant lease, contractors, and attorneys, we are moving forward.

At this time, we are only upgrading our kitchen to make it usable for catering and parties. We are still looking for the right person or team to open a suitable restaurant at our premises. Be sure to attend the monthly membership meeting to stay informed and up-to-date on the happenings of our Verein.

In closing, starting with this issue, you are seeing the redesigned Germania Nachrichten by a new editor, Susanne Ivarson. After writing the Nachrichten for 20 years I thought it was time for a change.

*Happy New Year, Hermann Rehmeyer*

## Department News

### Language Group

The Germania Sprachabteilung and Stammtisch strives to maintain a cultural connection with "Things-German" thru conversation, traditional dancing and even soccer.

If you are interested in our Stammtisch that meets at Hardy's every other Wednesday, or would like to attend Schuplattler and Polka dance lessons (with the Almenrauschschuplattler in Oakland), or join in soccer scrimmages and games (all skill-levels, male or female), please contact Albert Zimmermann for more information at [AlbertZimmer@yahoo.com](mailto:AlbertZimmer@yahoo.com).

*Albert Zimmermann*

### Skat

We have a new "Skatmeister" who is also a new member of the Germania Verein, Erwin Fritz. He scored 9561 points. Vice-Skatmeister, Georg Breitling, has 9274 points and the third winner with 9000 points is George Brunn. Congratulations go to these winners!

The card playing evenings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next meetings are on **JANUARY 17** and **FEBRUARY 21** at 7:00 P.M. upstairs at the Germania Hall. Just climb up the outside, left-hand stairs to find us. All skill levels are welcome.

*I wish you all "Gut Blatt" for the new year.  
Dittmer Bubert*

### Kaffeeklatsch

Our last meeting, the Christmas Luncheon, was a very well attended and festive affair. We would like to thank Frieda Sonksen for preparing a delicious meal and the traditional Glühwein, which was donated by Anna Hoegel. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

After being absent for several months, we were glad to have Elsi Jatulionis and Henry Rechkemmer with us again.



Our next meeting is **JANUARY 8** at **12:30 P.M.** I hope to see you all again.

*Edith Meyer*

## Birthdays

### January

Fred Boehring  
Erwin Borkowski  
Margaret Bubert  
Herta Coombs  
Egon Donner  
Sieglinde Fuggis  
Ingrid Fust  
Herta Giessler  
Brenda Hagel  
Walter Harding  
Elisabeth Hilmer  
Hertha Hoche  
Anna Hoegel  
Helga Hoffmann  
Erwin Hoffmann  
Kurt Janszen  
Herbert Ketterer  
Jutta Kiel  
Richard Markwart  
Luise Mead  
Karin Montgomery  
Hans Muskat  
Rudolf Ruecker  
Wilma Schulz  
Harlan Snyder  
Eleanor Weiblen  
Joyce Williams  
Albert Zimmermann

### February

Karl Alter  
Brigitte Andermatt  
Frank Busch  
Monica Dournae  
Emilie Drost  
Barbara Figone  
Carina Frazer  
Wilhelm Grotheer  
Don Haderle  
Brigitte Heinze  
Helga E. Hoffmann  
Thomas Holford  
Irmgard Hunter  
Paula Kreiser  
Ingrid Lang  
Helmut Lippert  
Hedi Loens  
Ludwig Meyer  
Henry Muth  
Thomas Nelson  
John Neschen  
Ursula Scheelke  
Josef Schwal  
Ernst Stern  
Craig Tarr  
Vilma Vibe  
Burgie Vorrath  
Anne Wipfler  
Blanca Zimmermann

# Department News

## Carnival

We are getting ready to go to Las Vegas to celebrate Carnival on **JANUARY 11-12**. We are all looking forward to it and, of course, a little gambling and a visit to the Hofbräuhaus is included.

Our practice for our carnival performance at the Germania Hall on **JANUARY 19** is coming along well. We hope plenty of Germania members and guests attend this event. Thank you for your support and hope to see you at Carnival in the Germania Hall.

*Alaaff and Helau, Klaus Vorrath*

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## Hiking

On our December hike we had a wonderful Christmas gathering and everybody had a good time. Our next hike is on **JANUARY 20 AT 1:00 P.M.** at Crystal Springs Reservoir. Directions:

- ▶ North on 280
- ▶ Take Bunker Hill Dr. exit (past Hwy. 92)
- ▶ Turn left at the first stop sign
- ▶ Turn right at the second stop sign.
- ▶ Continue north along old Hwy 35 across the Crystal Reservoir Dam
- ▶ Park in the small lot or along the road.
- ▶ Meet at the entrance gate at Hwy 35 and Crystal Springs Road.

The Lake Vasona and Donner's Valentines Party will take place on **FEBRUARY 10 AT NOON** in Los Gatos. We meet at Old Town Center on University Avenue in Los Gatos and walk to Lake Vasona and back. After the hike, we are invited to Hildegard and Egon Donner's house.

Call Werner Kahlen at 408.374.2373 or Hildegard Donner at 408.354.5720 for carpools and more info. As always, participants go at their own risk!

*Your fearless leader, Werner Kahlen*

## Choir

The Choir's Christmas Concert was held on December 16 to a full house. Germania Hall was brightly decorated and everyone was in the Christmas spirit, dancing for hours.

Our 30+ singers are preparing for the annual Singers' Commerce, a singing festival of the approximately ten German choirs in Northern California. The event is hosted by the Oakland Turnverein Choir and will be held in mid-February in the social hall of the Greek Orthodox Church in Oakland.

January is the best time to join the choir and we welcome new singers with no auditions or experience necessary; just be prepared to focus on singing. Practices are held every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. upstairs in the Germania Hall, starting on January 8. For more information call Edith Meyer at 408.379.6540 or me at 408.997.3309.

*William "Woody" Woodcock*



## Schützen

We have combined our monthly meeting with our shooting on the last Sunday of the month for this new year. A potluck is part of our monthly social.

Reinhard Meier stepped down as president for the Schützen and Georg Breitling assumed the position as our new president.

Our monthly shooting for 2007 has been completed and we announce our best shooters:

- ▶ **FIRST PLACE** is Marlen Meier with 240 points.
- ▶ **SECOND PLACE** is Werner Kahlen with 235 points.
- ▶ **THIRD PLACE** is Hedi Löns with 233 points.

The Schützen are looking forward to attending a performance of the Cirque du Soleil in February.

This is my last newsletter as our secretary as Dennis Müller is assuming this position. I thank our members and friends for their support during the past 11 years.

Join our monthly meeting and shooting every last Sunday of the month at 11:00 A.M. followed by a delicious potluck.

*Happy New Year and Gut Schuß!  
 Hildegard Wehner, Secretary*

## Line Dancing

There is no dancing on January 3<sup>rd</sup> but we will continue our fun **FEBRUARY 7 AT 7:00 P.M.** Please join us to enjoy each others company and learn new steps. No experience necessary, just a pleasant disposition. Hope to see you there!

*Keep on dancing! Jutta Kiel*

## Department Meetings

### Carnival

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

### Choir

Every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.

### Hiking

Call for upcoming hikes and events.

### Kaffeeklatsch

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 12:30 P.M.

### Language Group

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

### Line Dancing

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

### Skat

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

### Schützen

Every last Sunday of the month at 11:00 A.M.

*Ein neues Buch, ein neues Jahr  
Was werden die Tage bringen?*

*Wird's werden wie es immer war,  
Halb scheitern, halb gelingen?*

*Ich möchte leben bis all dies Glüh'n  
Rücklässt einen leuchtenden Funken,*

*Und nicht vergeht wie die Flamm' im Kamin  
Die eben zu Asche gesunken.*

*(Theodor Fontane)*



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