Message From the President

Late summer and fall at Germania has been a hectic time as usual. Our members as always rise to the occasion and help Germania to be successful.

Preparations for Oktoberfest took center stage in the weeks leading up to the event. There are so many people to thank, I will certainly miss something but here it goes...

The members of the soccer club helped out so much, I don't know where to begin or end. Tree trimming, bleacher repairs, electrical work, overnight security, shifts during the event and on an on. Thanks guys! Your help was greatly appreciated.

The Oktoberfest Committee put on a flawless event. Everything went smooth as glass this time around except for the weather and the economy. (It seems our attendees spent a lot less cash this year)

The buildings and grounds folks got the pavilion electric up and running to supplement the new service Josh and his crew brought into the light poles. The result was a safer more efficient electrical grid for future events as well.

Every member (and non-member) who worked shifts on the grounds, in the kitchens, over the grills, pouring beer, selling tickets, running raffles, counting cash, moving food, picking up trash and everything in between cannot be thanked enough. We could not do it without all your help.

In between all that work our singers and the Almrausch did double duty by keeping our heritage center stage through song and dance. The crowds were even more attentive this year. Your performances always put Germania's “best face” in front of the public.

We have been preparing for Kinderfest 2010 while all of this was going on. Please mark your calendars for the first weekend in June 2010. We will need your help again for a festival style weekend.

Kinderfest will bring dance groups from the mid-Atlantic region to our club. We want to show them our best. The event is being jointly hosted by Germania and the Almrausch and will be during our 160th anniversary. We held a pig roast to help fund the event. Thank you to Gerhard and Robin for their special help and thank you to all who participated.

November 8 2009 will be another fundraiser for the weekend - a Schlachtfest. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Thanks again Germania

Jon Wagner, President

Membership Dues

First many Thanks to all of you who paid their dues in a very timely manner and special thanks to the many members who donated extra money. If you have not paid your dues, please submit them as soon as possible, so the club does not occur additional expense in sending out reminders. If any of you, have any problems concerning your dues or unsure what the amount of your Dues are, please give me a call on 454-9849 or send me an email to giselah01@yahoo.com.

Food Drive Kickoff

Kicking off at the Kinder Halloween Party the Kinder parties committee initiated a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley through the Star 93 Stuff the Bus event this coming November. Please look for the box at the clubhouse and drop off your non-perishable food donations between now and November 8th.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 27: Membership meeting  (this is a change of date)
Nov 6: Friday Night Dinner - Margarethe's rouladen
Nov 8: Schlachtfest, Music by Joe Unger, Reservations 845/635-1065
Nov 15: Fall Concert & Dinner, Reservations 845/454-8192
Nov 20/21: Christkindlmarkt
Nov 17: Membership meeting
Nov 29: 25 Week Club Party, Reservations 845/876-2592
Dec 5: Christmas Party, Reservations 845/454-9849
Dec 6: Sunday Movie: Hansel & Gretel, 1pm, Reservations 845/454-6572
Dec 11: Soccer Club Christmas Party
Dec 12: Kinder Christmas Party: Jam with Santa, Reservations 845/471-7442
Dec 18: Friday Night Christmas Dinner - Jägerschnitzel, Spätzle, Green Beans & Gluehwein
Dec 20: Weihnachtsmesse at 1st Lutheran Church 2PM
Polish Dinner a Success

The Germania International Series presented “POLAND” Sunday August 2. It started out with a downpour of rain and as the afternoon progressed the sun came out. Lore and Karl Schoenfeld, Siegfried Lahl, and John Jorgensen prepared the pavilion for the 152 guest plus possible walk ins. Thank you !!! Margarethe Killmer and myself did the food preparation with Betty Smith helping to make the stuffed cabbage and Eleanor Skov prepared the potatoes for cooking. Thank you ladies. We started with a salad bar of green salad, tomatoes, cucumber, red beet, and green bean salads as well as cole slaw, bread and butter. Then the hot appetizers of stuffed cabbage, pierogi with fried onions, fried cabbage and noodles, and a dish of sauerkraut with kielbasa. Our main entree was pork roast, a hunter stew, roasted potatoes and creamed carrots. Dessert of a peach cake and strawberry moose, coffee or tea finished the meal. All in all it was a great event. Betty Smith and her friend Wieslaw (Vinie) Kielbasa, both clad in traditional costume, did a informative presentation about Poland and the Musical Cavaliers provided dance music for all to enjoy. I like to thank all the people that helped, Walter who helped Margarethe Sunday morning, Heather Blatz, Christine Pattantyus who helped serve the guest. Mike Reichert who shuttled the food between the club house kitchen and the pavilion kitchen and refilled the serving trays and also helped serve. Thank you!! Vinie Stoll who is always available to fill the most difficult job of “dishwasher”. Thank you!!! And Mark Delaney who is always ready to help in all areas asked of him especially this time where he arranged to have the affair promoted on the Polish radio hours which brought us 69 non-members to the affair. Thank you Mark. I am certain there were others that gave a helping hand you know who you are and I thank you too!! Theresa Kizina ran a successful raffle and sold $390.00 worth of chances, thank you Raisy. We have had numerous reports telling us what a great affair this was so all that were part of it deserve a heart full that you.

Monica Jorgensen, Chairperson

Shelter Facelift

On July 17th and 18th the gates to the shelter got a facelift. One of the posts was anchored into the ground with a good concrete slab. The chain link fence was spray painted black, and on top of each gate a banner was mounted. When the gates are closed it reads “Willkommen Germania Festival Grounds”. All this hard work was performed by the following three members: Cal Baker, Siegfried Lahl, and Herb Wenskus. Germania thanks all of you! It is nice to see improvements all around the Germania property. More skilled volunteers are welcomed. Please come to the building committee meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.

Tax Raffle

The lucky $100.00 winners of the September Tax Raffle were: Art Kalble, Paul Schneck, Carol Ann Fischer, Peter Heller, Helga Baker, Helen Doland, John Haverkamp and Martin Bugnits.

Many thanks to all who participated, with special thanks to John Bahrenburg and John and Gert Reifenberger for their generous donations! Your support is of great importance to the continued success of Germania.

Get well wishes

To Bruno Groetschel who was released from rehab into his son’s care in Connecticut but is now currently at Danbury Hospital.
Fall Concert

Sunday, November 15, 2009

Cost: $25.00 per person
Children ages 4-12: $6.00, ages 0-3: Free

Doors open at Noon at Germania Hall, 37 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. Dinner served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the annual fall concert by the Kinderchor and the Men & Ladies Chorus. Music for your dancing and listening pleasure provided by zither musician Reinhold Wiedemann.

An international series Dinner: Taste of Russia
Russian red Borsch
Beef Stroganoff over Noodles
Winter mixed vegetables
Assorted desserts table, Coffee or Tea

The concert/dinner sells out fast; please reserve by October 30, 2009; for more information please call Pat at 845/454-8192

Mail this coupon and your check payable to Germania Men & Ladies Singers to Pat Kemmerer, 173 Rothenburg Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Seating requests are best accommodated when friends reserve together. We must receive your reservation by 10/30/2009. PLEASE PRINT.

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Schuhplattlers Out of Tracht

In 1993, before relocating to the state of Vermont, Dave and Faith Yearack invited the entire Germania Almrausch dance group over to their apartment for a Rocky Horror Picture Show Pajama Party. What great memories we have from that night; our members of all ages attended, Christie Holden being the youngest and Inge Egan being the oldest. Anyone who was there spent a good part of the night laughing as we watched Robb and Faith acting out the Rocky Horror Picture Show songs, Christie and Pam blowing up a man doll and dressing it in lederhosen, Pam trying to capture pictures of us laying on the floor from above like a bird's eye view and the group “naked” picture behind the parade banner! So when Dave and Faith moved back to the area it seemed appropriate to have a pajama party in their new home, in fact we had three more there in the bar in their basement named “Shotzies”. It is from that bar that our home made board game was created and named “Get Shot at Shotzies”. And lots more laughs with the same ol' members and new members and some innocent bystanders. Sixteen years after that first pajama party and planning to host Kinderfest 2010, we thought we would go public and hold a fundraiser for Kinderfest… Pajama Party V. Pajama Party was held Saturday June 27th and we were delighted by Ellis Woodward's talent as a singer and guitar player and his interaction with the guests; he traveled from Baltimore to be with us and we were happy to have him provide the music for our event. We had a very relaxing and fun time. We appreciate the group of six that traveled from Pennsylvania to support us, and Ellis. Many thanks to the Almrausch members that donated to the pot luck dinner table and what a delicious buffet spread it was! Finally thank you to those that made donations or purchased tickets to attend and to the bartender that donated her time. In spite of the small gathering we are pleased to announce a net profit to Kinderfest 2010 of $185.94.

Other Schuhplattler News

At the time you read this newsletter, we will be nearing the end of a busy but terrific dance season. We are very proud of how hard our newest members have worked to prepare for their first public performances and how well they have done. We are also very proud to have at times put as many as eight couples on the dance floor, something we have not been able to do since the 1990's. Thank you once again to each and every Almrausch member that has given up precious weekends to honor our commitments as a club to perform and help us continue to promote Bavarian dancing. Congratulations also to our Kindergruppe for their fine performances; our children have a way to steal the hearts of our audience. And for the first time in a long time we have an equal number of boys as we have girls! By the way, our Kinder girls look fabulous in their new navy blue dirndls and multicolored checked aprons; it is with the loose change thrown onto the floor after their performances that we are able to keep buying the traditional clothing they wear.

We welcome anyone of any age who wants to learn Schuhplattler dancing. Please join us!

So, fellow Germania members, we wish you a fun filled and safe Halloween, and a joyous Thanksgiving. Until we meet again!

Cooks, Bakers & Bartenders Wanted

Are you a Cook, Baker, or a Bartender? If you can cook or bake- especially German menu items - Germania needs you! Our main source of income remains the great meals we provide, and we need additional cooks to expand. Germania's future depends on more volunteers stepping up to key roles running additional dinners and events. We also need to add to our staff of Bakers, so if you have a knack with Strudel and want to help Germania thrive please let us know. Support staff to run additional dinner dates such as Bartenders, kitchen assistants and wait staff are also urgently needed for our planned expansion of dinners. Please contact Jon Wagner at (845) 635-9009 or jwagner@germaniapok.com as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering.

International Heritage Parade

On Saturday July 18, 2009, City of Poughkeepsie held an International Heritage Parade that stepped off from the Poughkeepsie Journal parking lot and marched down Market Street to the Armory; the noon parade was immediately followed by a ceremony of the placement of the 1891 Armory building on the National Register of Historic Places. The event was part of the city's observance of this year's Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Celebration. “The parade was meant to celebrate the diverse heritage of residents in the Poughkeepsie area”, said Nancy Cozean, chairwoman of the city's Quadricentennial Celebration Committee. Dancing and marching, dressed in their native garb, groups participated representing Native Americans, China, Bangladesh, Italy, Ireland, Germany, Greece, Pakistan and other nationalities. Pictured are Germania Almrausch SV members Karen Rose, Rachael Rose, Dave Yearack and Mark Delaney. Thomas Mercer and his friend Kevin also attended but are not pictured. Our small group enjoyed the great weather we had, the bagpipers and the costumes of the participants around us. When we got to the Armory we did a short Reit Em Winkle Schuhplattler dance without music. We were happy to be able to represent Germany at the event.
Schlachtfest

Sunday November 8, 2009
Doors open at 12:00 Noon
Dinner at 1:00 PM
Music 2-6 by the Joe Unger Band
$30 per person

Paid Reservations only to be received by October 30, 2009

Mail reservations with a check payable to 'Germania' to:
Jennifer Reichert
23 Parksville Road
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
845/635-1065

Proceeds will go to Kinderfest 2010
GERMANIA KINDER CHRISTMAS
DANCE PARTY

JAM WITH SANTA and DJ JOHNNY
Put on your dancing shoes and join us for children's songs, line dancing and party
dancing including old time favorites such as chicken dance, hokey pokey, limbo rock
and conga line as well as today's popular music!

Saturday, December 12, 2009
1:00 4:00 PM

Children age
14 and under

Reservations
required

Child must have a
family member that
is a member of
Germania

RSVP no later than December 1st
(Our apologies; we will not accept reservations past 12/1/09)

Refreshments
Christmas Carols
Crafts
Gift from Santa

To reserve or for more information, please contact Karen Rose (845)471-7442 or krose@germaniapok.com.
You MUST reserve by December 1st, no exceptions!
Kinderfest News

It's hard to know where to start because we placed our bid to host Kinderfest so long ago and now the festival is less than a year away. Many members are not sure what Kinderfest is or what it means to Germania. It is an annual children's Schuhplattler festival that travels along the east coast; it is one day of Schuhplattler performances by guest Schuhplattler Kindergruppen and the breaks between those performances are filled with quality family time, games, crafts, dancing and getting to know each other. The Germania Almrausch Kindergruppe has been attending Kinderfest for more than 10 years now and to us we have great pride in hosting Kinderfest because our kids are the future of Schuhplattler dancing in the Hudson Valley; without them Germania Almrausch now approaching its 40th year will not be able to exist another 40. For Germania it is an opportunity to continue its support of its daughter club and recognize those same kids as Germania's future; it is an opportunity to welcome guests from neighboring towns and states and show off our club, our hospitality and our rich history of 160 years. While Kinderfest is a Schuhplattler festival, we have invited Kinderchor to participate and are excited to have their voices be heard. So, on June 5, 2010 together we will host the 17th Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest. While only each child participant will be given a complimentary lunch and a welcome bag, all of our guest youth from Germania's membership will be able to enjoy the games and crafts and hopefully enjoy watching the performances and meet new friends.

Kinderfest Fundraising! Perhaps it's all you have heard about and with good reason. It is our goal to go into Kinderfest with the expense of Kindergruppe lunches, tent, tables, chairs and portable toilets paid for. And if our fundraising efforts are successful, then any food and beverage we sell at Kinderfest will benefit both our clubs. We are proud to say we have been very actively fundraising. Candy and snack sales have been ongoing; the box of goodies can be found at the Germania bar. Our PJ Party this past June gave us a net profit of $185, not bad considering the small attendance, but what fun we had!

Most recently we held a Pig Roast at Germania and its success netted us $1569! This could have never been achieved without the help of Gerhard and Robin Stoetzel who planned the menu, prepared for and cooked the meal and donated the pig; and it could not have been such a success without the volunteers or the guests. Thank you!

Now as we enter the autumn season, the start of the holiday season, we are pleased to announce our upcoming fundraisers: Poinsettia sales, Schlachtfest being held at Germania on November 8th, and sales of goods and poinsettias at the Christkindlmarkt. Then as we get into the New Year we will feature a scrap booking event at Germania. Watch your newsletter and the club bulletin board for more details.

Please do not forget to drop off at the clubhouse children's toys, books, games and movies which will be used to fill large raffle baskets for Kinderfest, another way to raise funds. Any donations we receive in excess of what we need will be donated to a local toy drive.

In closing, visit our website periodically to learn more about Kinderfest and where we are with our planning and fundraising. www.Kinderfest.com

From the Singers

In June the singers went to Utica, NY for a Sangerfest. We did not win any prizes but a good time was had by all. Thanks to Karl & Margot Berghofer for making a CD of the Mass Chorus and prize singing.

In July, we visited one of our old time singers, Betty Zachel, who celebrated her 90th birthday. We sang a selection of songs which she remembered and spoke of Germania in the “old” days (1940's&1950's). Janett, Pat and Katherine's mothers also sang with Betty at that time.

Thanks to Helmut Loibl for making a special dessert, and to the children for also singing. We also worked the 1st picnic in July which was very well attended with Bud Cramer & Linda's Band. Thanks to Mike Killmer for joining the entertainment singing oldies, along with Soccer tournament which was organized by John Jorgensen which also brought in families. Thank you to Margaret Killmer for doing all the shopping and makingsalads and being here for us and to Rony for being our cook. We were at Tymor farm Octoberfest in September and also Germania's Octoberfest.

Regular rehearsals started August 31,2009.

Having a Party?

Members receive discounted rental fees at Germania. Germania Hall @ $200, Pavilion @ $175. For additional info contact Karen Rose at krose@germaniapok.com or (845) 471-7442

Request for submssions for the newsletter: Please submit your materials for the next newsletter to GJ Doedee. Send to 16 Moore Lane, Washingtonville, NY 10992 or e-mail to gjdoedee@germaniapok.com. Thanks
**Germania Birthdays**

**August**

**September**

**October**

**November**
POINSETTIA SALE
LOCALLY GROWN BY ADAMS FAIRACRE FARMS
6 ½ ” potted red poinsettia plant

Your purchase of this beautiful holiday plant supports Kinderfest 2010
On Sale at Germania during Christkindlmarkt
Friday November 20, 2009 and Saturday November 21, 2009

Pre-order with payment by November 1, 2009 - $10/each
Pick up plants at Christkindlmarkt
Price will be $12/ each at Christkindlmarkt

Checks should be payable to Germania Almrausch SV
Pre-orders must be received by 11/1/2009: Mail to Kinderfest 2010, Germania, 37 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
For more information: 845/452-6360 or Kinderfest@germaniapok.com
GERMANIA CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 5, 2009

With all of the decorating and gift shopping we will do in the next few weeks, what better way to get into the Holiday Spirit than gathering with friends, family and members at your club Christmas party? Reserve now for this sell out event!

Doors open at 6PM, Dinner is served at 7PM and The Mountain Tops will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure from 7:30 - 11:30PM.

Reservations required no later than November 29th
$30.00 per person

Roast Beef or Salmon served with Salad, Baked Potato and String Beans followed by coffee or tea and dessert.

Call 845/454-9849 for more information.

Mail this coupon and your check payable to Germania to Gisela Hetherington, 6 Oak Crescent, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Seating requests are best accommodated when friends reserve together, we will do our best if you tell us with whom you wish to sit with. We must receive your reservation by 11/29/2009. PLEASE PRINT.

Name: ______________________ Phone: ______________________ Email: ______________________

Guest Names included in this Reservation:

# Roast Beef at $30.00 each: ______________________

# Salmon at $30.00 each: ______________________ Amount Enclosed: $
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www.GermaniaPok.com
www.GermaniaOktoberfest.com

For General Information Call Germania Hall at 845/471-0609
For Rental Inquiries Call 845/471-7442
Germania is open for LUNCH every Wednesday from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM
Ballroom Dance Lessons will resume Thursday 1/7/2010, Call 845/229-9013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2009

Oct 23  Friday Night Dinner 5pm  7pm, Gerhard's Sauerbraten
Oct 24  Kinder Halloween Party 1  3pm, Member Reservations 845/471-7442
Oct 27  Membership Meeting 7:30-9:30pm (this is a change of date)

Nov  6  Friday Night Dinner 5pm  7pm, Margarethe's Rouladen
Nov  8  Schlachtfest 12  6pm, Music by Joe Unger, Reservations 845/635-1065
Nov 15  Fall Concert & Dinner 12:30pm, Reservations 845/454-8192
Nov 17  regularly scheduled Membership Meeting 7:30-9:30pm
Nov 20  Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market: gift shopping and food) 3-8pm
Nov 21  Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market: gift shopping and food) Noon-6pm
Nov 29  25 Week Club Party 12:30pm, Reservations 845/876-2592

Dec  5  Christmas Party 6-11:30pm, Music by Mntn Tops, Reservations 845/454-9849
Dec  6  Sunday Movie: Hansel & Gretel, 1-4pm, Reservations 845/454-6572
Dec 11  Soccer Club Christmas Party 6pm, Reservations 845/331-5139
Dec 12  Kinder Christmas Party 1-4pm: Jam with Santa and DJ Johnny, Reservations by
        12/1, members only 845/471-7442
Dec 18  Friday Christmas Dinner 5pm  7pm, Jaeger Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Green Beans
        und ein Glaesschen Gluehwein (added event).
Dec 20  Weihnachtsmesse at 1st Lutheran Church 2PM

No membership meeting in December
See you at the Semi-Annual Meeting January 16, 2010

When Arlington Central School District closes due to weather, Germania will be closed.

As of 10-21-09