

## NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Thursday December 31, 2009

9 pm until 1 am

A light Breakfast will be served after midnight

\$18.00 single or \$35.00 couple (members)

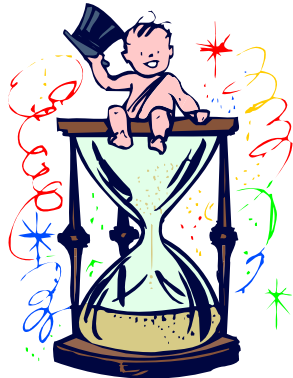
\$20.00 single or \$40.00 couple (non-members)

**Reservations must be made by Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Contact Ingrid Hoffmann at 454-9702

To make reservations for bottle(s) of champagne please contact

Mary  
Zimmerman at  
635-7380



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September and October were busy months at the German-American Club. Our Biergartens, World Fest on the Belvedere and of course our annual Oktoberfest were all very successful events. I don't have to tell you how much manpower and work it takes to put on these events, and as a result of the efforts of our faithful volunteers, the past two months have been very profitable.

During the fall and winter months, our Biergartens will be held inside in our Main Hall, so I hope all of you will continue to support our Biergartens by your attendance. As always, there will be lots of food and great entertainment to be shared with your family and friends.

I want to remind everyone that elections will be held in December, so if you are interested in running for any office or Board position, sign-up sheets are posted on the Club bulletin board or you may contact one of the members of the nominating committee, Norma Heitz, Martha Liles or Peppy Crawford.

With the many events we are putting on during the year it has become necessary to form another kitchen crew for our Biergartens and Fish Fries. It is our goal to have a third Biergarten kitchen crew and possibly a second Fish Fry crew.

If anyone is interested in joining our kitchen volunteers, please contact me at [jb426@aol.com](mailto:jb426@aol.com) or 618-1950.

By now I am sure all of you have seen our beautiful new Maibaum, which was dedicated on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The dedication was indeed a wonderful event befitting a Maibaum that is something all of us at the German-American Club can be very proud to have on our grounds. Again, I want to thank Bob Ullrich, Vicky Ullrich, artist, Kirsten Ullrich and the entire Maibaum committee for their efforts on this project and to all of you for your very generous donations.

In closing, I would like to announce the retirement of the man who has maintained our Club's website over the past many years. Cliff Renaud will no longer be able to do this service for the Club as he and his lovely wife Nancy are going to take some well deserved time to travel. Our website has been an optimum vehicle in advertising our Club and its events to internet users and Cliff and his talents are going to be sorely missed and very hard to replace. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in taking over Cliff's position as Webmaster, please contact me as soon as possible. I wish Cliff and Nancy safe travels and offer my deepest appreciation on behalf of the German-American Club for his many years of service.

Jim Boeckmann, President

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

The cold, cold days of winter will soon be approaching, so it is not too early to turn our attention on the upcoming holiday season.

The regular business meeting for November will be Monday the 16th at 7:00 pm.

The first ladies event will be our Annual Children's Christmas Party. It will be held Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT/DINNER**

5 pm until 9 pm

\$15.00 per person

**Reservations must be made by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Ingrid Hoffmann at 454-9702

The concert begins at 5 pm with dinner to follow, and as a special bonus Gebhard Erler will be playing during and after dinner.



## **A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS**

Dues renewals will be mailed out soon. Please remember that your membership dues must be in by December 31, 2009 to remain a member in good standing.

Also remember that if you do wish to nominate yourself for any officer or Board of Directors position, you must sign the nomination sheet located on the Club Bulletin Board before November 11th, per the Club Constitution.

## **THANKS FROM THE MAIBAUM COMMITTEE**

Thanks to everyone who attended the Maibaum Dedication on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony itself, emceed by our President Jim Boeckmann, was elegant and simple. Our speakers included Honorary Consul Mark Blackwell; Mainz Committee Co-Chairman Michael Boel; GACL Special Envoy Chuck Dietz and District Saengerbund President Paul Bockstege. Gegend Erler provided musical entertainment and, as usual, Jim Boeckmann and Brad Stout prepared a great dinner. Over 160 contributors and supporters of the Maibaum project attended the event and enjoyed what was a memorable afternoon.

Just this week, Outdoor Lighting Perspectives of KY installed lighting at the base of the Maibaum. If you haven't seen it at night, it's possibly more beautiful than during the day. Thanks to Patsy Stout who coordinated this part of the project.

The Maibaum is now complete and the Committee's work is done. Thanks to everyone on the Committee; the artist Kristen Ullrich; Rueff Sign Co., who fabricated and erected the Maibaum; and most of all, thanks to everyone who made this project possible by generously contributing to it.

Bob Ullrich, Chairman Maibaum Committee

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Please call Peppy at 637-2747 by November 30<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure that your child or grandchild will receive a present from Santa.

The Ladies Christmas dinner is scheduled for Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Happy Hour is at 6:00 pm. AGAIN RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Please give Peppy a call by December 14<sup>th</sup> to RSVP.

Our elected officers for 2010 are:

President --Mary E. (Peppy) Crawford

Vice-President – Gertrud Ottman

Treasurer – Ingrid Hoffmann

Secretary – Patsy Stout

Asst. Secretary – Ingeborg Holl

I would also like to thank all who baked, bought or donated money to the Oktoberfest Cake Booth. It was a great success. Thanks a million.

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, I wish to extend to each and everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas season.

Mary E. (Peppy) Crawford, President

## **ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE MESSAGE**

I want to thank all of you who worked so hard to make our annual Oktoberfest a success. Everyone was very receptive when asked to volunteer and showed up for his or her shift as scheduled. This contributed greatly to a smooth operation both days. This was the first year volunteers were asked to park in the back and I want to thank everyone for their cooperation, as this alleviated a lot of the parking "headaches" for Herman and his crew who handled the parking. It's because of all of you who volunteered that we were able to put on this two-day event with such success. Thanks again to all of you for a job well

done and for those of you who wanted to work, but didn't get called, I will definitely keep you in mind for next year.

Our New Years Eve dance will be held from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am on December 31<sup>st</sup>, with entertainment by the Rheingold Band and breakfast served after Midnight. This dance requires reservations, so please make your reservations early by calling Ingrid Hoffmann at 454-9702.

Again, I would like to mention if anyone is interested in working on one of the kitchen crews for any of our events, please let me know. You can contact me via e-mail at [patsys@mwmcorp.com](mailto:patsys@mwmcorp.com) or by phone 727-1302.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,  
Patsy Stout, Chairman

### **GERMANIC HERITAGE AUXILIARY**

I want to thank the volunteers who helped set up, take down and "man" the GHA booth at the Oktoberfest. After missing last year due to the power outage at the Club, we had a good result this year.

The next program will take us back to some of our fair city's history, learning more about the Ohio River. Chuck Parrish, retired historian of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, will talk about "The History of Ohio River Navigation: Past, Present and Future". We will learn about the system of locks that allows river traffic to navigate the Ohio River, including the treacherous Falls at Louisville. Also, we will find out about the amazingly extensive quantity of vessels and goods that pass through our area on their way all over the U.S. Chuck promises that we will have a good time! The program will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 2:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served and no reservations are required. If you need more information, please call Vicky Ullrich at 459-6820.

There will be a brief business meeting before the Ohio River program to elect the Germanic Heritage Auxiliary officers for 2010. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted on the Club bulletin board. Hope to see you on November 8<sup>th</sup>!

Vicky Ullrich, President

### **MUSIC COMMITTEE MESSAGE**

Our singers have been practicing very hard for our upcoming concert on December 13<sup>th</sup> and I think all of you will enjoy the selections chosen by the Music Committee. Our concert will begin at 5:00 pm, followed by a Rouladen dinner with all the trimmings.

Thanks to the generosity of Fern and Hans Bender, we will also be entertained by the music of Gebhard Erlen for the remainder of the evening and I know you will not want to miss out on this event. RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED.

Patsy Stout, Music Committee Chairman

### **WILLKOMMEN: NEW MEMBERS**

Bridget Klein

Sierra Cullins

Robert Hoilman and Sophie Sanger

Greg Braun

Stephen and Christa Bocchetti

Rosemarie Swearingen

Grant C. Rickert Jr. (in the last newsletter I incorrectly spelled his name, and for that I am sorry).

### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE DECEMBER 1, 2009**