

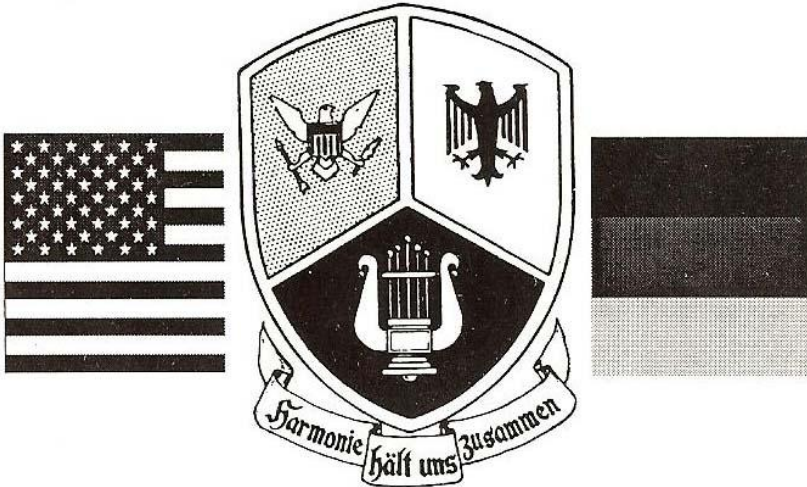
SINGING SOCIETY

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Club News

January-February 2011



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My sincere thanks go to the outgoing members of the Board of Directors. They are Jimmy Bevins, Patsy Stout and Bob Ullrich. They all will continue to have important tasks in 2011. To our new members and newly elected officers, I will try to help you as much as possible. If you have any questions or problems with the club, feel free to ask any of the club's officers.

This has been a fantastic year and lots of improvements have been completed. We are financially sound, even though we do have a loan for the roof. With your help and financial support in the next year, we should have no problem paying this loan.

We are planning a trip to Milwaukee this year for their German Festival in August. We will be there for two days and probably march in the parade. This is a very popular trip and seats go quickly. If you think you may be interested in going, please contact me 502-618-1950 or by email jb426@aol.com.

We will also be attending the District Singfest in Cincinnati, OH in May. If you would be interested in going along with the singers, let me know.

Thanks again for your support in 2010 and looking forward to a great 2011.

Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2011.

Jimmy Boeckmann, President

A MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

Thanks to the members of the chorus, Justin Romney, Louise Bornwasser and all who attended our Christmas concert and dinner on December 12. It was a huge success and the chorus was privileged to perform for a sellout crowd despite the snowy weather. A special thanks to everyone who helped with the preparation of the dinner. As usual it was delicious! The chorus will take a brief hiatus for the holidays and practices will resume on January 6th at 7:30. If you have considered joining the chorus, now would be the perfect time as we begin preparing for our Spring Concert as well as our trip to Cincinnati for our District concert. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 502-727-1302 or send an email to patsys@mwmcorp.com.

Here's wishing everyone a happy and successful 2011.

Patsy Stout, Chairperson

TO ALL MEMBERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY:

We are thinking of you on your Birthday and sending warmest wishes for happiness today, and always!



LADIES' AUXILIARY

With the close of 2010, it is exciting to say we had a very successful year. Our "Card Parties" were all well attended and were financially profitable. Big thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who make this possible and a special thanks to Jimmy and his kitchen crew as well as Ruth Schnell for her donation of many of the desserts presented at the parties.

Our annual Children's Christmas Party was well enjoyed by all the children who attended. Everyone fully enjoyed our "magician", food, crafts, Mrs. Clause (Rosemary Razor), a special elf (Katie Horn) and of course the Jolly old elf himself, Santa Clause (Jim Oliver). Every child received their own gift and a stocking filled with goodies.

Keep in mind that our next business meeting will be on Monday January 17th at 7:00 pm. At our February meeting we will have a special program, so please bring one large white towel and one small white hand towel. Curious to know why, well come to the meeting on February 21st to find out. Remember, any ladies who is a member of the club is welcomed to attend the Ladies' Auxiliary Meetings, so come out and enjoy the company of other members as well as having a great time.

The election of officers was held at the November meeting and the results are:

President: Mary E. (Peppy) Crawford

Vice-President: Gerdi Ottman

Secretary: Patsy Stout

Treasurer: Ingrid Hoffmann

Appointed Assistant Treasurer: Elisabeth Schuldheis

May all your dreams come true at this holiday season, and may your luck and happiness continue with you through the new year of 2011.

Peppy Crawford, President

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE MESSAGE

The Arrangements Committee took a break from meeting over the holidays, but will meet again on January 10th at 7:00 PM.

Sadly, after many years as webmaster, Cliff Renaud has turned in his resignation. I can't begin to thank Cliff enough for all he has done to make our website what it is today. We are truly blessed to have had Cliff generously serve as our webmaster. Thanks again, Cliff, and remember you will always be welcome to as many "sauerkraut balls" you can consume at any of our activities. Fortunately, Todd Fluhr has volunteered to take over as webmaster. I know Todd is familiar with the program Cliff used, and thanks to Bob Ullrich, who will assist Todd with any questions, this transition should go smoothly.

I invite anyone who would like to join the Arrangements Committee to do so on January 10th. Your participation will be appreciated.

Wishing all of you happiness and success in 2011,
Patsy Stout, Chairman

MEMBERS WHO ARE ILL OR INJURED

Fern Bender had vertebrae fused in November and is doing much better, she contacted me to tell everyone she wants to thank everyone for their cards and support.

Ludwig Schuldheis had minor outpatient surgery and is recovering nicely.

Jimmy Boeckmann had a reoccurring intestinal problem pop up on him during Chorus practice but has gone to the hospital and had it corrected and is back on his feet.

Eleanor Cooley had testing on her heart for possible blockage and is awaiting results and possible plans of treatment.

Gerdi Ottman has been tested for possible heart blockage.

Jackie Steinemann had knee arthroscopy performed and is doing better.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WE HAVE LOST

I'm sorry to inform our members that the daughter of Liz and Louis Vassie passed away December 4th.

And finally it is with great sadness that I inform our members that Jim Beck passed away December 20th, as most of you are aware Jim had been having trouble with not only his hip but also his diabetes and blood thinning levels, he will be truly missed by not only the members themselves but all of his "bartending family" as well as the Chorus.

To all the families of those who have lost someone, I believe I can speak for every member when I say how truly sorry we are for your loss and that if there is anything anyone can do in your time of grief, please do not hesitate to let us know.

GERMANIC HERITAGE AUXILIARY NEWS

The November program, a German Sampler Concert, was wonderful! Many thanks to the Louisville Orchestra members Jack Griffin, Andrea Levine, Grace Baugh-Bennett, Robert Docs, and Trevor Johnson who performed so beautifully for us.

At the November gathering, we held our GHA elections for 2011. Congratulations to our officers: President, Vicky Ullrich; Vice-president, Delores Eisenbeis; Secretary, Anne Bowman; and Treasurer, Patsy Stout. I want to express my sincere appreciation to outgoing officers, Jane Keller and Pat Zimmerman.

Our first Sunday Series program for 2011 will be on February 13, at 2:30 pm. Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, President of the German-American Citizens' League of Greater Cincinnati and scholar of German-American studies, will be here for a presentation on his newest book, *The Cincinnati Germans in the Civil War by Gustav Tafel; Translated and Edited with Supplements on the German-Americans from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana in the Civil War*. Don translated the original work, published by Tafel in 1901, and added material on Civil War participants from the regions beyond Cincinnati itself. Many of our members have ancestors who were involved in our great national conflict. Please join us for an interesting afternoon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Vicky Ullrich, President

NEW MEMBERS

We have one family membership this month and they are:

Daniel and Judy Krish McCarthy

Welcome to both Daniel and Judy and we all look forward to getting to know you both over the next few club activities, and as always, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any activities or events, please feel free to contact any club officer or board member.

BIERGARTENS



January 15, 2011

February 12, 2011

February 26, 2011

Unfortunately at the time of printing, no information was given on the band or groups that would be performing at these Bier Gartens.

REMEMBER ALL BIERGARTENS ARE FROM 6PM UNTIL 10PM WITH FOOD SERVED UNTIL 8:00 PM

INSTALLATION PARTY *(FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY)*

SATURDAY
JANUARY 29TH
5PM UNTIL 10 PM

*PLEASE REMEMBER THAT DUES FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE
NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2011.

YOU CAN EITHER MAIL YOUR PAYMENTS TO THE CLUB AT:

PO BOX 39243

LOUISVILLE, KY 40232

OR CONTACT BOB ULLRICH AT 502-459-6820 TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

(Just an FYI, Bob and Vicky will not be at the New Year's Eve Party this year, so please make arrangements accordingly)

As you know our elections were held on Wednesday December 1, 2010 to elect all officers for the 2011 year, and here are the results:

OFFICERS OF THE GERMAN AMERICAN CLUB:

PRESIDENT---James (Jimmy) Boeckmann started as part of his family membership and became an independent member in 1966. Jimmy is a member of the Chorus. He works on one of the two Bier Gartens Kitchens, as well all of the Fish Fry kitchens. He also works as the head chef on almost all of the special club events that take place during the year. These events include, but are not in any way limited to, both the winter Chorus Concert/Dinners, the Club installation party, the Ladies' Card Parties and the New Year's Eve Party as well as doing pre-event food preparation for the club.

Jimmy is also on the Board of Directors, but votes only on matters in the case of a tie.

VICE-PRESIDENT---Tanya Schweitzer, along with her husband Rob and there 2 daughters joined in 2007 and almost immediately volunteered to become workers in one of two Bier Gartens kitchens as well as working the monthly Fish Fry's. Tanya also is an active participant in the Ladies' Auxiliary and assists in any way she can. This is Tanya's first year as an officer and she is looking forward to the experience. Tanya is a member of the Board of Directors as Vice-President and has an active vote in all matters.

SECRETARY---Johanna Yadon was originally a member at the age of 13 under her family and became a member in 1967 but temporarily was not participating in activities due to moving out of state for a short period (though she kept her membership active and returned to activities including the Chorus as soon as she returned to Kentucky).

She has held positions as both Secretary and Vice President of the Ladies' Auxiliary as well as being a member of the Board of Directors.

She currently lives with her daughter Leigh and can be seen at most events with her boyfriend Jim Bevins.

TREASURER---Carmen Kaelin along with her husband Michael have been members since 1992. This is the 16th year that Carmen has taken on the job of Treasurer and considering the fact that her new position in her job at the Indiana Lottery Commission takes her roughly on a 50 to 200 mile radius around Indiana, I believe we can all agree that to come in and work on not only the books, but to handle money bags and bills is a testament to her true commitment and devotion to the club itself.

LADIES' AUXILIARY:

PRESIDENT—Mary E. Crawford, also affectionately known as Peppy, became a member of the club along with her husband in 1976, she also became a member of the Chorus at that time and was just last year elected by the board to become an Honorary Member for Life for all of her numerous contributions of time and energy she has provided the Club.

Along with being the Ladies' Auxiliary President since 1988, she also has been our Hall Rental Representative since 2005. She also assists with each Fish Fry, attends the Arrangements Committee meetings and works as a bartender at each rental. She was a previous Board Member prior to becoming an active Board Member with full voting privileges under her position as the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

VICE-PRESIDENT---Gertrude "Gerdi" Ottman has been a member since 1959 and the Vice President of the Ladies' Auxiliary since 2007. Gerdi is on one of the two Bier Garten Kitchen crews and also works most of the Fish Fry's. She also assists with pre-event food preparation of schnitzels and the "Club Famous" sauerkraut balls.

SECRETARY---Patsy Stout was a member as part of her family and had been an individual member but had decided to temporarily leave the club to raise her family and other personal reasons. But, the call of the Club called her back and she rejoined the club in 2001. She was, up until this year, the Vice-President of the Club and a member of the Board and is currently Treasurer of the German Heritage Auxiliary as well as Chairperson of both the Arrangements Committee and the Music Committee, both positions appointed to her by the President of the Club. Patsy also helps with the Bier Gartens as cashier and assists in coordinating visits to and from Sister Clubs in Indiana and Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati.

TREASURER---Ingrid Hoffman has been a member since 1996 and has been the treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary since 2006. She also is one of many of the significant helpers at each of the monthly Ladies' Card Parties and also takes reservations for most of the club organized events. She also, along with her husband Kurt, maintains the landscaping located along the back patio and Pavilion and helps feed the honeydoers.

GERMANIC HERITAGE AUXILIARY:

PRESIDENT---Vicky Ullrich, along with her husband Bob has been a member since 1996. She was originally the President of the Kentuckiana Germanic Heritage Society, which was incorporated into the GAC as the Germanic Heritage Auxiliary in 2002 and has remained the President of the GHA since then.

She is also involved in the Sister Cities of Louisville, World Communities of Louisville, and Swiss Ladies Society all reflecting her interest in international organizations. She is a University of Louisville alumni and of course a fan of Cardinal sports. She is an active Board Member with full voting privileges under her position as the President of the GHA.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Delores Eisenbeis has been a member since 2006 and a member of the Chorus since 2008. This is Delores' first year as an officer and she is looking forward to helping promote the German Heritage. Along with being a member of the Club and Chorus, Delores is active in the Louisville Genealogical Society and enjoys spending her spare time searching her own family history.

SECRETARY---Anne Bowman and her husband Lee have been members since 2001. She was a previous Vice-President with the Germanic Heritage Auxiliary.

TREASURER---Patsy Stout (please see Patsy's information located under Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary).

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Earhard Grieb: Earhard was re-elected to the board this year. He was originally a member in 1952 but unfortunately left the club when he and his wife Clara moved out of state. But they rejoined the club when they returned to Kentucky in 1995. He has been a Honeydoer since 1995 and on the board since 2008.

Norma Heitz: This is Norma's first year undertaking a position of Board Member and she is excited about the process. She chose to run for the Board because of her interest in the Club and its future and also because she is basically "just a joiner in whatever I do". She has been a member since 2008 and immediately became involved in the Ladies' Auxiliary along with her sister Martha Liles.

Richard "Dick" Ottman: Dick has been a member of the Club since 1973, a participant of the Honeydoers since 1990 and along with his wife Gerdi is on one of the two Bier Gartens kitchens and often works the Fish Fry's as well. Dick was originally elected to the Board in 2005 and was last elected in 2009.

Joe Steinemann: Joe and his wife Jackie have been members since 2005 and he was first elected to the Board in 2009. Joe is a member of one of the two Bier Gartens kitchen crews, a member of the Honeydoers and has recently been convinced to volunteer to assist the kitchen with the Ladies' monthly card parties. It has been said by many club members that when help is needed, try asking Joe and chances are good he will be more than willing to give a lending hand.

Chris Wilton: Chris joined the club in 2009 and almost immediately was looking for ways to help support the Club and keep it a success; his chance came this year when he decided to run for a position on the Board. This is Chris' first run at any type office and he is looking forward to not just the experience but the chance to get involved

Bruce Zimmerman: Bruce has been a member since 2002 with his wife Pat joining in 2003. He was elected to the Board in 2009 and was voted Chairman of the Board that year. Bruce has also been appointed the Bar Steward by the President of the Club Jimmy Boeckmann and has become the unofficial director of the Honeydoers. He also assists the kitchen when he can during both Bier Gartens and Fish Fry's. Many club members say that it seems no matter what day or time they happen to stop by the club, Bruce is there doing something either with the bar, or working on a Club problem.

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