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**Club Bar is Open 7 - 11 pm  
Thursdays & Fridays  
(Winter Hours)**



**Wednesday Lunch  
11:30 am - 1:30pm**



## **Newsletter - January 2016**

Dear Members:

I do not believe how the holiday season was suddenly upon us and how quickly 2016 came. We ended the fall season with a superb Singers' Fall Concert, "They're Coming to America" and our annual Schlachtfest. Everyone who attended enjoyed these events. Kudos to all who participated! Our first annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets Drive was a great success. We gave 5 needy families complete Thanksgiving Dinners (from soup to nuts) and still have some additional food that can be used for Christmas Dinners. Thanks to Gary and Joyce Schonmann who spearheaded that drive and also coordinated the Children's Toy Drive.



Many thanks to Peter Licis for organizing the Chair Fund to help Germania purchase new chairs for the clubhouse. Our old chairs were donated to Habitat for Humanity and Hyde Park Knights of Columbus. If you haven't been in the clubhouse recently, be sure to come by and check out the beautiful new chairs that have been purchased with your generous donations.

We are a volunteer organization and always owe a debt of gratitude to our volunteers -- without them we would be lost. Our volunteer base has diminished considerably these past few months. Be it to relocation, illness, vacations, or gentle aging. The core group of volunteers also needs a break. They too would like to be able to attend one of our events as a guest, enjoying Germania's famous "GEMÜTLICHKEIT". As of now, we are short of bartenders, chefs, bakers, kitchen assistants, wait staff, dishwashers, decorators, gardeners, event chairpersons, and committee members for all our activities. I cannot thank the devoted volunteers enough. You all worked so hard, devoting hours, days and even weeks to keep us profitable in 2015. We've been able to keep our heads above water in spite of decreasing attendance at some events. We have increased our membership 8% this year and hope the new members will join in our activities and become part of the volunteer team we so desperately need. Otherwise, we may have to cancel some planned events in 2016 due to either lack of participation or volunteers. I encourage all of you to consider some type of volunteering that you feel you would be able to do for us. We're a great family here at Germania and you'll find its fun working with your fellow members.

The Christkindlmarkt opened the holiday season at Germania. It was enjoyed by many. The food, baked goods, vendors, and musicians were excellent. When our baked goods ran out, additional orders for Strudel and Stollen were taken for pick up later. Thank you Helga and all your volunteers for a successful Christkindlmarkt! I saw many bags of early Christmas shopping being carried out the door.

The hall was decorated in holiday finery, courtesy of Dorothy McArthur. Many thanks for volunteering to make the hall look festive. Thanks to Mitch Greene and the Soccer Club for providing the most beautiful Christmas tree again this year!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and my sincere best wishes to you and your family for "ein glückliches gesundes neues Jahr!"

Sincerely yours,  
Carol Ann Fischer, President

## 2015 CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET!

Germania's Car Show and Flea Market took place on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and was a great success! The cars were AWESOME! The food was DELICIOUS! The vendors were WONDERFUL! Special thanks to Karl Siebert and Ed Kelly who really knew their stuff when judging for the winners in the following categories – BEST IN SHOW, MOST ORIGINAL and BEST PAINT. For our first time organizing this event we learned a lot about putting on a car show – both about what *to* do and what *not* to do, and look forward to planning for next year.

Thanks also to our Committee members Angela Dourdis, Lisa McVey, Joyce & Gary Schonmann, and our bartender Peter Licis. Thank you Sue Kopenhagen for putting us in touch with Hudson Valley Cruisers!

We are always looking for people to show their cars, new vendors and committee help. For information or to volunteer please call Joyce at (845) 454-9324 or Angie at (845) 485-1844 for helping out.

See you next year!



## KINDER CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday, December 12, 2015, Germania Hall was abuzz as we celebrated the Christmas Holiday with 30 children and their parents and grandparents. Children participated in craft-making, holiday games, a Christmas carol sing-along, and enjoyed a special visit from Santa. Food and snacks were in abundance! Thanks to all of our members who assembled such impressive food trays and snacks. Each child received a small gift from Santa! Special thanks to Stan Elmendorf who donated his 50/50 raffle winnings from Oktoberfest to the Kinder Christmas Party, Peter Licis who helped with the setting up of the tables, food and bar, the Brill and Lindner families for helping with set up, clean up, and decorations, Helga Nowak-Razey who lead our German sing along, and Jim Ricker for "suiting up" if you know what I mean! Special thank you to all who attended and helped make this event a success for our children.

I hope everyone had Happy Holidays!

KellyAnn Esposito, Kinder Christmas Party Coordinator





# FASCHING

Karneval-Mardi Gras 2016!

Open to Germania Members and Accompanied Guests

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Doors Open 6:30PM, Dinner 7PM

**Celebrate our Bartenders Sponsored Benefit at Germania!**

**Live Music by BUD GRAMER**

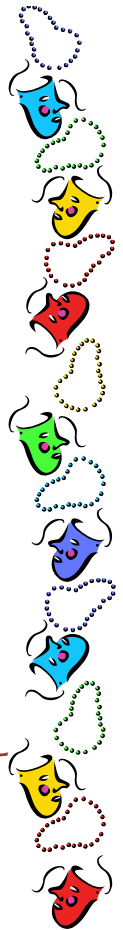
**FULL HOME COOKED DINNER, Dessert, Coffee**

**RAFFLE, Contest, Prizes - CASH Bar**

**PLEASE RSVP by January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**CONTRIBUTION: \$30 MEMBERS, \$35 NON MEMBERS**

**(\$5 discount if you come in costume)**



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## RESERVATIONS:

Please mail or drop off your check payable to: GERMANIA OF POUGHKEEPSIE

Attn: Sue Koppenhaver, Angie Dourdis - Fasching Co-Chairs

37 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Members attending: # \_\_\_\_\_ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanied Guests attending: # \_\_\_\_\_ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Check amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_





# St Patrick's Day Party !!!

at Germania of Poughkeepsie

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

***Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner / Cash Bar***  
***Doors Open 5pm, Dinner 6pm***

***--- RSVP by 3/07 ---***

**\$30 member (paid by 3/07)**

**\$35 member accompanied guest**

**Info: Bill Reuter, wcr\_292@hotmail.com**

***Dance to Music by MacCana !!!***



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Mail this reservation form with check payable to: **Germania of Poughkeepsie, Inc.**

Please **P-R-I-N-T** and mail to:

**Germania of Poughkeepsie, 37 Old Degarmo Road, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603**

**Attn: St. Pat's Party**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Accompanied Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please attempt seating with: \_\_\_\_\_

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

### *(News from and about our members)*

Please submit your announcements, news and pictures to [Editor@GermaniaPok.com](mailto:Editor@GermaniaPok.com).

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

### **Special Get Well Wishes to the following members:**

Marion Bauer, Ray Baumann, Liz Calabrese, Martin Glass, Jim Gordon, Margarethe Killmer, Ray LeGrand, Helmut Loibl, and Robb Rose.



### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** to Brian Wagner and his family on his dad's passing. ERIK B. WAGNER, 68,



passed away on November 19, 2015, at his home surrounded by his loving family after a courageous 4 year battle against cancer. Erik was born in Poughkeepsie on March 7, 1947, the son of Walter W. and Dorothy Bennett Wagner. He was a 1965 graduate of Poughkeepsie High School and later received his Associates Degree from Dutchess Community College. Erik began his career working at M. Schwartz & Co. during his high school years eventually serving as the Vice President and Comptroller for many years. After the store's closing in 1991, Erik became the owner of Brady's Publick house, formerly on Garden St in Poughkeepsie. He was most recently the owner of MJ Lumber and provided accounting services for local businesses. Erik was a loving husband, father, grandfather and loyal friend to many having been a lifelong Poughkeepsie resident. On August 2, 1986, he married Jeanne Ham Wagner, who survives at home. Erik was predeceased by his parents, older brother Bruce W. Wagner and sister-in-law Valeda J. Wagner of Poughkeepsie, and younger brother Jon J. Wagner of La Grange. In addition to his wife, he is survived by sister-in-law, Melissa K. Wagner; daughter and son-in-law, Kristine and Chris Davis of Poughkeepsie; son and daughter-in-law Brian and Annette Wagner of Poughkeepsie; son and daughter-in-law Peter and Traci Meyer of La Grange; grandchildren, Evan, Myles and Noah Davis; Stephanie Wagner; Brendan and Kyra Meyer; as well as several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his previous wife, Gayle Wagner of Poughkeepsie. The family would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses and Staff at The Dyson Center for Cancer Care and Hudson Valley Hospice for their care and support during this difficult time.



Pictured right are Erik and his brother Jon at the 2009 Germania Oktoberfest.



Members PETER LICIS and KEITH MCARTHUR pictured near their respective Commemorative Bricks on Parris Island Parade Deck. Parris Island is a Marine Corps Recruit Depot in South Carolina. It has been home to Marines since 1891 and used for the training of enlisted Marines since 1915. We are proud that Pete and Keith are among those honored men and women who risked, and continue to risk their lives for the freedom we value.



## ***GOOD AND WELFARE... CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE***

***(News from and about our members)***

Congratulations to RICK SOEDLER on his son Rick's November 8th wedding engagement to Brittany Mearns!



**The Bi-Annual Steuben Memorial Service** took place on Saturday, November 7th at 2pm at the Wartburg Chapel in Mt. Vernon, NY with Pastor Carol Fryer officiating. Thirteen members from the Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit attended the service and luncheon. A roll call was read of the deceased members of the Steuben Society (USA). Spross Unit members John Bahrenburg, Evelyn Blatz, Werner Gross, Arthur Kalble (all Germania members) and Rita Ilaria were eulogized by Carol Ann Fischer.



Congratulations to MARIA BRUHMULLER! She just recently became a great grandmother. Her great grandson Parker was born on December 28th. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and he was 20 inches long.



### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO:**

John and Suzanne Atherly whose son JEFFREY ALAN ATHERLY passed away in Sarasota, Florida on December 27th. He was born in Syracuse, NY on June 2, 1961. Jeff grew up in East Fishkill and went to Arlington schools. He attended Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, PA where he majored in math. He had two siblings, Gregory and Lauren. Both preceded him in death. Jeff spent most of his adult life in construction; specializing in tile work and siding. He sustained a horrific injury in 2003 and retired to Florida as he enjoyed the warm weather there. Prior to his accident, Jeff loved to ski, play golf and classic rock music.



Maria Bruhmuller whose brother HERBERT KLOTH passed away at 68 years old in Busenberg, Rheinland Pfalz in Germany.

Summer and fall of 2015 was loaded with personal excitement and surprises for members CHRIS AND GÁBOR PATTANTYÚS. During July, Gábor caught a 4 foot 100 pound sand shark on the Seven Mile Island off the South Jersey coast. It was the biggest live fish he ever held in his hands; large enough to feed 100 people comfortably. It was turned back into the ocean. During the month of September they traveled and hiked extensively in the Austrian Alps. They visited Tyrol (Zillertaller, Olzteller massif), Zell am See, Dachsteiner caves and mountains,



Grossglackner high altitude road (at 8200ft) and the Stiermark region. They hiked up above tree line to the bottom of a receding glacier in the high peaks in Sölden at 10,000ft (Oltzteller Alps). Their travel ended in Gábor's native Budapest. On September 29, 2015 their younger son, André Pattantyús, married

Crystal on a sand bar in Hawaii just as Chris and Gábor were ready to fly to Vienna for a month long vacation. Needless to say, it was a huge surprise. They held a wedding reception for the newlywed couple and their family and friends in south Jersey this past November. Coming back from Europe they participated in the Hunter Mountain Oktoberfest. It was a fantastic and memorable year for these two ever young people.







**YARD SALE**  
**Saturday**  
**APRIL 23, 2016**

Contact Helga Nowak-Razey  
(845) 797-7519

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# MAIFEST

Traditional German Celebration of the Arrival of Spring  
Germania Festival Grounds, 51 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



*"Willkommen!"*

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

*5pm - 10 pm*

Music by The Adlers (6-10pm)



**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

*12 Noon - 9 pm*

Music by John & Maria 12 - 4pm and  
The Schwarzenegger Connection 5 - 9pm

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

*12 noon - 6 pm*

Music by Joe Unger



German Food, Imported German Beer, Baked Goods, Bavarian Pretzels, Live Music, Schuhplattler Dancers, Bandltanz (ribbon dance around maypole), Singers, Vendors, Entertainment for the Kids, Raffles... Gemütlichkeit!

RAIN OR SHINE \* BRING A LAWN CHAIR



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## Dirndl Rules!



## ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG!

Apologies to new member CATHERINE MCNEAL MAAS for failing to include her name in our October birthday list. We'd like to especially wish you a belated happy birthday.

## DECEMBER

Karen L. Barone, Stephen Bastian, Christopher Blatz, Charles Braun, Elsie Charkalis, Cathy Delahoyde, Brigitte Dessauer, Frederick W. Doneit, Heidi Every, Hugo V. Fueglein, Thomas Ghee, Matthew Gordineer, Marlene Heer, Robert Ianelli, Edward E. Kelley, Ronald Kupin, Patricia LeGrand, Jeanette Lumb, Paul Maley, Keith McArthur, J. David McCarthy, Elizabeth McKeon, Carol Meyer, Vincent Miller, Karl Muggenburg, Joseph O'Connel, Sharon Passes, Erika Rechner, Herbert Redl, Louise Riedel, Lore Schoenfeld, Siegfried Schwandt, Rose Sciame, Arthur A. Scott III, Holly Siebert, Joe Simone, Thomas W. Turner, Evan Whitson, David Yearack, Barbel Zehnbauser, and Steven Zoeller.



## JANUARY

Suzanne Atherly, Matthew Bogdan, Essie Braun, Ehrentraud (Trudy) Cerbone, Beatrix Clarke-Bausch, Gert-Jan Doedee, Elizabeth Germiller, Johanna Gilgert, Patricia Harth, Martin Heresniak, Susan Kascak, John P. Kelly, Patricia Kemmerer, Eric Lehner, Maria Lehner, Mark Logan, Ruth J. Mesuda, Charlotte Munson, Fred H. Otte, Gabor Pattantyus, Patricia Kelley, Mark M. Redl, Gary Schonmann, Deborah F. Sonnenschmidt, Christine Ulrich, Joe Ulrich, Kyle C. Van De Water, and Thomas Wallace.

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## DID YOU MEET YOUR SPOUSE AT GERMANIA?

**LAST CHANCE!** If you are a member of Germania and met your spouse at Germania, even if you are a widow or widower, Please contact your newsletter editor Karen Rose **no later than January 30, 2015** at (845)471-7442 or email [Editor@GermaniaPok.com](mailto:Editor@GermaniaPok.com) to be included in a club news project. I would like to receive a "happy couple" picture as well as details as to date/year you met, at which Germania event, anything you wish to share about your courtship that lead to your marriage, and if your wedding or reception was held at Germania, or any of your milestone anniversaries.





# GERMANIA BLUE & WHITE SOCCER CLUB NEWS



November 2015

**Congratulations to James Bowne!** Our good friend and long-time member, James Bowne, was honored at this year's EDSL (Eastern District Soccer League) Night of Champions Dinner held in October. James was awarded a plaque with the honor of "Soccer Official Extraordinaire" for his "passion for the game and work ethic to provide a fair and just environment which has left a tremendous positive impact on players and coaches alike." James graciously accepted the award and thanked his coworkers and most importantly his wife for the honor. Congratulations to James!

**Congratulations to the Over 40 team.** At the EDSL Night of Champions dinner the Over 40 team was awarded the John Jorgensen Trophy as the winners of the 2014/2015 season. Congratulations to Billy Kapogiannis and the Over 40 team for reclaiming the league trophy!

**Good Luck to Brendan Tumulty.** Brendan Tumulty, a pivotal player on our over 40 team, has taken a new job and will be moving to Maryland. We wish Brendan and his family the best of luck in their new location. Once a Germania player, Always a Germania player! We'll miss you.

## **2015/16 Teams**

This season our soccer teams are off to a great start. We've had so many players on our Over 40 team that we were able to place two teams in the league this year. You can see by each team's record that all our teams are doing very well.

**Germania Open team: Coaches Mike Chappas, Scott Zobre, and Corey Phillips**

**Over 30 team: Coach Matt Viggiano**

**Over 40 Division A team: Coach Bill Kapogiannis**

**Over 40 Division B team: Coach Mitch Greene**

Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	Goals for	Goals against
Open	4	2	1	22	8
Over 30	6	2	1	24	12
Over 40 A	5	0	1	17	2
Over 40 50s	8	2	0	27	14



The game schedules are posted on the front door of the club and schedules are available at the bar to take home. Come out and support Germania Soccer!

**Join us!** If you know of any soccer players between the ages of 18 and 45 that want to be on a great team at a great club have them contact Joe Ulrich (845-380-7925 or jfacjn01@hotmail.com). Our Open, Over 30, and Over 40 teams are always looking for good players.



The 25 Week Club is a raffle that helps offset insurance expenses necessary to operate our clubhouse and the recreation grounds, and at the end of the 25-weeks club ticket holders enjoy a dinner party. If you would like to purchase tickets please call Marilyn Luhmann at (914)452-2561.

# 25 Week Club

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## Days of Yore

1955  
1955



These pictures were taken in 1955 and submitted by Katherine Ulrich. Seated at Germania's bar (197 Church Street), the four in the center are Martha & Rony Kemmerer, Lenny Rugman and George Engelhardt. The three dressed in Tracht and ready to perform Schuhplattler dancing at Germania are Rony Kemmerer, Katherine Kemmerer-Ulrich and Josef Ulrich. In front of the trophy case at Germania Hall and ready for some "bier trinken" are Phillip Kemmerer, Rudy Grotzer, Rony Kemmerer, Joe Ulrich and Sigi Krueger.

"Days of Yore" will feature one, or more, photos from Germania's 165 year history. If you have an old picture taken at Germania, or a club event, please submit it with date, or approximate year, and description of event and members in the photo. Questions, or to arrange submission, should be directed to Editor@GermaniaPok.com or (845)471-7442.

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**Congratulations to this year's 25-year membership honorees!**

Marion Bauer  
Paula DeMarco  
Sherwood Kreig  
John Reifenberger

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## Dance News from Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein

What a busy Oktoberfest Season we had starting with Germania's Oktoberfest in early September 2015, continuing our entertainment for enthusiastic crowds at Yulan Fire Department Oktoberfest, Tymor Park Oktoberfest and 4 weekends at Hunter Mountain, and ending when we danced our Ehrentanz at Edelweiss Passaic's Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of our adult and Kinder members who danced this season. Without you it wouldn't have as successful as it was.



After almost 45 years of dancing in the club, former Vorplattler, Robb Rose announced his retirement from Schuhplattler dancing during Hunter Mountain's Oktoberfest. During the final weekend, the club acknowledged his retirement and upcoming knee replacement surgery with a specially baked cake and thank you cards. Now six weeks since his surgery, Germania can expect to see Robb at the club, active again as Germania Treasurer, and enjoying a cold beer at the bar.



We had two members missing this past dance season due to illness, Marion Bauer and junior member Gregory Wuytack. Marion injured her shoulder early on and was not able to perform or play her accordion following Germania's Oktoberfest. She made a full recovery and we were happy to see her at Germania's Christmas party. Gregory was diagnosed with a serious lung infection that has had him in chemo therapy. Gregory is expected to make a full recovery as well, but it certainly will take more time. We admire his strength and were happy to see him for a brief visit at Hunter. We wish him a speedy recovery and his family peace and well-being, as he recovers.

If you have not been around the Kindergruppe recently, we have about 24 kids and young adults who performed! The kid's debut of a slightly modified Tiroler Bauerntanz this year was great. They picked it up after only a couple of practices and did wonderful performing it in front of all the crowds. The kids now know 8 different dances and we look to expand that in this New Year. We wish to thank our Kindergruppe parents! We recognize that without them, or their support, we would not have such a big and wonderful Kindergruppe. Our kids are the future of our Verein, and we thank you!



2015 was not all work; there were celebrations too. George Hupe celebrated his 90th birthday at Hunter Oktoberfest! Also in 2015 we celebrated happy 50th birthdays of Jenny Reichert and David Yearack! Congratulations are extended to Chris and Gábor on their son André's marriage to Crystal Clare Stranger on September 29, 2015 at Kaneohe Bay. In November, our Verein attended the Stiftungsfest celebration of our friends Alpenrose SV in Lancaster PA, and on December 5, 2015, we celebrated the holiday season at Germania's Christmas Party.

"New" seemed to be a theme in 2015. You may have noticed our ladies dressed in new Tracht; the vibrant colors of two new striped aprons on two new skirts (black and hunter green) were



hard to miss. As were the black flowered skirts and bright yellow aprons that were new to the Kinder girls in 2015. And our adult members are wearing new club pins made of silver by Angelo Giaimo, a local jeweler of Trachtenschmuck and fellow Trachtler.



Our first dance rehearsals of 2016 are scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.





## Notes from your Germania Men & Ladies Chorus

### Fall Concert

The singers had a very successful Fall concert. The theme of this year's program was "Coming to America". The songs reflected the immigration of various Nationalities including German, Hungarian, Russian, Italian, French, Irish and Spanish and ending with a rousing "God Bless America!"

The Singers were joined by Bill Reuter and Loretto Angelino for a verse of "Santa Lucia" sung in Italian. Herman Koemel and Helga Nowak-Razey sang a duet "Heimat" with the Chorus. Andrew Kanninen, Janett Frank, and Ulrike Engelhardt led the singing of "Isle of Hope" -- the story of the opening of Ellis Island.

Christine Ulrich read a personal letter written by her mother Katherine about her husband Joe's journey to America by boat and coming to Poughkeepsie. This was accompanied by a background of "Muss i Denn". The letter continued with his joining Germania youth group and meeting and eventually marrying Katherine Kemmerer. This is but one of the many stories of Germania Immigrants coming to America!

Look forward to our Spring Concert on May 7, 2016!

Herman Koemel, President of the New York State Saengerbund, presented Ehren Urkunde certificates for 5 years of singing to Andrew Kanninen and Maria Bruhmuller. Ten year certificate was awarded to Jo Pragmann, Fifteen year certificate to Renate Grosshans, Forty year certificate to Elizabeth Szabo Calabrese, and Forty five year certificate to Janett Frank.

Herman also announced there were two newly elected officers from Germania to the NYS Saengerbund, Helga Nowak-Razey as first Vice President and Elizabeth Calabrese as Bundes Music Committee Secretary.

### Christkindlmarkt

Once again the two day Christkindlmarkt was held at Germania. The baked goods were in high demand! The stollen quickly sold out, and additional orders were taken. The Gluhwein kept everyone smiling. Elizabeth Calabrese along with volunteers ran a successful raffle. Chair lady Helga Nowak-Razey would like to thank all the volunteers and vendors who helped make this event a success.

### Caroling

As part of our Christmas Cheer, several of the singers visited Jerry Van Duzer at Valley View Center in Goshen. We sang a program of German and English Christmas Carols. Jerry was a long time member of Germania, active in the Steuben Society, and assisted with many of Germania's newsletters.

### Christmas Service

A German Christmas Service celebration was held at the First Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie. The singers along with the Germania Youth Choir (directed by Helga Baker) participated in this annual event. The service was also attended by representatives of the Germania Almrausch, Steuben Society Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit, and Germania Blue and White Soccer Club.



## ***YOUR AD OR MESSAGE HERE***

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

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Email ad to Editor@GermaniaPok.com  
(MS Word, Rich Text or jpeg formats)

## **RENT GERMANIA FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY**

Call (845)471-0609 or email  
rentals@GermaniaPok.com

**Member Discount Available**

## **BIERGARTEN**

**Brats, Potato Pancakes, Pretzels, Soup,  
Beer, Music and Gemütlichkeit!**

Germania Hall opens at 6:30pm; á la carte food service and accordionist Joe Unger 7-10pm.

**UPCOMING BIERGARTEN DATES:**

**February 19, March 4, April 15, May 6**



## **EXPERT TREE SERVICE**



Call Charlie (845)233-1584

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Linda Sobel Maiorana reviewed  
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October 23 at 10:28am · 🌐



Germania of Poughkeepsie,  
Inc.

527 likes



Thank you Linda for your 5-star review of Germania this past October 23rd, 2015. As of that date, we also had 527 page likes.

Social media is a great way to let the community know about Germania and to promote and foster an interest in the German culture. It is also a good way to get messages to our members quickly such as cancellations or new event details. If you are a Board Member, Committee Chairperson or Event Chairperson and need a message, event or photo posted to our Facebook page please contact Karen Rose at Editor@GermaniaPok.com or (845)471-7442. We also welcome members with Facebook accounts to "post" to our page with event details and reminders, and pictures taken at Germania events. Please follow us on Facebook. "Like" our page, our posts and our photos. Review our events and share them on your timeline or click "Going" to help us spread the word.

**Stay informed and be proactive; mark membership meetings on your calendar and please attend:  
2/16, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17 and elections 6/18/2016**



# Meet the Members

## JANE M. BERNHARD

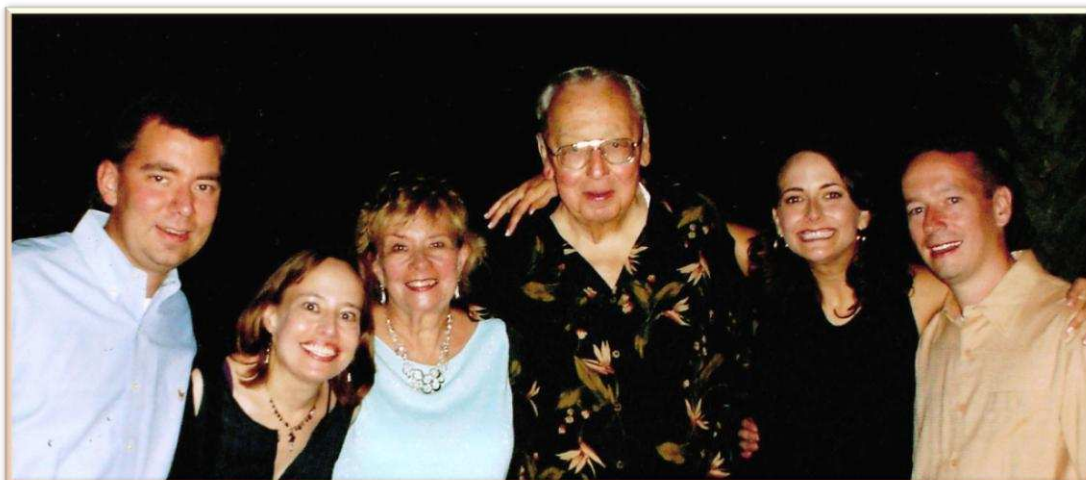
Born and raised in Poughkeepsie, Jane graduated from Poughkeepsie High School and Albany Business College. She began working at IBM as a secretary and finished her career as a manager of an Administrative Systems Center. She and George had their first child in 1973, and she decided to become a stay at home mom.

Jane married George Bernhard in 1969. His parents were immigrants from Germany who met and married in America. They were introduced to Germania through friends. When their children were old enough to attend the German Language Class at Germania, they brought them to Germania for classes on Friday nights. While the kids were learning German upstairs, Jane and George would spend time at the bar. For many years Jane co-chaired the Children's Christmas Party at Germania. She remembers how Germania purchased books for the children at Western Printing who allowed non-profit organizations to purchase their books at much discounted prices. Jane and George attended many events together at the club. They would host singers (adults and young children) from German choral groups who came to visit America.

Jane is an active member of our community. She served as President of the Dutchess County Bar Auxiliary and the Board of Managers of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. She was always interested in her children receiving the best education, which led her to become active in the local PTA, and subsequently led her to become the President of the New York State PTA and eventually elected to the National Board of PTA. She continues to be active as a member of the Dutchess County Republican Committee as a Committeeperson from the Town of LaGrange. In the year 2000, she was chosen as the Woman of the Year by the Poughkeepsie Women's Republican Club.

Jane is very proud of her two successful children. Her daughter, Elizabeth, works for the Federal Government in the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, DC. Her son, Gregory, CFP ® founded and is President of a successful wealth management company -- Plum Tree Financial, Inc. in McLean, Virginia. Gregory has been chosen as the Burgermeister for the Town of Vienna Oktoberfest for the past three years. Jane delights in her two grandsons, Gregor 6 and Colin 4.

Her late husband, George, had a successful career as an attorney, a Family Court Judge and a Surrogate Judge retiring in 1998. George passed away in 2010. Now Jane enjoys traveling, including her annual trip to Notre Dame for a football game, and a summer week on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. She is particularly fond of cruising. We see her at Germania attending our events, and she also enjoys volunteering at the Oktoberfest, working on the soda truck.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Terry Miller (son-in-law), Elizabeth (daughter), Jane and George, Robin (daughter-in-law), and Gregory (son).



## FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

**IMPORTANT CHANGE!** The months the newsletter will be released is being changed in an effort to avoid having to spend many work hours on it during the holiday season, and for better timing on getting event details to the membership. 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 2/15/2016 for the March 2016 newsletter.**



"Email Me the Newsletter" on Germania's website has been **turned off due to restrictions** of our website host on how many email addresses within a distribution list, and within a day, an email can be sent to. We are exploring our options for an email marketing service. If you have any experience and recommendations, please email me at Editor@GermaniaPok.com.

Introducing a new section of your newsletter "**Days of Yore**". Send me your pictures of days long past highlighting memorable times at the club and 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.



If you can assist with food preparation, or have a desire to learn to cook or bake and volunteer in Germania's kitchen, please let us know! Call Germania Hall 845-471-0609.



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# GERMANIA CALENDAR OF EVENTS (as of 1/7/2016)

January – June 2016

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For Rentals & General Information call Germania at 845-471-0609

We are open for LUNCH EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

German Language Class – Thursdays 5:45pm-6:45pm

Ballroom Dance Lessons - Thursdays 7pm

Jan 08	Indoor Biergarten (Joe Unger)	Fri	6:30pm-10:00pm
Jan 10	25 Week Club Party (Paul Slusar)	Sun	1:00pm-6:00pm
Jan 17	Semi-Annual Meeting	Sun	1:30 pm
Jan 23	Membership Dinner (Gregory Reinwald Band)	Sat	6:30pm-11:30pm
Jan 29	Friday Night Dinner (Goulash)	Fri	5:30pm-7:30pm
Feb 06	Fasching (Bud & Linda Gramer)	Sat	7:00pm-11:00pm
Feb 13	German Heritage Day at the Galleria Mall (Bake Sale)	Sat	10:00am-5:00pm
Feb 16	Membership Monthly Meeting	Tue	7:30pm
Feb 19	Indoor Biergarten (Joe Unger)	Fri	6:30pm-10:00pm
Feb 26	Friday Night Dinner (Pork Schnitzel)	Fri	5:30pm-7:30pm
Mar 04	Indoor Biergarten (Joe Unger)	Fri	6:30pm-10:00pm
Mar 15	Membership Monthly Meeting	Tue	7:30pm
Mar 19	St. Patrick's Day Dinner / Dance (MacCana Band)	Sat	6:00pm-11:00pm
Mar 26	Karfreitag Service at First Lutheran	Fri	3:00 pm
Apr 01	Friday Night Dinner (Sauerbraten)	Fri	5:30pm-7:30pm
Apr 15	Indoor Biergarten (Joe Unger)	Fri	6:30pm-10:00pm
Apr 17	Polish Dinner Dance (RSVP to Sylvia 914-882-0200)	Sun	1:00pm – 6:00pm
Apr 19	Membership Monthly Meeting	Tue	7:30pm
Apr 23	Yard Sale (Inquiries: Helga Nowak-Razey (845) 797-7519)		
Apr 29	Friday Night Dinner (Rouladen)	Fri	5:30pm-7:30pm
May 06	Indoor Biergarten (Joe Unger)	Fri	6:30pm-10:00pm
May 07	Spring Concert	Sat	6:00pm-11:00pm
May 13	Maifest on Festival Grounds (The Adlers)	Fri	5pm
May 14	Maifest on Festival Grounds (John & Maria 12 - 4pm and Schwarzenegger Connection 5 - 9pm)		
May 15	Maifest on Festival Grounds (Joe Unger)	Sun	12 noon
May 17	Membership Monthly Meeting	Tue	7:30pm
May 21	Spring Gala (Reinhold Wiedemann)	Sat	6:00pm-11:00pm
May 27	Friday Night Dinner (Pork Schnitzel)	Fri	5:30pm-7:30pm
Jun 03	Indoor Biergarten (Joe Unger)	Fri	6:30-10:00pm
Jun 18	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers	Sat	7:30pm
Jun 24	Friday Night Dinner (Sauerbraten)	Fri	5:30pm-7:30pm
Sep 09	Oktoberfest	Fri	5:00pm-10:00pm
Sep 10	Oktoberfest	Sat	11:00am-10:00pm
Sep 11	Oktoberfest	Sun	Noon – 6:00 pm

**ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**ALL EVENTS ARE RUN BY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

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