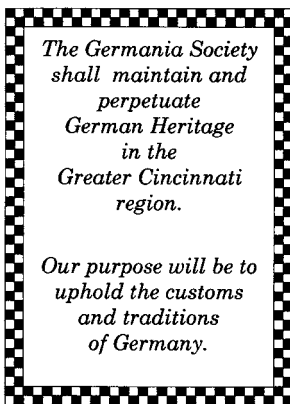




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The Germania Society shall maintain and perpetuate German Heritage in the Greater Cincinnati region.

Our purpose will be to uphold the customs and traditions of Germany.

Submissions for the April / May Newsletter are due by March 15th. If possible please submit articles and information in Microsoft Word to:
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The Germania Society

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Message from the President

Wie Gehts!

2010 will be known as the year of the snow storms for most people with stories being told for quite some time. Frankly I'm just tired of shoveling snow! But, 2010 will be known better as the year of the Germania 40th Oktoberfest where even though it is snowing plans for the event are already being prepared. We hope to see every member get involved this year to make this 40th Oktoberfest the celebration that will make for great stories and memories for our members and everyone that attends to help celebrate our biggest party. Look for updates on the Germania webpage www.germaniasociety.com.

Please make sure you mark your calendars to attend the March membership meeting. Important issues will be presented to the members for their consideration and vote. This Echo edition contains articles on the proposed amendment to the Club Crest that will be presented for a member vote. Another important item will be the expenditure of Club funds to construct rest rooms on the hill next to the pavilion hopefully in time for this years Oktoberfest. This may be a longer then usual meeting so arrive in time to get your refreshments and choose a comfortable seat!

We have a new Echo Editor, Pete Poole. Pete has worked on the Echo in the past and we need to support his efforts by getting our articles in to keep the Echo on time. We hope to have an Echo to our members the first week of every even numbered month with a special echo coming out the first week of March.

Remember, Share the Gemutlichkeit

Walt Pegram, President

Germania Haus Planning

Chris Marx

Planning has been busy putting together several bid packages, meeting with potential bidders on Jan. 25, and reviewing the bids received. A report was given at the February membership meeting, however was lightly attended due to weather, so the following is a summary.

We received bids for three projects as specified by the Planning Committee;
Site plan – this project will document our current grounds, including all structures, utilities and roadways, with engineering measurements and specifications. These documents need to be accomplished as they will be the baseline for any club efforts on construction and maintenance. Estimated cost \$7-10K.

Sewer plans – this project will include the design of a sewer system to eventually tie in to the line to be run down Kemper. This design includes the existing service provider house and Klubhaus needs as well as future expansion including restrooms on the hill, expanded pavilion, expanded Klubhaus, restrooms for future service building, and some smaller considerations (sinks, etc.) Estimated cost \$8-12K

Restrooms on the Hill plans – the key project to most members, this would include locating and designing a restroom facility near the pavilion. Dick Becker did an outstanding job specifying the facility; this was sized for 1200 people at an all day event. Note; this number was determined by doubling the current seating for the pavilion (600) to allow for pavilion expansion. It was NOT sized for Oktoberfest or Christkindlmarkt as these are unique events, size and cost would have been prohibitive. Additional capacity will still be needed for these events, however the new restrooms would essentially replace the two large restroom trailers at these events. Estimated cost \$8-12K

A Planning Committee meeting was held on Feb. 12 to review the bids received. It was well attended with ~ 25 people in attendance, and lasted 3+ hours. As you could expect from the descriptions above, there was a lot of detail and discussion covered, too much to cover here. However, as always please feel free to contact myself or anyone on the committee for details. Conclud