

# Germania ECHO

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# The Germania Society ECHO

### From the President of Germania Society, Walt Pegram September, 2010

Wie gehts! I want to take this time to congratulate the Chairman Dave Beiderbeck and his Co Chairs Kevin Luken and my wife Diane Pegram for another very successful Germania Oktoberfest. All those who participated in the 2010 Germania Oktoberfest should also be congratulated for contributing to make this Oktoberfest the best in Germania's history and one that all who attended will always remember. After the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday I had the opportunity to talk with many of our guests and to my surprise, for many it was their first time to Germania and they said that next year Germania will be the Oktoberfest they plan to attend. When people see our Oktoberfest they understand why we say "Cincinnati's Most Authentic Oktoberfest".

Germania hosts two more exciting cultural events this year, the Fall Volksmarch in October and Christkindlmarkt in November. Please get involved to help make these events as successful as our Oktoberfest.

Mark your calendars for this year's mass at Old St. Mary's Church. We always look forward to attending mass at Old St. Mary's. It is Cincinnati's only restored German church that is left. This year we will attend mass on Sunday December 5th, 2010 at 11AM and of course with some celebration afterwards. Please plan on attending so we can give thanks for our club's ability to share with our community and our culture.

Share the Gemutlichkeit!



### Oktoberfest Grand Raffle Successful!! by Roger Altendorf

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Grand Raffle at Oktoberfest. Sales of over 2900 tickets generated \$13000 for the club. The winner, Ron Colwell, plans to take the trip sometime next year. Congratulations Ron!!

### Reminder to all Members and their family and friends

Saturday, October 23rd 2010

### Volksmarch

► Join us for a 5K or 10K walk. Register in klubhaus between 9:00AM and 12:30PM. Complete trail by 4PM.

and/or  
► Enjoy the fun at the klubhaus  
Home made Schnitzel – Sauerkraut – Wursts – soups – salad plates – pastries. The bar will be open with friendly bartenders. Kitchen open at 11:00 AM  
Music – dancing – entertainment

We will be celebrating "Erntedankfest" – (the festival of the harvest.)  
Any questions call Patty Galvin @ 513 825 1355 or email at volksmarch@germaniasociety.com  
Hope to see you there!



### The Erste Karnevals Gesellschaft



### Helau und Allaaf

Welcome everyone to our 2010-2011 Karneval session. Get ready for another exciting fun-filled year of laughs and hilarious nonsense. The rumor is out as we searched far and wide to find some attractive "fools" who have agreed to be enthroned as the 1 K.G. Prinz und Prinzessin.

Come see for yourself as we open this session on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with our "Karnevals Opening Ball" hosted in the beautifully decorated Germania klubhaus.

Our Grand Masquerade ball "Maskenball" follows on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Atrium Hotel, Cincinnati. This fun-filled Costume party is one you will not want to miss.

And last but surely not least is our Kehraus "Sweepout" dance on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 once again in the Germania klubhaus.

We have huge plans this year to spread the news from Canada to Vegas, Milwaukee to Chicago and of course our neighboring friends in Indianapolis that Karneval auf Cincinnati is alive and well.

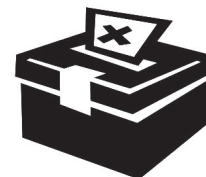
So fill up your glass, rise up to a cheer and share in the viel Spass und Gemutlichkeit with the Germania "Erste Karnevals Gesellschaft" und ein 4x Cincinnati....Helau....Helau....Helau....Helau.

Mark B Geers  
1K.G. President

### Germania Society Board of Trustees 2011 Election

As stated in the Germania Society Constitution  
ARTICLE VIII - Nominations and Elections  
Section 4. Election Procedure

*The voting shall be held at the November General Membership meeting. Votes shall be cast by secret ballot.*



If you are unable to attend the November membership meeting to vote, please contact the Germania Society secretary for an absentee ballot.

E-mail to: [secretary@germaniasociety.com](mailto:secretary@germaniasociety.com)  
or  
Send your request by mail to:  
**Germania Society Secretary-Beth Emery**  
3452 Camellia Court  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211



Requests must be received by October 25th and ballots must be returned by **November 1st** to insure they are counted.

*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 December/January Newsletter are due by **November 15th**. If possible please submit articles and information in Microsoft Word to: [pete@randwprinting.com](mailto:pete@randwprinting.com)  
Peter Poole, Echo Editor  
Ernst Schwab, Echo Founder



### The Erste Karnevals Gesellschaft

of the Germania Society  
Cincinnati, Ohio

2010 ~ 2011 Session  
Schedule of Events

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Opening Ball**  
**@ the Germania Society**  
Reservations:  
Ellie Doan 513-683-4802  
Pauline Neuhaus 513-575-3597

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Maskenball @ the Atrium Hotel  
Reservations:  
Maria Schantz 513-661-7487  
Heidi Schmittheusen 513-829-2281

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Kehraus @ the Germania Society  
Klubhaus 513-742-0060



In Freundschaft liegt der Wert des Lebens!  
[www.germaniasociety.com](http://www.germaniasociety.com)

**REFLECTIONS**



The “legacy of Oktoberfest” as we have just celebrated our 40th Anniversary, unfortunately missed was a short reflection on the members who brought the Oktoberfest together with determination to arrange and research the Oktoberfest, closely basing it on the “original” in Munchen with regard to authenticity. The first Chairman, George Westendorf, set the highest quality of performance of all venues.

Peter Krimmer became his co-chairman and later the chairman which he occupied for about 15 years. Pete moved the organization to a higher level while moving the Oktoberfest onto our own grounds!

After 15 years Pete turned over the chairmanship of the Oktoberfest to our current chairman, Dave Beiderbeck who has done a superb job of bringing the celebration to the great event it is today.

Pete was also active in Karneval as Prinz in 1975 and a member of Elferrat, our Waltz dance team and always was present at dances with his wife, Gisela, who were admired as they were gliding over the dance floor.

For the past few months, Pete has become very ill and his whole family brought him to Oktoberfest in order to be recognized for his diligence as a recognized member.

As I, in my position as a spokesman and fellow originator of the Oktoberfest was not invited to give a short reflection of the history of this most traditional and successful Oktoberfest, which was probably lost through the more important mission of the celebration as it took place and which I highly support..

Unfortunately, Pete lost his battle with cancer early in the morning of September 17th; Pete was one of the greatest as well as a very good friend to so many people.

May he rest in peace.  
Ernst Schwab

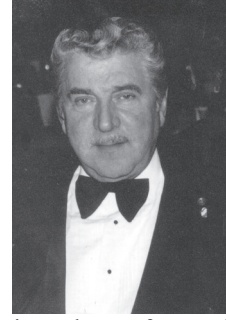


**CHRISTKINDLMARKT NEWS**

Can you believe it’s almost here! Now that Oktoberfest is behind us, we can look forward to our 13th annual Christkindlmarkt November 19 - 21st! Each year our premier Christmas event continues to delight the young and old, as we move into the most magical of seasons. The committee has been hard at work all year to prepare and we are excited about some new changes. This year we will be raffling off a 55 inch flat screen television! So make sure you attend the November membership meeting to get your tickets early!

I am happy to report that most Chairperson positions are filled and we currently are only in need of chairpersons for set-up, tear-down and decorations. If you are interested in learning more,

**LOSS OF A LONG-TIME FELLOW MEMBER**



After a long illness, Joseph M. Herold died on Friday, August 13, two days after he quietly celebrated his 80th birthday. Joe and JoAnn came to Cincinnati in the early 70s and both got involved in Germania right away. In 1979 he followed a request from the Hibernian Society to use our soccer field for an international game of Rugby against a team from Dublin Ireland. At this event we also organized a tug-o-war

in order to fasten the friendship. This lasted for about 5 years under the chairmanship of Helmut Wolfsperger. Joe and JoAnn joined our Karneval Gesellschaft where both became very influential as Prinzenpaar and Commandant (which he changed later to President).

Joe was a trustee and vice president on the board and at a 4th of July picnic he had a flag of balloons flying high over the pavilion. Joe also supervised the construction of the pavilion and later added many decorations and letterings for festive events. Joe has served 21 years in the U. S. Army fighting in the Korean War. Highly decorated he left the Army as a Captain and thereafter became Terminal Manager.

When we needed heavy transportation like the blocks for the caretaker house he delivered promptly with one of his trucks. At his funeral a color guard and team of Veterans gave him a military 21 gun salute and played taps. The way Joe wanted to go. And for myself, Joe was my best friend!

Ernst Schwab



**Chriskindlmarkt continued . . . .**

please contact either Sylvia or myself. To volunteer to work in a booth please contact the individual booth chairpeople. A booth chairperson list will be posted on our website soon, so keep checking for updates!




Our next meeting is Tuesday October 12th at 7:30 pm and all are welcome.

FROHE WEIHNACHTEN  
Maria Geers



*We need donations for our sleigh!  
All members please purchase a raffle ticket  
to win the big screen T.V.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.*

*Sylvia Reidencu*

 **Germania Society**  
**St. Nikolaus Bescherung 2010**  
 **Children's Christmas Party**  
Germania members and their families  
 **Sunday, December 5th 2:00 P.M.**  
Crafts, Games, Fun and Surprise Guests!

Bring a snack to share!





To help those less fortunate in our area, please bring canned goods or monetary donations for Son Ministries, a local community supported food pantry.

**MUST MAKE RESERVATION BY NOV. 17TH!**  
**A LIST OF RESERVATIONS MADE WILL BE AT THE DOOR!**  
**ONLY RESERVED PARTIES WILL GET IN THE KLUB HAUS!**  
Contact Heidi Marx at [heidi.marx@earthlink.net](mailto:heidi.marx@earthlink.net)  
or 417-7171

**Raffle donations contact Camilla Schwab**


No charge to Germania members  
Non-member fee \$4.00 per person



**Germania Society**  
**Member's Christmas Party**  
**Sunday, December 12th**  
**Doors open at 4:00 P.M.**  
   

**The meat is provided by Germania.**  
**Bring a dish to share:**  
First letter of last name A - G – bring a salad  
First letter of last name H-Q bring a vegetable  
First letter of last name R-Z bring a dessert

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 **For reservations contact Heidi Marx**  
**(513)738-3799 or**  
**email: [heidi.marx@earthlink.net](mailto:heidi.marx@earthlink.net)**

**Raffle donations contact Camilla Schwab 729-2625**  
**and Ruth Pfefferkorn 353-4879**

 **No charge to Germania members.**  
**Non-members fee \$8.00 per person.**

