

German American Social Club of Peekskill, Inc.

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March 2010 Newsletter

Guten Tag,

What a great turnout we had for the Superbowl party. A huge reason for the success is the impressive amounts of help and great food that we have been receiving starting with the playoff games and going right into Superbowl. Eric Boggs worked extremely hard to make these events successful. Eric, Kurt, Paul G, & Paul S, all started setting up early in the week. The decorations were very festive and Manhattan beer really hooked us up with giveaways. We are also grateful to the generosity of our members who donated raffle items. Paul Geppert and Laura Boggs did a great job running the kitchen, and they had a lot of help from Peter Zerrle, Linda and Al Ahrens, and Bryan Traynor. Chrissy & Jimmy Meslener donated raffle items and helped to bartend, Paul Scherer helped wherever he was needed and Lisa Montini helped behind the bar also. The food was phenomenal. Paul G. always does a great job cooking. Special mentions should go out to Jen Ahrens and her spaetzle & gravy, Paul Scherer and his homemade Roulade, Karen Chute for her stromboli, (I think this needs to be the official non-German food of the GAC ☺) as well as her great deviled eggs. Kim Hollis brought her famous Mac 'N Cheese and Jessica Scherer brought a delicious chocolate cake that she made and decorated herself. Whomever made the chicken salad on crackers gets a big kudos also. That is only a small portion of the awesome buffet and I personally want to thank each and every person who donated to the cause.

Billy Blanchard made his bartending debut on the Friday before Superbowl and received many compliments for the great job he did.

The membership Meeting with the Rat Race had a great turnout and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. We passed the by-law changes to move the Nomination of Officers to the October meeting and the Election of Officers to the November Meeting so please mark your calendars accordingly. We also had 5 new members join our club. We are really excited to be getting so many new members lately! Please continue to sell the Mega 50/50 tickets. Tschüs! Kathy



2010 OFFICERS:

President: Kathy Scherer
1st Vice President: Gerry Schramek
2nd Vice President: Herman Buck
Secretary: Anna Schramek
Treasurer: Eric Boggs
Financial Secretary: Monika Wolf

DIRECTORS:

Chairman: Linda Geppert
Jeff Bernert
Marilyn Buck
Kurt Kamp
Frank Schusteritsch
Fred Sprado

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS:

Judy Hansen
Richard Hansen
Linda Geppert (Past President)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Bar Manager: Ray Procius
ABC Officer: Linda Geppert
Grounds: Frank Schusteritsch
Building: Paul Geppert
By-Laws: Fred Sprado
Entertainment: Herman Buck
Kitchen Manager: Marilyn Buck
Membership: George Wolf
Newsletter: Kathy Scherer
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Rentals: Paul Scherer
Memorabilia: John Allen
Tag Sale: Monika Wolf
Webmasters: Kurt & Maggie Kamp

Interesting German Facts:

- Germany is the most populous European country (apart from Russia), with a population of 81 million.
- About a quarter of all American citizens claim at least partial German ancestry

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

March 14th – ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE Marchers are needed to represent our club for the Mahopac St. Patrick's Day Parade. Family and friends are welcome to march with us. After the parade marchers and non-marchers can celebrate at Brodie's Pub. If you are interested in marching, celebrating or BOTH, contact Kurt Kampp at (914) 245-0376 or kwkampp@yahoo.com. **Call Kurt by March 8th because reservations have to be made at Brodie's.

March 20th – Membership Meeting
featuring Rudy Myers Famous

Corned Beef and Cabbage!

Entertainment by the Kelly Oster school of Irish dance.

March 27th – Tag Sale We need your gently used items (no tv's or large appliances please) for this profitable annual event so start cleaning your attics & closets now!

May 22nd – SPRING DANCE featuring
The Mountain Tops

Support your club & have fun at our annual spring dance. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Includes appetizers, dinner & dessert. (menu info. to follow) Cash bar. This is an excellent value and a great way to get to know your fellow club members.

World Cup Soccer Pool

Receive a Team (Blind Draw) for \$20. Only 32 teams are sold. \$640 in prizes. teams are going fast and "you have to be in it to win it". Contact Kurt Kampp at 914-245-0376 or kwkampp@yahoo.com

- Germany has nearly 700 zoological gardens, wildlife parks, aquariums, bird parks, animal reserves, or safari parks, including 414 registered zoos (more than the USA) ! Berlin's [Zoologischer Garten](#) is the largest zoo in the world, both in terms of number of species (1,500) and animal population (14,000).

Recipe of the Month

German Comfort Food at it's finest: SemmelKnodle German Bread Dumpling Recipe



These yummy bread dumplings, are known as Semmelklöße or Semmelknodle, and are said come from Bavaria. "Semmeln" in German means "dinner roll". So you can probably guess that a key ingredient will be dinner rolls. You can use use "Kaiser Rolls" or day old sandwich bread also.

Directions:

1. Put the bread cubes in large bowl and pour in the warm milk, (use more or less depending on how dry the bread is)
2. Using your hands, knead/crush the milk lightly into the bread.
3. Cover and set aside to rest for about 30 minutes.
4. Mash the soaked bread into a thick dough. Mix in the eggs one at a time and **ONLY** use the third egg if the dough is too dry to form balls that hold together. **The bread mixture should form a dough that is sticky and thick enough to be molded into balls that retain their shape. The amount of milk and eggs added depends on how naturally moist the bread is/how stale it is. Be careful, add too much liquid, and the dough will be too wet to form balls. Too little liquid, and the dumplings will fall apart.**
5. Add the spices and knead until smooth. **If the dough seems too loose or sticky, you can add 1-2 tablespoons of flour or some breadcrumbs make it more firm.**
6. Using wet hands (or else your hands will be a sticky mess!), form roughly 1/4-cup size bits of the dough into balls and set aside on a flat surface (don't throw them into a bowl- they will stick together!).
7. Boil a large pot of lightly salted water over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to a simmer and drop the dumplings one by one into the water. Simmer for about 20 minutes. Stirring occasionally.
8. Remove with a slotted spoon and serve hot.

INGREDIENTS:

10 – 12 Stale Rolls cubed (about 1 pound). Can also use day old sandwich bread. Leave in a bowl overnight if not stale.
¾ - 1 ¼ cups warm milk
2-3 eggs beaten
2 tablespoons fresh parsely.
Salt, Pepper and freshly grated nutmeg to taste.

- German people are the second biggest consumers of beer in the world (after the Irish), with an average of 119 litres per person per year (or 0.32 l per day).
- German athletes have won a total of 1548 Olympic medals (summer and winter combined), i.e. more than any other country in the world except the USA.

WELCOME OUR 5 NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING:

**Jeff, Annie & their son Roy Egan,
Clemens Brown & Kim Hollis.**

**MEGA 50/50 Raffle – Tickets available now at the Club!
\$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawing at the O'Fest. EVERYONE CAN SELL
THESE. SUPPORT YOUR CLUB & WIN BIG BUCKS – a win/win for
all!!!**

Your Club needs you to Please Pay Your Dues!!!

Annual Dues per member are \$50 a year. Retired Seniors (on Social Security), who have been members for at least 10 years and have a financial hardship can pay \$25, but the full amount would be appreciated. Please mail or give your dues to Monika Wolf, 13 Boswell Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!

Don't Forget the Food Basket - Many people are going hungry right now due to the very difficult financial times we are facing. Since the holiday season is over, these people need your help now more than ever!! The food is donated through Grace Lutheran Church & distributed locally, so you are truly helping your neighbors with your contributions! Please continue to bring non-perishable items to the club on Friday nights or when you come to the membership meetings. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Club Rules of Conduct- In order to keep the club fun and safe for all members, it is important for everyone to follow certain rules, especially when there are children involved. We reviewed these rules at the February meeting and I will reiterate them here for anyone not in attendance at that meeting. Children are not allowed to go behind the bar or to sit at the bar. There is no running inside the clubhouse at all. Children are also not allowed in the kitchen unless they have a specific reason to be there. The pool table, pool cues, etc. are for adults only and are not to be played with, on or around. There is a game table available for the children to use.

Children are expected to be respectful to all adults in the club just as the adults are expected to treat the kids properly also. **We do have a kinderbox and we welcome you to donate used toys and games.** Finally, if you are bringing your kids to a meeting, please make sure that you bring something for them to do if they aren't interested in what we have to play with at the club. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

Spring is coming...do you have an old swingset that you don't want anymore? Consider donating it to the club!