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September 2008 Newsletter

Dear Members,

The highlight event at our club this August was Friday Theme Night Luau. Thanks to Danny Benge, Eric Boggs, Cheryl Jankowski, Chrissy Meslener, and Kathy Scherer for setting up and running the event. Thanks to Peter Gibbons for attending to the bar, and to Maggie Kampp for creating music CD for the evening. The food and drinks were delicious. The Wii (pronounced 'whee') was also a big hit. Special thanks to James Meslener for showing us neophytes how to use it.



Photo: George Wolf

Maybe it was his parrot hat. But whatever the reason, Danny Benge drew the attention of some of the club's loveliest 'Hawaiian' ladies: Cheryl Jankowski, Chrissy Meslener, and Kathy Scherer.

Officers:

President: Linda Geppert
1st Vice President: Kathy Scherer
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Treasurer: Eric Boggs
Financial Secretary:
Monika Wolf

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Jeff Bernert
Marilyn Buck
Kurt Kampp
Sigrud Linnemeyer
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George Wolf

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Atlantic City Oktoberfest Trip
Marilyn A. Buck

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Marilyn Buck

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Rentals: Kathy Scherer

Reservations:

Chrissy Meslener

Kathy Scherer

Linda Geppert

Souvenirs: Kathy Scherer

Tag Sale: Monika Wolf

Webmaster: Kurt & Maggie Kampp



Everyone was in colorful attire and festive mood at our August Luau Night. Above are Monika Wolf and Erika Michael. At right, Eric Boggs shows off his hawaiian skirt.

Photos: George Wolf



Upcoming Meetings

The September membership meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is 11 October at 7:30 pm. On Sunday afternoon, November 16, we hold our annual nominations meeting and goulash dinner. Saturday, 6 December, is the elections meeting. Last year we did not have a quorum and so we couldn't elect the officers for 2008. Please plan to come to the November and December meetings so that we can conduct business.

Oktoberfest

Mill Street Sign

You may remember that last year our Mill Street Oktoberfest sign was vandalized and destroyed. This year we have a beautiful new sign made by Maggie and Kurt Kampp. We thank them for their many hours of hard work on the sign.

Donations

We are requesting members to donate items for the Oktoberfest raffles. We are asking for alcoholic beverages for our baskets of cheer as well as other items that can be made into raffle baskets. Please bring your donations to the clubhouse this week. The clubhouse should be open during set-up hours: 10 am to 3 pm and from 5 pm to 9 pm. Please leave your donations on or near the round table near the television at the back of the clubhouse.

Setup and Work Schedules

The setup for the Oktoberfest begins on 8 September. Please be available either during the day or the evening (or both) to help with the setup. Please contact Chrissy Meslener to let her know if you can help. Please volunteer your time so that Frank and Kurt have lots of help. Setup days and times are Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm and from 5 pm to 9 pm. Please email or call Chrissy Meslener, cmeslener@optonline.net, or 914-804-6493 to let her know when you are available.

Also, if you haven't yet signed up for a venue during the Oktoberfest, please do so as soon as possible. Signup sheets are at the clubhouse. The last time I looked, there were plenty of vacant slots.

Cakes Cakes Cakes Cakes Cakes Cakes

We are also asking for homemade cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and brownies to sell at the dessert table. Please plan to bake and bring one of these items on either Saturday or Sunday, 13–14 September.

Oktoberfest Housing

As always, we will be housing our Oktoberfest band, the Trachtenkapelle Hohenmirsberg from 12 September to 14 September. Please open your homes to these fine musicians. Not only does this help the club financially, but it will also make their visit more memorable. If you are interested in helping the German American Club house band members, please e-mail Sigrud Linnemeyer Sigruds@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

Oktoberfest, September 13-14. with Trachtenkapelle Hohenmirsberg, Bud and Linda Gramer, Henry and Erich, Schuhplattlers, and Irish Step Dancers entertain.

Taj Mahal Bus Trip, 18 October. For more information, please see the flyer included in this newsletter.

Harvest Moon Dance, 8 November. Marilyn and Herman Buck will cook. For details, please see the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

Kids' Christmas Party, 7 December. There will be snacks and drinks for the children and a magician will be on hand to entertain.

GAC Annual Christmas Dinner Dance, 13 December. Bud and Linda Gramer and the Melodies will play a mix of German, ballroom, and popular music.

Club Trips

We are in the process of planning some club trips. Possible excursions are visits to the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze at the Rockefeller Estate in Sleepy Hollow, New York; and to the Old Heidelberg Restaurant in Bethel Connecticut. The trips would occur in October or November. Let Chrissy Meslener know if you are interested in these trips.

2008 Kitchen Duty List

October 11 Rich and Cheryl Jankowski

November 16 Ruthann and Walter Ritter

December 6 Al and Linda Ahrens

Please be at the club house one hour before the meeting.

Remember: If you are unable to fulfill your kitchen duty, you are responsible for finding someone to take your place or paying \$25 toward hiring a paid worker.

Food Basket

The club is continuing to collect food items for our food baskets. These baskets are usually donated to the needy through Grace Lutheran Church in Yorktown. Please continue your generosity and bring nonperishable items when you come to the club on Friday evenings or for meetings.

2008 Membership Dues

Dues for the year come due on 1 January. If you haven't paid your dues, please pay them as soon as possible. Send or give your dues payment to Monika Wolf. Her mailing address is 13 Boswell Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579.

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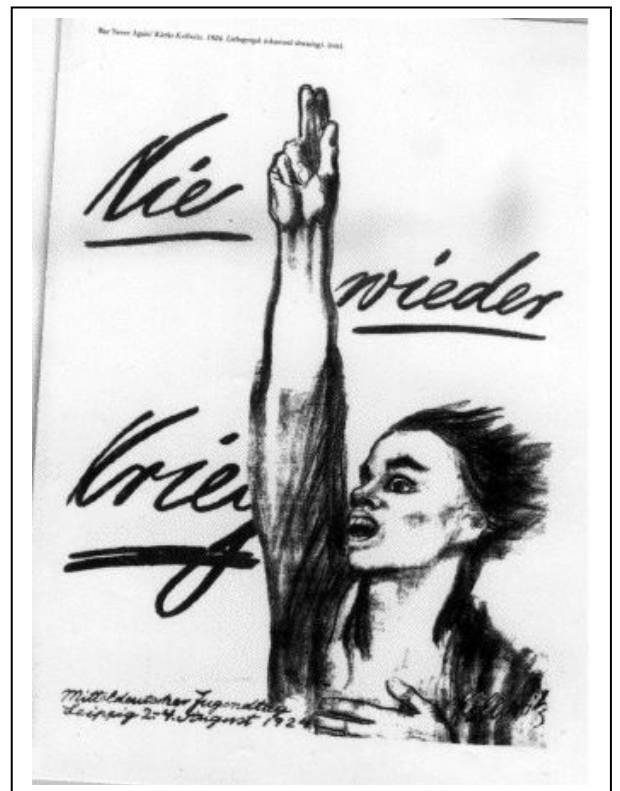
Steuben Parade

The Steuben Parade is on 20 September this year. Last year only a handful of members marched in the parade. If you are interested in marching this year please let me know. If I don't find a lot of interest in the parade, we will not rent the van.

Do You Know?

A new era in impressionist art flourished in Germany at the beginning of the twentieth century. One of the most popular mediums was the print. Organized by the Syracuse University Art Collection, Impassioned Images: German Expressionist Prints presents fifty woodcuts, lithographs, and etchings by many of the seminal German artists of the early twentieth century, including Wassily Kandinsky, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Erich Heckel, George Grosz, Otto Dix, Max Beckmann, and Käthe Kollwitz. These painters and printmakers experimented with the expressive potential of their print mediums and often emphasized emotional lyricism as well as the real-life turmoil of a period quickly transformed by industrialism and world war. By rendering brittle lines into copper, gouging bold shapes into wood, or drawing quick marks onto plate or stone, they responded in their styles and subjects to a new, fast-paced, and increasingly materialistic age. The print at right was created by Käthe Kollwitz.

We thank Linda Ahrens for bringing the exhibit to our attention.



Atlantic City trip to the



Taj Mahal Casino



Saturday, October 18, 2008



Annual Taj Mahal Oktoberfest



\$45.00 Per Person

Refreshments Provided on Bus

**Leaving From Home Depot Parking Lot
Rt. 6 Mohegan Lake, NY At 8:30 AM**

**Will make a pick-up in Westchester County
At Sam's Club – 333 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, NY**

**\$18.00 Give Back from Taj Mahal
\$5.00 Food Comp valid at the Sultan's Feast Buffet
(total return per person is \$23.00)**

Hosted by the German-American Social Club of Peekskill, NY

Reservations – Linda Geppert @ 845-628-9283

All reservations must be paid prior to the event.



The German-American Social Club of Peekskill

Invites you to

The Harvest Moon Dance November 8, 2008

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Entertainment at 8:00 PM

*German-American Clubhouse
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FEATURING

The Mountain Tops

Dinner: Roast Pork, Salad, Red Cabbage, Apple Sauce,
Vegetable Medley, Potatoes, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Members: \$25 Guests: \$30

Casual Dress

This is a pre-paid event. Reservations Required.

Call Linda Geppert 917-628-0872 or e-mail lindageppert@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to: German-American Club of Peekskill, NY