



Baltimore Kickers

Summer 2010



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President's Message-Betty Niemann



Elections for the Board of Directors for 2010 - 2012 were finally held at the April meeting, put off by a month because of snow storms and a cancelled meeting. Nominations for Trustees were held at our May meeting with four nominations for the three vacant Trustee positions. This election will be held at our June meeting. You can find the list of Officers and Members-at-Large for 2010-2012 elsewhere in this newsletter.

First, I want to thank our three out-going Board members for all their work on behalf of the club. They are Jean Ehlers, Financial Secretary, Pat Burkholder, Acting Corresponding Secretary and Joan Ford, Entertainment

Chairman. Jean has served as Financial Secretary for a number of years (just how many, I don't know) and declined to continue because of pending eye surgery. We thank Jean for all her many years of service to the club and wish her well with her surgery. Pat was kind enough to step in and fill the vacant position of Corresponding Secretary when Nancy Ehlers found it necessary to resign because of work conflicts. Again, many thanks to Pat for coming to our aid, it was very much appreciated. Our thanks also to Joan Ford for ably filling the position of Entertainment Chairman over the past two years. Joan is continuing with the work she began for our annual picnic and she will be the person you need to contact when making your reservation.

Next, I want to welcome aboard our new members of the Board of Directors. They are Michael Miller, Financial Secretary, Pat Vogt, Corresponding Secretary and Leslie Trageser,

Entertainment Chairman. I feel confident they all will serve well in their positions.

Finally, I want to welcome Larry Luis as Acting General Soccer Manager. Larry and his wife Christy are new members of the Kickers. Because of not meeting the by-law requirements for nomination and election to this position, Larry has been appointed to this office by the Board. Larry has good credentials for the position of soccer manager as he has three young children of his own playing soccer and is the coach of one of these teams. We are discussing with Larry the possibility of having both a young boy's and young girl's team which we will sponsor. He will keep us posted at our meetings and with reports for the newsletter.

Welcome New Members



*Marvin & Coleen
Bertsch*

Tom & Kathy Edel

*Kurt & Cathy
Ettenhofer*

Edith Gorsuch

Catherine Hamilton

Ken van Loon

Larry & Christy Luis

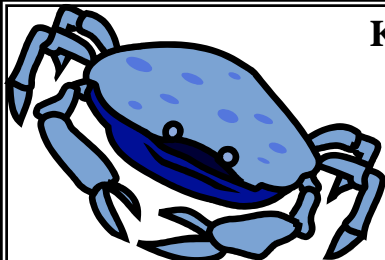
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Kicker's Crab Feast

August 15, 2010

1-5 PM

Cost \$35.00

Esther Scheffel at 410-737-0112. for Reservations

Bert Brecht's 'Threepenny Opera'

"The Threepenny Opera" will be presented at Stephens Hall on the campus of Towson University in Towson, Maryland, on September 30, October 1 and October 2, 2010. "The Threepenny Opera" is considered to be one of the greatest epic theater pieces produced during the 20th century. It was first performed at the Theater am Schiffbauerdamm in Berlin, Germany, in 1928. Eventually it was translated into many languages and performed around the world.

The three performances at Towson University will be the dramatic pinnacle of a year-long intercontinental cooperative project between Dr. Leneida Crawford and Dr. Phillip Collister, faculty members in the Music Department at Towson University, and Dr. Peter Vollhardt, a faculty member at the Carl von Ossietzky Universität in Oldenburg, Germany.

Approximately 20 students from Towson University and another 24 students from the Carl von Ossietzky Universität will comprise the cast of this exciting, trend-setting international venture. The participating students have been preparing in coordination with each other and communicating with each other via e-mail and live video seminars. This remarkable theatrical project shows active cooperation within the college-aged generation of Germans and Americans.

Professor Armin Mruck, History Professor Emeritus at Towson University, is the energetic and dedicated coordinator of a network of innovative exchange programs between Towson University and the Carl von Ossietzky Universität. He organized the first exchange in 1987. His initiative has led to the creation of a wide range of exchange activities involving university administrators, faculty members, students and interested members of the community. Professors from each of the two universities have spent one or two semesters teaching at the other university as guest professors in their fields of expertise. Administrators have visited the partner university to study how their specific areas of responsibility are handled at the other campus. Students from both sides of the Atlantic have enrolled in courses at the partner university. Some of these courses have been study tours to Berlin and Bonn. Community members have been permitted to sign up for these study tours along with the students. This long-standing

partnership between Towson University and the Carl von Ossietzky University is an example of "grass roots diplomacy" at its best. For his pioneering work in this area Professor Mruck has been awarded the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and the "Medaille" of the Carl von Ossietzky University.

The idea of bringing students from each partner university together to form an international cast for Brecht's "Threepenny Opera" is a creative innovation within the framework of the overall partnership and exchange effort. Towson students have been busy memorizing the lyrics of Kurt Weill's songs in German. They will sing these famous songs when they perform with the Carl von Ossietzky Universität students on May 27, 28 and 29 in Oldenburg. At the same time the German students have been memorizing the dialogue segments of "The Threepenny Opera" in English to prepare for the performances at Towson University in the fall. The cast members have been practicing with each other via Skype with headsets and cameras. This has given the rehearsals an up-to-date and innovative twist.

Members of the German Society of Maryland and the Baltimore Kickers will be interested to learn that Josh Brown will be performing in the cast of "The Threepenny Opera." Josh is a Towson University undergraduate who has just been selected to receive one of six "Dr. Carrie May Kurrelmeyer Zintl Merit Awards" in the amount of \$ 750. through the German Society of Maryland with financial help from the Baltimore Kickers. This program recognizes students majoring in German who are excelling in their college-level study of German. Josh is an outstanding student who is a very worthy recipient of this award.

It is expected that the performances of "The Threepenny Opera" at Towson University will receive strong support from Towson University, other colleges and universities in the Baltimore / Washington area, secondary schools and the community at large. Tickets for the performances will be sold through the Towson University box office beginning at the end of August. The telephone number for the box office is 410-704-2787. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. For further information contact Dr. Armin Mruck:

amruck@towson.edu

Reminder

Pre-meeting dinners will be served at the clubhouse from 5:30 p.m.- 7p.m., assuming sufficient kitchen help is available. Please call ahead to verify meal availability and kitchen menu. Contact John Exter for reservations at 410-538-3221 by the WEDNESDAY prior to the meeting.



Visit the Kickers on the their NEW Website at [www. Baltimore-kickers.org](http://www.Baltimore-kickers.org).



Culture

Hans Steffen, Culture Chairman

One Week Christmas Shopping Trip

Rüdesheim, Germany

December 6 to December 13, 2010

Price per person, based on 40 persons/double occupancy and exchange rate of 1 Euro=\$1.40, approximately \$1,300. Single occupancy \$125 extra. Stay in Hotel Central for 6 nights with breakfast buffet included. The Christmas Market in Rüdesheim is directly in front of our hotel.

Visit Christmas markets in Frankfurt, Strasbourg, Mainz, Wiesbaden

and Rüdesheim.

Need to sign up by May 1, 2010.

German Classes

Our classes will begin again on October 4, 2010

6:45 for Beginners

8:00 for Advanced

Classes are FREE!

It's Time To Tell Your Story!

As a Board member of the German Society of Maryland, I was asked to research the possibility of having the month of October declared German American month by the Maryland General Assembly. What began as a small project has now become a huge undertaking. I wanted a simple presentation to provide to the legislators that would show the immense contributions made to Maryland by German Marylanders. I soon discovered that this could not be simple.

As of today, I have about 400 German Marylanders in my report. They hail from all walks of life and are divided into categories such as Education, Religion, Business, Manufacturing, Sports, The Arts, etc. Those in the database were all born in the 1700s and 1800s, many in Germany and some in Maryland. As the generations pass, so too does the history, tradition and culture. The project includes a timeline which demonstrates many 'firsts' in Maryland achieved by German Marylanders. There is also a section on churches. I have also amassed about 300 photographs.

This is where you come in. We need to work together to make sure our children and grandchildren are able to read, learn and live their heritage and its rich culture.

Send me your story. Whether you are from Germany or your great grandfather was from Germany, there is a story. Tell me about your ancestors, their education, family, immigration, hardships, etc. Tell me about you, your

achievements, your disappointments. If you have a family photo...send it along.

I will begin to compile the histories. Whether it be for the Maryland General Assembly or for the club archives, the stories are important to all of our future generations.

Send the information to:

Shelley Arnold

1413 W. Old Coldspring Lane

Baltimore Maryland 21209

Bnsarnold7@comcast.net

You may send it typed, handwritten or in digital format (preferred because I then do not have to re-key). If you have a photo you wish to send, please send it in jpg format or if through the mail, a self addressed stamp envelope so that it may be returned after scanning.

Please let me know if you have any questions....I look forward to hearing from all of you!

Now

Meet Rosa.....

I was born in 1935, in the city of Nuremberg, Germany. I was the youngest in a family of three girls. My father left soon after I was born and we were raised strictly by our mother. For the first 5 years of my young life I had a fairly happy childhood. 1942 started a new chapter for me, it was my first year of school. Suddenly I became aware that there was a war going on. Everyone was talking about air raids. Because of the imminent

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3/2010 to 3/2011

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What's Happening Around Town...

In the German Community



Arion Gesangverein-

Concert of German Music, June 19 at 7:00 pm at Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson. Contact Bill Reamy for additional information at 410-821-9371.

The Bürgerverein –will sponsor a bus trip on September 18, 2010 to the Delaware

Sängerbund Oktoberfest. The time, cost and departure point are TBD. Contact buergerverein@comcast.net for additional information.

Club Fidelitas has planned an all day bus trip to the Crab Deck at Kent Narrows and Delaware Park Casino on September 16, 2010. Contact Thelma Klein for more information.

Deutsche Geselligkeit –will have their annual 'Springfest' on June 19, 2010, from 1PM-6PM, at the Baltimore County Game and Fish Protective Association. For information, contact Anton Smoot at 410-303-4406.

Edelweiss Club–A bus trip is planned for August 14, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to Crisfield & the Islands. Contact Vera Meseke for additional information. Edelweiss will hold their Annual Crab Feast on September 2, 2010.

German Society of Maryland–will hold their annual picnic on June 26, 2010, from noon to 2PM at North Point State Park. Contact Walter Mathers for information. Mark your calendar for the 2010 Awards Banquet, which will be held on November 13th at Zion.

Zion Church– The Annual Gardenfest will be held on September 9, 2010.

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attacks we were trained in school about safety rules, behavior and how to proceed to the nearest shelter in case of an air raid.

My first experience with such an attack came in the spring of 1943. I was horrified but little did I know what was yet to come. Next to Dresden, Nuremberg was the city with the greatest destruction in Germany. The biggest air raid on the city came on January 2,

1945. Within hours 90% of the old and most beautiful part of the city was destroyed. I lost schoolmates, friends and neighbors and my oldest sister was very badly hurt and never fully recovered from it.

We were very happy when the war finally came to an end, in April of 1945. Nobody thought Germany was ever coming back from all that devastation. Everything was destroyed and lay in ruins and ashes. Food was scarce and so was everything else, including my education.

Finally in 1947, I could go back to school and things started looking up for me. Also food wise! As we lived in the US occupied zone, the US Forces supplied school children everyday with a warm meal. Lunchtime didn't come around fast enough for me.

I graduated in 1952. As it is customary in Germany, I was trying to continue my education with a mandatory 3 year apprenticeship. I was trying very hard to find a place in the commercial sector or where ever else possible. But to no avail, there were to many young people and not enough jobs. So I went to enroll for 1 year of Home Economic School.

Following that year, I finally started my apprenticeship. Along with learning your trade, you also attend 3 years of trade school. The pay was very low, approximately \$40.00 a month and my income was not exactly great after I finished and passed my examination requirements.

In 1956, I decided to try my luck in Australia. Through friends which had migrated to this continent in 1953 I heard, that the Australian Government was looking for workers and would pay for the fare as long as you agreed to stay for at least 2 years. It was a long trip of 6 weeks. Our ship had to sail around the Cape Horn, since the Suez canal was blocked due to the war between Egypt & Israel, I arrived in Sydney in January of 1957.

I quickly found work with Lever Brothers, a subsidiary of Unilever and I worked there for my entire stay. I grew very fond of this lovely country with its beautiful beaches, natural harbor and of course the Australian people. But it was so far from home and I missed my family. So after a stay of 4 years I decided to return home. It was April of 1961.

Once more I was looking for work! But now I was in the command of the English language and I tried to use it to my advantage. I was lucky! The 7th US Army was hiring German people with knowledge of the English language. I applied and was hired. I worked in the office of the 7th US Army QM 106. This time I decided not to leave my family again. During my absence things had changed for the better in Germany. The economy had taken off, (Wirtschaftswunder) and there was now plenty of work and a lot of rebuilding going on.

But in 1964, I changed my mind and came to the
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Weekend Guide to the Top German-American Radio Programs in the U.S.A.

The following listed programs are streaming live on line and have been updated for 2010. Fill your home once more with the sound of German-American radio each weekend from German-American Communities across the country.

Show your support by listening and calling into request a song. Please forward this information to friends and family.

Let's all join together to help keep German-American Radio Programs alive.

The List:

Breakfast Mit Hans

WJYI-AM JOY1340. Milwaukee. Every Saturday 8am-9am Central Time

Hosted by Hans Peter Schaaf.

On line streaming at www.joy1340.com

German-American Continental Showcase

WJYI-AM JOY1340 Milwaukee.

Every Saturday 1pm-4:30pm Central Time.

Hosted by Robert Deglau

On line streaming at www.joy1340.com

Benediction Lutheran Church's German Service.

WJYI-AM JOY1340 Milwaukee.

Every Saturday 4:30pm-5pm Central Time

Pastor Eberhard Klatt

On line streaming at www.joy1340.com

German Music Program

WTKM-FM 104.9 Hartford

Every Weekday. 4:30pm-5pm Central Time.

On line streaming at www.wtkm.com

Hallo Deutschland

WTKM-FM 104.9 Hartford

Every Sunday. 9pm-10pm Central Time

Hosted by Bob Ziegenbein

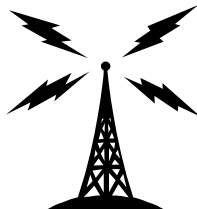
On line streaming at www.wtkm.com

Extra Information Site. <http://www.musikderheimat.com/HTML/EN/Startpage.htm>

Deutschland Echo

Every Saturday and Sunday 9am-11am Central Time.

Armin Homann brings you the best in German Music and News from Chicago's impressive German-American Community. http://radiotime.com/station/s_21594/WNWI_1080.aspx



German Music from Rochester New York. George Hoffmann's German Radio Program. Every Saturday Afternoon from 2:00pm to 4:30 Eastern Time. Listen live on line at Jazz 90.1 <http://www.jazz901.org/listen-live/>

WOBO Radio Presents Heinz Probst and Wolfgang Grossmann's Over The Rhine Showcase

from 1:00 to 6:00 pm every Sunday. Cincinnati, Ohio. <http://www.wobofm.com/index.htm>

Sunday morning from 8:00am to 1:00pm and listen live to the **Toronto/Kitchener Area's best in German Radio.** <http://www.am530.ca/index.html>

Ted Hierl's Philadelphia Area German-American show (live on Sunday mornings 10 am to 12 pm or listen to the archived show of the week any time. <http://cazoo.org/TedHierl.html>

Cleveland's German American Program. Hosted by Joe Wendel and Ruth Kleine Marino. Sunday Mornings WCSB 89.3 listen on line 10am to 12pm <http://wcsb.org/listen/>

The German Family Society of Akron presents it's weekly live broadcast of German Music and news from Akron's German/Donauschwaben Community Sundays from 6pm to 7pm Streaming live on 91.3 Akron, Ohio. <http://www.913thesummit.com/audio/>

The German Tunes of The Queen City. WAIF 88.3

Great German Music from Cincinnati, Ohio Streaming live on line every Wednesday Evening from 5pm - 8pm E.S.T. <http://www.waif883.org/>

Radio Goethe (<http://www.radiogoethe.org/>) offers music and news in German and English. They play recent German music from Germany Austria and Switzerland. You can subscribe to their weekly podcast. Check it out. It is really great (especially for those interested in pop, rock, hip hop or heavy metal.

All of the stations are listed on our website and you can link directly from there. Go to <http://www.baltimore-kickers.org>.

New German Restaurant!

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Aberdeen, MD.

410-297-6777

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Let us know what you think!

Baltimore Kickers Calendar
24 Hour Information Hotline: 410-276-4949

June 4	General Meeting 8:00 PM
June 12	Planning Meeting 7:00 PM
June 27	Kicker's Picnic
July 24-25	German Festival
August 15	Crab Feast; 1-5PM. Cost \$35.00
September 3	General Meeting 8:00 PM
September 10	Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Reservations may be made through Esther Scheffel at 410-737-0112.



"German Beer on tap at all regular meetings"

Pre-meeting dinner. Reservation required!

Call John Exter at 410-538-3221 by the Wednesday before the meeting.

Dinners are served until 6:45pm



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United States to get married. We lived in Cape Canaveral, Florida for 9 months because my husband's step-father worked for NASA there. But work was not easy to find, just low paying jobs. So when he was transferred to Sacramento, California we moved with him. It wasn't much better there, so we came east and settled in Baltimore.

We both were working now but he grew more and more restless and decided to reenlist in the army. After training in Fort Bragg he was promptly deployed to Vietnam and then Korea. We drifted apart and he fell in love with a Korean Girl and she was expecting his child. End of marriage!

For me it was once more decision time.

I had a good job, made friends of my own and grown close to a family I rented from. I had joined a church I was very active in and generally was happy with my life. Germany was not too far away and I could go and visit my family when I wanted to. So I decided to stay. Two years after my divorce I met my current husband, George. We have been married now for 36 1/2 years and still going strong.



After my decision to stay in the USA, I became a naturalized citizen and I am proud of it.

When I remarried in 1974, I became a member of the Zion Church of the city of Baltimore. The church, built in 1755 by German emigrants, is the only church left in Maryland today that continues to hold a German service on Sunday morning. At one time there were 43 in Maryland. Zion Church still cherishes a lot of German customs and its members faithfully keep up some of the traditions, such as the Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinners in October and the annual Christmas Market at the end of November.

I still make trips to Europe to visit my family but I also like to travel in the United States. After all those years living here, I am still mesmerized by the vastness of this country. I would like to see more of it before it is too late to travel.

Thank you to our Greeters

- May* Sue Bowen
- June* Traute Moser & David Tabler
- September* Charlotte & Bill Wesley





JULY 24-25 SATURDAY & SUNDAY

The location will be again, under the Grandstands of the Timonium Fairgrounds.

If you enjoyed yourself last year, we promise you will have even a better time this year!

You'll experience two days of good German food, beer & music.

Lot's of fun....Gemuetlichkeit and more!

No need to buy a ticket to fly to Germany, it is all right here.

Timonium Fairgrounds are easy to reach from either York & Timonium Rd., or I-83. The fairgrounds can also be accessible by 'Light Rail'. Plenty of parking is available.

Festival Hours:

Saturday 11:30 AM-10:15 PM Sunday 11:30 AM-7 PM

Bring your entire family, friends and neighbors.

See you there....Rain or shine!

Note: The Baltimore Kickers will have Bratwurst, Schnitzel and Beer stands. We are in need of many volunteers to help man the stands and to assist with transportation and clean up. If you can volunteer a few hours, please call Kathy Kotowski at 410-549-1854.

Recipe of the Month-Kartoffel Klöße

6 to 8 baking potatoes (medium size)
 1/4 c all-purpose flour
 2 eggs
 1 tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
 2 Tbsp. margarine
 3 slices bread, cut into cubes



Cook potatoes in water until tender. Cover and refrigerate 12 to 24 hours. Peel and finely chop cooked potatoes or mash thoroughly. In a medium bowl, combine potatoes, flour, eggs, salt and nutmeg to form a firm, but light paste. If mixture is too moist, add flour as needed. This will keep the dumplings from falling apart during cooking. Melt margarine in large skillet. Add bread cubes and sauté until golden brown. Working with floured hands, form potato paste into a roll about 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Cut roll in 8 to 10 pieces. Form pieces into dumplings enclosing a few sautéed bread cubes in center of each dumpling. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add dumplings, one at a time, and simmer about 15 minutes. Dumplings are done when floating on top. Remove dumplings with slotted spoon drain well.

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