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President's Letter

Dear Members,

We have had great events in the months of May and June. "Das Maifest," with the Kinderchor and Jugenchor, attracted new people to the Maennerchor. In June the style show by the Damen Sektion ladies was never better attended. Maybe the bow-tied servers for the lunch from the Maennerchor singers made the difference.

The highlight of June was our dining, singing, and dancing evening together with the "Voices of Canton, Inc.," our guests of the evening. The performance of our guest chorus was just outstanding, but our singers were at their best as well. A surprise was the solo performance by soprano Sarah Khatcherian, who just came back from two years in Germany and is now enrolled in a doctoral program at OSU. The food for the evening was delicious and so good that we nearly ran out. Thank you to Ron Markle and Sue Gall for an event of great singing, jazz music and food. Our Wurst and Brezelfast on June 6 was well received and the homemade brezels sold out. The accordion entertainment was performed by our member David Sabatka.

We are now working on a "Family Fun Day" and our Oktoberfest committee has already met several times. The first sauerkraut vat will be ready soon for the best recipe contest. Please send your favorite recipe to: info@maennerchor.com. Jim Belt is our chairperson for the Columbus Maennerchor-made sauerkraut at our Oktoberfest. Steve Maurer helped Jim prepare the ground and planted the cabbage at the backside of our property. Become part of our Sauerkraut making team and learn how it was done on the farm. The kids are welcome also. Please get updates on our Web site: www.maennerchor.com.

We would like to welcome Janet Gibson as our new board member and parliamentarian. Janet is a long-term singer with the Damenchor and is a corporate attorney by profession. Michael Gegenheimer has stepped aside from the board to focus more on the growth of the ACGC (American Center for German Culture). Mike gave us great guidelines during a difficult time period and will continue to do that in the future.

Enjoy the summertime and have a happy Independence Day.

Werner Niehaus,
Columbus Maennerchor President

**Mark Your Calendar for –
Columbus Maennerchor's Oktoberfest
October 1-2, 2010**

Calendar of Events – July 2010

July 5 – 7:30 p.m. Vaughn Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
July 6 – 8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
July 12 – 7 p.m. Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
July 13 – 7 p.m. **Corporation Meeting**
8:15 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
July 19 – 7 p.m. Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
July 20 – 8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
July 23 – 7:30 p.m. "Swing's the Thing" Band
July 26 – 7:30 p.m. Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
July 27 – 8 p.m. Combined Maennerchor/ Damenchor Re h.

Calendar of Events – August 2010

August 2 – 7:30 p.m. Vaughn Wiester's Famous Jazz
Orchestra
August 3 - 8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
August 9 – 7 p.m. Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
August 10 – 7 p.m. **Corporation Meeting**
8:15 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
August 16 – 7:30 p.m. Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
August 17 – 8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
August 23 – 7:30 p.m. Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
August 24 – 6-7 p.m. Kinderchor/Jugend. Reh.
8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
August 27 – 7:30 p.m. "Swing's The Thing" Band
August 29 – 9 a.m. Damenchor Group Departs for
German Festival in Toledo area
August 30 – 7:30 p.m. Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra
August 31 – 6-7 p.m. Kinderchor/Jugendchor Rehearsal
8 p.m. Combined Maennerchor/Damenchor
Rehearsal

**Cloak and Dagger Dinner Theatre presents
"Murder at the Abilene Saloon" at the Maennerchor
every Friday at 8 p.m. and every Saturday at 6:30 p.m.
For reservations, call 614-842-2583**

Kinderchor News

Michael O'Keefe, Kinderchor President

The Kinderchor wrapped up its season with the end of the year picnic in June. Most of the families were in attendance and a good time was had by all.

Gabi Gegenheimer, Anthony Pope and Michael O'Keefe IV all graduated into adulthood. They will be missed by the Kinderchor, and we hope they continue growing as singers for years to come.

The Kinderchor resumes practice on August 24. We hope to see all back for regular weekly practices.

Damenchor News

Ruth Maxwell, Vice President

Two prospective altos joined the Damenchor for rehearsal in May. They are Jeannie Woith and Rita Ayre. The Damenchor is on summer vacation, but we look forward to having the members back again on Tuesday nights of July 27 and August 31 when we rehearse with the Men's Chorus.

Congratulations to the following members' grandchildren and children: Michael Geiner, Rosie Schlecht's grandson, graduated from Gahanna Lincoln and is headed to Miami University in the fall and Erika Geiner was confirmed on May 8 at Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna. Maria Knoetze's granddaughter, Lindsay Nicole Ruffini, graduated from Pickerington North and will start classes at Ohio University. Sara Pendleton, Marilyn's granddaughter, graduated from Marin County California High School and will attend Berklee College of Music in Boston. In March, Sara performed a solo in Carnegie Hall in New York City. Hannah Jochem, Ruth Maxwell's granddaughter, graduated from Upper Arlington, Summa Cum Laude and will attend Boston College, majoring in Chemistry.

Ron and Marilyn Moser celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5, flew to Calgary the next day and then on to Alaska for a 7-day cruise. Megan Smith's daughter, Enid and husband, welcomed a baby boy, Sullivan, on May 29.

Damenchor members celebrating college graduations include: Danielle Fout, Joyce's daughter, who received her BS in Nursing from Capital University. Morgan Callahan, Ruth Maxwell's granddaughter, graduated from Cedarville University with a BS in Event Planning and Management. Holly Meyer, Nan Bond's daughter, received her Master's Degree in Management, Summa Cum Laude, from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Holly is now Director of Marketing and Public Relations at St Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

In June, Ruth Maxwell's grandson, Henry Jochem, visited the museums and highlights of China. He performed with a Denison University choir in Shanghai, Xian and Beijing. On their final day in China, they visited the Panda Zoo and attended a Beijing Acrobatic Show.

Damen Sektion News

Marilyn Allen, Damen Sektion President

More than 60 ladies enjoyed the Damen Sektion's spring luncheon prepared by Sue Gall and ably served by members of the Maennerchor. Following the lunch, a new slate of officers was installed. New officers for the Damen Sektion are: Marilyn Allen, President; Johanna White, Vice President; Joan Koenig, Recording Secretary; June Byers, Corresponding Secretary, and Jean Johnson, Treasurer. A thank you and appreciation will be presented to the outgoing officers at the September 21st meeting. The group will be thanking our past officers: Phyllis Daugherty, President; Shirley Match, Vice President; Helen Roehl, Recording Secretary; June Byers, Corresponding Secretary, and Jean Johnson, Treasurer.

The June 3rd luncheon was concluded with a style show, presented by Coldwater Creek women's store. The clothes were modeled by Damen Sektion members Helen Hoehl, Shirley Match, Joan Koenig, and Joan Reed. Sue Gall also helped model the clothes. Thanks to all of our models.

There will be no business meetings of the Damen Sektion in July and August. The next Damen Sektion meeting will be on September 21 at 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 29th

Join the Damen Sektion for – The 45th Annual German American Festival in northwestern Ohio on August 29th

The Damen Sektion is planning the 3rd annual trip to the German-American Festival on August 29th at the GAF grounds in Oregon, Ohio near Toledo. The group will leave from the Columbus Maennerchor at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 29 and return to the Maennerchor by 9 p.m. the same day. The cost of the trip is \$35.00 a person. This is truly a wonderful day, filled with good German food and drink, continuous live entertainment, and amusement rides. There will also be entertainment from Germany as well as imported steins, linens and other gifts available. For reservations, contact Marilyn Allen at 299-4841 or Phyllis Daugherty at 876-1888. Reservations need to be made by July 15th to secure the bus for the trip. We hope to see you all on August 29th.

Recipe of the Month – German Style Pretzels

1 pkg. dry yeast	½ tsp. sugar
1 c. lukewarm water	4 c. water
3c. flour, divided	5 tbsp. baking soda
1 ½ tbsp. butter	Coarse salt
½ tsp. salt	

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Add 1 ½ cups flour and the butter, salt and sugar. Beat 4 minutes. Knead in remaining flour until dough is no longer sticky. Cover and let rise. Punch down and divide into 10 pieces. Roll into 20 inch lengths and loop each into twisted pretzel shape. Place on greased baking sheet and let rise until doubled in size. Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Bring 4 cups water and soda to boil. Using slotted spoon, carefully lower pretzels into water. When they rise to the top, return them to greased baking sheet. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake about 10 minutes until browned.

Ghost Stories to Tell?

Teresa Carstensen is writing a book of Columbus ghost stories for History Press. She would like to highlight lesser know places in Columbus that have a particularly rich history. She is asking whether anyone has ghost stories of the Columbus Maennerchor they would like to share. For more information, please contact her at rednellie@gmail.com or by phone at 614-271-9936.

A Special Thank You

A special "Thank You" goes to Wayne Owens for his help in making changes and improvements in the Maennerchor's computer system. Help is now needed to extend wires and cables on the Rathskeller bar unit and move it to the east end of the bar. If you can help, please contact Werner Niehaus, Sue Gall or Dick Match.

With changes in restaurant operations, we were forced to cut some of our faithful staff. In the process, we said "Good bye" to Brian Friedman, a regular upstairs, and Colby Friedman, a regular on Monday nights. Thanks for all of your service.