

Die Neuigkeiten

Glueklisches Neues Jahr – 2012!

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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

I wish all of you a “Happy New Year – 2012.” This is the year when we will move into our new home, the “German Heritage Haus.” Soon we will be ready with the outside painting and roof repair. The inside rooms are laid out as lounge with food service, rehearsal and meeting room, music library, history room, office and conference room. All rooms are for multi-purpose use as classrooms for German language, singing, musical instruments, cultural/social functions and many other membership activities.

Most of the work, until now, was done by members and friends, with minimal spending of cash money. We can be very proud of the dedication of so many of you who helped us get back into our own home. The building is an architectural beauty and is already an eye catcher on South High Street. If everything goes right, we are striving to open up the renovated part for use around the end of May. In the meantime, we will work with the owners of the previous Swiss Haus to use their facility for our functions. The Damen Sektion is using Plank’s on Parsons Avenue. Please look for our program details in the “Neuigkeiten,” our Web site and Face book connections. We are at a beginning in our 164-year-old history. Please be a part of it.

Sincerely,
Werner Niehaus, Columbus Maennerchor President

Calendar of Events – January 2012

January 9 – 7 p.m. Board Meeting
January 10 – 6 p.m. Kinderchor/Jugendchor Rehearsal
7 p.m. Corporation Meeting
7 p.m. Damenchor Meeting
8:15 p.m. Combined Maennerchor and
Damenchor Rehearsal
January 17 – 12:30 p.m. Damen Sektion Lunch/Meeting
6 p.m. Kinder/Jugendchor Rehearsal
7 p.m. Damenchor Rehearsal
8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal

January 22 – 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Maennerchor Spaghetti at
Dinner at Swiss House

January 24 – 6 p.m. Kinderchor/Jugendchor Rehearsal
7 p.m. Damenchor Rehearsal
8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal

January 31 – 6 p.m. Kinderchor/Jugendchor Rehearsal
7 p.m. Damenchor Rehearsal
8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal

Maennerchor Music Committee Update Johannes Hofinger, Music Committee Chairman

After a well-deserved break over Christmas, the Columbus Maennerchor is starting with vigor into an exciting and busy new year! The new year promises to hold many challenges and venues for the Maennerchor singers and social members. First of all, while we have found a good interim home at the Swiss Club, our focus has to be to get our rehearsing space at the new Maennerchor ready for our own use and enjoyment. This can be seen as a challenge, but also as an opportunity to help shape the new hall to meet our singing and social needs. We want to extend an invitation to every member to help make our new club a place we can all enjoy for many years to come. Please let us know if you are willing and interested in helping with this project.

In an effort to help us afford the everyday operations of the club (i.e. paying for our director and piano accompanist) the Maennerchor choir will be hosting a spaghetti dinner at the Swiss Club on January 22nd from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar for this event and plan on enjoying a good meal while supporting the Maennerchor. March 16th is another important date for the Maennerchor as it marks our 63rd Saengerabend event. This evening is a special event held to honor our singers. You will receive a special invitation to this evening of recognition and gratitude.

We are always looking for prospective singers to join our group. Please let us know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a part of our group. We rehearse every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Swiss Club located at 1036 South Front Street.

Damenchor News

Johanna Wintrich, Damenchor Vice President

The Damenchor enjoyed a very busy Christmas season with performances at St. Mary's followed by an Open House at our future new home, State Auto Insurance, Candlelight Celebration and singing at Columbus Commons. In addition, Barbara S. Bowers, Gail Heffner, Kathleen Megown, Inge Salvi, Marilyn Valois and Helen Walsh participated in the Messiah Choral Sing-Along with the Pro Musica Orchestra at the Southern Theatre.

The Damenchor members are looking forward to an exciting new year when we will be able to move into our German Heritage Home. New Officers for the Damenchor are: Marilyn Valois, President; Johanna Wintrich, Vice President; Gail Heffner, Recording-Corresponding Secretary; Marilyn Moser, Financial-Attendance Secretary; and Janet Gibson, Treasurer. Librarians also elected were: Barbara S. Bowers, Dorothea Hesch, Ginny Buda, and Kathy Kildow.

The first rehearsal and meeting in 2012 will be on January 10th at the Swiss House. The Maennerchor Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Swiss House on January 22 from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the rehearsal on January 10th and Damenchor members are urged to attend. Please watch for future announcements in the next "Neuigkeiten."

Kinderchor News

Michael O'Keefe, Kinderchor President

The Kinderchor is pleased to report a very productive, if not triumphant, Christmas season. Singing with Kenny Rogers, a fabulous collaborative event with the Maennerchor and Damenchor at St. Mary of the Assumption parish, the beauty of our annual Candlelight service with a visit from Saint Nicholas himself, and the Christmas Fest at Columbus Commons all make us feel rather pleased with the end of our Fall-Winter season.

It was exciting to explore our new home after the St. Mary concert. The children are completely jazzed about the German Heritage Haus, and have claimed the attic. They have all been told that we shall see how things progress.

Winter-Spring season is fun too, and so to work! The Kinderchor plans again to travel to Cleveland to sing at the Donnauschwaben Club. We will also have nursing home engagements, and we are looking forward to participating in Maifest. There is so much to do, and it seems there is less time to do it. Thanks to all who gave support to us during the first half of the year. Friend us on Face book, and follow us on Twitter at Colskinderchor@twitter.com. We have a Web site coming, so look for that too. Practice resumes on January 10. We will see you there!

Calendar of Events – February 2012

February 7 – 6 p.m. Kinderchor/Jugendchor Rehearsal
7 p.m. Damenchor Rehearsal
8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
February 13 – 7 p.m. Board Meeting
February 14 - 6 p.m. Kinderchor/Jugendchor Rehearsal
7 p.m. Corporation Meeting
7 p.m. Damenchor Meeting
8:15 p.m. Combined Maennerchor and Damenchor Rehearsal
February 18 – 7 p.m. Damenchor Fasching Party
February 21 – 12:30 p.m. Damen Sektion Lunch/Meeting
6 p.m. Kinder/Jugendchor Rehearsal
7 p.m. Damenchor Rehearsal
8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal
February 28 - 6 p.m. Kinderchor/Jugendchor Rehearsal
7 p.m. Damenchor Rehearsal
8 p.m. Maennerchor Rehearsal

Damen Sektion News

Marilyn Allen, Damen Sektion President

The Damen Sektion would like to thank everyone who donated food to our annual food drive. The food was given to a local church for its food bank to help the needy.

The first Lunch and Meeting of the Damen Sektion will be held on January 17 at 12:30 p.m. at Plank's Restaurant, 743 Parsons Avenue. Our topic for the month will be New Year's Resolutions. The next monthly meeting and lunch will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at Plank's on Parsons. In addition to annual dues, the members contribute one dollar to the treasury at each meeting and have an opportunity to win a door prize.

A total of 36 members and guests met for the Annual Damen Sektion Christmas Party on December 8th at the Clintonville Woman's Club. We were pleased to have four officers of the Maennerchor join us for lunch. President Werner Niehaus and Vice President Johannes Hofinger gave an update on our new home. We were happy to have Joan Koenig, accompanied by Margaret Allen, provide beautiful music at the luncheon. Two baskets of treats were raffled out. Thanks to Vice President Johanna White for organizing the fundraiser. The Damenchor members are looking forward to returning to the Clintonville Woman's Club for our June 7th lunch and style show.

The Damen Sektion was pleased to host the Open House held at our German Heritage House on December 4th. We were glad to see so many people at the Open House. We thank the members of the Damenchor who donated cookies and helped with the decorating of our new house. The Damen Sektion also contributed candy canes, as well as food items remaining from the Open House, for use at the Candlelight Service. We hope to see many of our members back to our January and February meetings. Please call 614-299-4841 for a ride.