



THE REPORTER

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2020 GAK Dinner Dance & Hall of Fame Awards



On Saturday, February 29th, the German American Kickers hosted its annual Fundraising Dinner/Dance along with its annual induction ceremony into the GAK Hall of Fame. We have the pleasure of inducting three former teammates, Franz Beismann, Peter Lindauer Jr. and Frank Walter. All three of these inductees were standouts on the field for our club, and served their club well after they hung up their boots as either coaches, administrators or caretakers of our facilities. Almost 200 people came out during this leap year celebration, dancing to the music of our own DJ Frank Renz (aka Franz). It was great to see so many former GAK players and coaches attend the event.

June 13th/14th 2020
FOURTH ANNUAL Wurst Bierfest



April's Schnitzfest has been canceled due to current events but we're still planning on having plenty of schnitzel sandwiches at our 4th Wurst Bierfest. Come on out and celebrate the end of the quarantine (hopefully)!

GERMAN AMERICAN KICKERS NIGHT 2020



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST
7:30PM

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- Karl Bystrom – April 7th
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- Lenny Wenzler – April 30th
- Lisa Brodbeck – May 1st
- Jennifer Renz – May 2nd
- Franz Knott – May 4th
- Stacie Hannawacker – May 6th
- Tom Madola – May 7th
- Kurt Born – May 13th
- Katie Papp – May 15th
- Frank Renz – May 21st
- Heinrich Sawadski – May 23rd
- Roy Holcombe – May 28th
- Verna Doltz – June 7th
- Joe Hoenisch – June 9th
- Pete Lindauer – June 29th

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Happy Spring everyone! I know this is not the way we wanted to start this season. We are experiencing some very difficult times right now but we must stay vigilant so we can all get through this and enjoy each-others company once again, real soon, at “our club”.

We are continuing to update our facilities by recently painting the Aurora Ballroom and the upstairs Heritage Hall. We have some exciting things happening at “our” German-American Society and we want our members to be a part of it all.

In February we enjoyed a Valentine’s Pasta Buffet with three singers to entertain us. The following week brought us the Soccer Banquet and Dance which was, as usual, a huge success. In March we hosted our first German-American Supper (formerly Schlachtfest) introducing new homemade food specialties (Beef Goulash, Chicken Paprikash, Stuffed Cabbage and much more) which our many guests enjoyed. Thank you to all the volunteers for your continued support, we would not be able to do these events without your help.

Our Quarterly Meeting for April 9th has been canceled. Our next meeting will be July 9th. We have some important positions on our Executive Board that need to be filled. This is the time, as a member, to step up and show your true dedication to our Society.

Wishing you all a joyous Easter Holiday with your family and friends. **HAPPY EASTER!**

Ich wünsch Ihnen ein frohes Osterfest und einen schönen Frühling. **FROHE OSTERN!**

Remember – Stay Home, Stay Safe and we will get through this together.



Best Wishes
Kathy Hoenisch, President

Trenton Evening Times, April 1, 1883

EASTER MONDAY FESTIVITIES.

Flag Presentation and Ball of the Chambersburg Liederkrantz—Ball of the Stevens’ Pioneer Corps.

The Chambersburg Liederkrantz, a singing society of Chambersburg, was two years old on Easter Monday, and celebrated its anniversary by a grand ball, in Turner Hall, Broad street, on the evening of that day. There was a large attendance, the Trenton and Chambersburg visitors being augmented by delegations of the Aurora Singing Society of New Brunswick, and the Liedertafel, East Trenton Mannerchor, Cecelia, Social Turn-Verein, and St. Francis Pioneer Corps, of this immediate vicinity. The ladies of Chambersburg, seized this opportunity to show their appreciation of the society, by presenting it with a handsome silk-worked flag. Prof. Al. Winkler’s orchestra, No. 2, discoursed the music for the occasion. The evening’s entertainment commenced with the following

PROGRAMME:

Overture.....Winkler’s Orchestra.
Greeting Song.....Liederkrantz.
Presentation of Silk Flag, by Miss Sophie Winter, assisted by six young ladies, acceptance of flag on behalf of the Liederkrantz, by President Christian Guenther.
Toast—“They Live High,”.....Liederkrantz.
Address.....Capt. E. C. Stahl.
“Flag Song,”.....Liederkrantz.
Singing—“In Headquarters,” Cecelia Singing Society.
Singing—“We Hold Together,” East Trenton Mannerchor.
Double Quartet—Aurora Singing Society, New Brunswick.
Singing—“Night Song of the Warriors,” Liedertafel.
Finale.....Winkler’s Orchestra.

This was followed by terpsichorean pleasures, which were indulged in by the majority of those present until an early hour. The Grand March, under the leadership of St. Francis Pioneer Corps, was participated in by sixty-eight couples. The dancing programme was as follows:

Grand March, “Unser Verein.” 1. Waltz. 2. Polka. 3. Raquet. 4. Quadrille—Plain. 5. Waltz. 6. Galop. 7. Waltz—Lancers. 8. Lancers. 9. Polka. 10. Redowa. 11. Raquet. 12. Quadrille. 13. Waltz. 14. Schottische. 15. Mazurka. 16. Lancers. 17. Galop. 18. Polka. 19. Redowa. 20. Quadrille. 21. Waltz. 22. Schottische. 23. Polka. 24. Lancers. Raquet—“Kehraus.”

During the first intermission six members of the Turn Verein entertained the spectators with some excellent exhibitions of gymnastic feats. While, later in the evening, an exhibition drill was given by St. Francis Pioneer Corps, in a superior manner. The officers of the Liederkrantz are as follows:

President—Christian Guenther. Vice President—Wm. Schmelzisen; Secretary—John Schoendaler; Treasurer—Henry Pfister; Leader—Wm. Leif; Floor Manager—Anton Eboer; Assistants—Conrad Boetle, Edward Engel.

STEVENS PIONEER CORPS.

This corps, as its name indicates, is a semi-military organization, named after our fellow-townsmen, Dr. Thomas S. Stevens. It has a club-room in Assanpink block, where weekly meetings are held for drill and social intercourse. The boys held their sixth annual ball in Washington Hall, on Easter Monday evening. It was a first-class affair, the absence of the usual elements, which have, of late years, characterized the majority of balls, being particularly noticed. Prof. Al. Winkler’s Orchestra, No. 1, furnished charming dance music, which, with the united efforts of the floor committee, enticed nearly every one in attendance to take a turn on the asphaltum dancing floor. The Stevens boys have a large number of lady friends, and, consequently, the hall was well filled with pretty girls, in equally pretty costumes, many particularly handsome toilets being noticed. The grand march was begun at 10:30 P. M., led by Thomas A. Levering, escorting Miss Ella Furman, who were followed by eighty-five couples. The following was the

ORDER OF DANCING.

Grand March, dedicated to Stevens Pioneer Corps, No. 1. 1. Quadrille, Plain. 2. Quadrille, Lancers. 3. Quadrille, Mazourke. 4. Quadrille, Polka. 5. Waltz, Plain, Polka, Schottische. 6. Quadrille, Basket. 7. Quadrille, Polka. 8. Quadrille, Lancers. 9. Quadrille, Variety. 10. Waltz, Varsoviens. 11. Quadrille, Glide. 12. Quadrille, Plain. 13. Quadrille, Mazourke. 14. Quadrille, Polka. 15. Quadrille, Lancers. 16. Quadrille, Plain. 17. Quadrille, Polka. 18. Quadrille, Lancers. 19. Quadrille, Plain. 20. Waltz, Plain, Polka, Schottische. 21. Quadrille, Lancers. 22. Quadrille, Plain. 23. Quadrille, Polka. 24. Quadrille, Variety. 25. Waltz, Glide, Danish, Raccuet.

The following were the

OFFICERS OF THE EVENING.

Grand Conductor, Thomas A. Levering; Conductor, James W. Clegg; Assistants, H. A. Tonne, J. Berry, W. Clegg; Committee of Arrangements, C. E. Jackson, D. Horneff, J. J. McCudden, R. Jewell, F. W. Brindley, J. L. Lawson, and E. Seeds.

March 10, 1960

Pig Roast At Liederkrantz

The Liederkrantz Singing Society will hold a pig roast dinner at Liederkrantz Hall, 1216 Chambers Street on Sunday from 3 to 7 p. m., Joseph Dinger, president, has announced.

Karl Paul is chairman of sausage preparation for the German style “schlichfest.” He will be assisted by Michael Schen, Joseph Beissmann, Peter Lindauer and Joseph Spieldenner.

The event is open to the public. Tickets will be available at the door. Each person may eat as much as he desires.

Sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetables and coffee cake are also on the menu.

IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS

Have something you would like to see printed or a club related event you would like to promote in the next edition of the reporter? Contact Frank Renz at info@gasociety.org

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April 1st – 13 years
- Gladys and Happy Hannawacker
April 13th – 24 years
- Sue and Andy Foden
April 19th – 17 years
- Margie and Steve Madola
May 14th – 43 years
- AnnMarie and Paul Bette
June 3rd – 30 years

CONDOLENCES

Theresa Geck

We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of Theresa Geck, a Lifetime member of our Society.

Emil Huber

We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of Emil Huber an Honorary member of our Society.

Maria Friedrich

It is with heavy hearts that we express our sincere condolences to the family of Maria Friedrich. Maria was a life-time member and one of our original “Ladies Auxillary” members. When the ladies are making apple strudel for our special events – Maria we know you will always be watching over them to make sure they are “making strudel the right way.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

RICK & KENNY SPRING DANCE
SAT, MAY 16 7:00PM - 11:00PM
 Admission \$18 (includes dessert) (includes dessert)
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4TH ANNUAL WURST BIERFEST
SAT, JUN 13 12:00PM - 9:00PM
Sun, JUN 14 12:00PM - 6:00PM
 Wurst, schnitzel, roast pork, pork roll, burgers & sides. Craft & German beer.

**Due to the current public health situation, events subject to change, please check website for updates/news.*

WURST BIERFEST ENTERTAINMENT
SAT, JUN 13
 Pennington Station Band
 Southern Steel Band,
 plus our First 3-person Bier
 Olympics Competition
Sun, JUN 14
 The Bratwurst Boys
 DCTrio
 and the Philadelphia Union's 'The U on Tour'.

EURO AMERICAN AUTO SHOW
SAT, JUL 11 10:00AM - 3PM
 Live Music by Union, Free Admission to the public
 Entry cost Cars: \$20, Motorcycles \$10

DUBS IN THE SHRUBS
SUN, JUL 18 9:00AM - 3PM
 Air Cooled VW show open to the public. \$1 donation

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THU, JUL 9 7:30PM - 8:30PM
 All members are invited and encouraged to attend.
 Food Cost: Members \$7 / Non-Members \$10



KARL OF AUSTRIA - THE LAST HABSBURG EMPEROR *Submitted by John F. Pilles, Jr.*

It has been said - with a degree of accuracy - that the victors write the history books. This is perhaps best evidenced by the teaching within our American secondary schools and college institutions that the Central Powers consistently rejected all overtures of peace during the First World War. The Central Powers consisted of the German Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the Ottoman Empire. Most people have been taught that the Central Powers had no war objectives; and that they not only started, but perpetuated, the First World War. This is not accurate. The last member of the Habsburg dynastic line, Karl Franz Josef (hereinafter "Karl of Austria"), assumed the throne of the Austrian Empire on November 21, 1916 (in accord with the laws for the House of Habsburg without need for a formal ceremony) upon the death of Emperor Franz Josef I. Since Karl of Austria had not belonged to the Crown's Privy Council of Franz Josef I, he did not take part in the declaration of war against Serbia on July 28, 1914, which date historically references the start of the "War To End All Wars." It is parenthetically noted that Karl of Austria also received the Crown of St. Stephen as King of Hungary by solemn coronation on December 30, 1916.

Unlike all the other belligerents, Karl of Austria accepted without condition Pope Benedict XV's proposal for peace. The other belligerents remained intent upon continuing the war effort. Karl of Austria also pursued secret negotiations with both France and Great Britain, but such negotiations ultimately failed when both nations agreed that the Habsburg monarch no longer possessed governmental authority necessary to bind his nation to post war peace terms, and instead, pursued as their war objectives overthrow of the Austrian monarchy. With the advent of the United States into the war, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his "Fourteen Points" necessary for conclusion of hostilities. Only Karl of Austria accepted all such proposals without condition. Karl of Austria forbade the use of mustard gas on the enemy and the employment of submarine warfare. He ordered that soldiers, prisoners and the wounded be humanely treated. Whenever possible, he commuted death sentences imposed both militarily and civilly. He organized soup kitchens, used the palace's horses and carriages to deliver coal to his subjects, fought against usury and corruption, and contributed his personal wealth to remediate food and heating deficiencies.

On April 1, 1922, Karl of Austria died at the age of thirty-four after incurring an illness during exile on the island of Madeira. His wife, Zida of Bourbon-Parm, lived another sixty-seven years, but never re-married. On October 3, 2004, Pope John Paul II beatified this last Habsburg emperor as not only an extraordinary temporal ruler who acted with Christian charity and implemented social reform, but also as a model of a Christian husband and father devoted to his wife and eight children.

The reign of Karl of Austria has been criticized by many politicians and historians - but there is no dispute that this last emperor of Austria sought, in vain, to end the First World War on terms which this author professionally and personally believes would have avoided the incurrence of the Second World War. One need not ascribe the adjective "Blessed" in reference to this leader; nevertheless his virtues and efforts ought not be concealed or disparaged.



Friedrich Trump 1887.

THE GERMAN CONNECTION *Submitted by Peter Spildener*

Friedrich Trump (1869-1918); the Grandfather of our President Donald Trump was born in Kallstadt, Rheinland Phalz, near Ludwigshafen. He landed in New York in 1885 and started out as a barber. He moved to Seattle, Washington and started a restaurant in Monte Christo, approximately 50 miles north of Seattle. He became a United States citizen and changed his name to Frederick. In 1886, he traveled back to Germany to attend the wedding of his sister Elisabeth. In the fall of that year he went back to the United States. The Klondike Gold Rush was in progress on the Yukon River. Booze and women were in demand for easy money so he made his fortune. In 1902 he traveled back to Germany to marry Elisabeth Christ. Elisabeth became homesick but Frederick could not return for permanent residence due to some paper work he failed to complete at his first departure. They moved back to New York in 1905. Donald Trump's mother emigrated from Scotland and married Fred Trump.



Friedrich Trump mit seiner Frau Elisabeth, geborene Christ. Foto: Wikipedia

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SPORTS UPDATE

- Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all GAK teams spring seasons are on hold until the virus passes. We are assuming that shortened spring seasons will eventually be played, but nothing has been scheduled as of yet.
- Thanks to Jim Garretson our new webmaster, the GAK has a new website gakfc.org. Here you will find information regarding team tryouts, new GAK teams forming, GAK related events, practice schedules, team contact information, historic GAK and Liederkrantz photos, links to order official GAK MACRON branded sportswear and much, much more.
- On August 1st, the GAK will once again host its annual GAK night at the Philadelphia Union when they face David Beckham's new club Inter Miami FC. The annual GAK tailgate will take place at 3:00 PM in the Union Parking Lot C and the game kicks off at 7:30 PM. Please visit our website or Facebook Page to order your tickets now.



The is GAK having talks with Bundesliga club Borussia Dortmund who would like to have a partnership with us. We met once last month and are going to meet again once the coronavirus is over.

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