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November 2008

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

After a long summer of travel, recreation, and leisure, including a 5-day vacation to *Niagara Falls* and *Toronto Canada*, and later a daytrip to Lake George we come together again with a renewed determination to foster and promote our cultural heritage, rich in the tradition of music and song.

Following a hugely successful *140th* Anniversary Spring Concert in May, preparations for our *Liederabend* on November 22nd, under the guidance of our Dirigent Jerry Hoch and Accompanist Sherry Thomas, are coming along very well. We are putting the final touches on our concert program; one more rehearsal and it's *Showtime*.

2009 annual election: I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers, committees and chairpersons, and all the work-teams for their hard work, dedication, and commitment. I would also like to commend all the members who have kept their promises to uphold the traditions and culture of the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor so it could continue to flourish and prosper. I am very proud to have worked with you all this past year to keep us in the forefront of our cultural awareness in the City of Kingston and the State of New York.

Most of the incumbents will continue their commitment to the chor, however two officers will step down after many years of dedicated service and support. I would like to offer them an *Aussergewöhnlich! Vielen Dank!* for all their efforts.

As our Financial Secretary, Doris Vogt deserves a standing ovation for her many years of volunteer service and commitment. Doris, was always a hard worker, supporter, mentor, and friend to the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. She will continue to serve as Chairperson for our Good & Welfare Committee and as a reporter on the newsletter.

Robert Rossler steps down as our Vice President. Over the past few years he has endured an exceptional amount of physical and emotional anxiety and yet has always shown us a smile, a good heart, and continued hard work and commitment. Bob is a fighter and does not allow negativism to interfere with his life's work or ambition. He has become an inspiration to his family and friends.

Doris and Bob may now finally sidestep some of the heavy lifting, but we know they will continue to offer us good advice, guidance, and counseling whenever it is sought and in their usual friendly and courteous manner. We thank them for all their devotion and commitment to their German heritage and culture, and wish them a speedy recovery and return to our choir.

Congratulations and thank you to Annemarie Harms for stepping up to the plate once again and accepting the position as Financial Secretary. We know she will work hard, as she has in the past, and continue Doris' fine work in that office.

As you know, our many activities throughout the year are designed to help educate and enlighten our community in cultural German heritage and tradition. I would like to ask our newer members to follow Doris and Bob's example and offer their skills to help continue and further advance our chorus in our endeavors to preserve and promote German culture, heritage, and tradition through music and song.

There are many exciting events scheduled for the rest of 2008: the *Liederabend* on 11/22, the Children's Christmas Party with Santa and his friends on 12/07, and the very reflective and inspiring German Christmas Church Service on 12/21. Please check your calendars and make a commitment to support your Germanic culture, heritage, and tradition by coming to our activities and events. You'll find good times, eine tolle Zeit mit *Gemütlichkeit* und viel *Spass!*

May this holiday season touch your hearts and bring peace to your souls. Zum bevorstehenden Weihnachtsfest senden wir Euch die besten Glück und Segenswünsche. Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr gefüllt Mit Hoffnung, Friede, und Heiterkeit. *To the pending Christmas celebration we send you wishes of best luck and blessings. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with hope, peace, and serenity.*

Mit freundlichen Sangergrusen und Kameradschaft,
With friendly Singers' Greetings and Camaraderie
Hermann



35th Sangerfest 2009

Our member choruses are preparing for and enthusiastically anticipating our next sangerfest hosted by the Utica Mannerchor on 12 thru 14 June 2009. Many of the details such as hotel accommodations, banquet facilities, Mass Chorus Concert, and the Prize Singing Competition are already in place. You may find the details on the New York State Sangerbund website at www.nyssb.org just click on **35th Sangerfest**.

INTRODUCING... *by Doris Vogt & Christa Scheitz*

We hope you will take the time to extend a hand of friendship and welcome to:

Jack Furman

Jack was introduced to the club by Walter Vogt and Franz Heigemeir. They met at exercise classes at the YMCA in Kingston. Jack was accepted as a member on May 14, 2008 and joined as a worker and supporting member. He was born in Sewaren, NJ and now lives in Saugerties, NY with his wife Kathleen. They have been married for 18 years. Jack has a son and daughter from a previous marriage and he has seven grandchildren.

Jack was in the U.S. Navy for two years active duty, serving aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Hunt, as a gunners mate. His educational record is impressive. He attended Monmouth College for two years, Newark State for two years, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. He earned his Masters Degree at Seton Hall, NJ, in Educational Administration and he attended Columbia University in New York City for their Doctoral Program.

Jack taught 5th Grade in Plainfield, NJ for four years and he was Dean of Admissions at Ricker College in Houlton, Maine for two years. He was the Assistant Dean of Admissions at Union and Cranford College. He also attended the N. J. Institute of Technology for three years and finally, was Director of Continuing Education at SUNY, New Paltz for 21 years. Jack loves kids so he was certainly in the right profession.

Jack is retired now so he enjoys woodworking, boating, travel and he collects antique trains. Both Jack and his wife are very supportive of our local Coast Guard Station in Saugerties. Jack's son is a Captain in the Coast Guard, stationed in Seattle, Washington, so Jack and Kathleen like to provide a home away from home for the local crew. I know the crew has been invited to their home for football games, etc. and I know that they are surprised with doughnuts, etc. that appear mysteriously at their work stations.

It is great to see folks supporting the troops. Thank you Jack and Kathleen and "Welcome to the Club" Jack.

An Old Farmer's Advice

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks, bankers, and lawyers at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.

Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Every path has a few puddles

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.

Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

One of the most important and most rewarding aspects of our work in preserving and promoting German culture, heritage, and tradition through music and song is that of educating our youth and scholarship.

Each May we bestow scholarship awards to graduating high school students who have excelled in the German language studies in our area schools. We also include the Rhinebeck - Rheinbach Exchange Program *Hearts Across the Water*.

We are a charitable 501c3 not for profit organization. Please send your tax-deductible donations to help us continue support the future leaders of our German-American community



Scholarship Presentation

Linda Koelmel, Chairperson

18 May 2008



Kingston High School - Elizabeth Joyce

Teacher Ms. Holly Bruce

Onteora Central High School - Elise DeSantis

Teacher Ms. Margit Kaindl-Richer

Red Hook High School - Wendy Glickenhause

Teacher Ms. Erica Kreider-Mueller

Rhinebeck - Rheinbach Exchange Program

Hearts Across the Water

Saugerties High School - Senior Chorus

Teacher Mr. Jerry Hoch

Where in the World Are They Now?

2003 Scholarship Recipient

Heather Michael - Red Hook High School

In her remarks in 2003, Dorothy Birmingham wrote, "Heather has been accepted at Hamilton College, where she will major in chemistry or biochemistry, and hopes to attend medical school and become an internist." We recently learned that Heather has entered her second year in medical school.

2007 Scholarship Recipient

Katherine Wilsey - Onteora Central High School

After completing her one-year Congress - Bundestag Scholarship studying at the Albert Schweitzer University in Crailsheim, Germany, Katherine has returned to America, has accepted a full scholarship, and is attending the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY.

We congratulate them both on their accomplishments and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

An American Home from Afghanistan



Major Wayne Nitzschner
With a new friend in Afghanistan



Wayne Nitzschner
With school kids, stuffed animals, and starburst in Afghanistan

Editors Note: This is the 2nd article submitted by Army Major Wayne Nitzschner. Wayne, is the son of our Trustee Alina Nitzschner and has now returned safely back to America.

Hello again and greetings from Wayne Nitzschner this time home safe and sound in Yorktown, Virginia. Mr. Koelmel asked me for an update from my experiences over in Afghanistan and to discuss the return trip. Before I do that, just wanted to say it was great seeing and/or meeting some of you when we visited my mom shortly after I returned.

The deployment itself was a great experience and I came home with a much different opinion and attitude about Afghanistan and the Afghan people. As I said in my last note, the Afghans for the most part are so hopeful to see their government and the Coalition succeed. But as you see on the news, there are great obstacles to overcome and it seems the enemy has focused its energy into Afghanistan. The work over there was very fulfilling and the group I deployed with is currently in the process of briefing the results throughout the Department of Defense. I am back to my old job and conducting various types of analysis on different problem sets facing the Joint (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines) Forces.

I would like to personally thank everyone for donating what you did towards the Volunteer Community Relations (VCR) program. My boss, Col Jackson was great in allowing me time to participate in this program and I went on 15 trips to refugee camps, schools, orphanages, hospitals, and poorer areas of Kabul. The reaction of the Afghans, especially the kids made it priceless. I will send a couple of pictures to Herm and hopefully they will be with this article.

As far as the journey home (yes it was a journey). First of all we stayed almost a month longer than originally planned. One thing I have learned by being in the military for as long as I have is not to count on exact dates because the only constant is change. Well our replacement team finally arrived in the beginning of August and off we went.

The first leg of the journey took us from Afghanistan to the country of Qatar. I have never felt heat like I did in Qatar. It was 104 degrees at 4 AM in the morning with very high humidity. We spent almost two days there waiting for our "rotator" flight back to the US. Upon leaving we made stops in Cyprus, Italy (Aviano Air base), Germany (Ramstein AB just west of Kaiserslautern), and Baltimore before getting to Norfolk and driving home. While everything went somewhat smoothly, we pretty much traveled for 35 hours. I must say though I have never had a better Subway sandwich as I did when we got to Baltimore. Funny how we tend to take the simple things for granted.

Again, Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your newsletter and now I am off to face a much more daunting and challenging task than Afghanistan, teaching my teen how to drive!! Be happy you are in New York!! Hope all is well with all of you and you all have a wonderful upcoming Holiday Season.



Major Wayne Nitzschner

USO tour with NFL Commissioner Roger Goddell, Saints QB Drew Brees, Giants DE Osi Umenyiora, Cowboy Cheerleaders and several movie actors. They all autographed the football.

If you would like to help Wayne Nitzschner with his *Starburst* project: Send your donation to the Volunteer Community Relations (VCR) program which takes donated items sent from the states and delivers them to the needy.

VCR Program (Pool House)
CSTC-A
APO, AE 09356

Concerts Around the World

The Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor has welcomed and sang in concert with German Choruses, Benrath Männerchor from Dusseldorf and Männergesangverein Liederkrantz from Hepberg, Bayern. In 1998 on our Germany tour *Wir Reisen Singend Durch Deutschland* we performed three concerts: the first with the Benrath Männerchor in Dusseldorf, the second with the Gesangverein Eintracht in Elchesheim by Rastatt/Baden-Baden, and the third with the Männergesangverein Liederkrantz in Hepberg by Ingolstadt. We have also visited choruses in Gündelfingen, and Grafenau, both in Bavaria.

Leo Bössow a singer with the **Männergesangverein Hervest Dorsten 1948** from Gelsenkirchen, Germany saw our website and contacted us. He informed us that his chorus will come to New York City in September 2009 and inquired if we were interested in their visit to Kingston to join us in concert.

Leo also presented us with a wonderful DVD of their past Christmas Concert to demonstrate their singing abilities.



We look forward to their visit and celebration of our mutual *Gemütlichkeit, Freundschaft, und Mitgliedschaft*.

Leo sent the following letter to honor our 140th Anniversary celebration, however we received it to late to include in our Anniversary Journal. We present it here for your understanding and appreciation.



Mitglied des Chorverbandes NRW eV
im Deutschen Chorverband eV
**Männergesangverein
1948 Hervest-Dorsten eV**



An den Kingston Männer und Damenchor und seinen Vorsitzenden Hermann Kölmel

Wir freuen uns außerordentlich, dass durch Leo Bössow ein Kontakt über den „großen Teich“ zum amerikanischen Sängerbund und Euerm bedeutendem Chor hergestellt wurde. Besonders sind wir erstaunt, dass sogar in den USA deutsche Kultur durch Gesang und Tradition gepflegt werden.

Der deutschsprachige Kingston - Chor feiert am 17. und 18. Mai diesen Jahres sein großartiges **140 - jähriges Jubiläum**, zu dem wir vom MGV 1948 Hervest-Dorsten unsere besten Glückwünsche übermitteln. Auf dieses Jubiläum könnt Ihr sehr stolz sein, denn so was gibt es auch bei uns in „Old Germany“ nicht oft.

Auch unser Männerchor pflegt das deutsche Liedgut und ist alten Traditionen zugetan. Wir wären bei Euerm großen Fest gerne dabei - können aber erst Ende September 2009 in die USA reisen. Wir werden Euch dann gerne besuchen und zusammen singen.

Zum großen Jubiläum grüßen wir alle Sänger/-innen des **Kingston Männer- und Damenchor im Landkreis Ulster** - auch im Namen des **Deutschen Chorverbandes**.

Unser Leitspruch im Chor: *Wo gesungen wird, da laß Dich nieder. Böse Menschen kennen keine Lieder.* In diesem Sinne: Alles Gute und ein gelungenes Fest wünscht der Männergesangverein 1948 Hervest-Dorsten e.V.

Mit gut sang und freundlichen Grüßen. **Leo Bössow**

Chorleiter **Michael Hartel** Vorsitzender **Alfons Buddner** Geschäftsführer **Conrad Nagel**



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im Deutschen Chorverband eV
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To the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor, and its President Herman Koelmel

We are very happy that through Leo Boessow, we were able to establish contact across the " Big Pond" with the American Saengerbund and your significant Chorus. We are especially surprised that even in the USA the German tradition through culture and song is maintained.

The German-speaking Kingston Chorus celebrates its **140th Anniversary** on May 17 and 18th. We from MGV 1948 Hervest-Dorsten extend our best wishes. You should be very proud of this Anniversary, because something like this is rare even in "Old Germany".

The body of German song is also near and dear to our hearts and our Maennerchor maintains this tradition. We would have liked to take part in your big celebration - but we have to wait 'til the end of September 2009 to travel to the USA. We are looking forward to visit you then and to sing with you together.

On this big Anniversary we greet all the singers of the **Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor in Ulster County**- also in the name of the **German Chorverbund**.

Our Motto: *Where one sings you can rest assured, evil people know no songs.* In this spirit: We wish you all the best, for a successful celebration. The Maennergesangverein 1948 Hervest-Dorsten e.V.

With good song and friendly greetings. **Leo Bössow**

Choir Director **Michael Hartel** President **Alfons Buddner** Executive Secretary **Conrad Nagel**

Beautiful Vermont 2009



Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August
5 Days-4 Nights \$425.00
8 Meals: 4 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners

For those who enjoyed the *Cape Cod* and the *Niagara Falls/Toronto* trips, you should see what Walter and Richard have planned for August 2009. Visit *Beautiful Vermont*

- Motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights lodging
- Admission to Shelburne Museum
- Admission to Cold Hollow Cider Mill
- Admission to Morse Farm – Makers of Real Vermont Maple Syrup
- Tour Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory including Free Samples
- Tour the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory
- Dinner Cruise on Beautiful Lake Champlain with Entertainment
- and much more

For more Information & Reservations
5-Day Beautiful Vermont Vacation Please Call
Walter Vogt at (845) 336-6534
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Hildegard Edling - Historian/Archivist

Germans in the United States

The year 2008 marks the 400th anniversary' of the arrival of Germans in the United States. Those Germans arrived in 1608 and lived in the English settlement at Jamestown, Virginia.

However, it wasn't until 1683 that a German settlement was established on American soil. That year, Francis Daniel Pastorius led thirteen German families from Krefeld, Germany to America. They sailed on the *Concord* and on October 6, 1683 founded Germantown, Pennsylvania which is now part of the city of Philadelphia. This community founded 325 years ago was for a time the major German immigration center in this country.

Some "firsts" initiated at Germantown, Pennsylvania are: in 1688, the first formal protest against slavery; in 1690, the first paper mill in America; and, in 1743, the first Bible in a European language (German) was printed in Germantown.

If the date October 6 resonates with you that is the date set by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 as German-American Day. It was also the date for the Pastorius Day bicentennial celebrated in 1883 and the German-American Tricentennial celebrated in 1983.

Somehow that date has never been celebrated in a major way in our area. Perhaps it is something we should think about.

Excerpted from German Life October/November 2008

TALENT CORNER *by Hildegard Edling*

It seems that artistic talent is filtering down through the generations of Maennerchor family members. Many of you know of member **Josie Brendle's** talent as a decorative artist. Seen at a recent Homeschool Art Show held at the Woodstock Artist's Association were watercolors by two of Josie's granddaughters. **Polka Dot Circles** and **Luna Moth** were painted by **Mercy Danner** and **Mushrooms** was painted by her sister **Sage Danner**. These are two talented young ladies and we look forward to seeing more of their work.

Herman and Linda Koelmel's granddaughter, 11-year-old Amanda Rose Brunner, represented Woodstock Elementary School last spring playing clarinet in the All-Ulster-County Orchestra. A few weeks later she was recognized with a New York State Student Music Award in piano achieving a 100 percentile in her age and class category. She had to perform in a one-on-one competition with the music adjudicators. In September, in addition to the clarinet, she started on Saxophone for the school jazz ensemble. What do you suppose she is doing for an after school activity? She's learning to play the guitar. Her younger sister Carolin Rose is enjoying the violin. They both sing in the school chorus and church choir. Someday they may become a two girl – five-piece band. While Amanda holds a Red Belt in Karate, sister Carolin enjoys gymnastics.

Franz Heigemeir's pastel and ink composition titled **WAAM** won Frist Prize and Best in Show (The Robert Orsini Award) at a recent Woodstock Artist's Association show titled Small Works on Paper. Franz also participated in the First Saturday studio tour held in the Kingston area and exhibited his works at the 77 Cornell Street building. For those of you who enjoy art and meeting artists this day was a wonderful way of seeing many different artists either in their studios or in space at the 77 Cornell Street building. This is an annual event so check your calendars next fall.

Männergesängverein Liederkranz aus Hepberg, Bayern



This summer our good friends at the *MGV Liederkranz* in Hepberg, Bavaria celebrated their 80th Anniversary. One of the highlights of the celebration was the elevation of their long time President and Leader Siegfried Puppele to the position of Honorary President.

We fondly remember the many *Gemütlichen Liederabende* together. We thoroughly enjoyed singing in concert and are deeply appreciative of our reception from the Gemeinde Hepberg.

We congratulate their membership, and officers, for their years of continued hard work, commitment, and dedication. We applaud the chorus and Music Director for their expertise, musical proficiency, and patience, in maintaining their high standard of choral performance excellence. We salute Sigi for his outstanding leadership, friendship, and fellowship.

Oberammergau Passion Play

The Oberammergau Passion Play in southern Bavaria was first performed in 1634. A year earlier, villagers made a pledge to perform Christ's Passion if the bubonic plague, or "Black Death", which was ravaging through Central Europe, would fail to claim further victims in Oberammergau. Miraculously, no further deaths occurred after this pledge and the first play was duly performed at Easter the following year.

Since 1634, the Passion Play has been performed forty times. The custom of performing the *Passionsspiele* every ten years started in 1680. Noticeable exceptions were 1870 and 1940 when was prevented the performance and 1934 and 1984 when additional anniversary performances were held.

In 2010 the village will perform the play for the 41st time, maintaining the continuity of this unique world famous event. Over 2,000 amateur players, almost half of Oberammergau's total population, perform the Passion Play. Just over 120 have speaking roles with the main actors alternating. Only locals may perform, actors must have been born in Oberammergau or have lived there for more than 20 years. No false beards or hair are used in the *Passionsspiele* starting in February 2009, all male actors must allow hair and beards to grow until after the final performance.

The epic performance is long; a good five hours plus three hour break. In 2010, in a break from previous custom, the show will be in the afternoon and evening. The first half is from 2:30 to 5 pm and the second half from 8 to 10:30 pm.

Discussion has started as to the possibility of inviting up to fifty singers from around the state to join in a concert tour of Germany in 2010, including a visit to the Passion Play in Oberammergau. More information will be available as the feasibility and details of such a tour is developed.

The Personals



Congratulations and best wishes to Linda & Herman Koelmel who recently celebrated their 40th Anniversary! After a family gathering celebrating birthdays of their grandson Levi and daughter Erika they traveled to Middletown to enjoy a gourmet dinner at Franz Brendle's renowned restaurant *Nina's*. Congratulations also to Reinhold & Ann Schmitt who recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary!

Convalescing: Some other wonderful news includes an amazing array of *walking wounded, medical recuperations, and surgery veterans*. Everyone is reportedly doing well. On the road to recovery from various illnesses and health related issues are Charlotte Ansorge, John Galish, Monika Kaufmann, Christa Kohler, Natalie Mansfield, Doris Vogt, Heinz Vogt, and Walter Vogt. We wish all of you a successful return to good health.



Gesundheit, Glück, in Gottes Segen!



2008 Departed Members

Condolences to the families of our members and friends who are no longer with us.

Kurt Krastin	Herbert Nestell
Lester Legg	Leslie Ellen Williams
John Lydecker	Candy Ahlf's Mother
Richard Edling's Aunt	Rheinhold Schmidt's Brother

Our thoughts and prayers are with you,
'Brüder und Schwestern auf Leben und Tod'

World Wide Web

If you would like to watch German television or read about what is currently going on in Germany, American news from a German viewpoint, or learn more about modern Germany; get on the information super highway/autobahn and see for yourself.



From the New York State Sängerbund website www.nyssb.org or the Kingston Männerchor website www.nyssb.org/KMD.htm click on **German Links** and you will get to a plethora of great URL connections in or about Germany. There is a link to live German television with over 150 station selections. There is also a link to Deutsche Zeitungen, newspapers from Germany with several hundred-newspaper selections.

Deutsche Stunde

On Sunday morning while enjoying Frühstück, glancing through the NY Times, or savoring that extra cup of coffee, tune into Hans Safer's **GERMAN HOUR** on Radio Station **WKNY 1490AM** at 10:05 AM. Listen to beautiful German Music and hear announcements of local interests. Music and entertainment for young, old, and all of us in between!

THIS 'N' THAT

23 Prize Drawing - Pizza Party - and Dance Your Help and Financial Support is Urgently Needed

To help defray our growing expenses and offset our financial deficits we have initiated a **23 Prize Drawing** with twenty \$25.00 drawings and 3 Grand Prizes of \$300.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00. All participants are eligible for each of the twenty \$25.00 prizes and the final 3 Grand Prizes. There are **23** chances to win, with the total amount of prizes valued at **\$1,100.00**.

The donation for each ticket is **\$20.00**. All the winning tickets will be drawn on **Sunday 18 January 2009**. Included in the ticket price is a Pizza Party at our clubhouse on Greenkill Avenue with Dance Music by **Ed Rock** from 1 to 5 PM. Each participant may bring a guest for a cover price of \$10.00. You do not have to attend to win.

For more information or tickets, please contact **Ruth** or **Walter** at **(845)-338-2754**.



Ehrenurkunden Presentation New York State Sängerbund 18 May 2008



Certificates of Honor were awarded at our 140th Anniversary Concert by Herman Koelmel, NYSSB President and Hildegard Edling, NYSSB BMC Secretary to the following honorees:

5 Years

Rosemarie Stuedlien

10 Years

Ange Luetzger

15 Years

Christa Kohler - Heinrich Holzhauser

20 Years

Lieselotte Hatesaul - Vivian Longto

45 Years

Irmgard Mueller - Alina Nitzschner

Monika Kaufmann

Adam and Eve had the most perfect marriage in history; Eve never spoke about her old boyfriends, and Adam never bragged about his mother's cooking.

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*Wir grüßen Sie mit Herz und Hand,
We greet you with heart and hand,*

*Die Sänger von dem Hudsonstrand
The singers from the Hudson Strand*

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Chorus Rehearsal Monday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Monthly Business Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. Our Financial Secretary is accepting Dues for 2009.

 Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor Inc. Calendar of Events 2008/9			
Nov 22 Sat	Liederabend	8:30pm-12:30 am	Bud & Linda
Dec 7 Sun	Children's Christmas Party	1:30pm-4:30 pm	Santa
Dec 21 Sun	German Church Service	1:00pm-4:00 pm	Baby Jesus
Dec 22 Mon	Singer & Team Party	6:30 pm	
Jan 18 Sun	20/20 Dance Pizza Party	1:00pm-5:00 pm	Ed Rock
Feb 21 Sat	Fasching <i>Mardi Gras</i>	7:30pm-11:30pm	Greg Reinwald
Mar 22 Sun	Sunday Brunch	9:30am -12:30pm	
Apr 18 Sat	Spring Dance	7:30pm -11:30pm	Joe Ungar
May 16 Sat	141 st Spring Concert	8:30pm -12:30am	Mtn Tops
Jun 12-14	35 th NYSSB Sängerfest	Utica, New York	
Jun 28 Sun	Kaffeeklatsch	2:00pm-6:00 pm	R Wiedemann
Aug 9 Sun	Gartenfest	1:00pm-5:00 pm	
Sep 19 Sat	Brat & Bier Fest	1:00pm-5:00 pm	