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WINTER 2012

WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AMERICAN OLDIES DANCE

SAT, JAN 7 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM

DJ BRETT GASH

50's - 90's music. Food available from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. You will need a reservation. For table reservations call Dennis Lawrence at 856-764-3106.

Admission: \$9.00 per person at the door.

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

SAT, JAN 21 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

BUD & LINDA GRAMER

Old & new Country music with a variety of other music. Wear your cowboy and cowgirl hats, outfits, boots and bows if you have them or just come casual. Food available from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

Admission: \$10.00 per person at the door.

CHILDREN'S VALENTINE PARTY

SAT, FEB 5 Starts 1:00 PM

Make Valentines for the troops, family and friends. All materials supplied by the club. Free cake and ice cream for the kids. Kitchen will be open for Sunday dinners. See registration form inserted in this "Reporter". This form will also be available at the club. The form must be returned to JoAnn Lawrence by January 20. Donations appreciated. This event is for club members only.

ST. VALENTINE DANCE

SAT, FEB, 18 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

RICK & KENNY

Come celebrate Valentine's Day at the club. Food available from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

Admission: \$10.00 per person at the door.

SOCCER BENEFIT DANCE

SAT, FEB 25 6:00 PM

DJ STEVE USA

Cost: \$35.00 per person (includes sales tax and gratuity). Cocktails at 6:00 PM. Dinner starts at 7:00 PM. Call Nick Wiener, Jr. at 609-581-1423, or e-mail nklaus06@aol.com for details on tickets, reservations, meals, etc.

SCHLACHTFEST

SUN, MAR 4 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM

ACCORDIONIST MIKE SKWEIR

Join us for one of our longest running events, Schlachtfest. An all you can eat pork dinner with all the trimmings served family style.

Admission: \$15.00 adult, \$7.00 children under 12.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

SAT, MAR 17 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

NORBERT LUDEWIG

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the club. Food available from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

Admission: \$10.00 per person at the door.

BRUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

SAT, MAR 31 10:30 AM

EASTER BUNNY

Brunch With The Easter Bunny starts at 10:30 AM. Egg Hunt starts at 1:00 PM outside, if weather permits. See registration form inserted in this "Reporter". This form will also be available at the club. The form must be returned to JoAnn Lawrence by March 15. Donations appreciated.

This event is for club members only.

All calls for dance reservations, except otherwise noted, are to be directed to JoAnn Lawrence, Entertainment Chairperson at 856-764-3106 or lawrencedj@comcast.net

Note: For choice of menus for dances, call the club at 609-585-5200 one week prior to the dance. The menu can be heard on the club's machine.

Call JoAnn Lawrence at 856-764-3106 for information on season passes.

For Sundays: Club opens 12:00 Noon with dinners served from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS,
SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.**



LENTEN DINNERS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Fridays, February 24 - March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - April 6
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

Come join us at the club for Lenten Dinner served every Friday from February 24th to April 6th.
Dinners will be served A la Carte from a menu. See Club Flyers.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT REPORTER

All information for the next newsletter must be submitted to George Brodbeck, Editor, no later than **March 1st**.

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THE DENNY O POLKA SHOW

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On **WBCW 1490 AM** Radio

CLUB MATTERS

QUARTERLY MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 8PM

The Quarterly Meeting will be held in the main hall. All members are invited to attend. Starting at the January Quarterly Meeting, serving food at the end of the meeting will be stopped. Coffee and dessert will be served instead.

The subject of passive membership will be discussed at the January Quarterly Meeting to the fact of dissolving Passive Membership and making all members Active status.



**GERMAN -
AMERICAN
SOCIETY**

NEW MEMBERS

Angelo & Debra Foufas
Christine McCahery
Mathew McCranor
Michael O'Neill
Iryna Baker
Justin Lester

Willkommen!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your 2012 Membership Dues Notice will be sent to you in a separate mailing. If you are obligated to pay dues, please respond with your payment as soon as possible by using the envelope enclosed. The membership database has been updated. If you find any errors, please notify Roy Holcombe by phone at 609-499-1596 or e-mail at caholcombe12@aol.com.

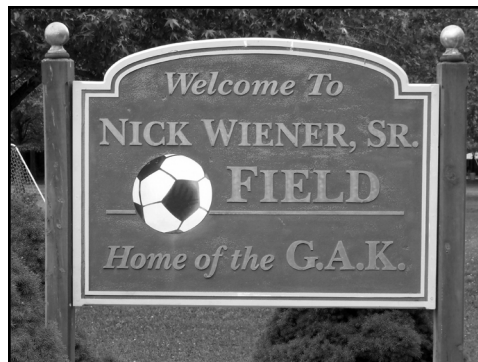
† In Loving Memory

It is with a deep sense of sadness that we announce the passing of our members

**Joseph Manz, Jr.
Charlie Andrassy
Margaret Bayous
Mary Zentner**

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to the families.

SPORTS



Congratulations to our U-11 YMCA girls team for finishing in 2nd place in their division and an automatic flight promotion. Congratulations to our U-11 boys team for finishing in 2nd place in their division and an automatic flight promotion. Great

job to all of our youth teams and our Men's team this past Fall Season. Our Spring season begins on 03/25/12.

Tony Buchler's U19 boys soccer team (GAK Fusion) is collecting used cell phones and printer cartridges for a fundraiser. A collection box will be in the hall by the bar to collect these items. Please bring in all old cell phones and cartridges and help support our team.

Soccer Booster Donation - Joe & Eva Franke

**PLEASE VISIT ALL OF OUR
TEAMS' WEBSITES LINKED
FROM WWW.GAKCLUB.ORG.**

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

REFLECTING BACK ON 2011 & LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012

Submitted by Diana Grover

As the old year quickly slips away and 2012 quietly emerges, it's always healthy to reflect back on our accomplishments and plan ahead for the future.

2011 was a very exciting year for our club:

Our Schlachtfest & Schnitzelfest dinners continue to be our two premier events hosting thousands of guests from towns far and near.

Karaoke Night was introduced as a "new event" this year and we hosted over 300 guests in 2011... very well attended and financially successful!

Our quarterly Oldies Dances continues to be lot's of fun for all ages and very well attended. Our DJ Brett Gash has an outstanding following and he adds to our success. We are very fortunate to have him as our partner.

This year we co-hosted our 7th Annual Euro-American Auto Show in July, with our partner & neighbor the Trenton Danube Swabian Association. This event is popular with local car enthusiasts and our picnic grounds are considered "premier" with this crowd! We plan to grow this event in 2012 and beyond.

Gaining popularity is Sebastian's Schnitzelhaus German Buffet. This popular Burlington County German Restaurant comes to our Aurora Ballroom three times a year and offers a great German buffet to our members, guests and the local pub-

lic during a few of our holiday weekends. Member support is greatly appreciated!

On October 15th we hosted our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off...a great success! This year everyone sampled chili recipes from 9 "chili chefs"... the food & weather "was perfect"! Everyone had a great time!

Our picnic area is special and well maintained. This year, the picnic manager scheduled 13 client events and hosted over 2,400 guests. Some of our clients have been coming to our picnic facility for many years.

The German Christmas Show, with entertainment from Germany, is very popular with our German community and is well attended.

On the catering front, our clubs catering manager and staff work non-stop, to schedule, order, set up and prepare for various scheduled catering events throughout the year. The Aurora Ballroom catering facilities are outstanding and are available to members and are open to the public.

2012 sounds exciting!!

We are going to continue to support all the events that are popular & continue to "make sense"

Our chef will be creating/featuring "new & fresh" menu items that appeal to today's clientele so....stay tuned....you will be surprised!

In partnership with our Stewards and Directors in 2012, they will be reviewing and introducing new beer, wine and other creative concoctions for us to evaluate...I can not wait!!

We are also looking to expand our catering opportunities. In 2012 we will be "trialing" partnerships with three local restaurants who will be hosting events in our "Aurora Ball

Room". Another income venue for us to consider.

Existing committees will be expanding and looking for "new & fresh" ideas...we need your insight...

New committees will be forming to research, develop and trial new venues. We need to try new things...they are not all going to be successful however, we need to try and validate what works/what does not work in today's environment... please consider joining a committee that meets your interest.

We are looking to increase our membership ranks in 2012. Consider joining our membership committee. We need members that will help us invest in the future of our club so that it will be there for our children and grand-children

This year we are planning to host an outside Oktoberfest...yeah!! Committee is now forming...

We must to be able to continue to support our Soccer venue, our beginning, Soccer...please let us know if you are interested.

And most of all, our German Heritage. We need to figure out, how to support that too, for our family, for our children and grand-children...our beginning...we need to leave something significant behind for them to remember & to reflect upon, when we are gone...

In closing, thank you to all of our members who donate their time and "precious life" to various committee meetings, ordering, maintenance, planning meetings, hall set up, hall & kitchen clean, kitchen prep & clean-up...you all make up the "fabric" that makes our club successful.

Wishing you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year!

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 12th, 2012
at 8:00 PM in the Main Hall.

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