

The EnzianGram

Fall 1996

Welcome to The EnzianGram- the newsletter of the Gemuetlichen Enzianer! The EnzianGram has been revived in order to keep everyone informed of club events, both past and upcoming, as well as to distribute information on everything from Tracht do's and dont's to providing updates on our bid for the 2001 Gaufest. The format of the newsletter is very informal and suggestions are always welcome. Everyone is invited to submit items for future "publication" and if you don't feel like picking up a pen yourself, tell me your ideas and I will do my best to incorporate them in future issues.

I would like to thank several people who contributed to and assisted me in putting together this newsletter: Carol Forte, Elizabeth Hubner, Joseph Hubner, Linda Hubner, Nicole Hubner, Agnes Melahn, and a special thanks to my father for his photocopying and folding expertise.

Sharon Killian

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we come into a fall season and leave the summer behind we enter a season of change. From the weather and the seasons, to changes in sports and politics, nothing seems to be the same from one moment to the next. The togetherness that we feel when we come together and the support that we give each other are qualities that have been embedded in the 65 year history of Gemuetlichen Enzianer and qualities that will always stand the test of time and never change. As we grow as a club and as a family we find that in order to maintain these qualities we must change with the times. As we undergo changes in our families and friends we undergo changes in the club as well.

The club newsletter is a perfect way in which everyone can be kept up to date with any changes and issues in the club. It is meant to be a newsletter that all members can use to stay informed with club events and to discuss any issues that arise and it is meant to be something people will enjoy to read. I invite everyone in the club to participate in putting together the newsletter. Any information that you feel is important regarding the club is worth printing in the newsletter. This is our space for our ideas and issues. Questions you have regarding the club, issues you would like to see raised, humorous articles, community happenings that may

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affect us, personal events and achievement that you want to share with your friends or any other information are all examples of information we could all share with each other and benefit from.

As it becomes more and more difficult to find the time to accomplish all that we want in our lives, maybe the newsletter will help us to stay together as a family and a club and make it easier to come around and be a part of the club again. There is so much going on now there is a place for everyone to participate and have fun. The 2001 Gaufest planning is underway and help is needed to make it a reality. Chair people were chosen and we are in the process of forming the committees that will lay the ground work for "2001 A Gaufest Odyssey". All that is needed is the togetherness that is in Gemuetlichen Enzianer to make this as well as all events in the club a success. Even our plattler probes are changing to try to bring us all a little closer. During the practice part of the evening is spent all dancing together; the kinder gruppe, the folkstanz gruppe and the schuhplattler gruppe.

So please do not let the club fall out of your life. There is so much that we can all offer each other and so much happiness that we can bring to each other. Best of all, we do not have to put that much effort into accomplishing it.

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Welcome to the Trachtenmutter's column! Not to be outdone by "Dear Abby," we now have "Dear Alice." (If you don't know why we chose the column title, ask Agnes (aka Alice) Melahn!) "Dear Alice" will be appearing from time to time to address any current issued, answer any questions, or circulate any pertinent information. The following items were discussed at the September and October meetings and are of interest to all members:

Wristwatches

At the discretion of the wearer, but please be discreet. Watches should be silver, unobtrusive, and fit in with the general style of the Tracht. Pocket watches are preferred for the men but not mandatory. The marquise "Trachtenwatches worn by many of the women fin in with and do no detract from the Tracht, but they too are not mandatory. Above all, use good judgment and good taste.

Shoes

Our Trachtenshoes are and remain the proper shoes to wear with Tracht, be it Dirndltracht or Full Tracht. Havelshuhe compliment the Bundhosen, but are not part of our regular Tracht. In the case of foot problems, or hardship in a walking situation, speak to the Vorplattlers or Trachtenmutter's.

Sunglasses

Please do not wear sunglasses unless you really need them.

Mourning/wake attire

The general focus is to remove celebratory, **not functional**, items from the Tracht when we attend the wake at a funeral home.

Men:

- Do wear: Westenketls (Vest Chains)
- Do not wear: Ornamental Lederhosen chains with coins

Women:

- Do wear: Side pins, back pin, mieder chain (without coins)
- Do not wear: Chokers or earrings
- Flowers
- Coins or chains

Both:

- Do wear: Officer pins (may include Ver. Bayern and Gauverband)
- Membership pins (25- or 50- Year)
- Hats - with only Gem. Enzianer and Gau pins, and feather holder
- Black Trauerband pinned onto Tracht
- Do not wear: Prize pins
- Any additional hat pins
- Feathers

Otherwise, Tracht should be as always, including white stockings/ Trachtensocks and Trachtenshoes as well as proper shirts and blouses. During the one-month mourning period after a member dies, we do wear our Tracht as we usually do, with all ornamentation replaced. The Trauerband remains on the Tracht for one month.

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| General Chairperson | <i>Joseph Hubner</i> 64-29 60 Road Maspeth, NY 11378 Home: 718-366-6215 Work: 212-387-4295 Fax: 212-387-4894 Email: jhubner@attmail.com | Will have overall responsibility for planning and organizing the 2001 Gaufest. This involves leading and participating in planning the Gaufest with the rest of the committee members. |
| Co-Chairperson A | <i>Richard W. Killian</i> 537 Mohawk Road W. Hempstead, NY 11552 Home: 516-599-0789 Work: 212-570-4269 | Will coordinate with the General Chairperson and have responsibility over the following committees: Hotel, Banquet, Welcome Dance/ Heimatabend/ Farewell Dance, Preisplattler and Music. |
| Co-Chairperson B | <i>Paul Singleman</i> 125-14 10th Avenue College Point, NY 11356 Home: 718-961-2073 Beeper: 917-866-1420 | Will coordinate with the General Chairperson and have responsibility over the following committees: Picnic, Steins, Mass, Publicity, Journal, and Hospitality. |
| General Secretary | <i>Elizabeth Hubner</i> 22-10 Greene Avenue Ridgewood, NY 11385 Home: 718-456-3904 Work: 212-623-6228 Fax: 212-623-6769 Email: ElizNY@aol.com | Responsible for all the secretarial duties pertaining to the 2001 Gaufest which will include all correspondence, minute-taking and data collection. |
| Treasurer | <i>Monika Wolff</i> 908 Bruce Drive Wantagh, NY 11793 Home: 516-826-0783 Work: 516-277-1610 Fax: 516-277-6654 | Will manage all finances involved in the planning, hosting, and advertising of the Gaufest. An important part of the financial planning of the Gaufest will involve ways to increase the value of the Gaufest events ticket and setting the price. |
| Hotel (A) | <i>Nicole Hubner</i> 65-22 80th Avenue Glendale, NY 11385 Home: 718-381-7276 Work: 212-633-4244 Fax: 212-627-1451 Email: nhubner@aiusa.usa.com | Responsible for the selection of the hotel for the Gaufest, organizing room selection and reservations, selection and distribution of hospitality and vendor suites. |

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| Banquet (A) | <i>Stephen Killian</i> 3481 Hawthorne Drive S. Wantagh, NY 11793 Home: 516-785-0248 Work: 212-460-2785 | Responsible for organizing the Saturday night banquet at the Gaufest including food and beverage selection, possible pay one price ticket for weekend, ballroom selection, seating, decorations, and possible children's banquet. |
| Welcome Dance / Heimatabend / Farewell Dance (A) | <i>Jim Forte</i> 15 Roxbury Drive Farmingdale, NY 11735 Home: 516-249-9632 Work: 516-433-6652 Fax: 516-433-6651 | Responsible for selecting proper room for each event, seating, set-up, decorations, food and beverages and scheduling for each event. |
| Preisplattler / Ehrentaenzer (A) | <i>Open</i> | Responsible for all aspects of the Preisplattler and performance of Ehrentaenzer including: scheduling, practice rooms, dance floor and hall setup, judges organization and training and distribution of prizes. |
| Music (A) | <i>Erich Bayer</i> 16 Yorke Road Mahopac, NY 10541 Home: 914-628-3960 Work: 914-758-6111 Fax: 914-758-2924 | Responsible for the selection of the bands and music that would be needed for any of the events at the Gaufest. Also responsible for the parade of flags at the banquet and the picnic and the playing of the national anthems. |
| | <i>Joseph Knabel</i> 143-25 22 Avenue Whitestone, NY 11357 Home: 718-359-6848 | |
| Picnic (B) | <i>Open</i> | Responsible for selecting the proper venue for the Sunday picnic, organizing the seating and set-up of the picnic, decorations, food and beverages and scheduling events including distribution of prizes |
| Steins / Souvenirs (B) | <i>Ralf Enke</i> 23 Chestnut Terrace Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Home: 201-893-0458 Work: 212-210-0340 Fax: 212-880-9724 Email: REnke07003@aol.com | Responsible for the selection of souvenirs and steins that will be sold at the Gaufest. This will include design, ordering, shipping and distribution of the steins and souvenirs. Also responsible for design and ordering of the fahnenbaender (or other gift) to be given to each club as well as attendance, Preisplattler award and participant pins. |
| Mass / Church (B) | <i>Robert Rueckher</i> 75-06 61 Street Glendale, NY 11385 Home: 718-386-6961 | Responsible for scheduling a Mundart Messe during the Gaufest and will select a proper church or other venue for the mass, provide a priest and will work with the Gau Musikwart in providing the music and singing for the mass. |

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| | <i>William Hubner</i> 65-22 80th Avenue Glendale, NY 11385 Home: 718-381-7276 Work: 212-456-7432 Fax: 212-456-4076 | |
| Journal (B) | <i>Martin Hubner</i> 170-21 Lithonia Avenue Flushing, NY 11365 Home: 718-762-8865 Work: 516-568-0200 Fax: 516-872-4842 | Responsible for solicitation of ads, design, manufacture and distribution of the commemorative Gaufest journal. |
| Hospitality (B) | <i>Martina Singleman</i> 125-14 10th Avenue College Point, NY 11356 Home: 718-961-2073 Work: 718-289-7248 Beeper: 917-966-1420 | Responsible for any hospitality before and during the Gaufest which includes distribution of information regarding transportation, theater, site-seeing tours, city layout, eating establishments, directions in and around the city and stores. A working knowledge of the city is needed as well as people to maintain the hospitality desk during the Gaufest. |
| | <i>Candy Harris</i> 23-26 125th Street College Point, NY 11356 Home: 718-445-2008 | |

The first Chairpersons meeting is scheduled for Monday, Novemehr 18 at 8:00pm. The location for the meeting has not yet been determined. We would like to avoid having the meeting at the Polish Hall in order to save money. If anyone would like to volunteer to "host" the meeting in their home, please conatct Joe Hubner as soon as possible.

FYI.....

GAUNET

Just passing along some information that may be of interest to those of you with Internet addresses:

“Gaunet is a newsgroup list started by Matt Worsham, Vorplattler, Gulfcoast Enzianer, St. Petersburg, Fl. It started as a small mail-list of friends from two small Vereines at opposite ends of the country, Enzian Schuhplattler, Seattle and Gulfcoast Enzianer. Since then it has expanded into a newsgroup of many Verienes and is still growing. It is a list for intended for use by those interested in Schuhplattling or other forms of Bavarian folkdance to exchange ideas and information that is of interest to such groups. As Matt stated in his article in June, 1995 Gauzeitung and I'll paraphrase 'a new way to strengthen our bonds with Trachtenfreunde, both old and new'.”

To subscribe to the list send email to:

majordomo at matrix.newpaltz.edu

include in the body of the of the letter the following line

“subscribe gaunet-l” and your email address.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE....

Hopefully, the next issue of the EnzianGram will come out sometime in January. Some things to look forward to:

- ”The Year in Review”
- “Journey into CyberSpace” - more interesting Internet sites and e-mail address.
- More information on the Vereinigte Bayern blood bank.

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| General Secretary | <i>Elizabeth Hubner</i> 22-10 Greene Avenue Ridgewood, NY 11385 Home: 718-456-3904 Work: 212-623-6228 Fax: 212-623-6769 Email: ElizNY@aol.com | |
| Treasurer | <i>Monika Wolff</i> 908 Bruce Drive Wantagh, NY 11793 Home: 516-826-0783 Work: 516-277-1610 Fax: 516-277-6654 | |
| Hotel (A) | <i>Nicole Hubner</i> 65-22 80th Avenue Glendale, NY 11385 Home: 718-381-7276 Work: 212-633-4244 Fax: 212-627-1451 Email: nhubner@aiousa.usa.com | Responsible for the selection of the hotel for the Gaufest, organizing room selection and reservations, selection and distribution of hospitality and vendor suites. |
| Banquet (A) | <i>Stephen Killian</i> 3481 Hawthorne Drive S. Wantagh, NY 11793 Home: 516-785-0248 Work: 212-460-2785 | Responsible for organizing the Saturday night banquet at the Gaufest including food and beverage selection, possible pay one price ticket for weekend, ballroom selection, seating, decorations, and possible children's banquet. |
| Welcome Dance / Heimatabend / Farewell Dance (A) | <i>Jim Forte</i> 15 Roxbury Drive Farmingdale, NY 11735 Home: 516-249-9632 Work: 516-433-6652 Fax: 516-433-6651 | Responsible for selecting proper room for each event, seating, set-up, decorations, food and beverages and scheduling for each event. |
| Preisplattler / Ehrentaenzer (A) | <i>Open</i> | Responsible for all aspects of the Preisplattler and performance of Ehrentaenzer including: |

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| | | scheduling, practice rooms, dance floor and hall setup, judges organization and training and distribution of prizes. |
| Music (A) | <p><i>Erich Bayer</i> 16 Yorke Road Mahopac, NY 10541 Home: 914-628-3960 Work: 914-758-6111 Fax: 914-758-2924</p> <p><i>Joseph Knabel</i> 143-25 22 Avenue Whitestone, NY 11357 Home: 718-359-6848</p> | .Responsible for the selection of the bands and music that would be needed for any of the events at the Gaufest. Also responsible for the parade of flags at the banquet and the picnic and the playing of the national anthems. |
| Picnic (B) | <i>Open</i> | Responsible for selecting the proper venue for the Sunday picnic, organizing the seating and set-up of the picnic, decorations, food and beverages and scheduling events including distribution of prizes |
| Steins / Souvenirs (B) | <p><i>Ralf Enke</i> 23 Chestnut Terrace Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Home: 201-893-0458 Work: 212-210-0340 Fax: 212-880-9724 Email: REnke07003@aol.com</p> | Responsible for the selection of souvenirs and steins that will be sold at the Gaufest. This will include design, ordering, shipping and distribution of the steins and souvenirs. Also responsible for design and ordering of the fahnenbaender (or other gift) to be given to each club as well as attendance, Preisplattler award and participant pins. |
| Mass / Church (B) | <p><i>Robert Rueckher</i> 75-06 61 Street Glendale, NY 11385 Home: 718-386-6961</p> | Responsible for scheduling a Mundart Messe during the Gaufest and will select a proper church or other venue for the mass, provide a priest and will work with the Gau Musikwart in providing the music and singing for the mass. |
| Publicity (B) | <p><i>Sharon Killian</i> 537 Mohawk Road W. Hempstead, NY 11552 Home: 516-599-0789 Work: 212-837-1777 Email: SKillian23@aol.com</p> <p><i>William Hubner</i> 65-22 80th Avenue Glendale, NY 11385 Home: 718-381-7276 Work: 212-456-7432 Fax: 212-456-4076</p> | Will be in charge of all publicity surrounding the Gaufest. This will include advertising the Gaufest at any Gauverband events before the Gaufest, solicitation of sponsors for the Gaufest, manufacture and distribution of any giveaways to advertise the Gaufest, correspondence with and solicitation of support from city, state and federal government officials. |
| Journal (B) | <p><i>Martin Hubner</i> 170-21 Lithonia Avenue Flushing, NY 11365 Home: 718-762-8865 Work: 516-568-0200 Fax: 516-872-4842</p> | Responsible for solicitation of ads, design, manufacture and distribution of the commemorative Gaufest journal. |
| Hospitality (B) | <p><i>Martina Singleman</i> 125-14 10th Avenue College Point, NY 11356 Home: 718-961-2073 Work: 718-289-7248</p> | Responsible for any hospitality before and during the Gaufest which includes distribution of information regarding transportation, theater, site-seeing tours, city layout, eating establishments, directions in and around the city |

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and stores. A working knowledge of the city is needed as well as people to maintain the hospitality desk during the Gaufest.

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THIS JUST IN FROM THE VORPLATTLERS.....

As many of you know, a new schedule has been instituted for practices: Kindergruppe practice is from 8 to 8:45; Folk-dancing from 8:45 to 9:30 and Schuhplattler starts at 9:30. The Kindergruppe has started practicing the *Ambuss* for the Bauernball and have already proven to be experts with hammers and anvils. New additions are always welcome and, especially if they wish to dance at the Bauernball, anyone interested in joining the Kindergruppe should contact Uncle Brian Oberheim at 718-497-6053.

Folkdancing is in full swing and we recently have learned the Landler that was performed in "The Sound of Music" from the Erste Gottschee Tanzgruppe. Everyone is encouraged come to practice a little early and learn the folk dances and have a little (or a lot, as it usually is!) of fun in the process.

Calling all Schuhplattlers!! As happens every fall, dance job season is in full swing. Lately, we have been a little short on dancers so everyone is asked to make an extra effort to sign up for dance jobs as well as attend practices and the upcoming dances and bauernballs.

