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Newsletter ~ January 2025

Presidents Message

Hello Members and Friends!

I hope the start of 2025 is treating you well so far, and I truly look forward to the many events we have lined up already for the year. Time sure is flying though, can you believe we are in the year 2025?! They say time flies when you are having fun, I can attest to that!

When I pondered who to honor for this newsletter issue, my mind went to more than one person, but then it occurred to me that I could choose however many I wanted. This photo inspired me to choose both Bruce Wolf and Ruth Froehlich. (They had a moment of "spass" at the Christkindlmarkt and luckily I caught it.) Firstly, many thanks to Bruce, our House Committee Chairperson, and former Archivist. Bruce is now retired, but even before having more time on his hands, he was willing to run over for anything we were in need of! He has shown a huge heart for helping others in need, and at any hour of the day! Not only is he a big supporter of Thirsty Thursday, but also is in a musical band that played for us as a fundraiser last year, and is Mr Fix-it, (or calls someone great to do it professionally) AND Mr Chef in the kitchen, AND Mr Floor waxer, lawn mower AND all around fun guy! Much thanks to you Bruce, just for being you. Keep it up! We surely don't know where we would be without ya!

Next, we have a pioneer of our organization, one who you all must know as the famous Ruthie. I have to say, without saying her age, that she has the stamina of someone much younger! Ruthie was a huge help to our cookie buffet this year. Not only does she make amazing cookies, but she sells them to the public with flair...making new friends every few minutes! Little did I know until recently, she lived for a while in the same town as my father's family in Villingen, the Black Forest of Germany. Now that just made me feel like she was related! Ruthie, as you read this, I truly hope you know how much you are appreciated and loved, that your attendance at our meetings makes them more fun, and how we all wish you a wonderful milestone Birthday at the end of January. Keep smiling, keep laughing, keep baking, keep being spunky, keep sharing your stories for the next generation to learn from!

Hoping to see you all at our next events, and looking forward to much growth and success in 2025!

Annette



**Annette Hofmann
President**



**Bruce Wolf & Ruth
Froehlich
Happy 90th Ruth!**

1st Open Mic Night!



Upcoming Events of 2025

January 17th - Open Mic Night - Come perform or just enjoy!
See Jim or Erin for details, it was fun, we must do another!

February 15th - Winter Wurstfest - our biggest Wurstfest yet!
Contact Marian or Paul for orders/details

February 22nd - Red Cross Blood Drive - our 4th annual blood drive!
Contact Erin for appointments

March 23rd - Dessert event - enjoy a variety of German and other baked goods - Contact Annette or Angela for details

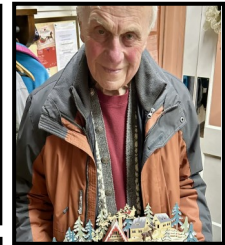
April 5th - German Beer Tasting - Marian is back with the best of German beer!
Contact Marian for details

May - TBD, ideas are welcome!

June 7th - Spring Concert - information to follow - contact Music Committee for details



Christkindlmarkt



2024
Christmas
Party



alles Gut zum Geburtstag!

Januar

Fred Trodler 1/6
Christa Scheitz 1/9
Larry Riedener 1/10
Egon Schweppe 1/10
Tim Sheridan 1/14
Ingrid Deising 1/17
Jody Hoyt 1/22
Joe Ingellis 1/23
Allen Vella 1/23
Lilah Scheunemann 1/27
Ruth Froehlich 1/29
Maria Dijk 1/30

Marz

Waltraud Vianale 3/1
Erich Nageli 3/9
Bruce Wolf 3/9
Danielle Wolf 3/10
Paul Gregory 3/11



Februar

Brent Wasser 2/1
Richard Edling 2/2
Stefan Saffer 2/2
Aaron McCasland 2/3
Hildegard Edling 2/4
Hetty Gunderud 2/4
Michael Scheunemann 2/6
Angela Hartrum 2/20
Ron Wolf 2/20

April

Corinne Planthaber 4/2
Peter Weitze 4/5
David Vogt 4/7
Liz Calabrese 4/9
Heidi Froehlich
Joann Petruski 4/16
Rosemarie Stuedlein 4/26

A big welcome to our newest members!

Bonni Rosenkranse, Singer

Pascal Burkart, Social

Alles Gute zum Jahrestag

Marion & Hans Hohn 3/7
Annette & Tom
Hofmann 4/26



DUES ARE DUE!

Effective January 2025, membership dues are \$50.00 per person, except for Junior members where no dues are paid. Checks are payable to Kingston Maenner-and-Damenchor.

At the end of the Maennerchor's 2025 Annual Business Meeting of January 8, I will be stepping down after 16 years as Financial Secretary. After that the duties of the position will be shared by our Treasurer Angela Hartrum and Recording Secretary Marian Elflein. It would be wonderful if a member would be willing to eventually accept the position as Financial Secretary.

If you have any changes to your personal information, such as phone numbers or address, please advise either officer so the records can be updated.

Thank you for the lovely writeup in the September 2024 newsletter about my years as Financial Secretary. It was a pleasant surprise! And lastly, many thanks to all of our Members and Friends for your continued support of the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. Because of this support we will enter our 157th Anniversary of our organization's founding in 1868.

Best regards,
Annemarie Harms


Herzlichen Gluckwunsch Edith!!

While recovering from total hip replacement surgery in Minnesota this fall, Prof. Em. Edith Borchardt participated in the 2024 November Celebration of Scholarship and Creative Activity at the University of Minnesota, Morris, with a poster about her most recent short story for *TRANS-LIT2*, a peer reviewed journal published by SCALG (The Society for Contemporary American Literature in German). Her current contribution, "Esoterisches: Heinrich von Kleist und ich," deals with overcoming writer's block when writing her dissertation about the German Romantic Heinrich von Kleist. In a dream, he asked her to write the story of his soul, *die Geschichte seiner Seele*, which led her to pen his psychobiography.


CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2024

EDITH BORCHARDT

Professor of German, Emerita



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"Esoterisches. Heinrich von Kleist und ich."
["Esoterica. Heinrich von Kleist and I."]

Borchardt, Edith. "Esoterisches. Heinrich von Kleist und ich." *TRANS-LIT2* 30, no. 1 (Spring 2024): 61-64.

After publishing her translation of Brigitte Hamann's biography of Crown Prince Rudolf of Habsburg in 2017, Professor Borchardt concentrated on writing short stories and has published one or two every year. For her story, "Das Liebesobjekt" ["Object of Desire"], she received the 2022 prize from SCALG, the Society for Contemporary American Literature in German. Her current contribution to *TRANS-LIT2* deals with overcoming writer's block when writing her dissertation about the German Romantic Heinrich von Kleist. In a dream, he asked her to write the story of his soul, *die Geschichte seiner Seele*, which led her to pen his psychobiography. Reading C. G. Jung made her aware of the symbol of androgyny as a paradigm for individual maturation and the fact that this symbol is not a static image but represents dynamic intrapsychic processes: the integration of masculine and feminine energies in every individual. In a meditation workshop at Fox Lake, Illinois, she experienced this insight with her own body and soul.

During her 26 years (and one semester) at the University of Minnesota, Professor Borchardt taught all levels of German language, as well as literature courses from the Middle Ages to the present, German Cinema, Austrian Studies, and an overseas course, "Brunnenburg and Beyond" in Italy, Austria, and Hungary.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MORRIS

In addition, Prof. Borchardt was invited to participate in the World Languages Cabaret on campus, representing German: She read an excerpt about the "Awful German Language," a humorous essay by Mark Twain from *A Tramp Abroad* at the beginning of the event and at the end two poems by Rainer Maria Rilke with their translations.

PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON NEEDED:

We have an opening for someone who is willing to volunteer to spread the word for us when we have events to share via all the media channels (currently not facebook or our website, but newspapers/radio/free online media sites, etc.)

A detailed list & the flyers will be provided to you, and you would be responsible for contacting the various channels via email or their calendar sites. Might you be interested in this position, please Email Annette to be considered, or if you have any questions.



**JOIN US AT OUR
WINTER WURSTFEST TAKEOUT
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

Pick up from 11am to 1pm
(during designated pickup window)

Bratwurst - Knackwurst - Weisswurst - Veggie
With Sauerkraut, Cucumber Salad, and Apple Cake

Reserve your choices of Wurst by Friday, **February 7.**
Single Wurst Platter \$15, Double Wurst Platter \$17,
Extra Wurst \$3

call/text Paul 315-360-0289 or Marian 845-546-3534
or email kmd.updates37@gmail.com

Please do not place your orders on the Facebook event page



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IMPORTANT!!! As we are planning for close to 200 orders for this event, there will be eight 15-min meal pickup windows from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. When you place your order we ask that you provide your preferred pick up window. There will be 25 available slots per pick up window and slots will be filled as orders come in. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred pickup time but may have to shift your pick up window to an earlier or later time depending on availability.

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A Message from the Bar Chair:

Happy New Year to all the members and friends of KMD, especially to the Thirsty Thursday supporters! 2024 was a successful year for the bar. We had lots of laughs, discussions, and good times. And on most Thursdays, we had plenty of tasty treats and snacks provided by Bruce Wolf and myself. Sometimes the food was a test run for another event, so thank you for being the testers!

The bar gross income for the year was quite improved over last year! **A BIG THANK YOU** to the core group of 12-20 regulars at TT, and all supporters of KMD who attend events, donate time, money and gifts! Your contributions are greatly appreciated and are what keeps this 157 year organization going! Also, this past year, some of the bar tip money paid for a new refrigerator, the repair of the bar AC and the inspection of the back flow valve which is an annual expense!

The bar is open every Thursday (unless otherwise noted), from 2ish to 7ish. I encourage our members to stop by once in a while, bring a friend, a snack, a joke, a story and share your experiences with other members. You don't have to drink alcohol. We have soda and some juices. I may try to make some mock tails if there is any interest? See you then!

Regards,

Terry

Committee

Chairpersons: 2024

Bar- Terry Strini

House- Bruce Wolf/Terry Strini

Music- Hildegard Edling

Event Coordinator- Erin Hein

Good & Welfare- Marion Hohn

Stammtisch- Michael Scheunemann

Scholarship- Edith Borchardt

Webmaster- Annette Hofmann

Facebook- Marian Elflein

Publicity- Allen Vella

Newsletter:

Editor- Donna Wolf

Assistant Editor- Bruce

Officers & Staff 2025

President.....Annette Hofmann

Vice President....Paul Gregory

Treasurer....Angela Hartrum

Recording Secretary....Marian Elflein

Financial Secretary....Angela Hartrum & Marian Elflein

Archivist/Historian....Richard Edling

Trustee....Annemarie Harms

Trustee....Donna Wolf

Trustee....Terry Strini

Music Director....Dorcinda Knauth

Accompanist....Sue Kiel

Honorary President & Archivist/Historian:
Hildegard Edling

****Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7pm.**

“May all your troubles last as long as your New Year’s resolutions.” ~Joey Adams

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Wishing all a happy,
healthy and prosperous
New Year!

If you would like your
Anniversary included,
send to
dlwolf64@aol.com.

Always looking for
good and welfare too!

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HERE