



## German-American Cultural Center

# Community Talk

By Agnes Neumann

Without the pressure of “NOW YOU HAVE TO” I try to get my writing done early. This time, it’s a rainy and cold Sunday, the right time to bring something to paper. I hope the “Boss” will appreciate that.

Looking back, my one time baby: German American Day, today under the capable leadership of Josef and Erna Hirman and their group members, was very well organized and passed without a hitch. It was great to see what people can accomplish when they work together.

Kudos go to all that participated in the program. Dancers: GACC Volktanz & Trachten Group, Carpathia Donautal and the GTEV “Edelweiß” dancers. Singers: Carpathia and GBU-Rheingold mixed Chorus and the Schwaben Male Chorus. From the National Anthems, Folksongs, “America the Beautiful” through “God bless America”, thank you for all your performances.

There is only one thing that I really miss at German events like that; Question: “Ladies, did all your Dirndl Dresses shrink in your closets?” You better check them out, because there is a big “Dirndl Ball” in the near future.

When you read this, we will be in the middle of December; I have to tell you, that I’m very sad that we had to let the once so famous “Grand Holiday Ball” go. Years ago, with about 600 guests in attendance, Gala sit-down dinner, and formal wear only, it was one

of the most elegant opening of the Holiday Season once could experience. Too bad, we had to let it go. Only the commitment of all the clubs could bring it back in the calendar.

The GACC meeting and Christmas party will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> in the GACC Room.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Schwaben Male Chorus will have its Christmas Concert. The “mood-setter” of the season. Dinner before the concert is available at the Carpathia Club. So plan a little Christmas dinner with your friends to make it a perfect evening. After Christmas, you probably will celebrate with many friends at the New Years Eve Party at the Carpathia Club and go into 2005. New events will start in January; the **new** Calendar of Events will be out by now too. So check out what’s coming up.

In closing, I wish you all a **Happy Holiday Season and a healthy and peaceful New Year.** Enclose everyone in Harms Way overseas in your Christmas prayer

In January enjoy the Schützen Schlachtfest, have a lot of fun at the GBU-Rheingold Masquerade Party, and in February I hope to see you all – in **DIRNDLS** at the “Big Dirndl Ball” of the Carpathia Club.

Spring will be in the air when we talk again,

*until then,*

*Agnes Neumann*



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