

German-American Club

"Zu jeder Zeit, an jedem Ort, sei frei das Lied und frei das Wort"

"In every hour, across every sea, let song and speech be free"

Fall Quarter

2016

The Red Baron!

Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen

September 17, 2016

**That's right! The famous German pilot
of WWI legend and Peanuts' Snoopy!**

**Now you can hear a fascinating talk about this man
from renowned authority J.R. Williams,
former head of League of WWI Aviation Historians.**

Check this speaker out on You Tube!

German menu by

ERIKA'S CATERING

Array of Appetizers

Beef Rouladen w/Mushroom Gravy

Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley

Autumn Salad of Apples/Slivered Almonds, Greens

Artisan Breads & Butter

Linzertorte (homemade!)



- **Call early for reservations: Club number (831-420-2084) Doris Williamson (831-722-4476)**
- **Entrance and meal: \$15/member, \$20/nonmember**
- **Door opens at 6:00, dinner served at 6:30**
- **Buffet style, paperware provided**

SPECIAL



The entire community is being invited to this German experience!

October 15, 2016

**The hours are from 1:00 to 6:00, inside & outside,
food and drink and entertainmet GALORE,
headlined by the San Jose band ZIKE ZAKE!**

Prices:

**Entrance: members \$5.00, nonmembers \$8:00 ahead,
\$10:00 at the door**

Food & Drink: priced individually

Invite everyone!



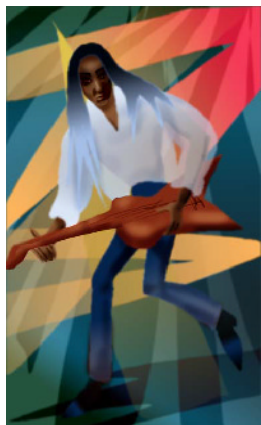
Erntedankfest

November 19, 2016

Dance Music by
Jan Meere
the Flying Dutchman

Thanksgiving Menu by Erika's Catering:

*Chicken Schnitzel
Potato Salad, Cucumber Salad
Artisan Bread & Butter
Apple Cake w/whipped cream*



President: Traude Boisvert (429-5904)

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Botschaft des Präsidenten/President's Message

(The following message is from the entire club board.)

Dear friends: We are very excited about this Fall's programs. As always, they are all designed to give an opportunity to socialize and celebrate German culture.

This year we are inviting the whole community to participate in an expanded Oktoberfest, scheduled for October 15. With this larger event we hope to attract new members and raise much-needed revenues. (Our typical entry fees usually fail to cover our costs, and facility maintenance expenses have increased.)

Tickets for the Oktoberfest can be purchased at our September 17 event, or online at www.germanamericanclubsantacruz.com. They can also be purchased at the door. Entry tickets are \$5.00 for members; non-members are \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. We will be selling sausages, sauerkraut, and Apfelstrudel. The featured beer is from Discretion Brewery.

To help make our Oktoberfest successful, see Info Corner, p. 4. Schönen Dank!

Kurzberichte/Board Briefs

The club's executive board holds its business meetings at 7:30 pm in the club hall. These meetings normally take place on the last Monday of each month and are open to all members. Some selected board actions:

- ✓ **See the top of this page for a list of the current 2016 club officials. Feel free to contact them at any time.**
- ✓ **The club calendar was officially approved for the remainder of 2016. See page 4.**
- ✓ **A discussion was held and approval given to expand the scope and budget for the upcoming 2016 Oktoberfest, with the intention of bringing in more of the general community.**
- ✓ **The unhappy news was received of the passing of two members: Royal Lua and Richard Allen. Sincere sympathy was extended to both families.**
- ✓ **The latest members to join our club are Edward & Birgit Berr, Phil & Lisa DiGivolamo, Jürgen & Christine Reich, Carmen Locatelli, Mari Segura. *Herzlich willkommen im Klub.***

Vorschau/Preview

2017

**Sept. 17: September event. "Red Baron" talk.
Doors open @ 6:00.**

**Sept. 26: Business meeting. 7:30 @ club hall.
All members welcome.**

**Oct. 15: Oktoberfest. Music by Zike Zake.
Special hours.**

Oct. 24: Business meeting.

Nov. 19: November social. Music by Jan Meere.

Nov. 28: Business meeting.

Dec. 04: Christmas event. See newsletter.

Dec. 10: December social.

Dec. 28: Business meeting.

Jan. 21: January event.

Jan. 30: Business meeting.

Feb. 18: February event.

Feb. 27: Business meeting.

Mar. 18: March event.

Mar. 27: Business meeting.

Apr. 08: April event.

Apr. 24: Business meeting.

May 20: May event.

May 22: Business meeting.

Info Ecke/Info Corner



Remember to make reservations for all social events. Thanks!

For information about membership requirements or application forms, contact Doris Williamson at any social, or phone 722-4476 or 429-5904.

Never miss a chance to help us for Oktoberfest! Here's how:

*** buy your tickets in advance

*** bring a friend (As a member, you get a raffle ticket for each guest you bring)

*** consider carpooling to save parking spaces at the club

*** check the list of items below and see if you can loan any of them to the club

Items: party tables, garden umbrellas, easy-up shelters, beer steins (to give away as part of our raffle)

Let us know as soon as possible if you have any of these, and even consider volunteering! Thanks!

March Social

March 19, 2016



Our "Italia Evening."
Ein schönes Lächeln, nicht?



New members Carmen Locatelli (L) and Mari Segura with club applications and real money in their hands. Welcome aboard!



The creator stands by his photo display.



Happy party-goers.
See the newsletter in color on our website!



LEFT: Royal Lua dancing with Sandra. Royal had turned 93 on March 2, 2016, an active man whose recent death sadly surprised us. He had a fascinating life that included being an American pilot during WWII. We can only regret there was not more time to hear the stories of his history.

April Social

April 17, 2016



**If missed this April brunch you missed
some truly fabulous food**



**Club board members were honored
with a gift and service on real china**

**Kids of all ages
on the move**



May Social

May 21, 2016

**Blühender Mai
Flowers everywhere!**



The tables were flower-bedecked



**Helga takes care of business
behind the bar**



Ganz gut gesungen



Duett in prächtiger Tracht



**Flower girl Nancy Gubash presents
a big cash prize to the lottery winner**

June Social

June 26, 2016

Potluck in the Park!



Grillmeisters Rick & Hans



Great BBQ food



Happy campers



**(l) Carola with
Enkelkind**

(r) Bocce ball battle!



Danns/Back Then



The Richest Man in the County Was German

He was Santa Cruz County's first millionaire, it is said, and he owned thousands of prime acres, from seaside resorts to redwood timberland. F. A. (for Frederick Augustus) Hihn certainly ranks as one of the famous names in our local history, and he was a member of the Santa Cruz German-American Club--known in his time as the Arion Singing Society of Santa Cruz. Born in Germany, in the year 1829, coming to California as a gold-rush '49er, the story of "Fred" Hihn is the classic immigrant fable of great success in America. F. A. Hihn--as he was often rather formally called, perhaps out of deference to his wealth and position--came to this country without money, and ended up by building a genuine dynasty. Among his extensive holdings in the city of Santa Cruz itself was the Hihn Building, where the German-American Club held meetings for a period, before acquiring its own hall. In fact, according to one newspaper reference, Hihn had once promised or suggested that he would provide the club with its own clubhouse. That never came to pass. Like many other men who have struggled to accumulate wealth, Hihn did not freely spend his money.

F. A. Hihn never lost contact with his German heritage. His name and membership dues are recorded in the German-American Club documents. More dramatic, is a report about him in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* from September 10, 1870, which describes the celebration in Santa Cruz of the Prussian military victory over France. This Franco-Prussian war finally ended the continual torment of German states by French invasions, and as a direct result led in 1871 to the unification of Germany into a true nation, at long last. Thus the importance of this victory was not lost even on the little city of Santa Cruz, out on the frontier edge of California. And what sort of celebration was it?

Oh, How Times Have Changed

Today, in 1995, after two world wars and a relentlessly negative portrayal in the mass media, "nationalism" and "patriotism" are dirty words in Germany. But in 1870 Germans still had a pride about their country similar to what most citizens in the world express about their native lands. As the *Sentinel* reports, even one of the town's prominent leaders, who happened to be of German descent, could speak openly as a patriot.

How Santa Cruz Celebrated Germany's Victory Over France . .
 . . by a Mass Meeting--F. A. Hihn's Crowning Speech

The victories of the Prussian arms over the Napoleonic dynasty found an echo in the hearts of the German Americans and American sympathizers of Santa Cruz, and upon the news of the capture of Napoleon . . . preparations were quietly made for a mass meeting on Monday evening last, that the sons of the Fatherland and their friends might return thanks in a public manner . . .

In the afternoon preparations were made for a bon-fire, and as the shades of night were thickly setting in a torch was applied to the pile. Soon the strains of sweet music, vocal and instrumental, floated in the air, and amid the roar of cannon and the songs of the Liederkrantz, a large throng of citizens gathered around the speakers' stand. F. A. Hihn was made chairman of the meeting, and addressed the assembled multitude as follows:

"Countrymen, friends, we have met here tonight to celebrate the closing of a great drama. It has been played many thousands of miles from here. We have not been actors, but we have watched its progress with great interest . . .

". . . Countrymen, is this not glory? Have we not a right to be proud of our native land? Have we not a right to be also proud of our friends whose sympathies were with us in the hour of trial and who so nobly answered our call for aid to the wounded and sick? On behalf of the Germans I offer to these friends our best thanks. And now, in closing, allow me to offer a toast, a toast to which I feel sure every German will respond with all his heart . . . Let us have a united Germany. Ein einiges Deutschland."

Mr. Hihn was loudly cheered . . . and at the close of the speaking all persons, regardless of birth or nationality . . . joined in the procession . . . and marched down Pacific Avenue to Arean Street, thence to Front Street, thence back to the Plaza.

F. A. Hihn got his united Germany, the goal which for hundreds of years had eluded the German people. And in a certain way his life remained full of good fortune to its very end. He died in 1913, only a year before the start of the Great War on the European continent, and before the start of much other 20th-century misery in his Deutschland.

Dennis J. Reader

Reprinted from an earlier issue of our Newsletter

4th Annual German Club Festival!

Weihnachts Markt/Christmas Boutique

Gingerbread House Contest

Children's Entertainment

German-American Club Hall

December 4, 2016, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm



The club is again holding its German-style Christmas season faire, which will include gift crafts, bakery goods, and any contributed items for sale, plus a gingerbread house contest. All members are urged not only to come and join the fun, but to participate directly and even make some money! For questions about the faire contact Traude Boisvert at 831-420-2084. For details about the contest also phone the club number or ask a board member.

*** Use your handicraft skills to sell art-and-craft objects at your own table. Do you know anyone who does this sort of thing for a hobby or living? Give them a call.

*** Like to bake? Or want to help yourself and the club with your baking talent? Then you (or you and a friend) can give us your best oven masterpieces.

*** If you really love to create, enter the Gingerbread House Contest. The public will get to view all the artistic efforts and for a small entry fee you might win one of the prizes.



*** Even if you don't do any of the above, come and buy something, or bring some interesting extra item you have around the house to sell! Drink coffee or tea, taste the desserts, soak up the spirit of the season!

*** For specific information phone Traude, or contact the club's website, at www.germanamericanclubsantacruz.com.



Welcome, Fall!

F. A. Hihn *Aug 1901*

Who? "F. A. Hihn" is the name.
It is an original signature from club documents
and he was probably our most famous member.
Read about him inside.

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since the 1860s preserving German
and European traditions
in our community

Membership Open to All