



# Tidewater German-American Society

## December 2016 - February 2017

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### President's Message

Dear Members,

This year is coming to an end, and Christmas is in a few days. Dora and I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

It was good to see most of you at the Holly Ball last weekend.

Death recently took a very good friend from us, Charlie Bryan. Sad to say that we lost six other members during the past year. It is hard to say good bye forever. Otherwise we had a good year, and we hope to be successful again in 2017.

We will be soliciting your help in the new year.

Herzlichste Gruesse,  
*Anton Stellwag*

### Y 2016 Officers



Anton Stellwag — President



Reinhold Albers — Treasurer



Stephen Hudak — Vice President



Allan Mills — Secretary

## Next Membership Meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2017

The meeting starts at **6:00 PM** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hilton Village, Newport News. Please bring a friend and a covered dish for the social hour.

## 2017 TGAS Calendar of Events

- January 4: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- January 21: **Gen. Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
St. Andrews Episcopal Church,  
Main Street, Newport News
- January 22: **Kaiser Wilhelm's Birthday**  
Smokehouse Restaurant— Noon  
Brunch, Mercury Blvd & King Street
- February 1: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- February 11: **TGAS Faschingsball, 7:00 PM.**  
Immaculate Conception Church  
Hall. Cunningham Drive, Hampton
- March 1: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- March : **Special Event, Heimatabend, 6:00**  
Time & Place - TBD
- April 5: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- May 3: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- May : **Annual Spring Dance**  
Time & Place - TBA
- May 20: **Gen. Membership Meeting, 6:00**  
PM, St. Andrews Episcopal Church,  
Main Street, Newport News
- May or June: **Sub-Vets Memorial—Norfolk**  
Event time & Place - TBA
- June 7: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- June: **Annual TGAS Picnic.**  
Bethel Park, Shelter # 2.  
Event Time & Place - TBA.
- July & August: **No Events.**
- August 2: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- September 6: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- September 16: **Gen. Membership Meeting, 6:00**  
PM, St. Andrews Episcopal Church,  
Main Street, Newport News
- September 23: **Annual Oktoberfest,**  
Knights of Columbus Hall
- October 4: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- November 1: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- November : **Volkstrauertag, Day & Time—TBA**
- November 18: **Gen. Membership Meeting and**  
**Election, 6:00 PM,** St. Andrews  
Episcopal Church, Main Street,  
Newport News
- December 6: **Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- December: **TGAS Holly Ball, Time & Place -TBA**
- December 31: **New Years Party— TBA**

**Note:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, there may be changes during the course of a calendar year. Therefore, it is advisable to re-check events and dates with information given in the most recent TGAS Newsletter

### Members on the Mend

*TGAS wishes any members who may be ill a full and speedy recovery!*

### From the Secretary's desk:

Last month I attended the annual Society of American Foresters conference in Madison, Wisconsin. There I obtained the DVD of the 2016 public TV program about Carl Schenk and the Biltmore School, the German who started the first forestry school in this country. It is 28 minutes in length and I could show it at the end of one of the General Membership meetings in 2017, if there is enough interest. It tells the whole story of what I presented briefly in 15 minutes a year ago.

At the last Board meeting it was decided that there will not be a TGAS New Years party. Nor will the Knights of Columbus have a party this year. However, I am planning a Shriners C/W New Years dance for 9-12 midnight on December 31st at the Ruritan Hall in Carson, VA (7 miles S. of Petersburg on I95). The cost is \$10 per person. Four piece band. BYOB. GPS=Ruritan, Carson VA.

*Allan Mills*

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### From the Membership Chair:

The dues are still only \$15.00 per member or \$30.00 per family. You may mail your dues to Rita Evitts at 809 Vantage Court, Newport News, VA 23602.

*Rita Evitts*

TGAS Membership Chairperson

**Spenden Ecke:** At the Monday night singing, donations to TGAS of \$5 or more were received from Allan Mills, Edith & Rudi Naurath, Margret Walian, Wilfried Wotke, Christine Hyatt, Maria Foster, and Steven Hudak—for a total of \$62.00

## **Kaiser's Noon Birthday Brunch:**

Sunday, January 22nd. Country Grill and Smokehouse Restaurant. Located at 26 E Mercury Blvd & King Street. Send reservations to Steven Hudak (email: [afihudak@aol.com](mailto:afihudak@aol.com)) or phone 757-713-0915

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## **German Mardi Gras:**

**Saturday, February 11, 2017**

### **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**

2150 Cunningham Drive  
Hampton, VA 23666-2502

**Admission: \$20.00 per adult / \$10 per child**

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. Food served at 7:30 p.m. *Program starts 8:00 p.m.*

◆ Authentic German Food: Roast Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes ☐

◆ Music by The Old James River Jaz Band—A Trio ☐

◆ Costume Contest - 3 Prizes will be awarded for Prettiest, Funniest, and Most Original ☐

◆ Crowning of the 2017 Fasching Prince and Princess ☐

For more information contact: Bill Daigneault (757) 258-9550

DIRECTIONS: Interstate 64 to Interstate 664. Take Exit 263 on to West Mercury Blvd. Turn left on Coliseum Drive. Turn right on Cunningham Drive. The church is on the left.

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Fill out & Mail, w/ check enclosed, to Allan Mills, P.O Box 25641, Richmond VA 23260

Names of Person(s) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

*Check enclosed for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Make Payable to TGAS)*

*Special dietary requests or restrictions:\_\_\_\_\_*

## **The Holly Ball**



**Harald Walian**



**Colonel and Brigitte Paulus**



**Rita and Stephen dancing**



**Dan & Reinhold: The Music Makers**





### **Volkstrauertag**

**Colonel Bermes (center left), Colonel Paulus (center right), President Stellwag (far right)**

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

...What are the lessons learned for those who have survived, or those who have not been directly confronted with war and terror?... One has to be aware that the ability and willingness to mourn, even to mourn collectively, is an inseparable part of mankind's dignity. This includes the ability to grieve for those who we do not know personally and directly, and for those victims who used to be former opponents in war. Mourning across borders is the strength that reconciles former enemies, and reconciliation has to be lived and expressed in different ways. One of them is the ceremonial way, as we do it today here in Hampton... Sorrow can and should be the beginning of an enduring commitment, an enduring duty for our generation... All the killed and missed Soldiers, the civilian victims, whenever and wherever they have lost their lives, commit us, now and in the future, not to kill and not to be violent against each other but to live for each other. Keeping this in mind, I kindly ask you all to bow with me to the graves here in Hampton and the graves of all those who have lost their lives in wars, violence and tyranny.

Thank you very much."

Colonel Klaus D. Bermes  
Bundeswehr

### February Birthdays:

10th-Joyce Ruble  
25th—Dora Stellwag  
26th—Dan Smith

### January Birthdays:

2 - Irmgard Bryan  
11- Rita Evitts  
23 - Maria Foster  
27 - Erika Reichert



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