

Congratulations!

Special congratulations are in order for the new Rheinischer Verein Prinzenpaar Heather and Andy Hacker — who were announced at the Karnevals Gesellschaft Rheinischer Verein Gruen-Weiss 1964 Mardi Gras Society of Milwaukee Coronation Ball. Andy was a former UDoM Jugendgruppe member and Heather is a current member of the UDoM Jugend and Kulturgruppe. The UDoM would like to wish them the best of luck in the coming year!



Weihnachts Show

Another wonderful German Christmas Show at the Schwabenhof has come and gone. Armin Homann and Robert Deglau deserve a tremendous amount of praise from our community for once again bringing to us, two amazing, very accomplished, and extremely talented performers from Germany. The show was wonderful, if you missed it, then you really missed out on something very special. Like all the performers in previous years, Regina Thoss and Heiko Reissing were fantastic and did not disappoint! Dancing after the show with the Perlen Band from Chicago added even more to the good holiday feelings and stimmung that prevailed throughout the night. Vielen Dank to all of those who came out!



Source: German Wisconsin Facebook Page

On behalf of the Frauen, Jaeger, Kultur, Jugend & Kinder Gruppen we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We thank you for your support this year and look forward to sharing 2012 with you!

Maria Abt, John Kleiss, Karen Schneider, Carol Gdula & MaryAnn MacGillis.

German-American HISTORY 101

Today we remember Gerhard Heinrich Mennen. A great German-American, born in Germany on July 13, 1856. Gerhard immigrated with his



parents to the USA back in 1871. Shortly after their arrival, Gerhard young and filled with ambition decided to continue his education at New York University. In 1877, following graduation, at the young age 20, Gerhard opened a retail pharmacy shop in Newark, New Jersey. This business would soon become very successful. While running the business and upon countless hours of experimentation, Mennen came up with a talcum powder called "Borated Talcum Toilet Powder" designed to help soothe the skin. This corn-based talcum powder product was first introduced and sold in 1889 it would soon prove to be a very popular item. In fact so popular was this amazing product, through its revenue, it built the foundation of a great American business empire called the Mennen Corporation, well known the world over. In later years the Mennen Corporation became known as much for its toiletries as for its incredible packaging innovations. Their lists of achievements were astounding. It was the first company to sell talcum powder in a can, shaving cream in a tube, and the famous deodorant stick, still in use today. Sadly in the year 1902, Gerhard Mennen died at the early age of 45. The company continued to operate under the direction of his widow; she later passed that torch to their son and grandson who would amass an even greater fortune. By the late 1980's the company, though well known for its "Speed Stick" faced incredible competition and in 1992 was sold to Colgate Palmolive for \$670 million. Today the Mennen Family Fortune is one of the largest in America.

May Peace, Joy, Hope and Happiness be yours during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year!

George & Erna Scherer and the Schwabenhof



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Schwabenhof New Year's Eve Dance

@ The Schwabenhof (N56 W14750 Silver Spring Rd.)

Sat., December 31, 6pm – Sun., January 1, 2012, 2am
Ring in the New Year with a bang at the Schwabenhof's New Years Eve Dinner Dance. The festivities include a buffet dinner of New York Strip Steak, Duck Legs, Fried Shrimp, and all the trimmings. Dance to the music of Johnny Hoffman und Die Herzbuben. Count down to midnight with party favors and a champagne toast. For ticket reservations contact Victor Kordas at 262/783-4436. Cost is \$65 dollars per person.

Schlachtfest Dinner Dance

@ The Schwabenhof (N56 W14750 Silver Spring Rd.)

Sat., January 21, Dinner at 6pm, Music at 8pm
The meal is monumental: a buffet consisting of roast pork, sarma, bratwurst & blutwurst, a schlacht plate (served cold), dumplings & gravy, red cabbage & hot vegetables and homemade deserts including krapfen. Enjoy the music of Johnny Hoffman und Die Herzbuben. Please contact Theresa Siladi @ 262/879-0522 for reservations. Cost is \$30 per person.

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