

Das Lied

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If you have been wondering why our website has not been updated of late, it is because SENET was not responding to my repeated requests to fix a fault where the web refused my password to update it. I have only now (Tuesday night, 12 Aug) been advised that it has been fixed. At last!

Those of us who were at Günter Teuchert's place on Saturday will no doubt join me in wishing him all the best during this difficult time. I'm sure he is in all our thoughts.

BvdW

Report from Committee Meeting

This month's committee meeting was almost entirely taken up with arrangements for the Jubilee Concert, ball and Sunday "brunch". Members were advised of some of these matters at the last practice; i.e.

- Manfred Grafton tabled a few samples of the programme – they look terrific.
- No formal presentations to visiting choirs (at Arion's request!)
- Blasmusik band booked for Sunday brunch

I can also report that car parking during the concert can be had at the Adelaide University car park – access is by driving north along Pulteney street and heading straight across North Terrace into the University grounds. Fees are \$5 all day.

From the ALT Ladies

As ladies of the ALT we will all want to help our men towards their 145th Jubilee (20.09.03 to 21.09.03) Let's therefore meet on Tuesday the 2nd of September 2003 at 7.30pm in the German Club. Please come along everyone, help is needed to support the weekend functions. Our work promises to be rewarding and full of fun. Through our own planning efforts and work we wish to achieve a smooth running and successful weekend

for our men, their visiting guests and everyone else on the special occasion. COULD ALL OUR MEN PLEASE TAKE THIS IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER AND BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THEIR WIVES OR PARTNERS. DO NOT KEEP IT IN THE MUSIC FOLDER. To all the ladies, kind regards and see you there.

Brigitte Reeh

Celebrations

Birthdays this month:

1st: Günter Teuchert (81)
3rd: Werner Tromp (72)
8th: Maurice Sykes (72)
12th: Erwin Weise (88 – And still there every week carrying the first tenors!)

If you have forthcoming personal events and celebrations let Bill, Peter T or Dieter F know and we will publish them here.

Singer Profile

Franz Bond (1st bass)

Franz has been a keen member of the ALT since 1986. His only previous singing experience goes back to the youth groups under Hitler's regime (Hitlerjugend). He has been a long time friend of Erwin Martin as they came together from Germany.

He joined in the happy days of celebration that the Liedertafel has had for many years around the Stammtisch especially for birthday celebrations. Seeing his good friend Erwin who had already joined the choir enjoying himself on those occasions he got the itch to have a go himself. Under Peter Ruys he was tested and found to be second tenor material. The 1987 trip to Germany was one of the highlights for Franz and some of the many friends that were made on tour are still with him today. Franz had no experience in singing but his trick to learn new songs was to have them recorded on tape and listen to them over and over at his leisure. He feels although the choir is getting older

and we are finding it harder and harder to get new members, he will keep going for the company and good fellowship. Franz is missing the celebration object known as "the Stiefel" (the boot) that used to do the

rounds on special occasions, but he realises that we are slowing down and a glass here or there will do the trick.
PKT

Here's an interesting bit of information submitted by Manfred Grafton:

**AUSTRALIAN & GERMAN CHORAL ASSOCIATIONS INC.
A.S.B. & D.S.B. - BADGES**

Old Badges



D.S.B. 25 years club association for Gentlemen in silver



D.S.B. 25 years club association for Ladies in silver



D.S.B. 40 years singing activity for Ladies in gold
50 years singing activity for Gentlemen in gold



D.S.B. 50 years singing activity for Ladies in gold with bow
60 years singing activity for Gentlemen in gold with bow



A.S.B. Membership Badge for Ladies & Gentlemen



A.S.B. 25 years club association for Ladies & Gentlemen in silver



A.S.B. for special service to the choir



A.S.B. for choir conductor 10 years silver & 20 years gold

Note:

The above badges expired on 31 / 08 /1999. All gold badges, special service - and conductor badges were awarded by the association free of charge. These badges were very much loved by all choir members around the world and will now be sadly missed, having been in existence for over 100 years. The new badges will have a lot to live up to. Only time will tell.

The Last Word:

NYMPHOMANIAC: Term applied by a man to any woman who wants sex more than he does.