

Das Lied

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Preparations are close to complete for the Jubilee weekend. We should all make an effort to sell as many tickets for the concert as possible, since the more we sell the closer we will get to breakeven point for what is proving to be a very expensive weekend.

Members are urged to give serious consideration to standing for committee positions at the forthcoming AGM. We all know and appreciate that a lot of you have served on the committee before, but the work shouldn't be left to the same few all the time.

BvdW

Report from Committee Meeting

- Concert compere will be Jens Sandström
- The banner which hangs over the stage has been located.
- Concert programme design has been finalised.
- Uniforms: Standard for concert; black trousers and bow ties for ball.
- The clubrooms will not quite be finished for the ball – apparently the ceiling will be unfinished but there will be no safety issues. The ball will go ahead in the upstairs ballroom.
- The club has ordered the stage blocks we requested.

From the ALT Ladies

Thank you to all who attended the meeting and to the ladies who have offered their help. The main event dates are:

Friday 19th: 10 am at the clubrooms, male help is required to help set up the tables.

Saturday 20th: We ask that our helpers be available at the Elder Hall by 1 pm.

Sunday 21st: Arrive at the club at 10am to prepare tables for the brunch commencing 11am.

We are still working on formulating a trip/picnic for the 26th October. Various suggestions discussed will follow through with costing and we will advise all in the next newsletter.

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Celebrations

Birthdays this month:

13th: Rudi Diessner (75)
19th: Manfred Baier (65)
22nd: Norbert Petersen (69)
25th: Peter van de Water (67)

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

Singer Profile

Erwin Weise (1st Tenor)

Erwin is a pure bred Hamburger, born in 1915 in the suburb of Barmbeck. He showed his musical talents whilst still in the cradle; only the tuning required some work. The first real break in his musical career came at age 8 when he and 5 other boys joined 100 girls in a Hamburg Youth Choir (he obviously knew how to have a good time even then).

Erwin's services years are somewhat mixed, joining the Air Force until grounded due to illness and the American destruction of German fuel dumps. He then performed a dangerous spell with the "Abwehr" (the Defence Services). The Hungarian uprising in 1956 prompted Erwin to look for a safer world location away from Europe's melting pot. His family (wife and 2 sons) emigrated to Australia. As a skilled painter and with the help of friends, he found work quickly in Melbourne. Erwin unfortunately lost his first wife rather young but a man with rhythm and music in his blood met Barbara (as he tells me, a tango triggered ignition on a Russian cruise liner). They have been together for 26 years now.

Two events rank high in Erwin's memory since joining the ALT. The first was the cruise on the River Rhine in 1995, singing at Rudesheim; and the other an impromptu performance under a tree in Norderstadt, where the song "Der

Lindenbaum" fitted well. Always a man with a funny line, be it about "Jan and Hein" or "klein Erna", he is a joker at heart, loves his platt and gives all of us a laugh or two whenever we meet.
PKT

Best wishes from overseas

- The Sangerlust Fleestedt wishes the Adelaider Liedertafel all the success for their 145th Anniversary.
- Success and best wishes from Gunter and Eva Maria Linhoff for our 145 year celebrations (coincidentally, it just

happens their combined age is also 145 years).

Reminder

Please note some membership dues for 2003/04 are still outstanding. The members that have not paid up by September's AGM will not be able to participate in any voting.



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The Last Word:

Useful information: A piece of paper, no matter how big or small, cannot be folded in half more than 7 times.