

Das Lied

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You wouldn't believe the problems I've had with computer equipment during the last month. When my car was broken into a couple of months ago a "memory stick" was stolen, among other things. I had stored all of the choir's data files on this thing so I had to completely resurrect everything from old backups. I stored the new stuff on a CD which promptly got corrupted (spoiled) for unknown reasons, so I had to start it all again. On top of everything else I got a bad case of the flu a couple of weeks ago, so as a result of everything I just couldn't bring out Das Lied last month. Sorry to all those people who look forward to this each month.

BvdW

Report from Committee Meeting

- It's official – we will formally apply to have the 2008 Sangerfest in Adelaide, to coincide with our 150th. A subcommittee will be formed, with several people having already expressed an interest in being involved.
- Deposits for Perth are to be paid within the next two weeks - \$85 per hotel room and \$75 per head for the entertainment (which covers the Friday night reception and the two Sunday functions).

From the Ladies

In my opinion, the Pea Soup luncheon appeared to have been a huge success with a great attendance. The soup was delicious and was given most positive feedback from all sides. What a great effort from all involved, a difficult task when the quantities are considered and the smooth running of the whole event was a delight all around. A little extra money for our Ladies Kitty was earned through [self cultivated] plant sales by one of our Ladies, 'Many Thanks'.

The cakes were plentiful and a lovely variety once again and the troops who stayed to clean up afterwards did so with such a cheerful attitude which made the

day complete, hopefully to be repeated again and again.

A reminder for the Choir that the 'Ladies Picnic' will be held on the 30th October and will once again be a 'Mystery Tour' with lunch included. This date was also given to our Ladies in their Newsletter to add to their calendar. It will be a Bus Tour and will leave from the German Club. Time frames will be given closer to the date.

Brigitte Reeh.

Celebrations

Birthdays July/August:

7th July: Gerhard Valk (74)
16th July: Karl Ascher (69)
3rd August: Werner Tromp (74)
8th August: Maurice Sykes (71)
12th August: Erwin Weise (90)

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

Singer Profile

Werner Tromp (Bass 1)

Werner arrived in Australia on May 3rd, 1952 on board the converted aircraft carrier "Nellie". Commissioned as USS "Long Island" in June 1941, she could carry 21 aircraft and was armed with one 5" gun. Now carrying immigrants to Australia, the "Nellie" was on her 5th voyage in 1952. Later extensively altered and renamed "Seven Seas" she took on charter work for the Europe - Canada Line.

Werner settled in Taillem Bend for the first two years where he worked for the railways. He met Ingrid and married 2 years later in 1954. His first exploring of Australia was a trip to Cairns where he shared the driving with 4 other mates. A trained machinist/boilermaker, Werner soon realised his future was not with the railways, and he joined Adelaide Fertilizers after further studies as a maintenance

engineer. This gave him the opportunity to visit Portland, Geelong and Newcastle.

Werner and Ingrid have 3 children - a son and 2 daughters - and 3 grandchildren. He joined the ALT about 25 years ago through Heinz Koch who was the musical director and a keen follower of the soccer club "Victoria". Werner has participated on all 3 overseas tours and was the contact for our last visit in 1995 to Fleehested near Harburg where his sister lived close by. Werner has been a past assistant treasurer, treasurer and vice president, and was a trustee for many years. He is a keen follower of (the World Game) Football and still keeps in touch with the local and overseas scene. Like all of us he is looking forward to the ALT tour to Perth.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

In the late 1840's, only a few years after European settlement, Adelaide had 63 hotels, taverns or inns. The hotel provided a sense of security and safety for citizens out on a dark night. Arriving from Port Adelaide on the last train at 6.45pm and walking from outside the railway station up Bank Street towards Hindley Street we

would encounter "The Eagle", then walking west the "Black Bull", known today as the Princess Berkeley. Walking east along Hindley Street on the corner of Gresham Place was the "Exchange Hotel".

Continuing across King William Street into Rundle Street an almost continuous strip of light was seen from the many inns. The "Red Lion" came first followed by the "Norfolk Arms" on the corner of James Place. On the Stephens Place corner was the "Globe" which had a magnificent billiard saloon and first class accommodation for guests. There was room for up to 50 horses in individual stalls. It was demolished in 1907 to make way for Myers.

On the south east corner of Gawler Place stood the "Hotel Hamburg". During WW1 its German name was changed to the "Oriental". Many grand balls were held here in later years. The welcoming lights led onwards along Rundle Street to the "King of Hanover" (later demolished for John Martin's), the "Plough and Harrow" (now the Hotel Richmond) and the "Sir John Barley Corn", where Harris Scarfe stands now. No chance to get thirsty in the 1840's if abandoned in Rundle Street.

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The Last Word: Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and just give her a house.
(Rod Stewart)