

Das Lied

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I trust that everyone is well and truly over the Sangerfest. I had a good time, although as we all know the organisation could have been better. Never mind – if and when we get the 2008 Sangerfest we'll have to show them how it's done!

Who was the member who attempted to take a complete set of cutlery through the airport metal detector on the way to Perth? I've heard of forgetting about nail files, but a whole cutlery set?

For those of you with access to the internet, have a look at our archive page – I've put all the details of the Perth Sangerfest on there. And our historian Fritz Schmelzle has lent me some more choir photos which I've also put up there.

Many thanks to all those who agreed to stand for committee last Tuesday. Unlike last year we had no problem filling all vacancies, and a big thank you to those men who stood for election only to be defeated in ballots. It's a pity that we can't all win!

New (well, let's say recycled) faces on the committee are:

*Vice President: Manfred Grafton
Assistant Secretary: Herbert Goels*

*We also have a new Music Committee:
Manfred Grafton, Peter Reeh, Franz Bond
and Fritz Schmelzle.*

Full details are on our website.

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Report from Committee Meeting

The October committee meeting, being the last one before the AGM, concerned itself mainly with organising the AGM, and with final details from the Sangerfest.

Celebrations

Birthdays this month:

6th: Sepp Rosenbluh (76)
17th: Horst Meyer (72)

29th: Horst Muller (74)
31st: Wally Pagel (70)

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

Singer Profile

Pieter van de Water (Bass 2)

Pieter's family arrived in Australia in 1955 on the "Johan Van Oldenbarnevelt", a migrant carrier built in Holland and later used on the Holland- America Line.

After a fortnight in Bonagilla migrant hostel near Wodonga in Victoria, the first period in Australia was spent at the Glenelg migrant hostel until employment was found in Crystal Brook. After 18 months the family moved to Port Pirie where Pieter found employment with the Commonwealth Railways.

Pieter has been an keen singer since the age of 5 (as were all 4 van de Water boys), singing in church choirs back in Holland, and has been awarded the 50 year German Sangerbund medallion. However, it was not until the 1970's that a stopover by the ALT in Port Augusta (on their way to Whyalla) gave him the impetus to one day join the choir. However this did not happen until 1989 when long serving and now Life Member Helmut Biedermann introduced him to the ALT. In those days new singers had to pass a brief audition and Pieter may have been the last member of our current singers exposed to this requirement.

In between Pieter showed his true colours of courtship - after meeting Brigitte who lived in Port Augusta he travelled 2 years constantly between the two towns until they married. They have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren which certainly keeps him busy with regular baby sitting duties.

Pieter continued working for the Commonwealth Railways (later Australian National) at their headquarters in North Adelaide and later at Keswick until his

retirement. His first major involvement with the choir took him to Tanunda to take part in the Sangerfest. This was a real eye opener, but not from a singing point of view. The big hall used had a dirt floor and plenty of port was flowing direct from a barrel.

While the ALT visited Germany in 1995, Pieter attended another Sangerfest, this time in Sydney. The importance of all these major functions to him is the fellowship, a successful performance and a general good time.

Pieter has been a busy contributor not only to the ALT as Treasurer and Asst Secretary but also to the German Club, again as Treasurer and purchasing officer for the Schutzenfest Committee. We have had two of the male van de Water clan singing with us for some time but I hear on the grapevine that there is a third candidate waiting in the wings. *(That's news to me! Ed.)*

PT



What are Santa and his helper doing?



Who is this?

The Last Word:

Useful information: Your stomach must produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks, otherwise it will digest itself.