

OKTOBERFEST 2016

Oktoberfest 2016 is in the books now, and for those unable to attend, here is our story. (And we're stickin' to it!)



In planning the event, we first enlisted the aid of Bob M to spruce up our flyer and make it look attractive. Job well done, thanks Bob!

Next came setting up and decorating, and we are grateful to Rosemarie C and Joy(ce) M for helping to give our venue a festive atmosphere. And speaking of our venue, we couldn't ask for better hosts that Mike and Patti C. Before our guests arrived for the party, Mike was busy making pizzas for literally the entire neighborhood. Fortunately, he had plenty left for us. The guy knows how to create goodwill! And Patti, literally the definition of sweetness, gets kudos for organizing things in the kitchen.



Next Claire C arrived with her lovely flower arrangements to grace every table. What a nice touch! Danke, ski-buddy Claire.

"Tiddlies Time", or Happy Hour, or Social Hour, or whatever you prefer to call it arrived, and

everyone was having a good time. We know this because we ran out of wine, sorry about that - we'll attribute that to everyone liking our wine selections.

Next we fired up the grill and began cooking the brats, and dinner was served right around 6:00 PM as planned.



We want to give special thanks to Frances; she seemed to be everywhere, making coffee, serving dinner, serving coffee and dessert, cleaning up afterwards, whew! She was a true superstar for us that night.

Also rising to the level of superstar was our chief bartender, John R. John brought his big ice chests, brought the ice, set up the bar area, and was pretty much responsible for all the libations consumed that evening, which were considerable. (Insert sound of many hands clapping)

We are also grateful that Paul and Ann F joined us this year, and both were very helpful, with Paul serving as John's #1 bar assistant, and Ann working smoothly with Patti and Frances serving dinner.

After dinner and dessert, (hey, how about that apple strudel, was that good or what?), Bob F had his most fun of the night in giving away door prizes. We had seven lucky winners, and prizes included a wine/bottle opener, T-shirt, hat, 3 bottles of German Riesling, and a very nice beer stein. We wish we had a prize for everyone.

As a finale, Bob and Rosemarie led a chorus of "Ein Prosit", which means "A Toast". It goes: "A Toast, A Toast, to the comfortableness/coziness of the company and the occasion." A fitting ending to the evening, we felt.

In closing, we want to also thank Ray A for setting up the mike, Carol K for picking up the desserts, Margge W for supplying us with wine glasses, and to Monte and everyone who helped cleanup and break down tables and chairs. Thanks all, and to all we have forgotten to mention.

See you at a meeting or at Snoball. (Your turn, Sharon!) Auf Wiedersehen,

Ellen and Gary F and Bob F