

## Kulturkreis Germania Culture Circle 2018

Dear Members,

The Leserkreis Germania Reader's Circle, in a group decision, has decided to change its name to Kulturkreis Germania Culture Circle. We had noticed over time that the emphasis steered away from the discussion of reading materials, and settled increasingly on the exploration and celebration of German cultural traditions and events.

As before, Dieter Eckert and I will act as facilitators for the group. We always work in close collaboration with the Germania Club, Board of Directors. Ulli has been very generous in accommodating us, and in making Club resources available.

As before, your participation is always invited, and actually is the key to the success of our gatherings.

At the moment our group is on summer vacation. We will however, start our fall program with a bang on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, from 2pm onward, when we will celebrate German Pioneer Day and the Day of German Unity.

Although the program is still in the planning stages, the Germania Choir has agreed to sing on that occasion, and the Haus Band may perhaps play for us as well.

As with previous themed events of our group, you will have the opportunity to share your own personal anecdotes and stories, from the time when you first came to Canada. We also hope to explore the history of German immigration in Canada, as well as in our region.

Dieter has some great ideas for an exhibit in our Large Hall on the topic, that I am certain will be of interest to all of you.

And yes, we know how much you love to sing, so we will prepare some song sheets of your favorite "Heimatlieder", that will take you down memory lane.

We encourage all of you to come down to the Germania Club on Oct. 9 to celebrate what all of us shared: a journey to a new land; dreams and hopes for a new life; and all the joys and hardships that have followed us on the journey that is our life.

Until next time

Waltraud Schork