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Dec 6		Narrhalla 58 Christmas Party
Dec 7	10:00 a.m.	Fisher & Hunter's Turkey Shoot
Dec 7	2:00 p.m.	Germania Choir Christmas Concert
Dec 13		Fisher & Hunter Christmas Party
Dec 14	1:00 p.m.	Germania Club Christmas Party
Dec 20		Germania Choir Christmas Party
Dec 20		SKAT Christmas Skat and Party
Dec 31	6:30 p.m.	New Years Eve GALA w/ the Swingmasters

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Jan 17		Narrhalla 58 Prinzenball
Jan 18	1:00 p.m.	Narrhalla 58 Children's Mardi Gras
Jan 25	2:00 p.m.	Movie Afternoon Filmnachmittag mit Kafee und Kuchen

Restaurant open Saturday 1-7:00 pm

Germania Choirs rehearsal Thursday at 7:30pm

Skat Saturday in the Rathskeller starting at 12:30 p.m.

Next monthly membership meeting ... January 27 at 8:00 p.m.

Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 27. Januar um 20.00 Uhr

Any members meeting or function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.



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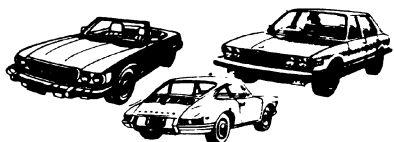
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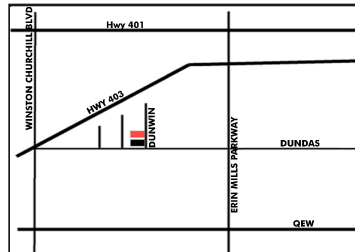
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THE CLUB THANKS

the following for
gifts received
at the 2008 Stiftungsfest:

Ladies' Auxiliary,
Fishers and Hunters,
Germania Choirs,
Jackie Schnitzer,
Horst & Irmgard Rewald
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zum 75.
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Egerter,
Hilde Platz
zum 80.
Geburtstag

The Germania Club
Welcomes
New Members

Leonard & Edna Carr
Slava Inozemtsev
Jeff & Martina Schall

Choral Notes...Continued

Clark, the multi-talented conductor and accompanist of the Transylvania Kitchener Choir. A soloist presented us with an Alpenjodler. Our own choir sang a few drinking songs, as well as a song in celebration of Marjorie Williamson's birthday and that of a visitor. There was plenty of good food, wine, and companionship, and when the Vibes Band began to play, happy dancers crowded the floor. There were door prizes and a draw. It was really an evening of fun. A thank-you to all the organizers, helpers, and participants!

Many members and friends came to the Club's Memorial Service. David Simon spoke well, and the Choir sang songs, which had an impact. Once again it was a meaningful event for those who mourn, and it was equally meaningful to all other participants.

December is a special month for our birthday celebrants Edith Behnke, Christine Eastwood,

Sigrid Feltoe, Eckhard Kries and Kurt Schaible. Enjoy your day! Have a Happy Birthday!

Remember, our Christmas Concert is on December 7th at First Pilgrim United Church. Do come out and enjoy this celebration, and have a merry Christmas!

George Fischer



Heinz Ollesch generously pays the monthly printing cost of the Germania Post. The members and board greatly appreciate Heinz's friendship, and his devotion to the Germania Club. We thank Heinz for his monthly donation

The President's Corner



The fall months are a busy time of the year with Stiftungsfest, Oktoberfests and our Memorial in the Germania Park.

This year we had a nice Stiftungsfest, as we usually do. Many members were in attendance to receive their long year awards, including three gentlemen that were recognized for their 50th year in the club.

The Stiftungsfest is a wonderful tradition that many members look forward to every year. I wish it were possible to interest all members to attend, but then again our hall wouldn't be large enough.

The Germania Club memorial is another wonderful tradition which is held every year in the Germania Park. We honour and remember members who have passed away, especially those who passed in the last year. Our choir sang selected heart-tugging songs, and Erich Pupp played "Zapfenstreich" or taps on his harmonica to begin the memorial. This is a nice way for members to say a good-bye to those who have passed on.

Sometimes the club isn't about remembering, and would like to have some fun. Fun was had at the

club's Oktoberfest as well as the required food and drink and dancing. A couple of weeks later we celebrated a second Oktoberfest with the Steel City Oktoberfest.

Our thanks to Klaus Reif of Reif Estate Winery, for his generous support of the choir's Weinfest. Klaus brought 4 excellent wines for us to sample.

If you haven't tried the Club's restaurant lately, maybe it is time to come down on a Saturday afternoon and have a nice meal. The club office also has gift certificates which make a wonderful stocking stuffer for the coming season.

Speaking of the coming season, all groups have booked their Christmas Parties and the club looks forward to serving everyone. This year we have several additional outside groups holding their Christmas Parties in the club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all board members for their support and help this year. Volunteers are the backbone of the club, a huge thank you to all members who volunteer their time and talent for the Club.

On behalf of board of Directors I wish all members and friends a Christmas filled with everything that brings meaning.

David Simon



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The Campers' Report



What happened to our summer? I blinked and it was over. Too much rain and too often cool weather. But we did get a grant spanking new dock and already made good use of it.

On Saturday, October 25th, we had our annual camper and election meeting.

This one will go into history as the shortest and least attended meeting the campers ever had.

Part of the reason was, perhaps, there was no notice of this meeting on the back of the Germania Post's social activity page.

After the barely one hour session we found out that:

- Nobody present was interested in any executive position for the campers.

- The present board agreed to remain until the spring meeting in May.

- The camping rate for 2009 will go up by \$ 16.00 per campsite from the previous year..

- The entrance gate to the park may be locked to us during the winter, if the grounds are too soft to drive on. To check your trailer you may have to walk in.

So here we are.

The next spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2009, at the Pavilion in the park; time to be announced..

At that time, we hopefully will elect

a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and a social committee. (Not to mention washroom cleaner and Campers' Report scribe).

Any camper, interested in any of these positions, will have a chance to run.

Perhaps, this is as good a time as any, to remind everyone that the camping fees are due before the end of February 2009.

If, on your campsite, you use a second fridge, use air conditioning or mow your lawn with an electric lawn mower, each of those little foibles will set you back another \$ 27.00

The membership fee for the Germania Club is on top of that. All taxes are included.

As I am writing this, 2008 still has two month left. Some leafs are still on the trees and the weather is balmy. So with this last part I have a hard time, but since Joan is already scouring the stores for those hard to get presents and my grandchildren are leaving little notes with gift suggestions on our fridge, I guess I have to bite the bullet.

Karl and the gang wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a joyful celebration into the New Year.

There, I said it.

For
Karl Heidt, Chairman,
Egon Roesslein, Camper.



Chor Bericht

With the 144th Stiftungsfest (anniversary) just passed, we celebrated an event which is shrouded in some mystery. It is certain that the year 1864 is the year of the foundation of the Männergesangverein (male chorus), and, by extension, that of the Germania Choirs. But it is less clear when the Germania Club was formed. The Club's archival records are surprisingly silent about the formation of the Club.

The minutes of the Club before the year 1914 are missing. Between 1914 and 1953, Stiftungsfests were celebrated irregularly, sometimes in spring, sometimes in fall, and sometimes not at all; and when Stiftungsfests are mentioned in the minutes, the year of celebration is not specified. There are no surviving histories of the 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries. Unfortunately, the 50th and 75th anniversaries of the Männergesangverein fell on the years 1914 and 1939 respectively not an opportune time for writing complimentary histories about a German-Canadian organization within the then British Dominion! One must assume that the year 1953 was chosen for the celebration of the 89th anniversary of the Club in consultation with the older

members; but how reliable was their advice when their own records were so poor? Thus the year 1964 became the year of the 100th anniversary, and it was no more reliable than that of the 89th anniversary. We do have a record of the names of the founders of the Club, but, unfortunately, that document is not dated. Thus the mystery of the Club's origin remains. As Ted Dodds and David Simon stated at the anniversary, the Club grew out of the associations of the members of the choir, their families and friends. Considering the close connection between the Choirs and the Club, it is just as well, then, that both Stiftungsfests are celebrated together.

Our Winefest on October 25th was a wonderful event. In addition to the fine samples of wine offered by Klaus Reif of Reif Estates, we enjoyed the visit of two choirs: the Stratford Choir and the Transylvania - Kitchener Choir. The day coincided with the meeting of the DKSB, and, therefore, there were visitors from other choirs also. It was nice to see some of our Sunday-night dancers and Club members attend as well. There were many highlights: The hall and tables were decorated in beautiful fall colours with a wreath, gourds, pumpkins, and grapes! I loved the Stratford singers' performance of the madrigal 'Tanzen und Springen', and a new song 'Coming Home' received a compliment from Ian



Fischer & Jäger

Hello Folks and welcome to December.

On behalf of the Vorstand, Merry Christmas to all our members, family and friends.

Our upcoming events are as follows, December 07, 2008 is our annual Turkey Shoot at the park. Come on out for breakfast and a chance at getting a turkey as well as some other prizes. Come early to ensure a free parking spot. The next even is our Christmas party and awards ceremony. December 13, 2008 at our Germania Club. Please call Gary or Rosi to let us know if you will be attending.

Finally we will be having our year-end elections and may be voting for a new executive committee. Our existing committee did a wonderful job, but we are always looking for new members and new ideas. Come on out February 01, 2009.

Based on our General membership meeting of 2008 it was agreed that our membership prices will increase by \$5 to \$30 per year. For our ladies an increase by \$2.5 will apply. The fees for the cottage will remain the

same.

Our casino night which was held on November 01, 2008 turned out to be a fun evening for those who attended. Perhaps next time we will see more of our members. The dock at the cottage is complete and from what we heard it looks great. Thanks to the volunteers that built this. Our executive committee works very hard to ensure our club continues what we are missing is you. As we all know a motor cannot run without fuel. Our membership is the fuel that keeps us running. Come on out and contribute your fuel to the motor. We truly hope that your Christmas is exciting and you all enjoy yourselves. All the best from the executive committee to you and yours.

Petri Hiel
Richard Kramolowsky
P.S. Santa is watching.
Stay safe and see you all soon.

Children's Christmas Party

Dec 14, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Please register your
children or
Grandchildren
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Benno Kruck

By Uschi Schien

Benno Kruck was born on the 2nd of April 1924 in Berlin, Germany. After completing his schooling, he became an interior decorator. He worked in his trade until he was drafted, and served as a soldier from 1942 until 1945. Then Benno met Edith, and they got married on the 7th of October 1950 in Berlin. 5 years later in August 1955 Benno immigrated to Canada ... The same Year in December Edith followed with their Son Peter. Peter was born in Germany, Benno and Edith have 2 children, their Daughter Brigitta was born in Canada.

After Benno got established in Canada, he worked as an insurance agent, until he retired.

Benno joined the Germania Club in 1958. He became a very active Member of the Germania Club. For instance, he became an Elferrat at the Narrhalla, in 1958. He was 1st Secretary on the Board of Directors from 1966 -1967, First Social Director from

1967 - 1968. While he was Social Director he escorted "Miss Germania" to Germany and they were received by the then Bundes President, Heinrich Luebke.

Benno was very active in a membership drive, he organized flights to Germany at that time, and so everyone who wanted to go on that Trip to Germany, had to be a Member of the Germania Club. Benno was always willing to take part on Committees.

On the 11th of March 1990 Benno became President of the Germania Club, for a term of 2 years, and in 1992 he was re-elected for 2 more Years, until 1994. I assume that many Members remember Benno, when he was so active for the Germania Club.

Benno and his wife Edith have not been in the best of health in the last few Years, and we hope every thing turns out for the better.

The Germania Club would like to say thank you for all the time and effort you spend in the Club, while you were able to do so. Benno, thank you so much.





Aus unserem Frauenverein

I can't believe we have that time of the year again. Preparation for our Christmas Bazaar on November 16, 2008 are in full swing. Rosi Kramolowsky is very busy with organizing this event. Linda Wanner has her hands full with booking and arranging tables, to make everybody happy.

We were holding a minute of silence for Günter Melms.

Now our ladies are busy with baking cake and cookies.

Our December Birthday Ladies are
Erna Melloh December 2

Hilde Platz December 8
80 years young

Margerite Platz December 20
Lieselotte Heuck December 21

Congratulations Best wishes for your health and happiness from all of us.

By the time you read this, the Bazaar will be over. Hoping it will be successful and December 3rd we have our Christmas Party.

That's all for now, here is my poem for Christmas

A Country Christmas

*Oh, it's a country Christmas
That I am dreaming of,
With candles in the windows
And a home that's filled with love.*

*With children singing carols
As they trim the Christmas tree,
And mother in the kitchen
Baking treats for you and me.*

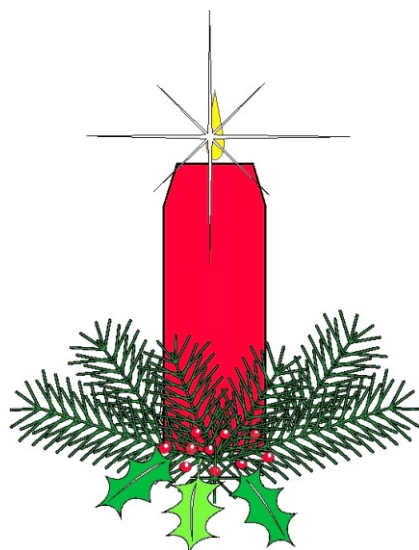
*A church upon the hillside
And moonlight on the snow.
Oh, it's a country Christmas
That casts a special glow.*

Author: Loise Pinkerton Fritz

Stay healthy and keep smiling!

Your Helga Laqua

*Best wishes to all of you, for
Christmas and the New Year.
May it be healthy and blessed.*



Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"

Hello fellow Karnevalists!

The Karneval season will open for Narrhalla on November 14th with our Kappenabend followed the next evening with an outing to Narrenzunft Kitchener for their opening.

On November 1st we went to Narragonia Brantford in celebration of their 3 x 11 Anniversary. It was a wonderful evening with the highlight being the Narragonia Guard performing a medley of their dance routines from the past 33 years.

Our Narrhalla Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 6th in the restaurant. Cocktails will be from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm and Dinner starting at 6:00 pm. If you plan to attend please call David at (905) 689-2640 or myself at (905) 549-7004, because we need to order meals no later than December 1st.

Just to give you enough time to plan your calendar for 2009 our Prinzenball will be held on January 17th and the following day is the Kindermaskenball or Children's Mardi Gras. Hope to

see you all there.

Birthday wishes go out to Willi Kramolowsky who has his birthday on December 12th, congratulations and best wishes Willi from all of us.

As Christmas time is approaching on behalf of the members of Narrhalla we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Helau, Alaaf and Ahoi
Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary



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As we near the end of the year, and the battle for top spot develops, we all count on each of our scores taking out the bad ones we don't want to remember. As I write this article, there are five Saturdays left, and I hope to see you all at 12:30 pm every Saturday. We look forward to our small group celebrating Christmas, and this year, as the Club Restaurant is not available to us after our Skat Game, our group decided that we would have lunch in the restaurant before our game.

Our Christmas Lunch will take place on Saturday, December 20th, at 12:00 noon, after which we will start our game in the Weincellar at 2:00 pm. I would appreciate if you would let me know if you are going to participate in the lunch, as the Germania Club does rely on our providing the numbers, so they can plan our meal.

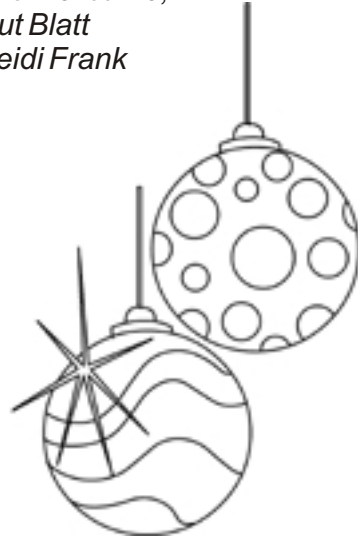
Our neighbouring clubs are also welcoming us to their Christmas Skat, Hansa Haus party will be December 21, 3 rounds starting at 9:00 AM

In Kitchener the Christmas Skat will be December 16th. Please let me know if you plan on going to any of the other Christmas Parties as well, as it is always better to drive with one car.

From our Skat Club to the mem-10-

bers and their families, we do wish you a safe and Merry Christmas.

Until next time,
Gut Blatt
Heidi Frank



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We don't know how well we did at the Christmas Bazaar but we will know soon. In the mean time we are getting ready for our Christmas party on the 17th of December. We will have a raffle so if you could bring a gift or two that would be great. Alex is bringing the music, so it sounds like we will have a great time. I hope to see everyone at our party at 12:00 noon in the Club's restaurant.

Until Then a very Merry Christmas to our friends at the Germania Club.

And a Happy new year to you all.
The Best
Linda Wanner.

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