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January 19	7:00 p.m.	GKG Narrhalla 58 PRINZENBALL featuring the Golden Keys in the large hall
January 20	1:00 p.m.	GKG Narrhalla Children's Mardi Gras
January 22	7:00 p.m.	Constitution Article VIII Special Meeting
January 22	following	Germania Club Budget Meeting
January 26	5:00 p.m.	Grünkohllessen/Kale Dinner in the large hall

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

February 3	2:00 p.m.	Fischer & Jäger meeting and elections in the small hall
February 6	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday heringessen - Narrhalla
February 16	7:00 p.m.	All Choirs Night - Germania Choirs
February 28	7:30 p.m.	Choirs general meeting with elections
March 9	10:00 a.m.	Germania Club Annual General Meeting
March 16		100th Anniversary Celebration of the Ladies Auxiliary
March 22		Easter Egg hunt in the Park

Germania Choirs rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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

Next monthly membership meeting ...January 22 at 8:00 p.m.

Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 22. Januar um 20.00 Uhr

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



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Germania Club's

GRÜNKOHLESSEN

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January 26, 2008

Doors open 5:00pm Dinner starts at 6:00pm
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SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting is called for January 22, 2008 at 7:00pm. The agenda for the meeting is to finalize items of change to Article VIII of the constitution and following that a meeting to set the budget for 2008.

The Board of Directors

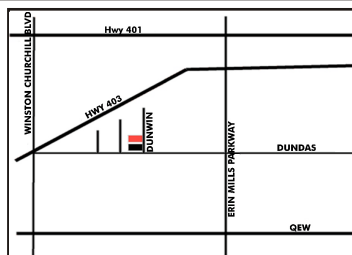
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Treasurer of the Germania Club would like to remind all members that it is time to renew club memberships. As we all know our largest expenses come in the beginning of the year.

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*The Board of Directors
Germania Club of Hamilton*



Aus unserem Frauenverein

Here we are, our last meeting for the year 2007.

Präsidentin Rosi Kramolowsky thanks all the members who baked, helped and donated to make our Bazaar a great one. Special thanks go to Linda Wanner who did all the bookings for the tables and her husband Eberhard who helped Linda set up tables and take them down. A thank you also goes to Alex Wegner who provided the music and the mike. And to Nina Fischer for donating a cake.

We were happy to see Heide Marlene Grunewald in our midst. She was unable to come for a long time due to her ailments.

A long time member, Kaethe Bastel, is in a nursing home at Regina Gardens, 536 Upper Paradise Road, Room 235, Hamilton, ON L9C 5E3. Tel. 905-383-2970.

Our birthday ladies for January, 2008 are: Rose Strinich, Liesel Graeser, Ina Reila, and Trudel Mueller. Congratulations to all of you. We ended our meeting early so we could enjoy our Christmas party. We even had a visit from Santa! He was a little late in coming; the police checked all vehicles, even sleds! Ho! Ho!

Ho! But better late than never. After the visit we had delicious food and drinks. A thank to Gary Albrecht for making our evening special. He makes a terrific Santa.

That's all for this year. January 2008 will be no meeting. Next one will be February 6, 2008. See you all again at that time.

Keep healthy and smiling!

Yours, Helga Laqua
Secretary.

Here is my poem for the end of the year.

Each Life Affects Another

We may not always realize that everything we do, Affects not only our lives, but touches others too.

For a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care, Creates a ray of sunshine, for both of you to share.

Yes, every time you offer someone a helping hand; Every time you show a friend you care and understand.

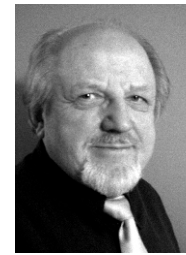
Every time you have a kind and gentle word to give;

You help someone find beauty, in this precious life we live.

For happiness brings happiness, and loving ways bring love, And giving is the treasure, that contentment is made of.

Author unknown.

The President's Corner



Ho Ho Hooo! I am full of Christmas spirit and I hope you are too! As a chorister I started to celebrate the Christmas season on December 2nd, and Nina and I have been celebrating ever since then. We celebrated with the Sunday night dancers, the Fishers and Hunters, Narrhalla '58, the parents and children at the Club's Christmas party, and with a few friends, and the season is not finished yet! Once again there were many busy members decorating the halls, setting the tables, wrapping the gifts, and preparing and serving the meals. I thank all those people and hope they are having a nice Christmas too. Unfortunately some of our members are struggling with serious health problems. You are on our minds, and we hope that

Christmas is still in your heart despite the difficulties.

The New Year will be upon us in a few blinks of the eye, and we will face new challenges. Please, attend the Special Meeting on January 22nd at 7 p.m. If all goes well, we should complete our deliberations on Article VIII and also pass the budget for the year 2008. The next major event after that will be our election, and I hope you are giving it your consideration.

With these events in mind, I wish you all a happy New Year!
George Fischer



Dieter Cawi, George Fischer and Barbara Haybarger at the Stiftungsfest.



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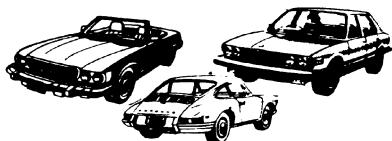


Our best birthday greetings go to Liesel Graeser, who celebrates her 83rd birthday on January 10th and to Martha Fenske, who celebrates her 90th birthday on January 20th. May you both have a great birthday!

We will now be on our winter break all of January and February and we will be back again on Wednesday March 19th at 1:00pm.

*Looking forward to seeing you then,
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Linda Wanner.*

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Chor Bericht

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde des Chorgesanges!

Die Natur hat ihr Winterkleid angezogen und es weihnachtet überall. Schöne geschmückte Häuser zeugen vom bevorstehenden Weihnachtsfest.

Wir hatten bereits unser Weihnachtsfest in der First-Pilgrim United Church in Hamilton. Wir begannen unser Konzert mit den Liedern; "Zündet die Lichter der Freude an"; "A Babe was born in Bethlehem" und "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen" von M.Praetorius 1600. Unsere "Engel" (Enkelkinder von Ingrid Oppermann) trugen bekannte Weisen vor, "Schneeglöckchen, Weißröckchen" und "Kling Glöckchen Kling" und ein Weihnachtsgedicht. Unser Frauenchor brachte zum Vortrag; "Ein Licht hat sich entzündet"; "An die Freude" von L.van Beethoven (europäische Nationalhymne) und "Were you there on that Christmas Night?" Der Männerchor trug vor; "Süßer die Glocken nie klingen (Volksweise); "Hymne an die Nacht" von L.van Beethoven und "Weihnachtsglocken" von Herrmann Sonnet. Der gemischte Chor trug weiterhin vor einige bekannte englische Weihnachtslieder. Nach der Pause ging es weiter mit

altbekannten Weihnachtsliedern, gefolgt von zwei Duets gesungen von Getrud Press, Christine Eastwood, Brigitte Müssner und Hedda Wagenblast. Unsere Pianistin Krista Wegner brachte einen Piano Solo zum Vortrag. Nachdem, wir alle anwesenden zusammen ein paar altbekannte Volksweisen sangen; beendete der gemischte Chor das Konzert mit "O holy Night" und mit Händels "Halleluja Chorus" aus dem Messiah, wozu die anwesenden uns mit stehendem applaus dankten. Zum schluss sangen wir alle "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht". So verging wieder ein gelungener Konzernachmittag. Anschließend laden wir all Gäste noch ein zum gemütlichen Beisammensein zu Kaffee und Kuchen und Weihnachtsgebäcke, was wiederum von unseren Sängerfrauen gebacken, und gestiftet wurde. Am Abend trafen sich die Chöre im Mandarin Restaurant bei einem schmackhaften Abendessen. Geburstag feiern im Monat Januar 2008: Ingrid Oppermann, Willi Schäfer, Arnold Schäfer, Susanne Butz, David Simon, Christel Strassgurtl und Georg Fischer. Ich wünsche allen beste Gesundheit und die herzlichsten Glückwünsche zu ihrem Ehrentag. Weiterhin wünsche ich allen ein fröhliches, gesegnetes Weihnachten und ein glückliches, gesundes, neues Jahr.

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Arnold Schäfer



Fischer & Jäger

Hello Folks and welcome to January 2008.

It has been a very busy year and we as Vorstand and membership have worked very hard. Our turkey shoot was very well attended; the workers, volunteers, members, and friends all had a great time.

We held our Christmas party/ awards banquet in December. For all of the people that attended we were treated to some very good food and an outstanding trophy presentation. Congratulations to all.

We are all waiting now for spring fishing. Be patient folks.

Our next festivity is our year-end election. Please remember all posts are available and without help from our members we will not continue. The election date will be February 3, 2008 at 2pm at our club in the small hall.

I truly enjoy writing these articles to keep you all informed and now I request that we can update our pictures at the club. This does 2 things, it promotes our fisher and hunters and it is always to show all the visitors what we have to offer. You can loan them or donate

them. All are appreciated.

On behalf of the Vorstand I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year's. Please support our Germania Club to the best of your abilities.

Thought for the month.
Can we win without practice?
Can we run without learning to walk?
Can we succeed without trying?
Perhaps we try and then we all win.

Petri Heil,
Richard Kramolowsky.

P.S I would like to thank all the people that work behind the scenes to make this group a success.
Our volunteers, helpers, and kids, without you, where would we be - gone, take care.



Gary Albrecht making a presentation to the club at the Stiftungsfest



Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"

Helau and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Narrhalla's annual Kappenabend is really a fun night. With the great support of many friends including many members from the Germania Choir we had a successful night. Right from the start we have a good and sometimes naughty jokes, lots of singing and joy all around.



The following day we made our way to Kitchener and their opening and Prince and Princess crowning. As usual we had a good

time laughing and singing along with their music master Joe Lindlau. Dancing was very good to the band Variation.

Next came our 50th anniversary opening in the large hall. Not as well attended as it should have been, but we celebrated the special mark in time for the Narrhalla the best we could. We had special guests all the way from Winnipeg, which made the evening even more special. Our first Funkemariechen Ute Perl was in attendance and Sigrid Whelan our first Karneval princess was also present. For being 'firsts' Ute and Sigrid were both awarded our special 50th anniversary medal.

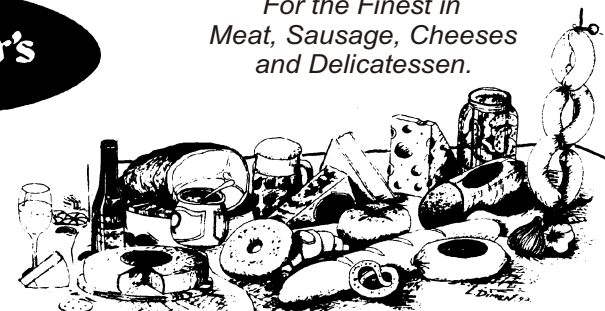


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Narrhalla 58 Continued...

The Narrhalla is grateful to the Narrenzunft Kitchener and The KG Loreley for bringing their Garde Girls to perform dances for us. They were both very entertaining.



Thank you to Harry Rischke for volunteering his help at the door.

The Narrhalla had its Christmas party on Saturday December 8th. This year we held the party in the restaurant for that cozy effect. It was a nice quiet dinner with lots of conversation and social time. Thanks to Chef Ray Osborn, Hedda Wagenblast and staff for looking after us so well.

Even though Karneval and Christmas are happier times

normally, we can't help but think about our two members whom we miss greatly, Albert Kergl and Bill Matthew. In the same note Richard and Rosemary Lutz have been missed as Rosemary is ill in hospital. The Narrhalla family is not the same without them.

Coming up next on January 19th will be our Prinzenball with music by the band the Golden Keys. Tickets can be purchased by calling Monika Turner at 905-679-0086 or from any Narrhalla member. Lori Kramolowsky will have tickets in the club office as well.

The next day on the 20th will be our annual children's Mardi Gras, any child may attend the Children's Maskenball, you don't need to be a member of the Narrhalla to attend any of our functions. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend!

We have 2 birthdays in January, Honourary President Paul Biegger on January 12th and my Birthday is on January 18th. Congratulations to all and good luck for the New Year!

I wish all members of the Germania Club a Healthy and Happy New Year!

With Helau, Alaaf und Ahoi
David Simon
Elferrats President

THE CLUB THANKS YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR SERVICES!

Those who decorated the Club. It's just so beautiful!

At the Christmas party: Over-all Co-ordinator was Susan Butz. Uschi Schien who helped with the gifts. Erica Kildau who was the fabulous entertainer. Ingrid Oppermann and her four Granddaughters who performed. Gary Albrecht provided the cookies, cooked the wieners for the hot dogs and played a very special role in the event. Carol Albrecht who was behind the bar selling drinks, coffee and cake. Alex Albrecht who helped at the cookies and drinks table. Hedda and Arthur Wagenblast who helped in so many areas including the clean up after. Violette Rocheleau who was at the door selling the tickets. A special thank you to Beverage World who provided the drinks!

Dietrich Eckert and Egon Rösslein who have made further improvements to our yellow sign!!!



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Rudi Oster

By Uschi Schien

Rudi Oster was born on April 17, 1931 in Neusatz, Serbia.

He and his parents lived there until October 1944 when they were evacuated to Stuttgart, Germany. Rudi was 13 at the time.

In 1956, Rudi and his parents immigrated to Canada. In 1957 he joined the Germania Club in Hamilton and was very active in the Stamp Collecting Group.

Rudi worked at International Harvester until 1967. Then he started his own business called Beaver Coin and Stamps. His

business is located on King Street East in Hamilton. At 76 years of age, Rudi still operates his Business.

Rudi was married for 40 years. Sadly his wife passed away 6 years ago. He has one son and five grandchildren.

Twice a year, he flies to Europe to see friends.

Rudi, we wish you all the best and a long, happy life.

Photos from Stiftungsfest 2007



The Campers' Report



Even though, we all are comfortably ensconced for the winter in our homes or, in some cases, in a resort down south, things are still happening in the park and its campground.

Our new dock is still a work in progress. The earlier than expected winter has put a stop to the construction for now. Also, Rosemary, Richard's wife has been in the hospital for a long time and Richard likes to be at her side as much as he can. Coming next spring, he and Karl Heidt will have another go at it so we'll be able to enjoy this dock in the summer.

In tandem, with the work on the dock, our Parkmeister also managed with Karl's help:

- 1. Replaced one of the recently planted trees that had died.*
- 2. Took the tops off all the steel picnic tables for winter storage.*
- 3. Cut down a huge, dead Elm tree near the storage outbuildings, plus two others.*

As you can see, a good park manager's work is never done.

*At the Turkey Shoot, the Hunters and Fischers hosted, someone brought an ATV into the park and proceeded to tear ass around with it. All Terrain Vehicles can be a lot of fun when used properly. **The Germania Park is not the place for them.** We have no trails or areas for them to be ridden on. In*

our open and grassy fields, they are very destructive. They are noisy, leave ruts and create yet more work for our park manager.

Perhaps, the chairperson of our park committee should adjust the rules to reflect that.

For those that drive into our park in the off season, please stay on the road and on the parking lot. Freezing and thawing weather creates soft spots in the most unexpected areas.

Last week, I received an e-mail from Uli and Helmut Sanner (lot #36) with a request to which I will gladly comply.

I'm quoting Uli:

"One day, when we went out to the park to close everything up, we found some "Heinzelmaennchen" (Gnomes, Goblins) had mowed our lawn. Helmut would not have been able to do that and we were very thankful. We tried to find out who the Heinzelmaennchen was, but to no avail. We would like to thank the nice person(s) and say how much we appreciated it. Thank you very much."

This is all for 2007.

Karl, Eva, Joan and I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a great celebration into the New Year.

Let's make 2008 a better year still.

*For Karl Heidt, Camper Chairman
Egon Roesslein, Camper.*



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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the business management committee members for their hard work and dedication in making the Germania Club more successful in the past year. Without their work and the work of many club members, everything we did in the year would not have been possible.

I'd like to assure all members that we are concerned, as you are, about your safety when you come to the club. In this year we have seen an increase of people who try to prosper at our expense. Mostly they have caused damage that Alex Wegner and his helpers have had to repair. The board has decided to beef up our security by adding enhancements to the alarm system and adding hi quality monitored security cameras.

Special club events, such as the New Year's Eve Gala, will have security personnel in the parking and front door area. Thereby offering a more secure atmosphere to enjoy the party.

We are now in full swing of Christmas Parties and it is my hope that the Club will fulfill your expectations. One party that is in the past for us is the Sunday Night Social dance "thank you" Christmas Party.

Thank you to Heinz and Marjorie for bringing a beautiful cake and to Katherine Wahrlich for donating

cookies and several door prizes and Nina Fischer who donated cheese and cracker and a poinsettia for a door prize. Thank you to DJ Christa who donated her DJ services for the evening! Thank you also to Uschi Schien and Violette Rocheleau for coming and helping, and Dieter Eckert our volunteer champagne cork popper extra ordinaire!

David Simon



Sunday Dances in your club.....

Seem to be a well-kept secret and we would like to make you aware of them. A nice group of people, we call them our regulars, show up at around 7:00 p.m. and enjoy some nice dance music presented by rotating D.Js. These dances are presented and staffed by members of your club and I would like to see more of our members to join the fun. It would be nice to see some new faces at these dances. Besides good company and music we have a one time special treat for you: Show up at the door with the original copy of this article and two people will be admitted for the price of one. It should not be a problem to come dancing on a Sunday night now that you and your friends are retired. So why not make up a table and join the crowd?

Dietrich Eckert



Angels at the Christmas Party

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