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Next monthly membership meeting ... August 25th, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 25. August um 19:30 Uhr

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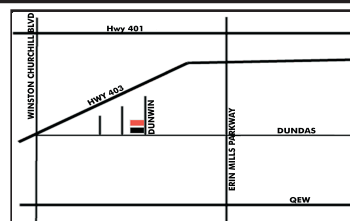


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Luke & Janette Pascall
Martin Ramsey

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Do I smell
birthday
cake?



Aus unserem Frauenverein

Here we are again! Summertime and our last meeting till September 2nd, 2009. We always take August off, so we all can take time to enjoy our summer. Some members go on holiday or to cottages. Some enjoy it just being home.

By the time you read this, the Germania Club's picnic will be over, also our weekend at Lake Dalrymple. Some of our ladies were busy on July 2nd, 2009 making potato salad for Gage Park and baking cake for the picnic.

September 9th, 2009 is our Applemania so we will be baking again. We really need a full house for this event. Please plan to attend. We will have lots of cakes, door prizes, tombola and bingo prizes.

As always, we had a lot of fun at our meeting and delicious food with strawberry cake with real whipping cream and great sandwiches. I even had 2 pieces of cake with whipping cream, bad for me but it tasted good.

Congratulations to our birthday lady Christa Lueth on August 20th.

That's all for now. Enjoy your summer. Stay healthy and smiling.

*Yours truly
Helga Laqua*

*Here is my thought for this month:
The heart is like a treasure chest
that's filled with souvenirs;
It's where we keep the memories
we've gathered through the years*



Ladies Auxiliary

*Thank you
Rosi Kramolowsky for
making all the sauerkraut
&
Thank you Ladies Auxiliary
for all the wonderful desserts
for the picnic*



The President's Corner



Did I hear someone say it was summertime? I guess it must be summer as we've participated at the Gage Park "It's Your Festival" which is a multicultural festival that celebrates our heritages and the birthday of our great nation, Canada. Also we have had our Germania Club PICNIC in the well groomed and beautiful Germania Park on the shores of Lake Niapenko. What is unlike summertime is the cool and wet weather. Thank God we Germans are a tough stock, made even tougher by living in Canada with its four seasons.

Both summertime events have many things in common. First is of course the food, all important for a good festival or for a great Germania Club Picnic. Second of all is the volunteers, the members and non members that help at the events. Without that help the Germania Club could never participate in the Gage Park event, or hold a members picnic. Thank you all who helped, even in a small way. I want to thank one person in particular. Carol Albrecht seems to me to be superwoman. I don't think I could even think of or recall all the things she does. Carol handles orders, deliveries, pickups of liquor, beer, food supplies, plates and stuff,

petty cash, make posters, signs, does shifts as cashier, opening on Saturdays, closing on Saturdays, coming in some Tuesday nights, and after all that is still is friendly and calm. My hats off to you Carol, and the club thanks you sincerely.

I don't mean to diminish the great help of stellar volunteers like Richard Lutz, Eckhard Kries, Dieter Eckert, Karl Heidt, Rosi Kramolowsky, Gary Albrecht, many others. Their efforts are very much appreciated and needed to keep our ship running and running smoothly. I'm sure Carol in another job, will mention all that helped elsewhere in the Germania Post.

All members should look forward to the upcoming picnic of the Campers, the Fisher & Hunters Corn Roast and the return of the Ladies Auxiliary Apfelfest in the large hall. After those the club life will come back into full swing with Oktoberfests, Weinfest, and Stiftungsfest. I ask you to do your part as a member and attend when you can, and please suggest events to your friends and family. In order to keep this club viable we need your support.

Take care and have a fun and safe summertime, hopefully with warmer weather.

David Simon



Choral Notes

The cherry season is upon us, and whether you are up north, in the vicinity, or far away, I hope you enjoy the colours of summer.

As previously announced, the Germania Choirs ended the season with a picnic – and was it ever nice! There was ample good food in many varieties, from salads and barbequed meats to delicious deserts. It was amusing to watch some fingers snitching treats from under the plastic; the food just looked too enticing, like that first fruit so many eons ago! As the prayer says, 'bless the hands that prepared the food', and thanks to all who brought out their culinary best! Thanks also to our organizers, suppliers of beverages, barbeque-ers, kitchen staff, decorators, and cleaner-uppers. The hall looked so much nicer too with the newly installed windows thanks to the Fishers and Hunters.

Of course, we sang our standards, and, of course, Brigitte Muesner strummed the guitar for everybody's pleasure. Musically we are progressing, and now we have our own band with Ingrid Opperman on the accordion, Karl Uschold on the guitar, and Arthur Wagenblast on the drums. The musicians have been practicing for months, and their efforts paid off well. Not only did we enjoy their entertainment, but also many could not resist the sound

and danced to the beat. Besides our own choir members, there were a few guests, including a couple from Germany and Brigitte's sister Inge.

With temperatures below 20° C and rainy days in the forecast, it took some courage to hold the picnic, but the sun did come out, and our athletes took advantage of the break up of the clouds and kicked the ball around. At our age participation is the goal and reward of such games – everybody wins! Those less vigorous chatted or sang along with Brigitte's folk singing warblers and also had a good time.

We are looking forward to two big events this summer: Susan and Erich Butz's Golden Anniversary, and Christa and Eckhard Kries's picnic at the lake. Hope you all have a good season until then, and hope to see you at these occasions!

It is strange that out of a group of about 45 singers only one has a birthday in the month of August! Somebody must make a study of this rare phenomenon and find the reason for the underlying human behaviour! On the other hand, dear Hildegard Bittner, enjoy your special status and enjoy your birthday so much the more! Happy Birthday to you!

*To all a great summer!
George Fischer*

*Thank you to the Choir
for running the tombola.
Thank you to Arthur and
Ingrid for the live
entertainment.*

Germania Club Picnic 2009



Christa & Hedda



David



Karl and Eva ~ dinner for two



Aren't these girls just so cute!!



Ingrid and Arthur



Carnival Games - fun for all



Children dancing and having fun



Richard - finally relaxing



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The members of Narrhalla '58 are still enjoying their summer holidays. Remember to mark October 3rd on your calendars for the Steel City Oktoberfest. I will have more information for you in the September Germania Post.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our members Anna and Albert Kergl on the birth of their daughter and first granddaughter for Ruth. Congratulations!

Until September take care

*Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary*

*Thank you
Narrhalla
for all your help at the
picnic.*

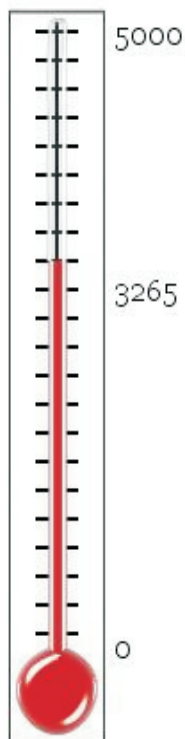


Richard and Albert dancing up a storm!

*No report for the month of
August*

Fundraising

New carpet in the Large Hall



Choir Picnic At The Germania Park

Entertainment

*Ingrid Oppermann,
Karl Uschold,
Arthur Wagenblast
and Erich Puppa*



*The Choir's
"House Band"*



*Thanks Evelyn Crawford
for these lovely pictures.*

We now have, thanks to
Eckhard Kries, THREE
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Also there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes; thank you Lori Kramolowsky for running from one end of the city to the other with me picking up all the stuff. A special thank you to Arnold Schaeffer for making 150 pounds of potato salad and donating it and another special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for making 250 pounds of potato salad. This is a tedious job. I've done it once, never again. Thank you David Simon for your support when things were getting shaky. All the times you must have cringed when you saw your call display. (ha, ha)

As for the Germania Picnic, it was awesome! If you weren't there, you missed a fun filled day. Every year you will see more and more new faces helping and enjoying themselves. It is so wonderful to see all the sub-groups come together and work together. From Richard Lutz and his crew setting up the park to Judi Keller and her crew making potato salad. George Kiss and Harold Kannenberg from the Fisher and Hunters cooked the meals and they were splendid. Each year we say it is better tasting than last year. Along with your meal you could get a nice cold beer from the bartenders Hugh Turner, Dieter Eckert or Billy Crowe. Rosi Kramolowsky made the sauerkraut and the Ladies Auxiliary brought all the scrumptious cakes.

Can't wait until next year! At the entrance, you were greeted by Owen Buchan, Arnold Schaeffer and Max Selymayer. And of course you can't forget the people that collect the money for the meals and drinks Barbara Haybarger, Lori Kramolowsky and David Simon. The carnival games were a smash with the kids and I caught some adults playing too... Christina Albrecht, Joel Comptom with the supervision of Albert Kergl and Richard Kramolowsky tended to the games. They did a marvelous job. The kids were happy and that was nice to see. Hedda Wagenblast along with the choir ran the tomobola. I know that was a success because when I finally got a chance to claim my winnings, there was nothing left. Later that day we enjoyed the live music played by Arthur Wagenblast and Ingrid Oppermann.

All I can say is good company and good teamwork made it a successful day. And the sunny day helped too.

Thank you everybody! der Verein dankt allen Helfern.

See I am learning....

Carol Albrecht



The Campers' Report

Let me start this article with Karl's Sausage Fest (wiener roast). This man needs a bigger barbecue (or two regular ones), to cook all the sausages at the same time. We had a terrific turnout and the crowd was hungry. These wiener roasts are always a great opportunity to meet most of the campers, at the same time, on a social level: no agendas, no elections, just gossiping and a lot of good-natured ribbing. Thank you Karl, Eva, Josie and Ute for making this happen. Also, many thanks for a cake donated by Otto (a guest) and a potato salad by Else. They were delicious!

The Wanderweg (hiking path), in our back forty, has been cleared again, thanks to Claudia and Dieter Eckert. Due to a temporary, physical setback, yours truly was relegated mostly to supervising. So, if your much loved companion had too big a supper and needs to walk, or run off some calories, take Pluto or Fido by the leash and hike away. Oh yea, you may take your spouse, too.

Again, this year, the Germania Club had a tent at the Gage Park, July shindig. Many campers helped out cooking, serving food and drinks. I know it isn't easy to stand for four (some did eight) hours surrounded by onion and sausage aroma. We did, what we could, and the Club thanks you, I'm sure.

Some campers also got together and made the potato salad for the annual Germania Club Picnic. The campers paid for the ingredients, Judy Keller and her helpers created it. Great job, thank you!

Our own campers' picnic, "Las Vegas Night," is still scheduled for August 8th, at 5:00 PM. Hopefully, the Germania Post will arrive at your house before that and my little reminder is on time.

For all you paddlers and rowers, we have good news. You don't have to drag your boat or canoe back to the campsite anymore. We have storage right next to the dock. That should make it a lot easier.

Our in-house photographer, Anna Hope-Atkinson, is missing one of her photo/scrapbooks, all to do with our park and us campers. She had loaned it to someone and it has not been returned. Should you have it, or know its whereabouts, please call her at 905-664-6681.

It is always good to leave the best for last.

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Thank you to
The Campers
for making and donating all
the delicious
potato salad for the picnic



Fischer & Jäger

Hello folks and welcome to August. Just a short one as not much is happening.

At time of this article our Junior Prize Fishing is coming and will be done, more on that later.

The cottage is having a very successful summer but there is always room, so don't hesitate to call Rosi or Willi.

The Fisher and Hunters did their part for "It's Your Festival" and thank you to all who came out.

Our next festivity is the 1st Annual Corn Roast held at the Fisher and Hunter hall located at the Germania Park. The date is September 12 and the menu will consist of some of the finest BBQ you will ever find and of course "CORN". So keep your ears on for more details. You can call Gary or Rob. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

The Senior Prize Fishing will be held September 26 & 27 at Lake Dalrymple, call early to reserve a spot.

Our next membership meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of September so come on out and lets have a look at what you look like.

Until we meet again

*Petri Heil
Richard Kramolowsky*

The thought of the month – I came across this awhile ago and its mostly for our mature members.

"Are you having trouble sleeping? Remember to never take a sleeping pill with a laxative." Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Richard



Harold & George

*Thank you to
The Fishers and Hunters
for donating all the prizes
for the carnival games
at the picnic*

Continued Campers Report

We have new campers in lot C4, between the Wilson's and the Parzen's. Let me welcome Kevin and Karen Pyett. We hope, Kevin and Karen, you have the most enjoyable time camping. That the sun warms your days and the rains are few.

The Club's big picnic will be over by the time you read this and peace and tranquility will have returned.

*For Karl Heidt, chairman,
And Ute Perl, second,
Egon Roesslein, camper.*

Thankyou! Thankyou! Thankyou!

First of all I want to apologize for my tardiness in thanking all the volunteers that came and helped out for the choir function on May 30th, 09. A big THANK YOU to all of you. Your support is tremendous. It was a big function and it couldn't have been done without you. Cheers!

Well as I write this I am taking a big sigh of relief as we just finished our two major events of the year. It's Your Festival and the Club Picnic. This year the weather was unpredictable and caused a lot of headaches. It's a shame to see all this hard work go into events that rely on good weather. However the picnic weather was perfect. Not too hot, not too cold. And best of all, NO RAIN!

There are so many people to thank to keep these events running smoothly. You never have any idea where to start much less finish. No job is more important than the next. It's important to work together and support one another. This year I was quite impressed with the Mohawk Ballroom Dancers. They volunteered their time graciously for 2 nights in the pouring rain. The Mohawk Ballroom Dancers are very supportive of us.

Thank you to all who volunteered at It's Your Festival. If we missed your name or spelled it wrong we apologize. Let us know so we can make the proper corrections.

*Richard Lutz
Gary Albrecht
Gordon and Sylvia Schien
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August 8	17:00	Campers Picnic
August 25	19:30	Membership Meeting

For September

September 5	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
September 9	19:30	Ladies Auxiliary Apfelmania
September 11,12		Restaurant Re-Opens
September 12 3:00		Fisher and Hunter Corn Roast at the Park
September 19		Club Oktoberfest
September 22 19:30		Membership Meeting
September 26,27		Senior Prize Fishing at Lake Dalrymple

For October

October 3	Steel City Oktoberfest
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