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December 5		Narrhalla Stiftungsfest & Christmas Party
December 5	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
December 6	14:00	Germania Choir Christmas Concert at First Pilgrim Church
December 12		Fisher and Jager Christmas Party
December 13	12:00	Club Christmas Party
December 16		Over 60 Group Christmas Party
December 19		Choir Christmas Party
December 31	18:30	New Year's Eve Gala

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW 2010

January 10	14:00	Filmnachmittag - Da wo wit zu Hanse Sind
January 23		Kappensitzung
January 24		Kindermaskenball
January 26	19:30	Annual Budget Meeting

Next monthly membership meeting ...Cancelled
Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Cancelled

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



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John Sobolewski

November 11, 1939 - October 25, 2009



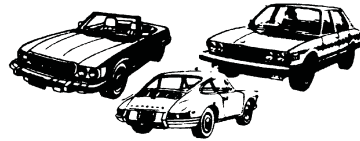
It is with much sadness to report John Sobolewski passed away after an extensive illness. We extend our condolences to the family and his daughters Anna and Diane, John was a camper and a club member since 1992. John will be missed dearly.



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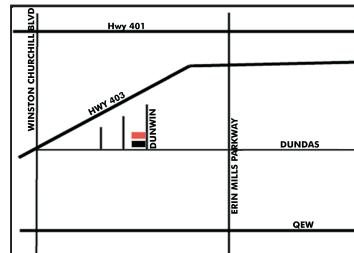
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Park and Memorial Fund

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Richard Lutz	\$100
in memory of Rosemary Lutz	
Jackie Schnitzer	\$50
in memory of Rosemary Lutz	

The Germania Club
welcomes new member
Sylvia Schien

Wir gratulieren

John Jensen
zum 65.

Ewald Gollan
zum 70.

Helmuth Kozioł
zum 75.

Marianne Bader
Kurt Schaible
zum 80.

Dr. Robert Logel
zum 95.

Geburtstag

The Club Thanks

the following for gifts received at the 2009 Stiftungsfest

Ladies Auxiliary
Fishers and Hunters
Germania Choir
Over 60 Group

GKG Narrhalla 58
Campers
Jackie Schnitzer
Otto Koflschmidt

Special thank you to Susan Butz and Barbara Haybarger
for donating the lovely flowers



**Fischer
& Jäger**



**THE
OVER SIXTY
GROUP**



Hello folk's. On behalf of the Vorstand, Merry Christmas and all the best to our members, families and friends.

Our Christmas party is being held at the Germania Club on December 12. Please come and enjoy.

The Vorstand is thinking of having quarterly meetings for the membership. Any and all concerns will be welcome at the yearend meeting in February 2010.

At this time of year, it may seem we are slowing down but we are not. We are still working toward the future and making plans for our upcoming year.

That's all for now folks.

Take care and have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Petri Heil
Richard

Filmnachmittag

January 10, 2010
2:00 PM

Da Wo Wit Zu Hanse Sind

mit
Hansi Hintenseet



On November 15th we are going to the Frauernvereins Xmas Bazaar so I hope we do well. On December 16th we are again eating at the Club for our Christmas luncheon and I know we are all going to like it. We will decide what we want to eat at our November 18th meeting. Please bring a gift or two for our raffle in December.

I would like to wish our Lieselotte Heuck a very happy birthday on December 31st. She will be turning 78 years young, so happy birthday to you.

To all our readers and members we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year for 2010.

Yours Linda Wanner



Q: What's a good holiday tip?

A: Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.

The Club thanks
Heinz Ollesch
for supporting the club
with a wonderful dance held
on November 7th, 09.

The President's Corner



All who were in attendance enjoyed Austrian singing and yodeling star Petra Böck's performance on November 1. A great big THANK YOU to the Ladies Auxiliary for choosing Petra as there event to attend, the support is very much appreciated. Thank you also to the choir for attending with quite a few members. This event was planned for the membership of the club who I thought would be looking for German entertainment. Well I guess I'm wrong, since we only had 75 people in attendance. All I can say is the board tried to please with good German entertainment.

On November 7, Heinz Ollesch sponsored a dance in the club by paying for the band and entertainment and distributing free tickets for the event. Entertainer s were professional ballroom dancers that had competed in the popular TV show 'So you think you can dance Canada'. About 230 people attended and had a wonderful time dancing to the Singmasters Band. Thank you Heinz for your generous support of the club.

November 8 was our memorial in the park and was well attended as usual. Thank you again to the choir for singing two heartfelt and fitting songs. With the sun and warmth the day was so beautiful that you hardly needed a

jacket. Thank you to Richard Lutz, George Kiss, Dietrich Eckert, Susan Butz, Barbara Haybarger, Rosi Kramolowsky, and Lori Kramolowsky for looking after the refreshments and snacks after the memorial. I think we have such a wonderful tradition in remembering the members who have passed before us by holding the annual memorial and by having a beautiful memorial stone and garden. It is such a peaceful place that can be visited any time in the year.

The Germania Club Christmas Party will be held on December 13th beginning at 1:00pm (doors open at noon). There will be fun crafts for the children, singing and a children's Christmas movie. The highlight of course is the Jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus who will be coming to sort out who has been naughty or nice and give gifts to the children. Be sure to register your children or grandchildren with the club secretary by December 10th.

The New Years Eve Gala tickets are available in the club office. For the party we will have the lavish dinner buffet, party favours and dancing to the Europa Band. Included is the toasting Champagne at midnight and a midnight buffet. Come and enjoy the last night of the year in style in the Germania club amongst friends.

On behalf of the board of directors I wish all members and friends of the Germania Club a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the Christmas



Aus unserem Frauenverein

Presidentin Rosie Kramolowsky welcomed everybody. She gave a special welcome to Sigrid Whelan who is still recuperating from her operation. Brigitte and Irmgard Roediger and Heide Marlene Grunwald who are not able to come to our meetings to often.

Rosie also commented on Petra Boeck's performance which was super along with the great meal. She was really proud of our members who came to the performance. It would have been nice if more people would have been there.

We were also discussing our Bazaar. It is always a great event and lots of work. But thanks to Linda Wanner who looks after the bookings, we are having the same as last year. Thank you Linda.

Our Birthday Ladies for December:

Erna Melloh	Dec 2
	(80 years young)
Hilde Platz	Dec 8
Margurite Platz	Dec 20
Lieselotte Heuck	Dec 31

Congratulations to all you ladies.

Our December meeting will also be our Christmas Party. Hoping for a great time. Maybe Santa will make a stop to visit us.

That's all for now. Stay healthy and keep smiling. Here is my little list to make life better.....

Promise Yourself

To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind;

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet;

To make all your friends feel that there is something good in them;

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true;

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own;

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future;

To wear a cheerful countenance at times and give every living creature you meet a smile;

To be too large for worry, too noble to anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the pressure of trouble.

Yours Helga Laqua



Rathskellar open every Saturday 12 pm to 8 pm
Skat every Saturday in the Rathskellar starting at 12:30 pm



Choral Notes

Anniversaries offer an opportunity to reflect on past achievements. While the Club celebrated its highlights, the choristers became aware that this is Linus Press's 40th year as conductor of the Germania Choirs. Mathematically, those forty years represent more than one quarter of the choirs' history. When we then consider that the Club was closed during the two world wars and that there was barely any activity in the Club following World War I until 1929, Linus's share of being conductor comes to 32%, - almost one-third of the years of the choirs' existence! That is a remarkable achievement! Congratulation, Linus!!

The Winefest was a lot of fun. We dedicated some songs to red lips and wine, while the Teutonia Stradford choir paid further tribute to vodka and moonshine. With Ian Clark's romp on the piano, the Transylvania Choir from Kitchener rounded out our appreciation of liquors with 'Roll out the Barrel'. Mr. Klaus Reif of Reif Estates hosted the wine tasting part of the program, and judging by the continuous line-up, his generosity was well appreciated! Our choristers donated numerous items for door prizes, and the 'Vibes' provided excellent dance music. It was nice to see many Club members in attendance as

the DKSB members, who earlier had their more serious meeting!

The Club held its Memorial Service on November 8th, and once again, the Choir contributed to the event.

In memory of the composer Joseph Haydn, who died in the spring of 1809, the choir is practicing one of his masses for the Christmas program. It is amazing how simple, yet challenging, Classical music can be! The mass uses the Latin text of the Christmas story according to the Gospel of Luke, where the angels descend from heaven and sing the wonderful message 'Peace on earth, good will to men'. A little research on the words 'et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis' shows that the translation of this phrase is controversial and that the closer meaning is 'And peace on earth to men of good will'. An interesting shift in meaning! Hope to see you all at the Christmas Concert on December 6th at 2 p.m. in First Pilgrim United Church on 200 Main St. East. Have no fear, most of our songs are traditional songs in German, and several are in English!

Our birthday celebrants in December are Armin Eigen, Edith Behncke, Christine Eastwood, Eckhard Kries, Sigrid Feltoe, and Kurt Schaible. A Happy Birthday to you all!!

And now, in the spirit of the season, peace to those of good will and a Merry Christmas to all!



George Fischer

Campers Report cont'd

Karl, our chairman, Ute his second, my wife Joan and I wish you the best Christmas ever. We wish you health, peace, great camping weather in the coming season, and a Happy New Year.

For Karl Heidt (Chairman)
Egon Roesslein (Camper)



Richard Lutz hard at work as always

The Club thanks you for
volunteering your services

On behalf of Richard Lutz and the
board of directors we would like to
thank all of Richard's helpers
throughout the summer to help keep
the park so beautiful.



**Mardi Gras
Society
"NARRHALLA
58"**

Hello friends of the Karnivalisten!

Just a short report this month, at the time of writing this article it was decided to reschedule our Kappensitzung until January 23, 2009. The following day will be our Kindermaskenball, I will have more information for you next month. The Karnival season this year is short and we will end as always with our Herrings Essen on February 17th 2010.

On behalf of all the members of the Narrhalla '58, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in 2010.

Until then
Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary



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Germania Skat Group

Coming into the month of December, filled with its festivities and looking forward to January and the year 2010 is a time to reflect about the past. Last Saturday, the wine cellar was full, with 20 Skat players in attendance and this brought to mind 10 years ago when our little group started and we waited every Saturday to see how many people would come around the corner. Will it be one table today or will there be more than 6 players and will we have two tables? Crossing our fingers that we were not five, meaning someone would not be able to play. Our little Skat Club has grown and now we enjoy a strong membership and weekly there are between 12 and 18 players going up to and over 20 at times. Our groups friendliness also brings in visitors from other clubs on a regular basis which measures our success.

This year, members of our group traveled to Las Vegas for the North American Championship, Montreal for the Canadian Championship, Ottawa to celebrate the 40 year anniversary, along with regular trips to Kitchener, Newmarket and Mississauga to support the tournaments and the weekly play.

Our two day tournament was held this summer midweek on a Monday and Tuesday at the Germania Park Pavilion. We welcomed 31 players including some out of town guests from as far away as Montreal, Ohio and Michigan. Players from

Newmarket, Kitchener and Toronto also came out in support. The Germania Cup was won by Harald Kroos, from Newmarket, 2nd place was Thomas Rausch, and 3rd place was Heidi Frank. At times we are also happy to report that achievement pins have been won, but of course this takes an investment and although that special someone did earn the right for a gold pin, no pins were handed out, maybe next time.

We were so lucky to have volunteers help out in our tournament, making sure everyone had enough to eat and drink, and we send a special thank you to Gerda Frank, Josie Rischke and Ute Perl. Also a big thank you to Dieter Eckert who was responsible for scorekeeping.

Our annual celebration this year will be Saturday, December 19th, and this will also be the last game of the year as the club will be closed December 26th. Details will be advised during our weekly games and everyone will receive a phone call from Tony Grenc to confirm whether or not you will attend.

In closing on behalf of our Skat friends, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe holiday season, and of course "Gut Blatt".

Heidi Frank



A Loyal Member for 50 Years



Alex Ewinger

Alex was born on November 11, 1927 in Semlin in Yugoslavia. He attended school there until he was 16.

In March 1943, he went for training at the Airforce. It took a while before Alex received his German citizenship but he passed the time by going to gliding school.

On July 12, 1944 he was drafted to serve in the Airforce in France during the War. On September 13, 1944 he became a prisoner of War and was sent over Africa to America.

Alex came back home in 1946 but was detained for inquiries for a whole year. That was long enough for Alex and he escaped and went to Austria. There he worked for about 9 months in a food supply warehouse for the Americans as a driver.

Alex went to England in the summer of 1948 and worked as a Weaver. He married a year later and has two daughters Val and Elfi.

In January 1952, Alex immigrated to Canada where he found employment in a factory for washing machines. He became an inspector and worked there for 11 years until the factory closed in 1963.

In May 1963, Alex started at the Ford

Company and again became an inspector after a while. Alex worked there for 25-1/2 years. In October 1978, he retired but was not ready to settle down so he became a school bus driver.

In 1959, Alex joined the Germania Club. He worked as a waiter for a while. He also became a member of the Fisher and Hunter Group. There he was Chairperson for 6 years. A rifle range was built and Alex helped build it. He was a very good marksman and was at one time the President of the Ontario Rifle Club.

This is a bit of Alex's life story. It was a pretty active one, I must say, so we wish you, Alex a happy retirement and all the best for the future.

And we hope you will be a member of the Club for a long time.....

On behalf of the
Board of Directors
we wish you
a Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



Thank you
Eckhard Kries
for donating the
German Flag at the front
of the building



The Campers' Report

Sadly, John Sobolewski has passed away after a lengthy illness. John was one of the first group of campers who settled the campground. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to his family.

The Indian Summer, we had all hoped for, did not materialize. Ute Perl, in her November campers' report, promised us much better weather next year; at least, according to her Farmer's Almanac. Well, if you believe in the Farmer's Almanac, I can promise you the real Santa Claus this Christmas and the glass of champagne, for your New Year's Eve, midnight toast, surely will bring you health, riches and good fortunes next year..... Really!

It seems, almost every month we are welcoming new campers to our group. So, with much pleasure, I would like to introduce Paul and Sandra Petroski, who will be taking over from Priscilla Wilson, lot C3, next to the garden storage sheds. Sandra is the stepdaughter of Priscilla. Last fall, Paul and Sandra already made good use of their camper and the fishing dock. Also, Sandra has volunteered at several functions as well. Welcome Paul and Sandra. We will all meet you in the spring. And as my trailer is directly vis-a-vis from yours, I will have to break myself imposed rule of sobriety, if I'm ever invited.

The informal meeting of the

campers, on October 23rd, went swimmingly. In spite of the most miserable weather, we had a great turnout. This was a good time to bring forward and discuss new ideas and find out how they are accepted by the rest of us, the park manager (not necessarily in that order) and finally by the club. Ute Perl, who chaired this meeting, informed us that the rate, per lot, has gone up somewhat from last year. Please submit your cheque to the club before March the first. **The club will not send out notices beforehand**, only the membership card and a camper's pass after we paid.

Sometime in May, we will have our spring, formal campers' meeting. At that time, we will elect our chairman, vice chairperson, secretary, the keeper of the purse and a social committee. We then should also pay the mandatory \$ 7.00 into our social fund. Last year, some campers were in default in this payment. If you have a problem with contributing to the social fund, please come to our (campers') meetings and air your concerns. Please, don't just forget about it. It's not fair to the rest of us.

As I am writing, we still have fairly good weather, but by the time you read this we will probably already have had our first snow fall. Christmas is a coming and the wish list of the grandchildren is getting longer.

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Stiftungsfest 2009



Thank you
George Fischer
and
Uschi Schien
for the wonderful job.

Congratulations

50 Year
Members



Friedrich Wilhelm Vordenbaeumen, Alex Ewinger, Herbert Schmidt,
Hans Bastel and Karl Heidt. (not in picture - Hans Dietle)



Special thank you to the
Germania Choir



Congratulations
to 60 year member
Jackie Schnitzer
who received a special
Heritage Award
from the
German Canadian
Congress

Memorial 2009



A special thank you to the
Germania Choir for a job
always well done!



Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered each day
No longer in our life to share
But in our hearts your always there



(President Report
cont'd from page 3)

season. May your holidays be
enjoyable and your friends be many.
See you on New Years Eve at the club!

David Simon

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