

June 6	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
June 20	12:00	Narrhalla "Fun in the Sun" Picnic
June 20	15:00	Germania Choir Picnic
June 20	21:00	Live Band~Strange Cargo in the Large Hall

### VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

July 1-5		It's Your Festival at Gage Park
July 4	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
July 12		Germania Club Picnic
July 18 and 19		Youth Fishing at Lake Dalrymple~Fisher Hunters
August 1	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
August 8		Camper's Picnic

*Restaurant open Friday 4-9:00pm and Saturday 3-9:00 pm  
Germania Choirs rehearsal Thursday at 7:30pm  
Skat Saturday in the Rathskeller starting at 12:30 p.m.*

**Next monthly membership meeting ... June 23 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 23. Juni um 19:30 Uhr**  
*Any members meeting or function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.*



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### June 20th, 2009

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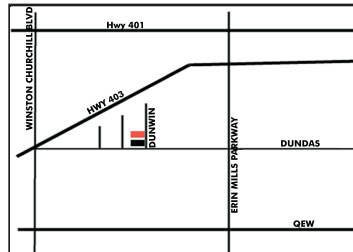
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## Choral Notes Continued

The participating choirs and the joint singing of the German-Canadian 'Sängergruss', followed by two introductory songs by the Harfentöne. Most choirs relied on a wide selection of folk songs, some of which, it must be said, were not suitable for the environment and the acoustics of the church. Nevertheless, some songs were outstanding, such as Edelweiss's 'Das Lied vom späten Abend', which included a nice yodel solo; Transylvania's 'Herr, Deine Güte', performed to the accompaniment of the church organ; and the Hansa Choir's 'Ich weiss nicht, was soll es bedeuten'. The performance by the Loreley Singers stood out for its well-balanced sound quality, which is something that cannot be taken for granted. Their 'Balalaika Klänge' was particularly appealing.

Ours was the only choir, which performed solely sacred music, and it is a credit to Linus Press, that he conducted the choir in such a manner that we could take advantage of the great acoustics. Notably, the audience appreciated this too, for they waited for the sound to dissipate before starting the applause. Our songs were well appreciated.

The Harfentöne closed the individual choirs' performance with the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic'. A mixed mass choir, under the direction of Linus Press, sang Bortnyansky's 'Ich bete an die

Macht der Liebe', with Christine Eastwood singing the high solo part in the third verse. Her voice rang out beautifully. Alfred Schormann closed the event with a male mass choir performance of 'Jacob's Ladder'.

After a fine meal and a rushed, but delicate, dessert of chocolate cream cake with coffee we departed. It was another memorable day for all. Immediately ahead of us, on May 30th, is our celebration of the Germania Choirs' 145th anniversary. We hope you will be there.

Our June Birthday celebrants are: Eugen Bexten, Betty Boerkamp, Erich Butz, Evelyn Crawford, Christa Kries, Karl-Heinz Neuenhagen, Karl Uschold, and Alex Wegner. A Happy Birthday to all of you! Prost!!

George Fischer

### Thank you

Eckhard & Christa Kries for donating the Austrian and European Flags in the Large Hall

### Thank you

Heinz Ollesch for donating decorations for the Large Hall

## The President's Corner



So many good things are happening in May. First the Fischer & Jäger held their annual Schlachtfest and Maifest events in the Germania Park. I was not able to attend but from what I heard people had a great time. Good food and fellowship, and a super band. At the same time the choir participated in the 80th anniversary concert of the Male Chorus "Harfentöne". We hired a bus and headed to St. Patrick's German Roman Catholic Church where we sang four sacred selections in our part and received a standing ovation.

The next Sunday was Mother's Day and the clubs' annual Mothers' Day Dinner in the large hall. The food was excellent as was the service. With Chef Jennifer in the kitchen cooking what I'd say was the best Mothers' Day dinner we've enjoyed in quite a while. Thanks to Carol, Johnny and Billy the service was quick, pleasant and efficient. Thank you to all who came for dinner.

On the long weekend one of our long term members will be awarded the Deutschkandischer Kongress's Heritage award. This award recognizes long term service to the German heritage

and culture. The president of the DKK, Ernst Friedel, tells me that he didn't think a Germania Club member has ever been given this award, so the board made an application to the DKK. We are proud that Jakob (Jacky) Schnitzer is to be given this award. Congratulations and Thank You Jacky!

At the end of May the choir will celebrate the 145th anniversary of the choir at the Germania Club with a dinner and concert. Several choirs from the German-Canadian choir association will come to perform and celebrate with us.

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## The Campers' Report



*It must have been the nicest, almost sunny, springtime weather that brought so many of us out to our May 3<sup>rd</sup>, camper meeting.*

*Perhaps, it was the Leberkaese (meat loaf) on a bun, Karl had prepared beforehand or some of the refreshments we had in our cooler that put us in a most peaceful and cooperative mood. No matter which way we look at it, this was one of the shortest, most productive spring meetings in a long time. So before I go into details, let me thank those who brought extra food and appetizers. The cake from Mike Goldenberg was delicious (I should know, I had three, small pieces). Thank you, Karl and Richard for doing the preparation and decoration. The white tablecloths were a nice touch.*

*Originally, we had planned to elect a new campers' committee and we had a few members nominated for various positions. However, after a short survey, everyone thought the present committee did such a good job in the past, we, the campers, would like them to serve in their present positions for another year, (or longer?). This was voted on and accepted by the campers who were present at this meeting and the committee members as well.*

*Here are our leaders for the 2009 season, not necessarily in their order of importance.*

*Karl Heidt, Chairman  
Ute Perl, Second in Command  
Harry Rischke, Money Bags  
Margaret Keegan, Secretary  
Josie Rischke, Social Committee*

*Some of the other important changes that came out of this meeting are:*

*(1) From now on, Campers' elections will be held annually at the **spring** meeting, the end of April or beginning of May. We still will have a fall meeting at the Germania Club where we can socialize, discuss and criticize. The main meeting and elections will, from now on, be held in the spring (Next one in 2010).*

*(2) Between June 1st and September 30th, the gate to the Germania Park will stay open on **Saturdays**, as well as **Sundays**, between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. If you have guests before or after these hours on weekends, or anytime during the week, please be responsible; open and lock the gate after them.*

*(3) The next Campers' Picnic is slated for Saturday, August 8th at the Pavilion.*

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## Choral Notes

*On April 26th we participated in celebrating 'Tag des Liedes', or 'Day of Song', with the Lyra Club in London. The Day of Song was initiated in Germany in 1930 to promote singing. The Lyra Choir sang mostly German folksongs under the direction of Professor emeritus Alvin Reimer. Their new song, by Oscar Peterson, is called 'Hymn to Freedom', a moving piece of music expressing the longing for that all-too-often elusive freedom. A children's choir, associated with the German language school, sang several charming spring songs and comical songs, like 'Wir haben Hunger, Hunger, Hunger'.*

*The 35-man Valley View Male Choir under the direction of Henry Boldt offered a variety of songs from popular- to folksongs, a sea shanty, and sacred songs. The strength and quality of their sound blew the audience away. An impressive song was the 'Kyrie Eleison'. The simple text, sung in four languages, had a profound impact. Music, after all, is the language of emotions! The Valley View Male Choir will give a concert on June 6th in the Dundas Street United Church in London at 7:30 p.m. If you have the time to go and*

*hear this concert, you will enjoy it. Admission is \$10 per person.*

*The Transylvania Choir sang its theme song 'Transylvania immerda' enthusiastically and added a pleasant lilt to the song 'Herrliche Berge'. Ian Clark, the conductor, had the choir in good shape and concluded its contribution with 'Chor der Gefangenen'. Marianne Kelly then presented the Teutonia Chor Stratford with the ever-popular 'Tanzen und Springen'. The choir has a spry sound and is always a pleasure to listen to. Our own choir offered two potpourris of folk- and spring songs, the yearning song 'An den Frieden' and the pensive song 'An der Weser'. The audience loved our performance and gave us a standing ovation. Fair to say, the ovation was intended for all choirs, for this concert was better than many others I have heard. We are fortunate to have Larissa as our accompanist and Linus Press as our conductor. Both transmit energy to the choir that makes our performance outstanding.*

*On May 9th we travelled to Toronto to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Harfentöne Male Choir in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and, simultaneously, the 100th anniversary of the church itself. Six choirs participated in the celebration. The program began with the marching in of the flags of*

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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

*It was wonderful to see so many of our members attending. The weather was probably a factor too. Our biggest surprise was a visit from Duluth Georgio and Marguerite Platz who is also a longtime member. We always enjoy her visit. We discussed the Germania Park Picnic. Presidentin Rosi Kramolowsky reminded the members that we need cake bakers and helpers for the day.*

*Our special weekend at Lake Dalrymple July 24 to 26 was mentioned.*

*Next came our Applemania September 9, 2009 at 7:30. For this we need tomobola prizes, baked goods, etc. We are hoping the turnout will be great. It is a lot of fun.*

*We had our famous card game which is always a lot of laughs. All the ladies got carnations in honor of Mother's Day.*

*After we had sandwiches and cake, which is always the highlight of the day.*

*Our birthday lady for June is Erna Bruschi on June 5.*

*Congratulations from all of us. Sorry I made a mistake by quoting our auditors. The correction is, our auditors are Sigrid Whelan and Hilde Platz.*

*That's all for now, till next time. Here's my little saying for the month.*

*The best and most beautiful Things in the world,  
Cannot be seen, or even touched,  
They must be felt with the heart.  
Author Helen Keller*

*Stay healthy and keep smiling  
Helga Laqua*

### A Joke For A Smile

*Walking up to a department store's fabric counter, the pretty girl said, "I would like to buy this material for a new dress. How much does it cost?" "Only one kiss per yard," replied the male clerk with a smirk. "That's fine," said the girl. "I'll take ten yards." With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the clerk quickly measured out the cloth, wrapped it up, then teasingly held it out.*

*The girl snapped up the package, pointed to the old geezer standing beside her, and smiled, "Grandpa will pay the bill."*

## Campers (Cont'd)

*Last, but not least, we would like to welcome a new camper. Klaus and Else Kastlunger have joined our select little group and moved into lot # 26. We wish you, Klaus and Else, sunshine every day and hope you can join us in some of our festivities and silliness. And yes, there is one more camper re-joining us, but I dare not use the word NEW. Lot number 11 is taken over by none other than Richard Lutz. The same Richard, who got his volunteers together, this and every other spring, trimming, cutting, raking and just generally cleaning up the park. **A big thank you from all of us.** It was nice to come to the meeting and see our campground in such great shape.*

*Till next time.*

*For Karl Heidt and Ute Perl  
Egon Roeslein. (Camper)*

Thank you Campers for donating the paint and your time for the ceiling in the pavilion.



Thank you Joe and Brigitte Parzen for all the flowers at the park.

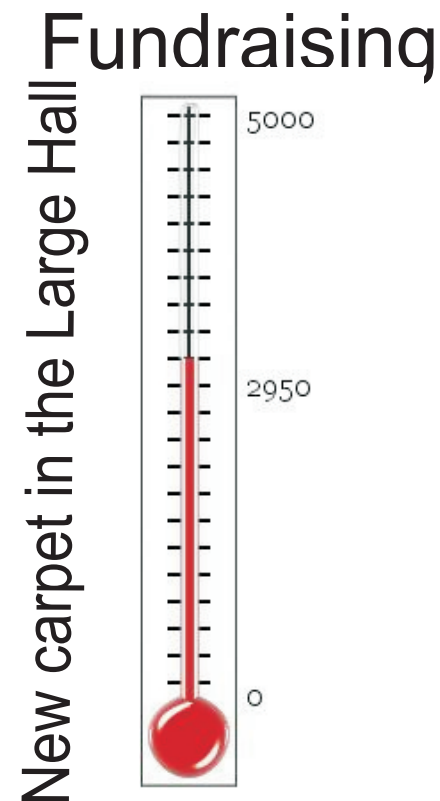
## THE OVER SIXTY GROUP



*On May 13<sup>th</sup> we all went to the Mandarin restaurant for our Mother's Day lunch in. The food, as usual, was delicious and we all had a lovely afternoon. We wish Alex Wegner a very good happy birthday on June 6<sup>th</sup> when he will turn 83 years young.*

*Our next meeting will be on Wednesday June 17 at 1PM.*

*Yours truly  
Linda Warner*



The Germania Choir  
in London, Ontario



"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together."  
Vesta M. Kelly

### We need your help!!

It's that time of year again. July 1-5th is  
It's Your Festival at Gage Park.  
The sign up board is ready. Anyway you can  
help would be greatly appreciated.  
You can call the club at 905-549-0513

## **Presidents Report**

*Continued*

*As a surprise we have a guest choir from Germany, "Die singenden Schwaben".*

*June is the month when the picnics begin in the park, with the choir and the Narrhalla both having their picnic on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Then at the end of June begins the annual It's Your Festival in Gage Park. Please, come forward and volunteer if even for one shift. We do need help at this all important fundraising function for the Germania Club. It is fun, and as they say, "the more the merrier". Please call Lori in the office and book a time to volunteer. It's Your Festival runs from July 1 to July 5.*

*I wish you all a wonderful summer, with lots of good weather.*

*David Simon*

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### **From the Wirtschaft**

Thank you to all who came and supported the club on Mother's Day. We hope everyone enjoyed their meals prepared by Chef Jennifer. Thanks Jennifer for spending your Mother's Day with us.

Summer is quickly coming and vacation season is upon us. Beginning in June we have the hall booked for various events. We are trying very hard to rent the halls out so please pass the word. You can either speak to Lori, Carol or David.

Effective in June, we will be rearranging the hours for the restaurant. On Fridays we will be open from 4-9 PM and Saturdays 3-9 PM.

The restaurant will be closed on May 30<sup>th</sup> so we can focus on the huge Choir Concert that we hope you are attending. On the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup>, it will be our last weekend opened in the restaurant. We will be re-opened in September. Food will still be available in the Rathskellar on Saturdays. Don't forget members, that you can receive 10% discount off menu items when you eat at the club. Just show your membership card.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hedda Wagenblast for all the hard work and dedication. We wish you all the best. Thank you Dieter Eckert for keeping up with the sign out front. Thank you to Gary's Auto Repair for sending Rob over with welding equipment and supplies to help Eckhard and Arthur fix the sign before it collapsed. And most of all, **thank you** for all your support!

Until September  
David and Carol

### The Editor

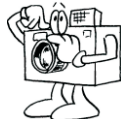
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Thank you in advance  
Christina Albrecht

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Thanks.



### **Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"**

Hello Friends

Summer has finally arrived, signaling the start of picnics, BBQ's and Festivals.

The members of GKG Narrhalla 58 invite you to join us at our 16th Annual Fun in the Sun Picnic on Saturday, June 20. The gates open at 12:00 PM with games for both the young and old starting at 2:00 PM. Food and drinks will be available along with cake and coffee. Our picnic is open to everyone, so come join us at our beautiful Germania Park and don't forget to bring a friend or two along.

That is all for now and I look forward to seeing everyone at our picnic.

Until then  
Lori Kramolowsky  
Secretary

### **Edit:**

At time of print it was decided the Narrhalla "Fun in the Sun" will be cancelled for June 20th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thank you

### **Restaurant Specials for June 2009**

June 5 & 6

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## Fischer & Jäger

Hello folks and welcome to June. Let's all remember that the kids are soon out of school and they are carefree not careless. Be careful. Our Schlachtfest and Maifest were held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> at our park. The Schlachtfest was well attended and all that were there were treated to fantastic food and a very good band. Our Obmann Gary thanks all that helped and participated. As we all know I don't name names in case I forget someone. As with any event, sometimes there is food left over that cannot be refrozen. There was a donation made to the Good Shepherd food bank on behalf of the Fisher and Hunters. Donations like this are a very good idea and let's hope we keep this up. The Maifest brought out 12 kids that had a chance to climb the annual Maibaum. Lots of fun was had by all.

July 18<sup>th</sup> is our Junior Prize Fishing weekend. You need to call Susan Edwards to reserve a spot.

The cottage was opened and ready for business on Mother's Day weekend. Thanks to the cottage managers for having everything ready. The weekend brought in a full house and damp and rainy weather. This did not

bother our hard-core fisher people and thus lots of fish were caught and a good time had by all. Folks, what are we going to do and/or what do we have to do to bring you out to our meetings? We need not only your input but also your participation. You need to let us know.

Finally, I cannot end this article without bringing up the topic of losing things. Yes, this is not a good topic and the cottage has never had to experience this before. Knock on wood. I must bring this up as we found that some adults are like the kids I mentioned above. They are carefree and sometimes do not pay attention. Fortunately, what was lost was found again. The incident I am referring to, the people know how lucky they were.

Please see my thought for the month. I think we can learn something from this. Think about this one.

Concrete and steel anchor us all together,

Without it we just float away,  
Let's use our anchors and stick together.

Stay safe and see you all soon.

Petri Heil

Richard Kramolowsky



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