

May 2	18:00	Schlachtfest in the Park - Fischer & Jäger
May 2	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
May 3	13:00	Maifest in the Park - Fischer & Jäger
May 3	13:00	Campers' Meeting in the Park
May 10	13:00	Mothers Day Dinner in the Large Hall
May 30	15:30	145th Anniversary Concert - Germania Choir

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

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

Restaurant open Friday 3-8:00pm and 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 ... May 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 26. Mai um 19:30 Uhr
Any members meeting or function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.



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Mother's Day Dinner

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Anton Islinger

Born: September 17, 1927; Died: March 12, 2009.

Mr. Islinger became a member of the Germania Club in 2007. We extend our sincere sympathies to his companion Lori and his children Gerdi, Peter and Samantha.

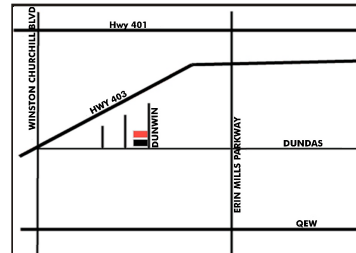


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Henry Schultz
Elvira Succi
Lore Uschold

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**Correction:
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Fischer & Jäger

Welcome to spring, (finally) Sorry about last month's report, or lack of. Now, that we are back on track let's get down to business.

March was very busy preparing for Casino Night. We held this event in the Germania Club and we would like to thank you all for coming out. If you could not attend, well we missed you. Next year we will try again.

The fishing season opens on Mother's day weekend and our cottage managers, Willi and Rosi promise everything will be ready. I am told we have a full house, sounds great.

With fishing in mind please remember that a license is required if you are between 16 and 65 years of age. You are also required to have an operators permit for a motor boat, please check and see if you need one. The ministry and police will be checking. On the note of the ministry, they are planning some changes that will affect us with the smaller pan fish, i.e.: sunfish, perch, walleye etc. You can c o n t a c t t h e m a t www.FMZ17.survey.ca. If you cannot access a computer, call me at (905)719-4491 and I can give you a number and address. I would like to thank Annemarie Kiss for bringing this to our attention.

Don't forget to call and book your time at the cottage. Looks to be a good summer.

The windows at the Fisher and Hunter hall have been replaced and from what I hear they look good. Thank you to Yuli and all your help.

The next events are our Schlachtfest and Maifest. By the time you read this it will have passed, so more on this next month.

We are a small group of friends and we also have big plans. For these plans to unfold we need all of our friends to not only support our events but to also support our mothership the Germania Club. We also need you at our meetings. Membership meetings are held on the 3rd Wed. of every 2nd month. The executives meet every Tuesday, every month.

As it is May, we offer all the Mother's a very happy Mother's Day. We know you deserve it. I think that is all for now.

Petrie Heil
Richard Kramolowsky

Thought of the Month,
With the fishing season upon us,
this may be old but still is true.

A fisherperson poem from a Child
"Fishy, fishy bite
Your mother said you might
Your father said he didn't care
So fishy, fishy bite"

Take care all and stay safe.

The President's Corner



The other day my mother and I were driving back from a trip to Toronto and it happened to be the very day one of our fallen Canadian soldiers was being brought home to St. Catharines. I had heard earlier in the morning on the radio that if we wanted to see the procession that a good spot would be on the Fruitland Road bridge. Regardless of our political preference, and whether we agree with a war in Afganistan or not, we must support our soldiers in their task. After all those young men and women are out there in battle and they are wearing our Canadian flag on their uniforms and holding Canadian ideals in their hearts. What surprised us about our trip home was that on every single bridge crossing the QEW/403 there was at least one fire truck and its crew. They were waiting for the procession to pass, so that they could pay their last respects. I honked the horn and we waved at each crew as we passed the bridges. I felt proud to live in this country with those who take the time to stop and show respect for their fellow citizen.

This issue is the first one that Christina Albrecht is compiling and editing. We've created a new email address for articles or anything

that needs to go into the Germania Post. The address is germaniapost@germaniaclub.ca please send all you items to that address in the future.

The month of April has one of our favourite events, the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children. Susan Butz and her helpers put on a nice afternoon of fun the children, even the Easter Bunny came out to the park to bring happiness to the kids. Thanks to Uschi Schien for being the Easter Bunny. Thanks to Richard Lutz and associates for cooking on the BBQ for everyone.

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The Campers' Report



*At this time no report.
Campers meeting at the Park on
May 3rd, 2009 at 2:00 PM.*

Special thank you to
Dieter Eckert
for keeping up with
the sign out front!!

The Choir enjoyed an
exciting hockey game in
Caledonia where they performed
the German national anthem..



Thank you Eckhard for these
lovely pictures.



Choral Notes

We are in the middle of our busiest month of the year. We have just performed at the Sonnenhof in Brantford and at the Transylvania Club in Kitchener. In three weeks' time we will sing at the Lyra Club in London, and on May 9th in Toronto. The DKSB meeting will be held in Montreal on April 18th, and on the 25th of this month we will hold our annual Garage Sale. Ambitious? On top of that we have been invited to sing the German anthem for a German junior hockey team in Caledonia on April 6th, and several singers volunteered to attend this event too.

In Brantford we performed about ten numbers, two of which were potpourris; so the actual number of songs was more than twice that many songs. The audience was small but enthusiastic, and we sang several encores for them. The members of the Sonnenhof are very appreciative of our visits, and they treat us generously with good food and drinks..

At the Transylvania Club, we were one of four choirs, and we were limited to about five songs. The selections from all choirs were varied, though many of them were folk songs, - not too heavy! The highlight of the evening was the honouring of Katharina Paulini, the well-liked and respected president

of the Transylvania Choir from 1984 to 2009. Her 25-year voluntarism also earned her recognition from the City of Kitchener. With good food and companionship, the evening turned out to be a splendid event.

In passing, I would like to remind our choristers that the month of May - and for that matter the whole year of 2009 - is a time the classical music world remembers the composer Joseph Haydn, who died 200 years ago. He was a humble and charitable person to whom fame came almost as a surprise. Mostly for the fun of it, he invented and wrote string quartets, about 83 of them. He did not write much choral music, but most readers have heard his 'Creation', which was recently performed in Hamilton.

Speaking of celebrations, I would like to draw to your attention that the Germania Choirs are celebrating their 145th Anniversary on May 30th. Several choirs have been invited to help us celebrate this event, and YOU, dear reader, are also invited! There is a chance we may have a choir visiting us from Germany on this occasion.

The month of May is the birthday month of several of our choristers and fans: Ingrid Venohr, Hedda Wagenblast, Erich Puppa, Amalia Press, and Karin Platz. Happy Birthday to you all, and 'Freut Euch des Lebens!' Unfortunately, we will also keep in mind those of our members whose health is faltering, in some cases severely. They, their spouses, and families are dear to us.

George Fischer



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(If more than two children please list on reverse side of this form.)

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Which Subgroup or special interest Group would you like to join? Please note some subgroups have their own additional application forms and fees.

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**Mardi Gras
Society
"NARRHALLA
58"**

Hello Friends

The members of Narrhalla are busily preparing for our annual "Fun in the Sun" Picnic which will be held on June 20th at the Germania Park. We invite all of you to join us for a day of fun, there will be games for all, music and of course food, so bring your family and friends.

The members will get a brief break over the summer before we start preparing for the Steel City Oktoberfest on October 3rd and preparing for the Mardi Gras Season.

That is all for now and hope to see you all in June at our Picnic.

*Until then
Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary*

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May 15th, 16th

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MAIFEST

May 3rd, 2009 @ 1pm

Both events taking place at
The Germania Park

Presidents Report

Continued

The month of May will bring us some great events as well, check the calendar so you don't miss something good. To begin the month the Fisher and Hunters will have their Maifest and Schlachtfest on the 2nd and 3rd of May. The 2nd of May we have our Saturday evening dance in the large hall starting 8pm. On the 10th of May we will hold our annual Mothers' Day Dinner in the large hall. Please reserve early by calling the office. And finally on the 30th of May the choirs will celebrate the 145th anniversary of the choir and club with a dinner and concert in the club. 5 choirs from the choir association will be performing as well, including the Harfentöne Männerchor and the Concordia Male Chorus from Kitchener. Lots to do in the month of May.

I hope to see you at the club, and please enjoy the wonderful spring!

David Simon

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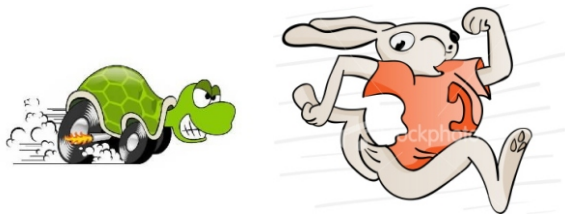
Youth Coordinator

The Youth are our future

Summer is coming! And I'm looking forward, as the youth coordinator, to planning various events with the children. Picnics, sleep overs, movie nights/afternoons, and many more events are my goal for the year. I would like to plan a few events as soon as possible, but I need e-mails, and names. So, please contact the club or me at 905-546-7758, or e-mail me at

Christina.a_@hotmail.com, I would like to have as many kids as possible to start having fun. Don't let your kids miss out! Don't say I didn't warn you!

Thanks,
Christina Albrecht



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11, 2009



The sun was shining, at our Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, 2009. Although the wind was chilly, at least there was no snow this year. There was colouring, egg painting, music, and karaoke for the children to occupy themselves before the big hunt. Approx. 40 children scattered around hunting for eggs, after the Easter bunny hid them.

The kids had tons of fun, and won tons of prizes. I hope to see more children in the future years, as the new youth coordinator. Also a big thanks to the people who helped in the Easter Egg Hunt, Susan and Erik Butz, Richard Lutz, and Uschi Schien. I'm learning everyone's names so please forgive me if I missed you.

-Christina Albrecht



Aus unserem Frauenverein

Finally Spring has arrived, and the world looks brighter, flowers start to grow and people seem to smile more, now that winter is over.

On March 15, 2009 we celebrated our 101st Anniversary. We could not ask for a better day. The weather was great; the restaurant was beautifully decorated, thanks to our President Rosi Kramolowsky and her helpers. The food was superb simply delicious, a thank you to the Chef and her helpers from all of us. Members and guests had a wonderful time what could be better than good food, good company and lots of laughs.

On our April 1, 2009 meeting it was decided to have another go at the Applemania, in the hope attendance will be great. As you know it is lots of fun. Good apple cake, strudel and pie; prizes and games. More on it you will hear or read in the coming month.

Now comes our Election! Ute Perl put motion forward to keep the Executive Committee as it is, since they did a wonderful job. Everybody was only too glad to agree with her. Here is our new or should I say old committee:

President: Rosi Kramolowsky

Vice President: Uschi Schien

Secretary: Helga Laqua

Treasurer: Annemarie Kiss

Kitchen Committee: Rose Strinich

Entertainment Committee:

Dorothea Melms

Sieglinde Seiler

Auditors: Ute Perl

Hilde Platz

Krankenkommitee: To be filled

Since Lieselotte Heuck had to resign due to health reasons. We thank Lieselotte for her years of service. Good Luck and a great year to all of them.

Our Birthday lady for May is Mia Straughan on May 6th, Congratulations Mia.

Mother's Day is fast approaching so here is my poem for that special day.

A Mother's Love

*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving*

*when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is
breaking...
It believes beyond believing
when the world around
condemns,
And it glows with all beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...
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And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation...
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of God's tender guiding hand.
Helen Steiner Rice*

*That's all for now
till next time
Stay Healthy and Keep Smiling
Helga Laqua*

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