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April 3	Noon	Easter Egg Hunt at the Park
April 3	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
April 11	14:00	Filmmittag - Schicksalsjahre einer Kaiserin
April 17	17:00	Fisher and Hunter Schlachtfest at the Club
April 24	8:00	Choir Garage Sale at the Club
April 27		No Membership Meeting

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

May 1	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
May 2	14:00	Fisher and Hunter Maifest at the Park
May 2	14:00	Campers Meeting at the Park
May 9	11-3	Mother's Day Brunch
May 11	19:30	Planning Meeting for It's Your Festival and Club Picnic-everyone welcome
May 25		No Membership Meeting

Germania Choirs rehearsal Thursdays at 7:30pm

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

Next monthly membership meeting ...June 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 22. Juni um 19:30 Uhr

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



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Anna Kreuzer
March 1, 2010

*We are deeply saddened to report that Anna Kreuzer, loving wife of Hans Kreuzer has passed away. We extend our condolences to the Kruezer Family.
May you hold tight to the memories for comfort.*



Karl Heidt
March 4, 1934 - March 4, 2010

Words cannot express our sorrow for the Heidt family. Karl celebrated his 50th year membership in October 2009. For many years Karl was well known for his barbequing expertise and was an avid camper. We extend our condolences to the Heidt Family. May love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

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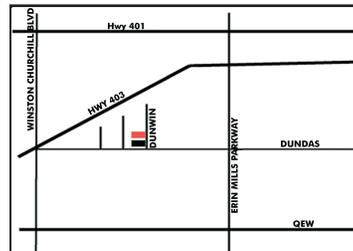
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**Mardi Gras
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Hello friends

The report for this month is short as the members of Narrhalla are resting and will be shortly starting to plan for the next Mardi Gras Season. I will keep you in touch with the goings on of the Narrhalla.

Until then
Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary



Son. 11 April um 14 Uhr

**Teil 3
"Sissi"**

**Schicksalsjahre einer
Kaiserin**

**THE
OVER SIXTY
GROUP**



A very Happy Birthday to Kolf Fischer who celebrates his day on April 1st (now, is it or isn't it his birthday?) Yes it is! He will be 73 years young.

We had our first meeting on the 17th of March, St Patrick's Day.

For anyone who wishes to join us, you are welcome to come. We always meet at 12:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

See you all on April 21st.

Yours Truly
Linda Wanner



Special Thank you to

**Hannelore Simon
Elfride Lammert
Jeanet Schaefer
for cooking up a storm for
the Kale Dinner!**

**The
President
Corner**



Who isn't looking forward to springtime? Even if we didn't have too harsh of a winter, most everyone loves to see the trees green, and the flowers bloom, me included.

I thank everyone for the cards and visits while I "vacation" in the hospital. I've been in for six weeks now and look forward to getting back home and to a more normal life once again.

I have heard good reports from the annual general meeting. I wish to thank the outgoing board and extended board for a job well done. Mostly the board remains unchanged with the addition of two new members in the positions of first and second social director. We also welcome two new auditors. Please give the new board your support and help. I also thank everyone for the confidence in me as president. I am proud to be the president of the Germania Club.

Club life works because a group of people with a common interest come together and form a club. In the beginning the interest is intense and the joy that the club brings is great. It's easy to maintain the club and to attract new members. So it was with the Germania Club, and

misfortune brought two waves of new immigrants to Canada and new members to the Germania Club. The last wave was 60 years ago, and times have changed. The Germania Club needs to rely on small immigration and the second and third generation Germans. But where are the second and third generation members? In the next issue of the Germania Post you will be introduced to long time members and children who are also members of the club. In order to survive and prosper the club members and that means you, need to introduce or maybe re-introduce your children and grandchildren to the club.

I've met several member's children and they mostly all have the same interest in the club. When they see the large hall it brings back memories from the past. Most don't speak German but understand it. They tend to ask questions like what goes on in the club. What is the large hall used for? The interest is genuine. Most members say that their children are not interested because they've married someone who is not German, but I think they are wrong. Maybe they don't want to come to the club on a weekly basis to dance to a German band, but most are proud of their heritage, and culture, in my opinion that interest needs to be nurtured. That's the challenge that the new board and all

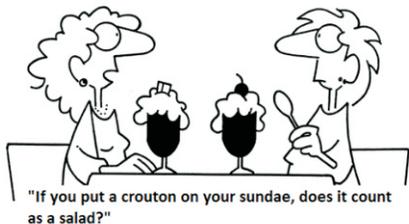
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members face, and the challenge that the board will work on.

I wish you a wonderful springtime. Remember for flowers to grow you need sunshine and rain.

David Simon
President



Choral Notes

'All Choirs' Night' turned out as expected - a delightful evening of choral singing. That's what all the practicing was for. Seven choirs performed a great variety of songs in different styles of music from Bach to contemporary show tunes, Abba, and Punk, - and all in good taste! Everyone must have had a favourite song. My own favourites were 'It Is Well With My Soul' sung by the Classic Blend under the leadership of Dennis Adams, and 'Fare Thee Well, Love', sung by a new chorus called Sound under the direction of Jordan Travis. Our choir contributed two new songs, Bach's 'Menuett' and 'Jacob's Ladder'. The audience applauded heartily! The concert was free, but donations were accepted toward the St. Joseph's Relief Fund for Haiti. We raised over \$ 600 in this way.

The following day the Germania Choirs sang at the memorial service for Jost Behnke, Edith's husband. Jost has been a quiet but steadfast supporter of the choirs, coming out frequently to our concerts, even out-of-town. He loved to help out with various tasks and often let Linus know when we sang a particular song so well that 'he felt the goose bumps rise on the back of his neck'. At a reception held at the Club, we met with Edith's daughter Sylvia from Edmonton and the extended

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(Herbert Schmidt cont'd)

Anfang Juni 1957 wurde wegen persönlichen und familiaeren Umstaenden nach Canada ausgewandert, mit Reiserziel Hamilton. Schwester und Schwager seiner Frau wohnten bereits in Hamilton.

Zu erst hatte Herbert verschiedene Arbeitsstellen, bis er dann Anfang 1963 bei Westinghouse - im Turbinenbau Beschaeftigung fand. Im Mai 1986 wurde er pensioniert.

Herbert wurde 1959 Mitglied im Germania Club, und wurde Anfang 1960 Schulleiter der Sonnabend - Schule. Danach war er Buchpruefer, und im Geschaeftsordnungs - komitee, sowie Vice - Praesident, Sekretaer, und im Aeltestenrat. Herbert ist auch ein Ehrenmitglied. Seine letzte Funktion ist Mitglied am Stammtisch im Ratskeller.

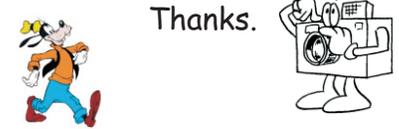
Tochter Ingrid lebt in Salzburg mit Ehemann. Herbert und Erna haben 3 Enkelkinder und 4 Urenkelkinder, in Deutschland, und Tochter Christa and Ehemann Lyle, mit Enkeltochter Kelly, wohnen in Grimsby. Die Familien der Toechter und Enkeltoechter sind wohlauf, und gut situiert, auf Grund ihrer akademischen Ausbildung. Herbert darf stolz sein, auf das was er sich aufgebaut hat. Und zum Abschluss moechte er sagen, Canada hat uns ein erfolgreiches und dankbares Leben beschert, doch sein Herz schlaegt Deutsch. Wir wuenschen ihm einen schoenen Lebensabend, und

hoffen, dass er dem Club noch viele Jahre treu bleibt....

Read at the Stiftungsfest, 2009
By Uschi Schien

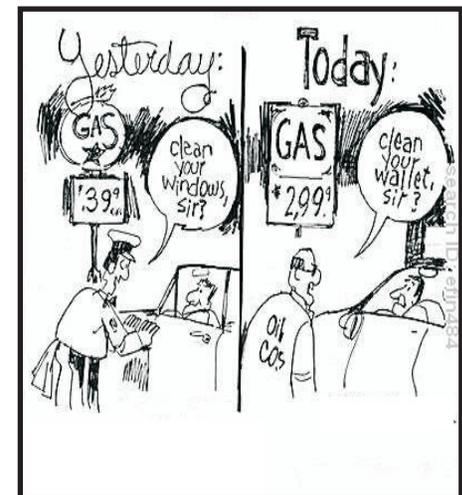
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Thanks.



"Oh God," sighed the wife one morning, "I'm convinced my mind is almost completely gone!"

Her husband looked up from the newspaper and commented, "I'm not surprised: You've been giving me a piece of it every day for thirty years!"

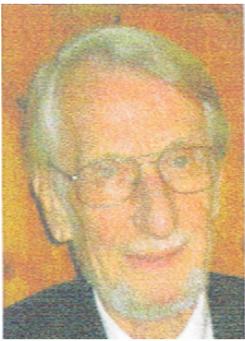


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Herbert Schmidt

Herbert Schmidt wurde am 5. November 1923 in Schneidemuehl, Grenzmark Posen, Westpreussen geboren. Stammhalter der Familie, Vater Josef in 1965 und Mutter Hedwig in 1945 gestorben, nach der Flucht aus der Heimat, auch seine Schwester, und die Brueder sind alle verstorben.

Ab 1930 besuchte er die Grundschule. Von 1938 bis Maerz 1941 war fuer ihn eine Lehrzeit im Lokomotiv – Werk der deutschen Reichsbahn, als Maschinenschlosser mit Besuch der Werks – eigenen Fachschule. Nach Auswahlhergang bekam er ein Stipendium fuer die Staatsbauschule in Graudenz.

Von Juli 1941 bis Juli 1942 machte er 3 Semester im Tiefbau, Eisenbahn – Brueckenbau. Ende Juli 1942 wurde Herbert einberufen zur Luftwaffe. Ausbildung erhielt er in Frankreich, und Belgien. Er bekam Schulung als Kampfbeobachter in Stralsund. Wurde versetzt zum Geschwader

26 nach Ortelsburg. Von dort nach Aarhus, Daenemark. Nach aufloesung der Gruppe, kam Versetzung zur 1. Fallschirm – Division, in Norditalien. Dann Einsatz mit der Pionier – Kompanie im Stellungsbaue und Brueckenschutz. Herbert wurde zum Unteroffizier befoerdert, und wurde Kompanie – Trupp – Fuehrer.

Im Maerz 1945 wurde die Einheit in die Tschechoslowakei, nach Bruenn, transportiert. Am 8. Mai 1945 war die Kapitulation, und fuer Herbert began der Weg in russische Gefangenschaft, dort wurde er in russische Textilindustrie, Chemie und Stahl – Werke eingesetzt.

Heimtransport fand Ende Oktober 1948 in der britischen Zone stat. Die Heimat im Osten hatte er verloren, war ohne Eigentum, seine Beamten – Laufbahn war dahin, und die Familie zerruetet. So musste Herbert neu anfangen, mit Nichts unter fremden Verhaeltnissen. Er bekam Arbeitsstellen in Bleckede, an der Elbe, in Krefeld, und bei Volkswagen in Wolfsburg.

1950 heiratete Herbert sein Erna, sie haben 2 Toechter, Ingrid und Christa. Als Ostvertriebene mussten sie mit einer miserable 2 Raum – Wohnung zufrieden sein. Herbert uebernahm ehrenamtliche Taetigkeiten fuer Partei und Gewerkschaften, nahm teil an Lehrgaengen und Schulungen in Sozialwesen, Volkswirtschaft, Politik und Redetechnik, fuer Zweigstelle Ostpropaganda von 1954 bis 1957.

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family. We will miss Jost, and our thoughts are with you, Edith, particularly during the time of your mourning. We are glad that Edith continues to sing with us.

On March 4th we had our annual members' meeting and election. All positions were filled. Hedda Wagenblast, David Simon, and Betty Boerkamp agreed to continue to serve as President, Vice President, and First Treasurer respectively. Inge Leitner will be our Second Treasurer. The First Secretary is Netty DeWit; Ingrid Oppermann agreed to serve as Second Secretary, and George Fischer will continue writing the articles for the Germania Post. The Music Librarians are Hannelore Simon and Jeanet Schaefer; Bernie Volwerk agreed to help us out as Property Manager. Susie Butz will be our Social Director, Lori and Willi Schaefer will form our Sunshine Committee, and Edith Behncke and Ewald Zielke will be our auditors.

Ahead of us is a concert with the Transylvania Club in Kitchener on March 20th, followed by a visit with Amalia and Michael Press at the Sonnenhof to celebrate their 80th and 85th birthdays on April 18th. Our garage sale is on for the 24th of April. The Big Event for this spring will be the Songfest in Windsor on the long weekend in May. For anyone interested in joining us for

this event, there may be space on the bus. Please, check with Hedda Wagenblast very soon if you are interested in coming along.

A Happy Birthday to Ulla Binka and Andreas Remisch!

All the migrant birds have returned and are singing their melodies. Spring is definitely here. Enjoy the season and a Happy Easter to all!

George Fischer



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Fischer & Jäger

Hello folks and welcome to April. On behalf of the Vorstand please join us in sending our condolences to Eva Heidt and her family on the loss of her husband Karl. Karl will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace Karl.

With April upon us, that means fishing season is around the corner. As we all know Mother's Day is opening of the Cottage so call Willi or Rosi for bookings.

Our Schlachtfest is held on April 17th at the Germania Club and our Maifest is at the park on May 2nd at 2:00 PM. We hope to see you all there.

Until we meet again
Petri Heil
Richard Kramolowsky

Quote for the month: "When someone tells you nothing is impossible, ask them to dribble a football." – Author Unknown –

Fisher and Hunter Schlachtfest

April 17, 2010
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The Campers Report



This is a terrible way to start a new camping season. Karl Heidt, our friend and our chairman, passed away on March 3rd, on his 76th birthday. Karl had been involved with the Germania Club for more than fifty years and was there when the campground was first established. As a stonemason by trade, Karl created almost all the brickwork in the park, including the entrance gate, Germania Park sign, memorial and the pavilion with its fireplace. When our park manager needed help, Karl was there. He had been the campers' chairman for more years than I can remember. Even though cooking for various occasions was not part of his job, he volunteered often and became very good at it. His passing left a huge hole in our little group. With deep sorrow, our heartfelt sympathies go out to his wife, Eva, to his children, grandchildren and all other family members. The campers will make a donation, in Karl's honour, toward the memorial fund.

What kind of a winter was this anyway? At the time of writing, we only had one mediocre snowfall and temperatures hovering mostly around freezing. That makes me think that all those unlucky folks that went to Florida and experienced frost in January for four days in a row, most likely wasted their money.

All right, enough, let's all stop
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Special Planning Meeting



on May 11th, 2010
7:30 pm at the Club

Yes, it's that time of year again! If you are interested in helping with the It's Your Festival and the Club Picnic please come to the meeting. Your help and input is greatly appreciated!



Have a special announcement you would like to make? Let us know. If there is room we will put it in the Germania Post for free. You can call the club at 905-549-0513 or email the editor at info.germaniaclub.ca

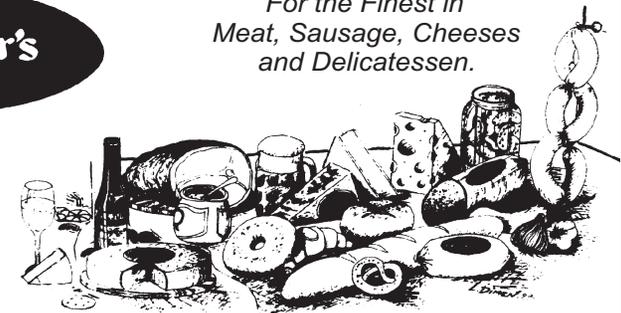
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All Choir Night February 27, 2010

Thank you Dieter for the pictures



(Camper's Report cont'd)

gloating and deal with matters on hand.

Opening day is just around the corner. Usually, the first days of a new camping season are mostly work. Dislodging any critters, checking for leaks or damage, bringing all that stuff back from home, stocking the fridge and of course, not to forget, cleaning the roof and outsides of our camper trailer. As we all know, there are many good products out there; even Walmart and Canadian Tire carry those now and they work well. However, a word of warning: Do not use any oil based products on your rubber roof. They will soften the membrane which will eventually disintegrate. Rubber roof cleaners are especially formulated for this task. But then, most likely, you knew all this already. And as a reminder, especially for our new campers: July, August and September are water preservation months. That means, preferably, we will clean our rigs before that, not after.

One more time: **Our annual campers' meeting will be on the 2nd day of May at one o'clock at the Pavilion in the Germania Park.** Because of the passing of Karl Heidt, we will not have our traditional Leberkaese lunch before the meeting. We will, however, have coffee and cake instead. Elections for all positions of the camper committee are held at this time. We are especially looking for a new chairman (chairwoman) and a second in command. A few times in

the past, these meetings have been somewhat raucous affairs, especially when some controversial subjects are brought forward. So, if you have something that might be difficult to deal with, please bring it to the attention of the acting chairperson way before the meeting. No one likes to be ambushed, at that get-together, with something he or she is not prepared for.

Changing gears:

You may have noticed that I very rarely comment on those of us who are sick. I feel being ill is, for many of us, a very personal experience. Having it mentioned in the Germania Post and consequently getting phone calls and visits is not always a good way of becoming well again. Having said that, should you or a family member call me and ask to acknowledge someone's ill health and post get well wishes, I'll be glad to do that.

Even though, with Karl missing, opening day will be a sad occasion, I am still looking forward to seeing all of you at the park in the spring.

Egon Roeslein. Camper.

PS.

Campers, please mark this on your calendar: Our annual Camper Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 7th.



Aus unserem Frauenverein

This was our first meeting in 2010 and we are pleased that we had a good turnout. A lot needed to be discussed, since we have our Stiftungsfest on March 13th, 2010. Dinner, attendance, invitations needed to be discussed.

We also have two members who celebrate a milestone as members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Charlotte Voronoff 50 years Rosi Kramolowsky 25 years Congratulations to the both of them.

Rosi also mentioned the Schlachtfest. She asked the members to support the undergroups functions. She also mentioned we need new blood in our Ladies Auxiliary, especially younger members. If our group cannot attract more members our future looks not that promising.

Birthdays for April

Heidi Frank April 5
Monica Turner April 12
Rosi Kramolowsky April 13

Our best wishes and congratulations for all the Birthday Ladies.

Wishing all a Happy Easter. That's all for now. Stay healthy and keep smiling.

Here is my little saying for the month The happiest people don't necessarily

Have the best of everything; They just make the best of -8-

everything That comes along their way.

We all know life knock's us down when we least expect it; but we always have to get up and keep on living.

Yours Helga Laqua

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Sieglinde Seiler
Dana Turner

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Dear Members'

On March 7th our Annual General Meeting was held with 57 members in attendance. I would like to introduce you to our New Board of Directors for 2010/2011.

President – David Simon
Vice President – to be appointed
1st Secretary – Lori Kramolowsky
2nd Secretary – to be appointed
1st Treasurer – Carol Albrecht
2nd Treasurer – Annemarie Kiss
Business Administrator – Carol Albrecht
Property Managers – Eckhard Kries and Arthur Wagenblast
Park Manager – Richard Lutz
1st Social Director – Janette Pascall
2nd Social Director – Eva Kolwes
Public Relations – Susan Butz
Youth Co-ordinator – to be appointed

As you can see we have almost a full Board, if you are interested in stepping into one of the positions that has not been filled, please contact me at the Club Office so that I may bring your name forward to the Board for consideration.

The Auditors for 2010/2011 are:
Internal Auditor Chair –

Hans Bastel
Eva Kolwes
Dieter Eckert.

During the annual general meeting on March 7, 2010 a motion was passed unanimously, directing the Board of Directors to initiate amendments to the Club's by-laws with the following objectives.

- 1) To reduce the number of regular membership meetings from twelve (12) to three (3) membership meetings per year and,
- 2) To transfer responsibility for the admission of new members from membership meetings to meetings of the Board of Directors.

The following dates are scheduled for Membership Meetings to take place at 7:30 pm at the Germania Club.

- June 22, 2010
- September 28, 2010
- January 25, 2011

The Annual General Meeting will be held March 27, 2011 at 10 am. These dates will be posted in the Germania Post as a reminder to all members.

I would like to welcome everyone both old and new to the Germania Club Board of Directors and look forward to working with all of you. Please offer your congratulations to these members when you see them, these are the people who keep our club in operation so that you as members have a place to meet and enjoy the company of friends.

Sincerely
Lori Kramolowsky
1st Secretary

