

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 Buffet in the Large Hall
May 11	19:30	Planning Meeting for Gage Park and Club Picnic - Everyone Welcome
May 25		No Membership Meeting

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

June 5	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
June 12		Bock Beerfest
June 13-?		Watch Germany play at the World Cup Soccer in the Club
July 1-4		It's Your Festival

Next monthly membership meeting ...June 22, at 7:30 p.m.
Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 22. juni um 19:30 Uhr

Germania Choirs rehearsal Thursday at 7:30pm
Skat Saturday in the Rathskeller starting at 12:30 p.m.



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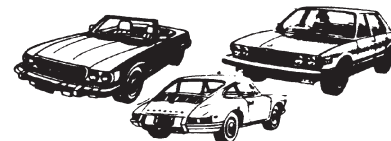
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*A Loyal Member of the Germania Club
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Friedrich Wilhelm Vordenbaeumen*

Willi was born on September 27, 1918 in Dueren/Rheinland as one of five children. After the early loss of his father he finished school and apprenticed as an electric motor builder and repairer. After four years, he received his journeyman's license. As his hobby, Willi loved to fly and build gliders. Unfortunately WW2 intervened and Willi voluntarily joined the Airforce where he was an airplane mechanic. He served all over Europe, including Russia and Italy. During the war he also married Leni and moved to Wuppertal. After the War he worked for Siemens for a number of years.

In 1956, he decided to immigrate to Canada with his wife Leni and two daughters. He arrived in Hamilton in April and immediately found work at Jervis B. Webb Control Engineering and his family followed him a few months later in August.

In 1959, Willi joined the Germania Club. He and his family became very active members. Daughter Helga joined the ballet group under the capable leadership of Frau Else Mende. Leni sewed the costumes and Willi was the "Obmann" of the group. Later Helga danced in the Garde also under the direction of Frau Mende.

Willi became Decorations-Minister and Vice President of the Narrhalla 58. Many happy years of hard work followed including the sets for the well-loved productions of "Grimm's Fairytales", set decorations for various theme nights and the TV show "Ein Prosit". And, who can forget the popular Steel City Oktoberfests?

Later in life he moved to Newmarket, Ontario (and Naples, Florida in the winter) and some of the contact with the Club and members was diminished but never forgotten. If at all possible, Willi tried to attend some functions. Now that he is back living in Hamilton, he will be glad to reconnect on a more regular basis.

Willi, we wish you and your family a very happy retirement and all the best for the future. And we hope you come and see us at the Club for many more years....

*Read at the Stiftungsfest 2009 by
Uschi Schien*

The President's Corner



Happy Spring!

Most of us have heard the words of Robert Fulgham at one time or another: "Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school."

These are the things I learned:
Share everything - Play fair - Don't hit people - Put things back where you found them - Clean up your own mess - Don't take things that aren't yours - Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody - Wash your hands before you eat - Flush - Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you - Live a balanced life - Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some - Take a nap every afternoon - When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together - Be aware of wonder."

Being in the hospital for nine weeks now after surgery in rehab, I can attest that Fulgham was mostly right. I can add a few to the shortened list above, namely don't -3-

complain too much - eat your meals and be thankful they are feeding you - be thankful for the medical system we have - smile, it goes a long way - treat others as you would have them treat you.

The don't complain too much one is probably the one that hit me most. Even though my mother thinks I complain too much, I don't think I do. I noticed here in the hospital that most patients who complain, are also the most miserable. They seem to search out things to complain about however trivial. You say "it's nice and warm out" they say "but it's going to rain" or you say "oh look we have pudding for dessert today" they say "we had that two days ago". Negative talk seems abundant.

Indian mystic and sage Meher Baba coined a phrase which Bobby McFerrin made popular in the late eighties with the song; "don't worry, be happy". If there is something that I can bring home from the hospital stay it will be just that, "don't worry be happy". And with that don't complain find out how you can change things for the better.

Hope to see you all soon at the club.

David Simon

THE OVER SIXTY GROUP



We are all going out to lunch at the Mandarin on the mountain on Wednesday, May 12th. We will meet at 11:50 am so we can eat at 12 noon. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

There were only 6 of us at our March meeting. Irmgard had an appointment and showed up for a minute to tell us that she is okay and will be at our next meeting on April 21st.

See you all then and Happy Mother's Day to all our Ladies.

Yours Truly
Linda Wanner



Read This Brainteaser ... bet you CAN!

The phaonmneel pweor of the hmuan mnid: I cduolt blveiee taht I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd waht I was rdgnieg. Aoccdrnig to a rscheearcr at Cmagbride Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttair in waht oredr the ltteers of a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be in the rghit pclae.

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A Friendly Reminder

Membership fees are now due.

Membership Fees

\$12 for student
\$65 for regular
\$110 for family
\$45 for seniors

As mentioned in the last Germania Post we would like to introduce you to long time members with their children and give you a little background of how they are still a part of the club.



Dorothea Melms

and daughter

Annemarie Kiss (nee Melms)

Annemarie was born November 12, 1962 to the parents of Gunter and Dorothea Melms. Annemarie's dad would frequent the club when he first came to Canada in the 1950's. Later, he would introduce his wife Dorothea to the Club. At the age of 5, Annemarie danced in the Kinderballet. By the age of 8 she was enrolled in the Deutsche Sprachschule every Saturday morning. Her fondest memories were celebrated in the club such as birthdays, christenings and especially her own wedding to George Kiss.

The Club has continually been a part of her life.

Today, Annemarie has 3 children Tyler, Adam and Samantha who

also are seen quite often around the club. Her idea is for her children to experience the culture and heritage of Germany the way she did. On top of having a full time job she is the second treasurer on the Board of Directors of the club; the secretary of the Fisher and Hunters and treasurer of the Frauenverein. When asked why she is a member of the Frauenverein she will tell you "it's because I want to spend quality time with my mom".

Annemarie really has her hands full but enjoys every minute of it.

Thank you Annemarie for all you do!

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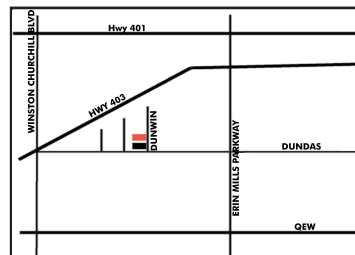
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Choral
Notes

Our concert at the Transylvania Kitchener Club was a bittersweet experience. While we sang at our best, some choirs seemed to have conspired to sing all songs in mezzo forte without rhythmic variations. There were a few young people in the crowd, and I could not help but wonder how our performance impressed them. All the characteristics of a modern concert - the high volume, strong rhythms, rhythmic movement, vitality, and spectacular light effects - were conspicuously absent from our presentations. Partly, the poor acoustics of the hall may have contributed to the muted performances, yet some choirs did overcome the handicap and offered choral music at its best. Our choir freshened that staid pace with a few peppy tunes, thanks to Linus' selection of lively tunes and his energetic way of conducting the choir!

At present, we are focusing our practices on the songfest in Windsor on May 22-24. Once again, we have a good selection of songs. We are thrilled to have Krista Rhodes (nee Wegner) back to accompany us at Windsor. Her contribution makes a significant difference to our performance. Thanks, Krista.

One of our problems at this time is the irregular attendance by several

members. There are many legitimate reasons for staying away from practices, yet, every time somebody is missing, that practice is less effective. We have several new singers who need the support of the experienced singers. In the absence of these experienced choristers, the new singers - and our conductor! - have to struggle much more to get things right. We are all getting older, but let not that factor be the excuse for our laxness! If you must be away, please remember to call Gertrud to let her know of your absence. Let's pull ourselves together and practice a little more self-discipline, common courtesy, and commitment! We can do it - yes, we can! - and all of us will be off better as a result!

On the positive side, Netty DeWit has returned from Holland. Welcome back, Netty, and enjoy the Canadian tulip season! David Simon is spending much time in the Rehab Center of the General Hospital, and we wish you all the patience and strength in relearning the skill of walking! Hannelore and Harald Simon have decided to move, and we wish you minimal stress in the transition to your new home!

The Choir is invited to celebrate the birthdays of Amalia and Michael Press in the Sonnenhof on April 18th. We are looking forward to have a great party with them on that occasion!

Our annual Garage Sale is coming

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Choir Report Cont'd

up on April 24th. The weather is usually fine (?) at that time, so come out and have some fun buying great bargains!

In May three choristers will celebrate their birthdays: Ingrid Venohr, Hedda Wagenblast, and Erich Puppa. Happy Birthday to you!!!

Well, let's keep the music alive! Singing is good for our health, and it is a pleasure for others as well!

George Fischer

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Fischer & Jäger

Hello folks and let's take a moment and enjoy the lovely blooms of spring. Buds are sprouting and growing everywhere including our group. We have lots of plans for a busy summer.

At the time of this article, Schlachtfest has not happened yet, more on that later. The cottage is open as of Mother's Day and Rosi and Willi have assured us of a full house. Hopefully the weather and fish will co-operate. Call for bookings at 905-662-7602.

Our Maifest is happening on May 2nd at the Park and will begin at 2 PM. Come on out with the kids and grandkids to climb the Maibaum.

The junior prize fishing weekend is on July 17-18, please call for information and booking. You can call me at 905-549-7004 or 905-719-4491 or if you prefer you can email me at rkelinc@sympatico.ca.

The Germania Club is having various events so please support them as best as you can. Our next membership meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday at 8 PM in the Germania Club. Come on out and see what's happening.

Until we meet again
Petri Heil
Richard Kramolowsky

Interesting story;
New neighbours moved in and they have a very loud puppy..barks all night. I finally had enough and one night I got up and grabbed the dog. A few minutes later as I returned back into the house my wife asked me what I did. I looked her in the eye and said "I put the thing in our yard, now let's see how they like it"

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Aus unserem Frauenverein

*We always say:
April showers brings May flowers.*

April is also our election month, but due to low attendance, we had to postpone our election till May 2010 hoping that more members will be able to attend.

We will try to match pictures from way back to today's Ladies. This will be great fun.

Wishing Liesel Graeser who had a bad fall and Sigrid Whelan all the best and hoping they will be recuperated by our next meeting.

Presidentin Rosi Kramolowsky thanked everybody for the well wishes and presents from the Stiftungsfest, Jennifer for the great food, and David Simon as President of the club for the champagne punch, Gary Albrecht for his well wishes and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

No Birthday Ladies in May.

*That's all for now..
Stay healthy and keep smiling.
Yours Helga Laqua*

Here is my poem for Mother's Day

What is a mother?

*It takes a Mother's love
to make a house a home,
A place to be remembered*

*no matter where we roam.
It takes a Mother's patience
to bring a child up right,
And courage and her cheerfulness,
to make a dark day bright.*

*It takes a Mother's thoughtfulness
to mend the heart's deep hurts,
and her skill and her endurance
to mend little socks and shirts.*

*It takes a Mother's kindness
to forgive us when we err,
to sympathize in trouble
and bow her head in prayer.*

*It takes a mother's wisdom
to recognize our needs,
and to give us reassurance,
by her loving and her deeds.*

-Helen Steiner Rice

Now we all know what a Mother is....



*Ladies
Stiftungsfest
March 14, 2010*



*Charlotte Voronoff
50 Year Member
of the Frauenverein*

The Campers' Report



We all know the little rhyme, "Spring has sprung, the sun has ris, I wonder where the birdies is?"

Well, I can tell you: The (snow) birdies have all come back from Florida or Texas to join us in opening the camping season.

Unless, you received this Germania Post somewhat earlier than usual, most of us will have been in the park and opened our trailer. We will have reacquainted ourselves with our fellow campers and had our first brewsky or whatever.

The campers' meeting, on May the second, will be over. We will have a new chairperson and perhaps other changes within the board.

*So, let's all look forward to a beautiful, warm, summer camping season and bid welcome to our latest, new campers who have moved into site number twelve. The greatest weather and the most relaxing time, we are wishing **Harald and Ilse Matthiessen**. As a newcomer, perhaps you have questions or need assistance. I, or any camper around you, will gladly help out.*

To the best of my knowledge, our theme, campers' picnic is still on for August 7th. Our new camper chairman and his entertainment committee will have to hustle and tell

us what the theme will be, so we can prepare our get-ups.

At this point, I may have a few suggestions:

The theme could be Mexican. Wear a sombrero and drink Margaritas all day. Fiesta from noon to four.

Or British. Stiff upper lip and a cuppa tea every hour, after all, you are in the colonies.

Or Polish. Eat lots of Kielbasa, drink potato vodka and laugh at German jokes.

How about Newfie? Wear a baseball cap, drink beer from a bottle with some Screech on the side and laugh at German jokes.

Perhaps, Scottish. After too much Glenfiddich, we could all throw Haggis at each other. I mean you wouldn't want to eat that, it's in a stomach already.

Well, I just about insulted enough people.

Let the good times roll.

Egon Roesslein. (Camper)

Johnny's mother had four children. The first was April, the second was May, and the third was June. What was the name of her fourth child?

Johnny... bet you were thinking July.

Easter Egg Hunt 2010

What a gorgeous day! After a cold spell suddenly temperatures over 20 degrees and that on the day the Easter Egg Hunt took place in the Germania Park.

Forty-three children, toddlers and almost teenagers waited impatiently for the signal which gave everyone the green light to start the hunt for the eggs.

And there it was!! Carrying their Easter baskets all the children dashed as fast as possible down the hill and into the forest.

In previous years this had always been a very wet and muddy terrain but this year there was no need for rubber boots. It did not take long for the egg hunters to return with their baskets heaping full of colourful plastic eggs which had lots of chocolate inside.

Thanks to Susan and Erich Butz for making their way early in the morning up to the park to hide the Easter goodies.

There was, like every Easter, a big white bunny with long ears and a friendly face which the children admired. Thanks to Uschi Schien for being our bunny and coming all the way to the park to enhance this great celebration.

An outside barbeque invited the many guests to a delicious lunch in the sun and the children had their hot dog and their drink with lots of colourful cupcakes. Thank you to -8-

George Kiss and Harold Kannenberg for barbequing; Janette Pascall for the cupcakes and Judy Keller for serving the cake and coffee. Thank you to Annemarie Kiss for taking care of the tickets and Dieter Eckert for tending bar.

Craft tables were set up so the children could colour hard boiled eggs or create other beautiful Easter decorations.

Many people had come to enjoy the sun and the excitement. They had their first meal of the season outside in this beautiful Park on the shore of Lake Niapenko. Thank you Richard Lutz and your crew for working so hard to give us a preview of what is yet to come.

The Germania Choir Band played and one "Little Angel", Monika, presented a song. The music kept playing until late in the afternoon because people just didn't want to go home on this beautiful day.

We hope everyone had a great time and we hope to see you all again next year.

-Submitted by Ingrid Oppermann and Susan Butz

Please take pictures at all of your events! And send them to info@germaniaclub.ca

Thanks.

