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HELMUT HENTSCHEL – BIOGRAPHY

Helmut Hentschel a loyal member of the Germania Club for 50 years

Helmut was born on January 5, 1935 in Pforzheim, Germany. He married Zita in 1955 in Heidelberg. That same year on November 2nd Helmut and Zita immigrated to Hamilton, Canada, where Helmut worked at International Harvester for 10 years.



Then he operated a restaurant together with Max and Gretel Selmayr for 2 years. Helmut then bought Muirs Bakery next to the Germania Club and had two other outlets where he sold his bakery products.

Helmut was active in the Germania Club and was Wirtschaftsleiter in 1971 and '72, together with Alois Reissler. Helmut and Zita had 2 sons, Charles born in 1957 and Paul born in 1959. Paul passed away in his 32nd year. There are 3 grandchildren, Jason, Keity and Adam. Helmut retired in 1989 and moved to Dunnville. Sadly his wife Zita passed away in 2002. Helmut spent his winters in Florida, where he met an American lady Sheila and they lived together for 9 years and sadly she passed away this year. Now Helmut lives alone and does a lot of travelling, but he is still a member of the Germania Club and visits regularly.

We wish Helmut many more good years and happy travelling.

MAX SELMAYER – BIOGRAPHY

Max Selmayr a loyal member of the Germania Club for 50 years

Max was born the 12th of May 1931 in Munich, Germany. He immigrated to Hamilton, Canada in 1954.

Max is a Baker by trade, so his first job was at Rye Bakery, where he worked for 3 years. He then went to work at the Ford Company and stayed there for 35 years. Max got married in 1960 and has 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

He became a member of the Germania Club in 1962 and was very active as a waiter and bartender, and has been a member of the Fisher & Jaeger all that time. Max is also a camper together with his wife, but, because of poor health he cannot participate in club activities anymore.

We wish Max all the best for the future.



The President's Corner



2012 is coming to an end and I wonder where did that year go?

Christmas is coming fast and sentimental thoughts are creeping into our hearts, but if you have your family around you, you cannot be too sad. You still can be happy and can look forward to a New Year. I hope and I wish you all a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year and I hope I will see you all on New Year's Eve party in the club, so I can wish you all a good New Year in person and that we all get lots of hugs. Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neue Jahr wünscht Euch allen

Eurer President
Rosi Kramolowsky

*When Christmas Bells are swinging
above the fields of snow;
We hear sweet voices singing from
lands of long ago.*

*And etched on vacant places,
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of friends we used to cherish,
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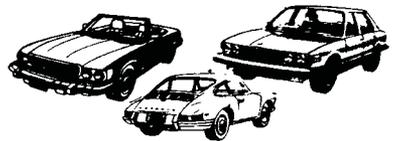
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Fischer & Jäger

Greetings everyone!

I'd like to begin by wishing all the members of the Germania Club a safe and happy holiday season. With the New Year approaching it is a good time to reflect and to look ahead. We can look back on the year that has passed and see what steps we have taken towards making the Germania Club the best it can be. Not everything we do has a 100% success rate, however, if we strive to improve on our lessons learned we can look ahead to a brighter future for the Club and its members. Let's all commit to doing a

little something extra in 2013. Perhaps we could attend, and or volunteer at, more events next year. Or maybe we could make a financial or material donation that could aid the Germania Club. We are all able to help in some way and by doing so, we all benefit!

The cottage is now officially closed for the season and will re-open in the spring of 2013.

Please note that there will be no meetings for the Fischer & Jäger in January 2013.

Until next time
Petri Heil
Peter McCormick

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OBITUARY

Eduard Wanagat

- December 15, 1949 – October 17, 2012

Eduard was a member of the Germania Club for only a short time. Our condolences to his wife Bonnie, children Roberta and Derek and their families.

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, January 27, 2013
Open from 11:00am - 3:00pm

Come and enjoy a delicious hot and cold buffet style brunch in the Germania Club.

\$14.99 plus tax per person.
Children ages 5- 12 years 1/2 price

FILM AFTERNOON



Following the brunch the social director is re-introducing German Films on the big screen. Check next month for the title and exact details.



The Camper's Report



It seems like only yesterday, we were sitting on our deck at the trailer, enjoying a barbecue and complaining about the relentlessly, hot weather. And look at us now, all bundled up, scurrying around to buy Christmas presents. Time, so I was told, is relative. For a five year old child, one year is an eternity. For a retiree, but the blink of an eye.

So the camping season is over for this year and the park is gone into hibernation. You may take note: If we wish to check on our trailer or RV, we will have to hike in because the lock at the gate will be changed on the first of December. This is to avoid some members from driving over marshy areas and leaving ruts and tire tracks.

At the end of October, Joan and I went to Cuba for a short holiday. No sooner had we arrived when Super Storm Sandy picked up speed and devastated our beaches and recreation areas. This was truly something to see. The sea rose by about five feet and the waves washed away most palapas and part of the boardwalk to the

beach. Coconuts fell out of the palm trees like oversized hail. All we could do is watch TV to see this storm veer toward the east coast of the States and, after devastating New York City, coming across the Great Lakes area of Ontario. I could well imagine how much damage such a storm could do to our campground and I was worried. The first thing I did, after returning, was to call Kevin, our Parkmeister. It was all good news. By the time Sandy had hit our area, it had pretty well blown itself out, so there was no damage at all. He also informed me that the Conservation people came in on their side, cut down and cleared out, a whole group of trees, that were dead or leaning over ready to fall.....Great!

So here we are. By the time you read this, the festive season will be about three weeks away, so Joan and I wish every one a wonderful Christmas, whether you are shovelling snow at home or applying sun tan lotion down south. Stay healthy and safe. Remember, the next camping season is only but five months away.

For Frank Poyton (Chairman)
Egon Roesslein



Annual

Weihnachtskonzert
Christmas Concert

of the

Germania Choirs

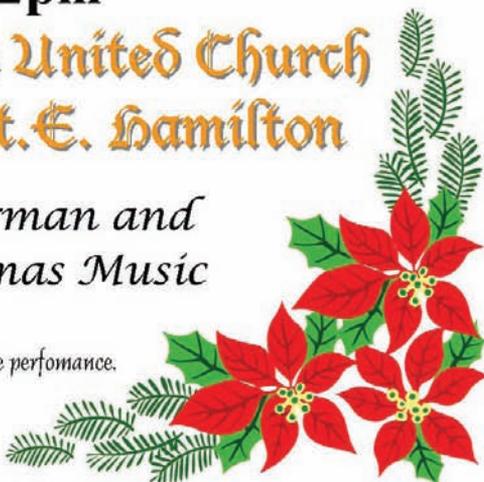
Joining us are singing angels

Sunday, December 2nd, 2012
at 2pm

First Pilgrim United Church
200 Main St. E. Hamilton

*Traditional German and
English Christmas Music*

A free will offering will be collected.
Refreshments will be served after the performance.



Memorial Service in the Park



On a beautiful November Sunday afternoon, November 4th, President Rosi Kramolowsky led those members present in our annual memorial. Erich Puppa played the 'Zapfenstreich' or Last Post, and then obviously affected by the event, Rosi spoke some carefully chosen words which expressed sorrow for those who passed on and words of encouragement for the rest of us. The choir performed two fitting pieces of music,



“Abide with me” and “Über den Sternen”, to celebrate the life of those who have passed on. Rosi concluded the memorial with a encouragement for us to look after and care for each other.

The group then moved into the Pavilion where there was a large selection of home-baked cakes and we enjoyed refreshments, delicious Gluhwein and some hearty Goulasch Soup. Thank you to all who baked and donated cakes for the memorial, and thank you to Rosi for the Goulasch. Thank you to all those who served cake and drinks, prepared the hall and made a toasty warm fire.

This year a few new trees were planted in memory of loved ones adding to the beauty of the Germania Park and marking remembrance of those who



passed on before us. With our memorial gardens and the many trees that have been already planted, there is a peaceful place for people to go and remember friends and family. Next time you are in the park, take time to relax by a tree, read the plaques by the trees and on the memorial stone, somehow it does bring peace.

David Simon

ONE MORE TIME

Das war das Motto von dem Tanz, den Heinz am Samstag, 13. Oktober, veranstaltet hatte.



Obwohl die Musik erst um 8pm begann, hatten schon die meisten Gaeste vorher ihren Platz in dem schoengeschmueckten Saal gefunden. Unter den 225 + geladenen Gaesten befanden sich so viele begeisterte Taenzer und Taenzerinnen, dass der Tanzboden immer gefuehlt war. Wo



sonst nur sechs Stuehle einen langen Tisch umranden, mussten an diesem Abend acht Personen Platz finden. Die Stimmung war unuebertroffen und hielt volle vier Stunden an, ohne Ermuedung. Vielleicht gerade deshalb, weil man so kuschelig beieinander sitzen musste; es stoehrte niemanden!

Die Darbietungen an Unterhaltung waren an diesem Abend ein lustiger,

musikalischer Skit und eine Gruppe farbenfroher Hawaii Taenzerinnen. Beides fand grossen Applaus. Wie immer war die Polonaise ein Hoehepunkt, bei der die Leute gerne mitmachten und gemeinsam sangen und marschierten. Vornweg der Heinz mit seinem nicht mehr ganz intakten Schirm und der Arthur, der ihn in den bestmoeglichsten Weg hineinschob!

Fuer Heinz gab es noch einen grosseren Hoehepunkt an diesem Abend, naemlich als der President des Oesterreichischen Clubs das Mikrophone ergriff und ganz oeffentlich seine Danksagung an Heinz fuer diesen tollen Abend im Namen aller



bekannt gab. Immerhin hatte Heinz den finziellen Teil dieses Abends ganz und gar uebernommen, sodass keinerlei Unkosten fuer die Gaeste erlagen. Er hatte auch viel Zeit und Energie aufgewandt, um seine selbstgezuechteten Blumen auf die Buehne zu schleppen und den Saal zu schmuecken. Davon profitierten wir noch am naechsten Tag zu unserem Stiftungsfest. Nach allem aber war der Tanz ein Supererfolg und wohl der Schoenste, welchen Heinz in den letzten 4 Jahren veranstaltet hatte.

Einen ausfuehrlicheren Bericht darueber kann man in der „Deutsche Presse“ lesen.



Aus unserem Frauenverein

Wow – either I was really ahead of publication for November, or the Germania Post finally caught up. A few times during the year, when I submitted, say around June 10 for July, the Post appeared at the end of July. The November issue actually was distributed already at the end of October, beginning of November. Of course, our Bazaar had not yet been held. I did receive a few calls on that. Our recent October meeting still finalized the Bazaar. As of this time I have not started baking yet. On a strange note, Rosi Kramolowsky reported that the flyers she had posted at Denningers east end store on Queenston Rd., with the approval of management, were taken down or covered up...?? Somebody there does not seem to like us. Have other sub-groups had the same experience?

Our next meeting in December will also be our Christmas Party. Our annual outing has been postponed

to next Spring and we will spend a bit of money on a nice Christmas Dinner at the Club. Jennifer, be prepared!! Even a few men, who assist our brains with their brawn during the year, are invited.

We also coordinated Ladies' Auxilliary function dates for 2013 with the Club Calendar. No small feat, I assure you to get all the events of the various groups sorted out, keeping in mind also public holidays and what else goes on in the City, so as not to clash with anything. I admire the Club Management that finally puts it all together.

And again, we would like to keep in touch with our members, even if they can no longer come out. If you know of anyone who is now in a retirement home etc. please let us know where they are. I have visited a few and they talked fondly about the past, regretting very much that they cannot get around much anymore.

For birthdays November, among others, we mentioned our President Annemarie Kiss on Nov. 12. I would not have said the year, but since she publicized her

party on Facebook: Hear ye, hear ye – she is now 50. Best wishes for the next 50 years, Annemarie!

Our birthdays for December are:

Erna Melloh Dec. 2

Hilde Platz Dec. 8

Marguerite Platz Dec. 20

Lieselotte Heuck Dec. 31

Lieselotte Heuck is in a home and cannot come out anymore; we will contact her through her daughter. A special thank you to Hilde Platz, who faithfully comes

every month to the meetings from Kitchener. Now, that's devotion. And all those ladies, except Marguerite, are over 80!! Hopefully, Marguerite, who lives in the States, can make it again to our Christmas Party.

We will take a month or two off, so with best wishes for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR

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Tenting Site (Month)	\$ 70.00



Choral Notes

We were very busy in October.

On the 14th the Germania Club celebrated their 148th Anniversary, which is also the Anniversary of the Choir, because the Germania Club was founded as a male choir. Then, on October 20th we had our Weinfest, with a full house and a very popular wine tasting by Klaus Reif, the owner of Reif Estate Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake. A big "Thank You" to Klaus for his generosity! Two choirs were also present, the Transylvania Choir from Kitchener and the Teutonia Choir from Stratford. We started the evening in song and the other choirs also performed, with dancing in between. Our choir closed with "Sierra Madre" and everyone clapped and sang along, a good time was had by all.

On October 25th we sang in Burlington at the Convention Centre we were invited by the Canadian Orpheus Choir. It

was an evening of songs by seven choirs and everyone there enjoyed it very much, we sang five songs and the Fliegermarsch was loved by all who knew the melody.

On November 4th we had the Germania Club Memorial, where we sang "Abide with Me" and "Über den Sternen". The weather was nice and cool and the park as beautiful as ever.

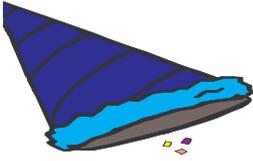
Now we are practicing for our Christmas Concert on December 2nd in the First Pilgrim United Church and I hope to see you all there (cookies and coffee after). Our Christmas party is December 15th and I hope Santa will visit us again.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Tibor Nyilasi and Hedda Wagenblast (who is back already).

Birthdays in December are: Christine Eastwood and Eckhard Kries, wishing you a very Happy Birthday.

Wishing you and your family and loved ones a Frohe Weihnacht and Fyne Kerstdagen
Jeanet Schaefer

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Happy Birthday

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in memory of Arnold Willnath

Willy and Lore Schaefer for a donation of a large tent, which we already used at Oktoberfest.

Germania Post

Hildegard Hofmann - \$30

in memory of her husband Hans Hofmann

Park & Memorial Fund

Helga Laetsch - \$100 in memory of her husband Ingo Laetsch

Irmgard Rewald & Family - \$100

in memory of her husband Horst Rewald

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Stiftungsfest

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December 9	1:00pm	Germania Club Christmas Party
December 15	5:30pm	Germania Choir Christmas Party
December 31	6:30pm	New Years' Eve Gala

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

January 22	7:30pm	Members Meeting
January 27	11am-3pm	Sunday Brunch
January 27	3pm-5pm	Movie Afternoon
February 13	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Herringessen
February 26	7:00pm	Budget meeting
February 26	7:30pm	Members Meeting



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