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CLUB PICNIC



OBITUARY



Magdalena Rulff

July 28, 1929 – July 2, 2013

Magdalena was a member of the club for only a short time and member of the Germania Choirs. We extend our condolences to her children Karin Gauss and son Mike and their families.



The President's Corner



Dear members!

I cannot believe that I'm writing already for August, where did the time go? It's your Festival is over and I'd like to think the handful of volunteers for their hard work and the long hours. They opened on a hot and humid long weekend at Gage Park. A heartfelt "Thank You" in my opinion is not enough, but that is all I can give you. So thank you again for your support and commitment. John F Kennedy once said"... ask not what your country

can do for you - ask what you can do for your country". So, dear member I asked the same question, "ask not what the club can do for you, ask what you can do for your club"

Ein altes Sprichwort sagt;
Nach dem Regen scheint die Sonne, nach dem Weinen wird gelacht, und die Blumen in deinem Garten und das Leben, brauchen beides !

"After the rain the sun will shine after the tears you will smile and the flowers in your garden and life need both!

Have a good August and thank you
Rosi Kramolowsky
President

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Choral Notes

This will be a short bulletin because we are on our summer break.

On June 15 we had our picnic in the Germania park, a very nice get together with good food, drink and friends. Ewald was on the grill and served up Chicken Schnitzel and the ladies made all different kinds of salads and desserts, the men made sure we did not get thirsty. We sang for the birthday people and Helmut Bock entertained us on his keyboard.

After dinner we had a singalong with Brigitte Müssner on the guitar, always lots of fun to sing the old familiar songs. But we must be getting older, because the party was over the earliest time ever!

I have a sad report, that most people all know by now, Magdalena Rulff passed away suddenly, she joined

our choir just about a year ago, we will surely miss her, and our thoughts are with her family. Ingrid Venohr was in the hospital and I hope she is at home now recuperating. I like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and we will see each other again in September.

Only one birthday in August and that is Hildegard Bittner, wishing you a very Happy Birthday and many more years in good health.

Greetings
Jeanet Schaefer



The Camper's Report



Greetings from the Campers. Summer is officially here, although sitting around the campfire on Canada Day wearing a winter coat, just does not seem like summer has really arrived yet. There is lots of activity in the park,



and a thank you goes to Kevin, Frank, Richard, and Andy



the farmer who worked very hard in moving the swing sets and playground equipment from the parking lot to the grassy area behind. It was quite the maneuver moving a swing set that was embedded in three feet of concrete, and then there were the holes to fill. Thank you again. Also a big thank you to the campers that supported the club at

Gage Park and the Picnic. These are big events for the club, and I know that the volunteers are appreciated.

Nature has taken it's course over the spring time, and there is an abundance of wildlife active in the park. Personally, I have seen a wide variety of squirrels and rabbits including a cottontail,

as well as a very pregnant gopher, a mink, possums and a very majestic buck that has ventured into the field at 5:00 AM. I have not seen the skunks, but their distinct odour validates their existence, and I have yet to see the den of foxes behind Frank and Liz's trailer. It really is great so see the abundance of wildlife which means our park and our conservation area are thriving.

Every year we look forward to our campers "event" at the Germania Park, which will take place on August 10th. Tickets are available, call Harry 905 385 8950, or Lori at the Club Office 905 549 0513 for your tickets. You do save \$2.50 if you buy your ticket in advance and it helps the campers to plan how many meals to prepare. It's Hawaiian night, so the food will be great, and it is anticipated that we will see many grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts, so don't miss out on the opportunity to join in the fun.

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Heidi Frank, on behalf of
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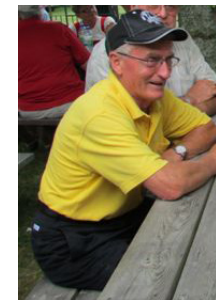
(ask for Marg - Eva's daughter)



THANK YOU, THANK YOU,

Thank you to all members and friends of the Germania Club who helped at the Germania Tent during the multi-cultural festival held every year in Gage Park during the long weekend in July. Truly a great way to celebrate the founding of our gracious and wonderful nation, “envy of the world” as they say and one of the best countries in the world in which to live. This year we ran for 4 days from June 28 through to July 1. The Germania tent for a long time now represents the German Heritage during the It’s Your Festival selling freshly made German foods such as Schnitzels and German sausages with sauerkraut and onions, and delicious German potato salad. Two weeks later the Germania Club enjoyed a nice Picnic on a hot, bright summer Sunday, out in our beautiful Germania Park, amongst a forest of trees planted on behalf of members, surrounded by a lush country side and refreshing Lake Niapenco. This year special

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for the children we hired 2 ponies and a small horse for pony rides, the cost of which was generously covered by member donations. Delicious food was prepared, cooked and served to the hungry masses, along with thirst quenching drinks, of course topped off with Kaffee und Kuchen. You also had a chance to win prizes at the tombola, all the while listening to music played on the sound-system or live in the pavilion. Children could have their faces painted and could participate in the games, the “Germania Olympics”. It was such a nice day! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this a special day. As you may notice I haven’t mentioned one name in these words of thank you. These events, like the upcoming Oktoberfest are group events, only made successful by the co-operation of members. As the saying goes, “United we stand, divided we fall”. Rest assured the board (and members) are mindful and thankful for all those [people] who help make this club successful.



Aus unserem Frauenverein

We do not have a meeting in August, but I am sure lots will be discussed informally at the outing at Lake Dalrymple on August 16–18. Unfortunately again I cannot attend, having surgery scheduled. I have been accused of doing that on purpose!!

Hopefully that means an end to my problems and I can look forward to being a 100 like Emma Waldecker. That was so far the highlight of my summer. Dorothea Melms and I visited Emma on July 10 at Villa Italia. Rosi Kramolowsky was there, too, and as representatives of the Frauenverein we brought a card and a bottle of Henkell Trocken. Emma looked fantastic, just like the picture in the Spec. When I am a 100, I want to be like that!! Family says that she tires more easily and her memory is not what it was. A reception was scheduled in the foyer of the Villa with people, wall to wall, taking up every available seat, incl. on walkers. Musical entertainment was

provided by an Italian singer who presented the most popular Italian songs. Emma held court, greeting the many visitors and well-wishers and she seemed to remember them all.

At the July Meeting Rosi Kramolowsky regretted that hardly anyone from the Frauenverein helped at Gage Park. (Some of the other sub-groups seem to have been under - represented also?) Well, with the majority being over 70, we have arthritis, hip and/or shoulder problems, cannot stand for too long, etc. For some it is already a struggle to walk from the parking lot at Gage Park to the Germania Tent. Plus, they do not drive anymore and would need a ride to get there. We'll try to make up for it at the picnic and Oktoberfest, we promise, Rosi.

Maybe a new focus for the Frauenverein could be to look after our older members. We could call, take them out, visit, give the family care givers a rest for a few hours..??

Before I was put on heavy antibiotics in June I volunteered every Tuesday morning at a drop in

program at First Pilgrim. Believe me, after 3 hours of cooking, chopping, serving and washing dishes I literally crawled home. I could hardly open the trunk of my car. My joints screamed. People may look great, but often they have hidden health problems they do not even want to talk about. Plus, as you get older, family does take on a much greater importance. You do not know how long you are still around. In June I also had to cancel a few of my volunteer drives for the Cancer Assistance Program; last week I read that one patient – a lovely and much enduring man with a very devoted wife – had died... Puts the important things into perspective, doesn't it. Gosh, I am getting philosophical.

So, let's celebrate Birthdays in August: Anni Schaible August 21 (who makes a fantastic double chocolate/ something cake!!)

That's all for August, hope to have seen you at the July 14 picnic. Stay cool!!

'till next month!

Sieglinde Seiler,
Secretary

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Greetings everyone!

Now that summer is upon us, I am sure that we are all either on vacation or are busy with outdoor projects. With that in mind I will keep this months' report brief. Less reading for you, less typing for me! Just a reminder; our Corn Roast will take place at the Germania Club Park on August 24 at 2:00 pm. Do not forget that the date for Adult Prize Fishing has been changed to August 31-September 2. Hope to see you at these functions, if you are not too busy!

Until next time

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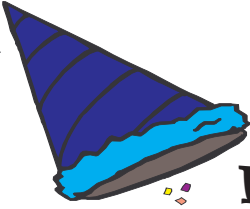


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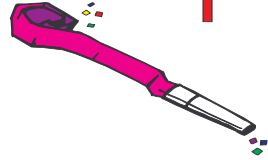


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Aug 10	5:00pm	Camper's Picnic "Hawaiian Luau" in the Park Pavilion
Aug 24	2:00pm	Fisher & Hunter CORN Roast in the Park
Aug 27		MEMBERS MEETING CANCELLED
Aug 31-Sep2		Fisher and Hunter Adult prize fishing at Lake Dalrymple

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Sept 24	7:30pm	Members meeting
Sept 25	7:00pm	Apfelmania – Apple Fest
Sept 28	8:00am	Choir Garage Sale
Sept 20-21		OKTOBERFEST at the club

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



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