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Germania Post



New Year's Eve Gala

Tuesday December 31st, 2013
Doors open 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

- * Delicious Dinner Buffet
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- * Party favours
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- * Midnight Buffet
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In Memory of
Austin Lee Murray
May 9, 1926 - October 30, 2013



Executive and members of the Germania club join the Denninger families in their loss of a truly remarkable man, as stated in the Hamilton Spectator. Austin Murray was a familiar sight to those that frequent the Downtown Denninger Store. It seemed he was always around, enjoyed a chat with his costumers when time allowed and could be observed having lunch with "Linc". One of the topics that he liked to talk about was his garden railway.

Austin Murray has gone to a better place now, missed by many here but surely welcomed by his friends and family members that left before him.

Anita Jaeckle

The board and members of the Germania Club express their sincere condolences to Paul Jaeckle and family on the passing of his wife, Anita on October 11, 2013.



Paul Schaefer

The board and members of the Germania Club express our heart-felt condolence to Lore and Willy Schaefer and family on the passing of their son Paul on November 10, 2013



The President's Corner



Hello Dear Members!

The year 2013 is coming to an end. The executive board, with the help of all the volunteers, achieved a lot but not all our plans and goals. 2014 is a big milestone in our club's history, but no matter what history taught us we have to look to the future.

We do not know what the future will bring, but it is up to each of us to plan and work on a successful club life. A successful club needs not only a club house or a big

bank account it needs strong and willing members. Only members can make history for the future, so that our children and grandchildren can be proud of their heritage.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and hope Santa Claus will be good to you and bring you good health and happiness for the New Year.

Rosi Kramolowsky
President



Oktoberfest photos
can be found at www.germaniaclub.ca follow
to gallery and then 2013
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Annual

Weihnachtskonzert
Christmas Concert
of the
Germania Choirs

Sunday, December 1st, 2013
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.





Choral Notes

Here we are, almost at the end of another year, and the season of many events.

We can look back at another succesful Winefest, a big thank you goes to Reif Winery who brought us a lot of wine to taste, and tasting we did. Our guest choir Teutonia from Stratford under the direction of Marianne Kelly, entertained us with some beautiful songs, and we sang our wine songs. It was disappointing to see so few members from our club, you missed a really nice evening with dancing to the music of the Great Vibes.

On a more serious note, we sang at the annual memorial service at the park. Mother nature was kind to us with nice fall weather. The coffee and home-baked cake tasted good, Thanks to all the ladies who did the baking.

Our Christmas concert is early this year on Sunday December 1, at First-Pilgrim United Church, 200 Main

Street East at 2 P.M. in the afternoon, with the usual coffee and goodies afterwards.

On December 14 we have our Christmas party with Santa and gift exchange, it is always lots of fun. The Sunday after that, on the 15th we go by bus to Sonnenhof in Brantford to help celebrate their Christmas party.

We would like to welcome a new member: Cindy Heuck and welcome back to Christian Schramp, both young people!

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

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. and keep singing!

Greetings,
Jeanet Schaefer.



The Camper's Report



Our fall camper meeting, on October 13th, must have been one of the shortest on record. In less than one hour Frank, our Camper Head Honcho, summed up the year's events and presented our new fee schedule for 2014. Perhaps it was the sweet aroma of the roasting turkeys, waiting to be served afterwards, that saved us from any lengthy oratory and kept any difficult questions at bay. It was disappointing, however, that many of the new campers did not attend. It would have been nice to introduce them, so we could recognize each other in the campground. Our most important meeting, in the spring, will be on Sunday, May 4th, 2014, 1:00 pm in the Pavilion; important, because elections for the campers' executive will be held at that time. Since this will be the beginning of our season, I'm sure every camper should be able to make it.

Now, without further ado, here are the fees for the 2014

camping season.

Basic fee for a regular site, (sites 1 to 17, plus 34 to 35, plus C3 to C7) is \$560.00

Basic fee for a large site, (sites 18 to 31) is \$590.00. Trailers, less than 27 feet long, that sat on these large sites before 2011, with the same occupant, are grandfathered in at \$ 560:00. Air conditioner and extra fridge are \$40:00 each. You may have noticed by now that these fees appear to be the same as last year's. And indeed they are, so are also all the daily tenting and monthly fees for guest camping. But, and you know there is always a "but", we are charged an extra levy of \$30.00 per campsite. This fee is designated for a special fund to be deposited into a separate account. This fund is to be used only for major upgrades in the campground, most likely electrical. Now, remember, these are only the camping fees. Club membership fees are on top of it. Also, this \$ 30.00 levy should be paid separately; (a separate cheque perhaps). But, enough of those dreary details.

After our fall meeting we feasted on those

aforementioned turkeys with all the trimmings and enough dessert to make my waistline expand. With eighty nine guests, of all ages, we had a full house. I'd like to thank Sylvia, Liz, Jeannie, Sandy, Sharon and Brenda for setting up, cleaning the place and decorating. At the end of this feast I rolled myself out and watched the sunset. Waking up the next morning, the hall had been cleaned,

the tables stacked and the dishes washed. Whoever else was responsible, all of us appreciated your hard work. Thank you.

Most likely you will be reading this at the beginning of December, way too early for Christmas but here I go anyway.

On behalf of Frank Poyton, our Chairman, Joan and I are wishing everyone peace, health and happiness.

Merry Christmas.

Egon Roesslein,
Camper Vice Chairman.



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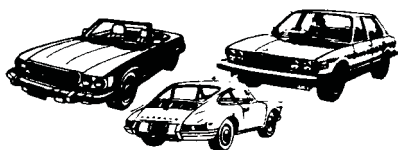
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FILM AFTERNOON



Es spielt ***“Allein unter Bauern”***

Film starts at 3:00pm

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.



Alois Link, a loyal member of the Germania Club for 50 years.!

Alois Link, ein gebuertiger Wuertenberger (Schleier-hof) von Beruf Metzger und Wurstmacher. Seine Lehrjahre verbrachte er in Berlichen, Stuttgart und Frankfurt. Alois kam 1944 als 17 jaehriger in Franzoesische Gefangenschaft, von dort wurde er zur Mienensuche ins Kriegs – Feld geschickt. Von da fluechtete er mit Kameraden in einem alten Kahn ueber den Rhein zurueck nach Deutschland. Es dauerte nicht lange da lernte er ein huebches 17 jaehriges Maedchen, mit Namen Agnes kennen. Sie war ein Fluechtling aus der Tschechei. Agnes musste leider , mit einer Ernsten Knochenverletzung am Fuss, fuer laengere Zeit ins Krankenhaus. Nach 5 Operationen war immer noch keine Heilung in Sicht. Alois ihr Freund kam sie jeden Sonntag mit dem Fahrrad, von 20 km weit her, treu besuchen. Agnes wusste das Alois und Geschaeftsplaene sich mit Auswander beschaeftigte und machte sich Sorgen, wie es weiter gehen sollte. Nach einem negativen Report von den Aerzten, entschloss sie sich ihm einen Abschied's Brief zu schreiben. Da sie wahrscheinlich ihren Fuss zerst hoeren. Der naechste Sonntag kam und Agnes wohl nicht mehr zu ihr kommen wuerde. Doch wie erfreut war sie als ploetzlich eine vertraute Gestalt im stroemenden Regen, unter einem Krankenschirm in Richtung Krankenhaus kam. Er betrat das Zimmer und nahm sie in die Arme, er sagte zu ihr: was soll das heissen, es gibt doch Prothesen, solltest du dein Bein verlieren. Alles ging Gut, Agnes verlor nur einen Teil ihres Fusses, schon kurz darauf gingen sie Beide wieder tanzen. Nun sind sie schon fast 60 Jahre gluecklich verheiratet und brachten vier Soehne in die Welt, sie sind ihr ganzer Stolz. Im Jahr 1955 klappte es endlich mit der Auswanderung, sie landeten in Montreal / Canada sie fanden arbeit in einer Fleischfabrik, wo sie Georg Piller und die Huber Brueder kennen lernten. Sie verliessen Montreal und liessen sich in Kitchener nieder wo sie sich dann auch Selbststaendig machten. Auch Alois und Agnes gingen, in die einst Deutsch benannte Stadt, Kitchener. Dort erfuelle sich auch ihr Traum, denn nicht lange danach konnten sie einen Laden ihr Eigen nennen. Doch damit waren sie noch nicht saessig, es ging 5 Jahre spaeter weiter nach Dundas. Hier liessen sie sich nieder, bildeten ihr Geschaef mit der Zukunft. Wurde es zu klein wurde angebaut, es kam noch ein Meat Plant hinzu, wo ihr Personal bis auf 80 Mitarbeiter wuchs. Dann kam noch ein Restaurant, das " Schwaben Inn " hinzu, passend fuer Alois dem Schwaben. Als Mitglieder des Germania Clubs, blieb es nicht aus, dass Sohn Norman 3 Jahre Prinz Karneval bei der Narrhalla '58 war. Als es Zeit war sich zur Ruhe zu setzen, um die naechsten Jahre zu geniessen, wurde das Geschaef verpachtet, einige Artikel wurden dem Club ueberlassen. Danke dafuer! Alois Link und seine Frau Agnes erfreuen sich nun an ihrer Familie und Freunde und dem wohlverdienten Ruhestand. Der Club wuenscht Ihnen alles Gute fuer die Zukunft.





Aus unserem Frauenverein

Every month I have the best intentions to do this report really early, then I can proof read and add items I have forgotten. Wishful thinking! Things come up and again it's down to the wire. Even at school I worked best under pressure. Nicework, Sieglinde, said Sister Richlindis von den Armen Schulschwestern St. Irmgard in Garmisch when she read my essays to the class as an example. "A lot of work and research has gone into this" she said, and I just scribbled it down the night before.

The November edition of the Germania Post was already available at the beginning of November (an early Christmas miracle on King Street?), so our Bazaar had not yet been held. I had wanted to add that we can always use items for the Tombola, the White Elephant, cookies and cakes. Rose Strinich has a gimpy leg after a fall – hopefully she can be there and guide the White Elephant. Not too many people know that she buys

stuff all year at yard sales (goes by bus!), then donates it to the Bazaar.

We hope that as many people as possible can make it to the Choir's annual Christmas Concert on December 1 at First Pilgrim United Church at Main Street East, just across from Denninger's parking lot. The Church has a German background and by now the concert is a tradition. I do hope you could make it.

On December 4 will be our Christmas Party. We usually have a small gift exchange and have ordered appetizers from the Club. (I'll try to spell hors'd'oeuvres). Hilde Platz from Kitchener and her daughter from the States will try to be there! We will try to locate a few more people who usually cannot come out.

.. and after the Christmas Party we hibernate again till Spring!

At the last meeting I gave out copies of Dieter Eckert's letter, asking for contributions to the 150th Club anniversary. Some Ladies have been members of the Auxiliary for 40 plus years. There must be some memories. But, we may have to consider that

for many eyesight is not too good anymore to write. Also in talking to people I realized that many immigrants 50 years ago learned English by talking, not necessarily spelling and grammar. They became wonderful citizens, pulled their weight, raised their children, but they may be hesitant to put things on paper. Dieter may have to go out with a little tape recorder to get the stories.

Maybe sometimes we should put the stories together what happened to our members BEFORE they came to Canada.

Birthdays in December:
(remember over 80 we tell the age!)

<i>Erna Melloh</i>	<i>Dec. 2</i>	<i>84</i>
<i>Hilde Platz</i>	<i>Dec. 8</i>	<i>85</i>
<i>Marguerite Platz</i>	<i>Dec. 20</i>	
<i>Lieselotte Heuck</i>	<i>Dec. 31</i>	<i>82</i>

We had been looking for Lieselotte for some time; we only knew that she was in a retirement home, but not where. During a recent outing with the Choir it was mentioned that their newest member Cindy is the daughter of our missing Lieselotte .If

you look hard enough, they find you. – We'll follow up.
So, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

See you Next Year!
Sieglinde Seiler,
Secretary

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**Fischer
& Jäger**

Please come and join us for our annual Christmas/ Anniversary Party at the Germania Club on Saturday December 7th, 2013. As always, we will have great food, cold drinks and a lot of fun. Hope to see you there.

Until next time
Take care
Peter McCormick





Skat Report

As we come close to the end of our year, we are all looking forward to our Christmas Party on December 14, which will start at 12:00 Noon, promptly, so that we can begin our two rounds of cards at 1:00 PM. The restaurant doors will be open at 11:30 AM, and our lunch still be served at 12:00 NOON. We do have to plan for how many luncheons to serve, so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join us.

Good news, our friends from Ohio will make the journey with 5, hopefully we will be able to enjoy the company from neighbouring clubs as well. Please pass the word on to your SKAT friends, and let me know as soon as possible.

On a sad note, on October 30th, one of our dear members passed away, Hans Meiritz. Hans was an avid SKAT player and will be missed among us, he ventured with me to many tournaments, including Montreal and Ottawa, as well as Healey Lake and I always enjoyed his company and his humour. For those of you who were lucky enough to travel to Cuba to play SKAT with Hans, you know it will never be the same. Our condolences go to Mrs. Meiritz and the family. Hans did venture out to the park on a day trip from St. Peter's in September, thank you to Robert for bringing Hans out so he could share the day with us. A picture of our dear friend is attached on his visit out to the park.



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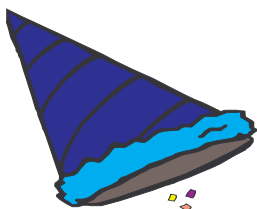
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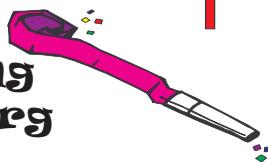


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Germania Club

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Park & Memorial Fund

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Irmgard Rewald – \$25 in memory of Jack Schnitzer

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Dec 1	2pm	Germania Choir Christmas Concert
Dec 6	8pm	Friday Night Dance
Dec 7	5pm	Fisher and Hunter Christmas Party
Dec 8	1pm	Germania Club Christmas Party
Dec 14	5:30pm	Choir Christmas Party
Dec 14	12pm	Skat Christmas Party
Dec 18	8pm	Fisher and Hunter Members Meeting
Dec 20	8pm	Friday Night Dance
Dec 31	6:30pm	New Years Eve Gala

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Jan 3	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jan 15	8:00pm	Fisher and Hunter members meeting
Jan 17	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jan 28	7:00pm	Budget Meeting
Jan 28	7:30pm	Members Meeting (may be delayed by Budget Meeting)

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



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