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Germania
 Post

Germania Club Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, March 10, 2013
Starting at 10:00am**

**All members are encouraged to
attend the annual meeting.**

**A hot lunch will be available during
the break. (approx. noon)**

**(Cancellation due to bad weather
will be on the voicemail)**

OBITUARIES



Michael Lochner:

October 11, 1921

– January 16, 2013

Michael was a Life Long Member of the Germania Club. We extend our condolences to his wife Sofia, daughters Margaret and Erika and their families.



Werner Arnold:

April 26, 1921

– February 6, 2013

Passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Beloved husband of Rose, and dearest father of Helga Rosemarie (Heinz). Cherished by his dearest granddaughters Nadine Joanne, and Christine Noel. Werner will be sadly missed by his niece Marita, nephews Werner, Willi and Gerhard and their families. He will be missed by his many friends in Canada and Europe. Werner was a 50 year member of the Germania Club.

The President's Corner



Ein altes Volkslied saget:
"Im Märzen der Bauer Die Rößlein einspannt, Er setzt seine Felder und Wiesen in Stand." Translation; "The Farmer harnesses his horses, he sets his fields and meadows in state.", so does the club. The executive board and the members started a plan for Gage Park, the Picnic, and "Oktoberfest" our big functions in the summer/fall. We don't only need lots of

helpers, we also would also like new ideas to make the functions more fun and profitable. Dear members I know I sound like a broken record, but Harriet Beecher Stowe once said; "When you get in a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems as if you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up, for that is just the place and time when the tide will turn." I hope she was right!

I wish you all an early Spring and good health.

Rosi Kramolowsky,
President



New Children's Prince and Princess of Karneval from the Children's Mardi Gras.



Photo: Heidi Frank



Fischer & Jäger

Greetings everyone!

On February 3rd the Fischer & Jäger held its Annual General Meeting. Our Secretary, Annemarie Kiss, read the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting. She discussed the Elections that took place at last year's meeting, noting the many changes to the positions on the Board of Directors. Our Obman, Paul Parzen, took a few moments to praise our Members and the Board of Directors for making 2012 such a successful year for the Club and the cottage.

At this year's meeting several ideas were brought forward by our members towards the betterment of our Club and cottage for 2013. Some suggestions were made regarding deposit fees and check in/ out times for the cottage. Our Members also proposed planning a work weekend for some time in April to address some of the needs and wants we have towards making improvements at the

cottage. We also exchanged thoughts on what could be done to enhance our Club events.

Our Board of Directors is also in need of a Vice Obman and we would be very grateful if one of our Members would step forward to fill this position.

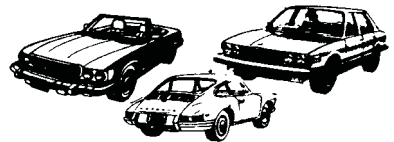
At the time of writing this report the Hamilton area had just been hit by a " State of emergency " snow storm, making it a little hard to believe that spring will soon be upon us. It will come though, and soon we will be enjoying all the delights the Club and the cottage has to offer.

Until then,

Take care and have a safe and healthy winter!

Peter McCormick

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The Germania Club wishes to thank the attendees and organizers of our first Movie Sunday of 2013. The event was a great success, with everyone enjoying a delicious brunch followed by our feature movie, “Lebe Dein Leben.” Our next Movie Sunday event will be on February 27 and we look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend!



The Camper's Report



What's a man to do, when, in the middle of winter, he is suppose to write an article about the campers and the campground, while everyone else is either hibernating or gone south for the warmer climate?

Well, this is what I had to do: On February 3rd, my wife rattled my chain and dragged me out to the Germania Park to have a look around and maybe have a little talk with Kevin, our Parkmeister. We parked our car next to the Park House (Kevin's residence) and hiked in from there. There was some freshly fallen snow, but not a lot, so we could see footprints and animal tracks easily. To cut to the chase: Everything looked normal. We took a big swing around and wandered past all the campsites: no open doors, no broken windows, just some animal footprints and eerie silence. On our way back to the car, it was Buddy, (Kevin's dog), that greeted us and barked enthusiastically. Going back home, we decided to detour through Binbrook. This used to be a sleepy, little town with an oversized fairground and a couple of corner stores. But no more. New subdivisions

everywhere, strip malls and best of all, a beautiful new Freshco supermarket right in its centre. So, if you have unexpected guests or you just have forgotten to bring something, a ten minute drive will get you there. No need to go all the way back to Hamilton or Stoney Creek.

In another vein:

It seems very early, but the Club has started to organize for the Oktoberfest (most likely in our park). Again, Tanya has taken the lead and will ask for volunteers. There will be a master schedule for this event and I hope the campers will do their part to help. Our next campers' meeting will be on Sunday, the 5th of May. Now, here it gets a little bit tricky. We had planned to have this at 1:00 pm. The Club's Yearly Events Calendar shows the time as 10:00 am. Frank has e-mailed me from Texas and he confirmed the time: 1:00 pm it is. Perhaps, we can combine this meeting with a pot luck dinner afterward.

One last reminder, the camping fees are due at the end of February.

Last, but not least, only two more months to go.

For Frank Poyton,
Chairman
Egon Roesslein,
Vice Chairman.

*Das kann doch einen
Seemann nicht erschüttern!*



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Narrhalla 58 report

„Anything Goes“ im Germania Club

Am 2. Februar war in unserem Club, wie in der Germania Post annonciert, der Kostuem Tanz „Anything Goes“! Obwohl wir gerade erst vom Urlaub gekommen waren, wollten wir doch dieses schoene Ereignis nicht ohne unseren Beitrag zum Clubgeschehen versaeumen. Die Kapelle „Euro Connection“ spielte schon, als wir kurz nach 20 Uhr ankamen. Thea stand noch am Buffet, was ab 19 Uhr ein warmes Essen angeboten hatte. Der Saal war schoen und bunt geschmueckt, genau richtig fuer ein buntes Treiben.

So langsam erkannten wir auch einige bekannte Gesichter, welche sich zwar verkleidet, aber nicht bis zur Unkenntlichkeit dekoriert hatten. Es waren, wie die Fotos bestaetigen, ganz wichtige karnevalistische Personen anwesend. Sie waren mit einem Bus bis von Kitchener gekommen, um hier Faschingsstimmung zu vermitteln. Sogar eine Tanzgarde von Brantford „Narragonia“

presentierte drei tolle Taenze. Soetwas hat unser Club schon lange nicht mehr gesehen. Ihre Lehrerin, Frau Wagner, war natuerlich auch anwesend. Die Maedchen trugen fuer den ersten Tanz ihre Garde-Uniformen. Das erinnerte mich an die Zeit, wo unsere eigene Germania-Garde die vollbesetzte grosse Halle unseres Clubs mit ihren flotten Taenzen unterhielt. Die Maedchen hatten fuer jeden Tanz verschiedene Kostueme und bekamen begeisterten Ablaues.

Es wurde eine Referie erstellt, welche bei der Polonaise das schoenste Kostuem aussuchte und mit einem Preis belohnte. Es war ein Clown-Ehepaar aus Kitchener und der zweite Preis ging an Schneewitchen. Der dritte Preis war eine Nonne, die sich ganz sicherlicherweise an diesem Abend verirrt hatte. Es war auch ein ganz echter Macharatscha unter den Kostuemen, welcher mich in seinen Haarem einlud – welch ein Angebot!!!

Leider fehlen mir an dieser Stelle die Namen des Karneval Prinzen und seiner Prinzessin sowie seines ganzen Gefolges. Sie waren alle aus Kitchener.

Ingrid Oppermann



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Aus unserem Frauenverein

During February the Ladies Auxiliary really was hibernating. Nothing official went on, but a few of us still looked in on the other groups, resp. we are members there, too: Fisher & Hunter Meeting, Narrhalla 58 Festivities (a few of us even went to Kitchener and had a ball). We also talked to Frauenverein members and sent out birthday cards in January and February (thank you, Dorothea!)

Our next regular monthly meeting will be on March 6, Rose Strinich will remind those who volunteered to bring in cake and sandwiches. If you have any ideas what the Frauenverein could or should do, even if you cannot make it to the meetings, please let us know. There may have been activities that worked in the past – we are always open to suggestions.

Our 105th Anniversary is on Sunday, March 17, which is also St. Patrick's day. Final arrangements will be made on March 6. We'll find out who cooks for the anniversary. Rosi's frikadellen, goulash soup and cucumber salads were a hit at the Narrhalla Costume

Dance!! Those caramelized onions...mmmmm! But, one should not abuse good will.

As you can see from the 'Choral Notes' the Choir is participating on March 3 at the 100 year anniversary of the building and the 50 year anniversary of the founding, resp. amalgamation of the Deutsche Evangelische Pilgrim Kirche. It's a beautiful church, there is parking next door on Sundays, courtesy of Effort Trust (access from Ferguson) and I think we should support our Choir in this.

We are still working on our annual(?) outing; maybe we can also have a garage sale as a fundraiser once people have done their spring cleaning. The trip to Lake Dalrymple is by now just about tradition but details still have to be worked out.

Birthdays in March are very few ; we only have

*Edith Kruck March 7
She will be 85, but we do not have a current address. If anyone knows about her, please give me a call.*

So, short and sweet, next month we will be rolling again.

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary
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Choral Notes

As I write this, it is a pretty white world outside. after the snowstorm of the year. We were warned about it so the Choir practice was cancelled, but the snow did not start until early the next morning.

We are preparing for the anniversary service of the Deutsche Evangelische Pilgrim Kirche on March 3. You are all invited to our annual all Choirs night on March the 16th, we will have the Police Choirs-Dofasco Male Chorus and 2 Barbershop groups

and of course the Germania Choirs. Free admission as usual, but donations will be accepted for Guard dogs for Autistic children.

Our long time singer Inge Michaelis broke her wrist and we wish her a speedy recovery, and I hope everyone else is in good health during these cold winter months, and soon it will be Spring again.

Birthdays this month are: Waltraud Schork, Erika Eigen, Gisela Harwood, Netty de Wit, Paul Jaeckle and Inge Leitner. we wish you a very Happy Birthday and many more healthy years to come.

Greetings from
Jeanet Schaefer.



Eisstockiessen



SKAT REPORT



At the special meeting held in January at the Germania Club, many items were brought forward regarding the future of our Club and furthering our German Culture and Heritage, and when it came to the history of the Skat Group which is an interest group on the club, the information was lacking. The following article is written to provide information on how our little group impacts our community, on all levels, Local, National and International.

In 1997 the social group which played SKAT moved to another location, and I was approached by Albert Kergl in an effort to try to bring some business into the club, to reintroduce the group. In the early days, we would at times attract 4 or 5 players, and we did try hard to draw more players in. Tony Grenc, who

was an ISPA Member in the Hansa Haus, recommended that our group would also apply for membership in the organization, which is the International SKAT Players Association. The requirement for our club to apply was a minimum of 12 members. Word was getting around that our group was growing and this generated interest. As other clubs in the area played in the evening, the decision was made that Saturday afternoon would become a regular event, coinciding with the Rathskellar being open and it was not long before we were welcoming 10 to 15 players every week.

In the year 1999, we applied for and officially became members of ISPA. The impact for our Germania Club is that our group is recognized on an International Level. The yearly publication of the International SKAT Magazine contains a report on Germania Club of Hamilton SKAT group activities. If you would like to see this publication, there are two copies in the office for review. As well, the National Publication ISPA News which is published quarterly

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contains Germania Club of Hamilton reports.

Representation in the SKAT Community plays an important role and several members travel to and have visited other clubs throughout the USA and Canada as well as Germany and Poland. I personally, have represented the Club in Seattle, Texas, Boston, Cleveland, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa, Newmarket, Kitchener, Toronto and Groemitz, Germany

The group is well respected in the SKAT Community, and our encouragement of younger players is recognized and appreciated.

Our group participates in the Southern Ontario Tournament, which is a yearly

event in August, and we have also had the honour of hosting the prestigious North American Championship which was held in our Germania Club in 2006.

ISPA Canada recognizes effort made by members in the community, and I am pleased to say that there are currently 3 honorary members in our club, myself, Thomas Rausch, and Manfred Pielorz.

So now you have a little history of our contribution and our attempt to keep SKAT in the forefront of our community, if you want to join our group, you are welcome. We continue to play on Saturday afternoon starting at 12:30 PM.

Gut Blatt,
Heidi Frank



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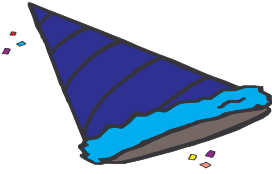
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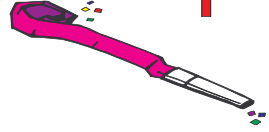


BIRTHDAYS

70 Years
Erika Eigen
Waltraud Schork

75 Years
Sonja Franek

80 Years
Egon Ueberholz



Happy Birthday

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Gunther Weiss - \$50

Franz Weinhandl - \$300 *in memory of his wife Julie*

Sofia Lochner - \$100 *in memory of her husband Michael*

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Mar 10	10:00am	Annual General Meeting
Mar 12	7:30pm	Okteberfest Meeting (All Welcome)
Mar 16	7:00pm	All Choirs Night
Mar 17	1:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary
Mar 24	11am-3pm	Easter Brunch (Palm Sunday)
Mar 24	3:15pm	Movie Afternoon
Mar 30	12:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt in the Germania Park

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

April 12	5:30pm	Abend mit Fiete Münzner & Uta Carina
April 23	7:30pm	Members Meeting
April 27	8:00am	Choir Garage Sale
April 28	11am-3pm	Sunday Brunch
April 28	3:15pm	Film Afternoon



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



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