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Germania Club Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, March 23, 2014
Starting at 10:00am**

All members are encouraged to attend the annual general meeting. A hot lunch will be available during the break. (approx. Noon)
(cancellation due to bad weather will be on the voicemail)

OBITUARY

Alois Link

January 15, 1928 – January 22, 2014



We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Agnes, their sons, Peter, Norman, Bernard, Alexander and their families.

Alois was a long time member of the Germania Club.

Kaffeeklatsch

Mar 12, 2014 2:00pm

You are invited to our Kaffeeklatsch, with coffee, cake and conversation. Each month we will have the Kaffeeklatsch where we will invite a special guest, or maybe just play cards, whatever you tell us you want. The social directors are planning to have something planned to keep our minds active. For March Siegfried Merten will be our guest and will make a presentation and answer your questions about the German Pension.



The President's Corner



Hello Dear Members!

I cannot believe it is already March and we are all working on our 150th Year celebrations. But like an old proverb says, "The wisest mind has something yet to learn."

I think I can say I have an open mind and I would like to learn from you what you expect for the future of our club? The Germania Club is a "Social Club" and that was the reason why Willi and I became family members almost 45

years ago (I took out a single membership years later). We enjoyed all the functions and our social life was mostly in the club, but, enough about the past. The "Future" is the "Important Thing" and I hope I can spend many more years as a club member, but that can only happen with your help.

So please take a few minutes and let us know what your wishes for the club are. On March 23, 2014 at 10 am is our Annual General Meeting and you can hand your wish list in. I hope for a full house.

Stay Happy and Healthy
Rosi Kramolowsky
President

150 YEAR BOOK GERMANIA CLUB

Dear members,

Once again just as in the 125 year book, you can support the printing of the 150. Anniversary Issue. For a contribution of \$30.00 your name will appear in print under ["Greetings from our members"] as a supporter of your club. We will also show your place of birth or former home in the "old country" if so desired. It would be much appreciated if you could participate, as many members did in 1989. At that time, people wished the club eine erfolgreiche Zukunft [a successful future].

A donation from you for the above project would be gladly accepted by the Club's secretary.





Fischer & Jäger

Greetings to our members & friends,

Sorry to have missed reporting to you in February. To be honest, there really wasn't much to report. Some of our members have been enjoying some Ice Fishing, while others have flown south to enjoy the sunshine & warmth.

We held our Annual General Meeting in late January. This was an election year, but unfortunately it was not very well attended. Needless to say, our Executive Committee has stayed the same, with one exception and a little bit of shuffling. Peter McCormick has resigned his position as 2nd Secretary, and has also decided not to renew his membership with the Germania Club. Although Pete enjoyed the experience of being involved with the Fischer & Jäger, he was disappointed with the conduct of some of the Germania Club

members and their unwillingness to resolve matters as set out in the constitution. His decision, however, resulted in a motion to investigate the possibility of bringing back Social Memberships. Details to follow at a later date.

On behalf of the board, thank you Pete for your contribution to our group and for your wonderful reports every month. We will miss you.

We would like to welcome Maggi Dodds to our executive team who has graciously accepted the post left vacant by Pete. You have some big shoes to fill Maggi - literally & figuratively! We have the confidence that you will do a great job! The role of Cottage Manager is a time consuming one and with a busy family, active in sports, Chris Parzen had to give up the position. He has agreed, to take over the Youth Co-ordinator job and Bob Mulhall is our new Director, Cottage Facilities. Thank you to both of you and good luck in your new roles. The rest of the executive remains the same, with Paul Parzen as Chairman, 2nd

Chairman position is still available, Annemarie Kiss as Secretary, Brigitte Parzen, as Treasurer, Grace Schieber as 2nd Treasurer, Bob Mulhall, as Director F & J Hall, Harold Kannenberg, Entertainment Director, Goran Predojevic as Director, Target Shooting and George Kiss as Director of the Grill. Paul is looking for a couple of volunteers to take, at least, 2 auditor positions. This is a very important job that only needs to be done quarterly. Please let Paul know if you are interested in helping out.

Spring is in the air! It's around the corner and the thought gets us all thinking about summer & summer activities.

If you are interested in renting the cottage this year, we have a couple of options for you to contact Bob.

- 1) email at dalrymplecottage@hotmail.com,
 - 2) via our Facebook page "Dalrymple Cottage"
 - 3) call or text message 905-818-5510
- Petri Heil, Annemarie

Here is a little thought for you to ponder "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

-Henry Ford



Reunion Day

Did you meet your partner at the Germania Club? Or know of someone who did? Many couples met for the first time at the Germania Club, and we are planning a reunion in this our 150th Anniversary Year and we would like to celebrate those happy get-togethers on a special day. On June 8th 2014 at 2 pm we will open the doors for a long overdue Reunion. Please call Lori at the office 905-549-0513 and let her know who you are. Please come and share your story with us, and meet old friends.



The Camper's & Park Report



February 3rd was a glorious day. Sunny, hardly a breeze and at -5 C. almost balmy. So Joan and I decided to go on a winter walkabout and check out our Park and campground. Getting in was a bit tricky. We parked on the road and hiked through Kevin's, our Park Manager's, parking lot. The cycles of melting and freezing weather has left some areas of the grounds slicker than a skating ring at Sochi. The Park is as tranquil as it should be this time of the year. Lots of tracks but no animals, however, the ice storm did some damage to our trees. It felled a big fir in our Memorial Garden and another one beside Mike Goldenberg's trailer, (lot#1), missing his trailer by inches. Needless to say, broken branches everywhere. I know that Frank, our fearless leader, is still in Texas dodging our winter. But before he left, he made a lot

of noise about getting a crew together, in May, for a spring clean-up. That seems to be now more appropriate than ever. So, come early spring, I will call around for volunteers and hopefully we can come up with a plan to help Kevin whip things back into shape. Last, but not least, a last minute reminder:

If you haven't yet paid your

- (1) Camping Fee;
 - (2) \$ 30.00 Reserve Fund Contribution;
 - (3) Air Condition Fees and/or Fridge Fees if appropriate;
 - (4) Club Membership Fees,
- you are going to be late and our Vorstand will rap you knuckles.

Only two more months and the gate to our little Garden of Eden will open for another season.

Egon Roesslein,
your happy Camper.



Germania Choirs 1864



150th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, May 18th, 2014

Doors open 12:30pm program begins 1:00pm

The following invited guest choirs will perform

*Concordia Chöre Kitchener, Heidelberg-Rheingold Singers Niagara,
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Mit Ann-Kathrin Kramer, Günther Maria Halmer, August Schmölzer

>>> *Film starts at 2:00pm* <<<

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.



SKAT REPORT



Better late than never, the year end Skat report is one month late, as I missed the deadline in January, with good reason, I was attending a Skat Tournament in Las Vegas. Our Christmas party was held during a snow storm with valiant efforts by our friends from Ohio who managed to get through the snow storm to attend our Skat Tournament, when some of our own players could not even get out of the driveway. In any case we did have 17 players at our tournament. Firstly we enjoyed a schnitzel luncheon, handed out our year end prizes and congratulated our winners for the year 2013, in first place, Horst Kreitzer, second, myself, Heidi Frank, and third Barb Eggers. Nice effort by everyone in trying to bring down Horst but there was no chance in 2013, and from the way 2014 is starting, Horst is on top already. We do have 11 months to try to topple him from first place. As mentioned, I spent the second weekend in January playing in the Skat tournament at the California Hotel in Las Vegas, there were 108 players including 10 from Germany, visitors from the West Coast and Mid Western USA. It was

great to see such high numbers at a tournament. On the road again, I am currently in Texas, where Barb Eggers and I have just finished playing in their annual tournament, again attracting people from the West Coast, Mid West, and of course Texas, there were 41 players at the tournament. It really is an adventure to travel and play Skat with friends from other parts of North America and Europe. As a Canadian we are always greeted with open arms and included in all the activities and social events that surround a tournament.

Bill Thompson, the USA ISPA President is currently working on putting together a proposal to hold the 2015 World Championships in either Las Vegas or Reno, so please make sure to include the tournament in your travel plans for 2015. Generally between 500 to 700 Skat players from around the world come together to compete, so you have a great chance to meet new people and have some fun.

For now, we look forward to warmer weather and our tournament in August, mark your calendar for the week of August 9th !

Gut Blatt
Heidi Frank





Aus unserem Frauenverein

The Ladies hibernated during January and February. No meetings were held – we did make some phone calls though for birthdays and sent out cards. Also, a bottle of wine is still coming for the 70, 75 and up birthdays at our next meeting on March 5 (which is also Ash Wednesday, and the date for the Club's Herring-Essen at 6.00 p.m.). So, we'll probably eat Herring first, then have our meeting at 7.30. And on March 16 we'll have our 106th 'Stiftungsfest'. The menu has been ordered, we have dug out the table decorations (I even found our flag again!), we only have to tally up the years of membership to see how many pins and/or certificates we have to prepare. And, of course, we have to check whether we still have current addresses for everyone. We do know about Hilde Platz and Liesel Graeser; if someone has moved recently, please let us know!! I do hope that everyone who has moved to a retirement residence has settled there comfortably.

Just imagine the snow you did not have to shovel this year!! Also, it would be nice if the 'snow birds' would let us know that they are not here. Some Ladies have been members for over 40, or even 50 years; please tell us what's happening in your life, or have your relatives call me. The other 'oldies' are still very much interested. Those monthly meetings and annual events over 50 years have created a bond... If you look around, we seem to be losing one or two friends every year, on the other hand we enjoy visits or to hear from those who are still alive, so let's nurture friendships and keep in touch.

Birthdays in March None
Last year we had Edith Kruck at 85. Sadly she passed away on January 13, 2014. Hopefully we have more news and plans in April. Till then, all the Best (Spring is coming, I have heard a few birds tschirping in the morning).

Sieglinde Seiler,
Secretary
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**Mar 10th 10:00am
Spring Cleaning of the
Germania Club
Frühlingsputz**



We need to give the club a good cleaning and ask for volunteers to help with the work. Both ladies and men are needed, bring your favourite cleaning rags. The cleaning supplies will be supplied.

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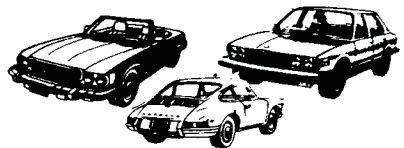
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THEO NERMERICH

Theo Nermerich was born on the 18th of August 1941 in Landstuhl, a beautiful little town near the city of Kaiserslautern in south-western Germany. His father, Jakob, was a master shoemaker, his mother Barbara was a seamstress. Theo's family was a large one, indeed. He was the fifth of 10 children.

After graduating from elementary school, Theo successfully completed an apprenticeship as an industrial mechanic/millwright with the German Railway system. Immediately following his apprenticeship, he started working for the Pfaff sewing and tool machinery manufacturer where he upgraded his skills to the level of tool and die maker. He worked at Pfaff until 1962 when he decided to follow in the footsteps of one of his sisters and emigrated to Hamilton.

Within a week of arriving in Canada and with the help of Erich Munz – then an active member of the Germania Club – Theo landed a job as a tool and die maker with Wentworth Mold and Die, a well known local company. He worked for that company, first as a lead-hand tool and die maker and then as a lead-hand inspector for well over 40 years, until his retirement in 2005.

How Theo met his future wife is interesting. In 1967, shortly before Christmas, Theo took a five month leave of absence from work in order to visit his family in Germany. Just before he left, one of his Hamilton friends asked him to contact his sister in Germany and assist her in making some final arrangements for her emigration to Canada. That sister's name was Ute. Theo must have done a darned good job in arranging things, because early in 1968 they both sailed back to Canada on the same ship, the "Alexander Pushkin". One year later they were engaged and another year later they got married at St. Boniface, Hamilton's German Roman Catholic Church. They have now been happily married for 44 years.

They have two daughters, Tanya (born in 1975) and Michelle (in 1978). Tanya is married to Kelly, while Michelle got married to Mark, with her wedding reception being held right here at the Germania Club. Theo is now the proud Opa of six year old Eva and four year old James.

When Ute's Dad passed away in Germany 12 years ago, Theo and Ute invited her 82 year old Mother to come to Canada and live with them. She agreed, and, as Theo likes to put it, even though his two daughters have moved out of the house, he is still outnumbered by girls in his own home. Since his retirement, Theo has been spending most of his time doting on his grandchildren and travelling throughout Europe. In particular, Theo enjoys attending his regular class reunions in Germany.

Theo joined the Germania Club 50 years ago, shortly after his 21st birthday, the minimum age required for Club membership at that time. Over the years, Theo and his family have been loyal supporters of the Club by regularly attending its cultural and entertainment events and by celebrating family functions at the Club,



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DONATIONS

Germania Club

Franz Weinhandl - \$200 in memory of his wife Julie

Werner & Karla Grauf - \$100

Dieter Woehrle - \$50 in memory of Onkel Benno and Tante Edith

Evelyn Crawford - \$60 for advertising

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Hildegard Hofmann - \$20 in memory of her husband Hans

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- Mar 5 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Herringessen (reservation)
Mar 7 8:00pm Friday Night Dance
Mar 12 2:00pm Kaffeeklatsch - German Pensions with Mr.Merten
Mar 16 1:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary
Mar 19 8:00pm Fisher&Hunter Members Meeting
Mar 21 8:00pm Friday Night Dance
Mar 23 10:00am Germania Club Annual General Meeting
Mar 30 12-2:00pm Sunday Lunch (Königsberger Klopse)
Mar 30 2:00pm Film Afternoon "Mein Nachbar, sein Dackel und ich"

VORSCHAU

- April 4 8:00pm Friday Night Dance
April 12 8:00am Choir Garage Sale
April 16 2:00pm Kaffeeklatsch with guest Dr.Sandra Koch
Apr 16 7:30pm Fisher and Hunter members meeting
April 19 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt
April 22 7:30pm Members Meeting
April 25 8:00pm Friday Night Dance
April 27 11:00am Fisher & Hunter Maifest in the Park
April 27 12-2:00pm Sunday Lunch choice of Schnitzel
April 27 2:00pm Film Afternoon "Schokolade im Sommer"
May 3-4 Open Doors
May 11 Mother's Day Dinner

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



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