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## *Mother's Day Dinner*

*Sunday May 11, 2014  
12:00-2:00pm*

*Plan now to come on that special day to the Germania Club's  
Mothers Day Dinner, with a choice of Rinderrouladen or  
Cordon Bleu, spätzle, potatoes, salads, vegetables and dessert.*

\$25.00

Including tax per person. Children 5-12 half price

**By reservation only by May 5th**

(Last reservation 2pm)

**Call Lori: 905-549-0513**

## OBITUARY

Maria (Mary) Markgraf

January 24, 1931 – March 25, 2014

Mary was the wife of the late Hans Markgraf.  
We wish to extend our sincere condolences to her  
stepchildren Harry, Chrysann and their children  
Natausha and Keegan.



### A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away...  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all beauty  
of the rarest and brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation...  
A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.

*Helen Steiner Rice*



## The President's Corner



make the club a place of fun and good place to visit and belong too. So please come to the events and renew old friendships and maybe make some new friends.

Hello Dear Members!

Der Mai ist gekommen, die Bäume schlagen aus.

And I hope you all survived the long and cold winter, and now enjoy the sun and the spring flowers.

The Easter Egg Hunt is behind us and it looks like every year more and more children enjoy the first outing. Susan Butz is doing a fantastic job and I would like to thank all the helpers and cake bakers for making this day a fun filled event.

I would also like to thank the Board for staying on for one more year and the members for putting their trust in us.

I will not promise that we complete all the problems we are facing, but I promise that we will try our best to make the Germania Club go on and

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President



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# Sunday Lunch

Sunday, May 25, 2014  
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**\$15.95** plus tax per person.  
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## FILM AFTERNOON



Es spielt **“Tierisch verliebt”**

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

*Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.*





## Choral Notes

Today, we thank Jeanet Schaefer, for all her hard work in writing the “Choral notes,” and the contributions to “Das kleine Sangerblatt”. Jeanet is one of many volunteers, whose dedication ensures, that the Choirs runs smoothly.

When tasks change hands, it provides us with an opportunity to reflect not just on what has been accomplished, but also on what is required of us, so that the Germania Choirs continue to thrive. So let’s pledge ourselves anew to the ideals of our Choirs: the commitment to continue learning; sharing the music of our heritage; and meet each week conscientiously, to that end.

We also extend a warm invitation to all, to come out and join us. You might be surprised how well you can sing. You will be even more surprised at the deep satisfaction and happiness you experience, when you hear

and sing those old familiar songs.

On Saturday, April 5th, the Choir went by bus to Kitchener, honouring an invitation by the Transylvania Choir for a concert of, “Bekannte und beliebte Weisen”.

Not enough can be said about the graciousness of our hosts, who served a tasty Schnitzel lunch, followed by sweets and coffee. All of it prepared and served by a great number of hard-working volunteers.

We spent a lively afternoon sharing songs with the Transylvania and Concordia Choirs, Kitchener; Lyra Choir, London; Loreley Singers, Oshawa; and the Mannerchor Harfentone, Toronto.

A special mention is in order for the deeply moving rendition of, “Morgenrot,” sung by a male mass choir, under the direction of Linus Press. Judging from the thunderous applause and the standing ovation afterwards, it can be safely assumed, that it was considered one of the most stirring performances of this



thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. We will have the pleasure to hear the song again on May 18th, for our, “150th Anniversary Concert”. A mass choir will do the honours on that occasion again. With all the choirs in attendance, you can look forward to quite an amazing afternoon. So don’t miss your chance to join this, once in a lifetime, celebration. Tickets are still available. This winter has been hard on all of us. We wish a speedy recovery to all of those who have been suffering from various maladies in the past few weeks. Hurry back, we miss you and your glorious voices.

As always, we honour those celebrating their birthday each month, with a rousing, “Happy Birthday to you...,” and a song of their choice. Happy May birthday wishes go to Ingrid Venohr (May 3); Hedda Wagenblast (May 17); and Erich Puppa (May 31).

In the meantime we are forging full steam ahead, to master the wonderful repertoire that Linus has chosen for us for our, “150th Anniversary Concert”. “An die

Musik (To Music),” is one of those songs. Linus introduced it several years ago. It is one of those timeless pieces of music, that is beloved by all the Choir members. We have enjoyed sharing it with you previously, on several occasions.

The song was composed by Franz Schubert in 1817. It celebrates the deep and abiding influence of music in our lives. The song was originally written for solo voice and piano. Schubert dedicated it 10 years later to Albert Sowinsky, a piano virtuoso from Vienna. The text of the song was written by the poet Franz von Schober, a friend of Schubert. “An die Musik,” continues to be performed by many artists, and even now, inspires many on both a professional and personal level. (Facts about the song, “An die Musik,” have been taken from the webpages, “Wikipedia,” and “Cantorion”).

Until next time, make your day a little brighter with a song on your lips and in your heart.

Waltraud Schork



*"Der Mai ist gekommen,  
die Bäume schlagen aus"*

May 14.2014 at 2 pm

SING-ALONG: *with cafe and cake und gute Laune*

Come join the sing-along led by  
Christine Eastwood and Brigitte  
Muessner with her Guitar from our  
choir. Deutsche Volkslieder



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# The Camper's & Park Report



We have all heard this little ditty before:

*Spring has sprung,  
The sun has ris',  
I wonder where the birdies  
is?*

So presumably by now all our little (snow) birdies have returned home, just in time to start the new camping season.

More often than not, no news is good news. And in this article I really have very little to report.

Joan and I took one last gander around our campground on April 8th. The truth be told, we only got as far as the Pavilion and our trailer. It was way too muddy to venture much further. We should have worn rubber boots not running shoes.

In last month's Germania

Post I reported that the big, old, dead tree in the middle of the lawn was gone. Not quite so; the tree is down and the crown and the branches are gone, but the huge trunk is laying smack-dab in the middle of the field still waiting for disposal.

So finally, a last minute reminder: Our most important Spring Camper Meeting will be on May 10th, at 1:00 pm in the Pavilion. We, first, will have a bite to eat (at nominal cost) and the actual meeting and elections of a new board of the campers will proceed right after.

I hope to see everyone.  
Egon Roesslein,  
your happy camper.

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# 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,  
Loreley Singer Oshawa, Concordia Choir Ottawa, Deutscher Chor Montreal,  
Transylvania Chor Kitchener, Teutonia Stratford, Harfentöne Männerchor Toronto,  
Lyra Chor London, German Ladies Choir of Calgary*

*MC: Sybille Forster-Rentmeister*

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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

It's hard to write the May column, when there is still so much to do in April. Just look at the Germania Post! There is (was?) the Kaffeeklatsch on April 16 with Dr. Sandra Koch talking about Natural Health Care. That should be interesting and I will make it a point to attend. Right now it seems one gets one or two pills for an original ailment, then another pill to offset any bad reactions to the first pill. Reading the leaflets the pharmacist provides for each prescription: The cure is worse than the disease. But still, let's try to enjoy life.

I also have the Easter Egg Hunt on my 'must go to' list (just for the fun of it), the Choir Garage Sale, and the Fisher/Hunter Maifest among others. The purpose of the Ladies' Auxiliary is to support the Club, even if all we can do at this point in our life is to support the other sub-groups by attending their functions. I bought a 3-piece luggage set a few years ago at the Garage Sale which I

have not used and probably never will. Anyone needing a few suitcases, please give me a call.

May is pretty busy too. 150th Club Anniversary functions: We are still waiting for final instructions re the Open House event on May 3 and 4, which seems to be more of a 'Schnupper-Tour' of the Club facilities for any visitors who might think those hallowed halls are reserved for use by members only. And quite a few of the Ladies already have bought tickets for the Choir Concert at Mohawk College on May 18. (Uschi can be very persuasive!) Also it was mentioned that greetings could be posted in the Anniversary Book(s?) by individuals. Cost \$ 30.00.

As for the Ladies themselves: We had our 106th Stiftungsfest in March – a few less attended than last year – long winter, bad colds, etc. But the food was good and plenty, flowers for the Ladies donated by Club President Rosi Kramolowsky. Traditionally at our meeting on April 2 after the Stiftungsfest

elections are to be held. Since this is the year of the 150th Club Anniversary we did not want to upset anything and, by unanimous vote, just kept the same Executive, with the exception of 'Kitchen'. (Maybe we should upgrade this function a bit to 'catering' or somesuch? Kitchen ..come on.) Rose Strinich, who had been in charge of organizing this activity for years, felt it was getting a bit much. Helga Laqua graciously accepted this responsibility and already gave us a taste of her capabilities by decorating the tables with Easter motifs, incl. chocolate eggs. Thank you, Helga, we know we and our tummies will continue to be in good hands.

So, the new/old Executive reads as follows:

**President**

Annemarie Kiss

**Vice President**

Uschi Schien

**Treasurer**

Elisabeth Kirchhoefel

**Secretary**

Sieglinde Seiler

**Kranken Committee**

Sigrid Whelan

**Entertainment Comm.**

Dorothea Melms

**Kitchen Committee**

Helga Laqua

Annemarie thanked the Committees for their past help and their commitment in the future.

The only birthday in April was Rosi Kramolowsky. We sang Happy Birthday, really loud, so that she would hear it in Hawaii.No birthdays in May.

I hope you had a Happy Easter, enjoy Spring, take it easy gardening and see you around.

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary  
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# 50th Wedding Anniversary

**Richard and Marie Neupert**

*We would like to invite you  
to join us...*

**OPEN HOUSE**  
*Germania Club (Small Hall)*  
863 King Street East  
Hamilton, Ontario

*Saturday May 10th, 2014*  
*Between 3pm and 7pm*  
*Best Wishes Only*



May 9, 1964



## **Reunion Day**

**Sunday June 8th, 2:00pm**

*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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.*



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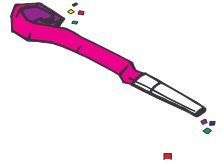
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## May Birthdays

Johann Breitner, Gunther Burger,  
Walter Fiebig, Klaus Freudenreich,  
Irene Grisatz, Werner Heimes,  
Erwin Lutz, Gerhard Maschewski,  
Ilse Mathiessen, Norm Merz,  
Alto Muhlhuber, Erich Puppa,  
Marianne Puppa, Egon Roesslein,  
Berni Rushleau, Sigrid Selmayer,  
Ingrid Venohr, Hedda Wagenblast,  
Katherine Wahrlich



### SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting has been called by the Board of Directors with one agenda item: the sale of the cottage property on Lake Dalrymple in the Kawartha Lakes. The meeting will be held on Tuesday May 13, 2014 beginning at 7:00pm. All members in good standing may attend, express their opinions and vote on the topic.

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May 2	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
May 3	10am-4pm	Open Doors Hamilton – Open House
May 4	10am-4pm	Open Doors Hamilton – Open House
May 10	1:00pm	Campers Meeting – with elections - Park
May 11	12-2pm	Mother's Day Dinner
May 13	7:00pm	Special Members Meeting re:Cottage
May 14	2:00pm	Kaffeeklatsch – Sing-Along
May 16	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
May 17	5:00pm	Choir Gala at the club
May 18	1:00pm	Choir Concert at Mohawk College
May 19	11:00am	Farewell Brunch – Choirs
May 25	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch – Roast Pork Dinner
May 25	2:00pm	Movie Afternoon – “Tierisch verliebt”
May 27	7:30pm	Members Meeting
May 30	7:00pm	Friday Night Dance

**VORSCHAU - PREVIEW**

Jun 6	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jun 8	2:00pm	Reunion Day
Jun 14		Choir Picnic
Jun 16	1:00pm	Germany vs. Portugal – Big Screen
Jun 20	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jun 21	4:00pm	Germany vs. Ghana – Big Screen
Jun 24	7:30pm	Members Meeting
Jun 26	1pm	Germany vs. USA – Big Screen
Jun 28-Jul 1		It's Your Festival – Gage Park



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