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November 13 2014 - Germania Club of Hamilton

Doors Open 5:00pm Program starts 7:00pm
Advance Tickets \$22.00 Tickets at the door \$25.00
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Food available in the Restaurant - food with reservation only - www.germaniaclub.ca

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Obituary

David VanStroe

March 16, 1961 – September 17, 2014

David was a member of the club and a camper for only a few years. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his companion Patti and his children Stephanie and Derek.

The following members will be remembered on November 2nd at our Memorial Service in the Park, please come and join their families and friends. The service will start at 1:00 pm in the Memorial Garden.

Robert Jones

born Jan 6, 1941 – Died Sept 22, 2013

Martin Karl Sr.

born Oct 26, 1928 – died Sept 29, 2013

Austin Lee Murray

born May 9, 1926 – died Oct 30, 2013

Benno Kruck

born April 2, 1924 – died Dec 28, 2013

Alois Link

born Jan 15, 1928 – died Jan 22, 2014

Friedrich Wilhelm Vordenbaumen

born Sept 27, 1918 – died Feb 22, 2014

Mary Markgraf

born Jan 24, 1931 – died March 25, 2014

Leonard Diedrich Folkens

born Sept 28, 1928 – died April 7, 2014

August Ernst

born Jan 22, 1923 – died May 5, 2014

Emmy Waldecker

born July 10, 1913 – died May 14, 2014

Irmgard Rewald

born Jan 11, 1931 – died June 1, 2014

Waldemar (Wally) Held

born Feb 22, 1937 – died June 30, 2014

Kurt Meissner

born Sept 28, 1922 – died July 14, 2014

David VanStroe

born Mar 16, 1961 – died Sept 17, 2014

Food, home baked goods and beverages will be available before and after the Memorial Service.



The President's Corner



In this our 150th Anniversary year we've had a chance to look back to the past and review in awe the accomplishments of the past 150 years. How the people before us must have struggled to keep their "home away from home", the Germania Club for the future generations.

Today we strive just as hard to maintain the German Heritage and Culture in Hamilton the best we can. Holding German events like our recent Oktoberfest and the upcoming Schlachtfest, our Choir singing in German, playing German Skat card game and meeting socially to discuss the topic of the day in the Rathskeller. No matter the activity as a member you support the German

Culture. After all, the founders of the Germania Club held that ideal so dear that they wrote it into our charter and constitution. In fact that is the criteria for becoming a member of the club, supporting and promoting the German Culture.

Is the Germania Club future sure? That chapter is still to be written and of course remains to be up to us to deliver a healthy organization to the future. If we work together, and play together, and stick together we too can accomplish what the founders did so many years ago.

This addition of the Germania Post has special write-ups for those who became honorary members, and the member of the year, plus my remarks at the Stiftungsfest. Next month we will honour the 2 members who joined the rank of the 50 year member group.

Until then,
Rosi Kramolowsky

Kaffee Klatsch - Homecare information from CCAC

November 19.2014 at 2 pm

Staff from CCAC—Community Care Access Centre

Come join the group, enjoy coffee and cake, and learn about which homecare services are available from the CCAC.

Important topic for seniors and those of us needing care.





Choral Notes

The Germania Club celebrated its annual Oktoberfest, Sept. 12th – 13th. Everyone agreed that it was a resounding success. All branches of the Club participated, and a large contingent of choir members was lending a hand wherever it was needed. Thanks to all of you.

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, the Germania Choirs went to Kitchener, to celebrate the Concordia Club's, "Winzerfest". We spent an entertaining evening with the Concordia Choirs, and the Toronto Harfentöne. On our way to Kitchener, we were briefly delayed by a traffic jam on the 401. However, our resourceful bus driver was able to circumvent the congestion, and we arrived in time. The Edelweiss Trio provided dance music, for the evening, and the choirs took to the stage, one by one, alternating with short sets of dance music. All those present enjoyed singing, "Funiculi-funicula" along with the Harfentöne. The Germania Choirs were in

fine form, especially, "Rote Lippen, gold'ner Wein", and "Fliegermarsch", were met with great enthusiasm. The men of the three choirs then formed a mass choir, and ended the choral portion of the evening, with, "Heimat", and an emotionally powerful rendition of, "Jacob's ladder".

As coincidence would have it, our conductor Linus Press celebrated his 79th birthday, the same day. Hedda Wagenblast, the Choirs' President, surprised him with a birthday cake, and everyone serenaded Linus with a heartfelt, "Happy birthday to you...". All this was followed by a champagne toast, in his honour.

The formal part of the evening ended with a dance contest. The winner was then declared the 2014, Concordia Club, "Weinkönigin". Eva Kolwes was one of the judges, who chose the winner. Everyone enjoyed a few more dances, and around 10:30pm, we started our journey back to Hamilton, having spent another wonderful evening of song and music.

The Choirs held their semi-annual garage sale on Satur-

day, Sept. 27th, under a clear blue sky and balmy Indian summer weather. The sale was not as well attended as the spring sale, since we were competing with other events in the city. However, the outcome was deemed satisfactory, and at the end of the day, the rest of the goods were donated to Value Village.

On Saturday, October 4th, the Germania Club held its 150th Anniversary, "Stiftungsfest" Gala. The Choirs were in attendance with some festive and celebratory numbers, suitable to the occasion. The joyous, "Das ist der Tag", and "Zur Feier", was followed by the solemn, "Sanctus", while we all remembered those members that passed away in the past year.

The full report of the Choirs' trip to Montreal, on the weekend of October 18th, to participate in the German Choirs of Montreal's 60th anniversary celebrations, will appear in the December issue of the Germania Post.

We would also like to remind you of the upcoming, "Weinfest", on October 25th. Reif Estate Wineries will be with us at the Germa-

nia Club once again. Tickets are \$10.00. This includes the wine tasting. A buffet is also available. Prices vary depending on your choice of entrée.

The Choirs' busy fall schedule continues with the Memorial Park ceremony on Nov. 2nd. The Christmas concert will be held on Dec. 7th. On Dec. 12th, the Choirs will perform their annual Christmas concert in Brantford. The Germania Choirs', and Club's Christmas celebrations will follow in quick succession, on Dec. 12th and 13th respectively. More details of these events will appear in the next issue of the, "Germania Post".

November birthday wishes go out to:

Inge Michaelis (Nov. 1);
Kurt Wolfsgruber (Nov. 9);
Sigrid Bachmann (Nov. 26).

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

Waltraud Schork



The Camper's & Park Report



Many times, when I sit down to write this monthly article, I have nothing to report but good news. But once in awhile it's nothing but sadness and grief.

Josie Rischke, one of our most senior campers, lost her daughter, Sylvia Theriault, to Legionnaires' disease on September 14th. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Josie and Harry (Sylvia's stepdad), to Gus (Sylvia's husband), two daughters Amber-Lee and Victoria and to all the extended family.

Joan and I, a week later, went to the funeral home for the celebration of Sylvia's life. It was a somber and peaceful occasion. Many people visited and it was standing room only. Josie embraced us on entering and introduced us to many family members. Not surprisingly, many campers came to express their sympathy.

Another member of our group suffered a great loss.

Patricia Bambury's partner in life passed away. David Van Stroe, who has been a camper with us for about two years, very suddenly, in his 54th year, died. It was only this spring that he had bought a bigger and newer trailer which we moved to a new campsite. Sadly, he never got to use it. We share the grief of the family, in this time of bereavement with deepest sympathy and condolences.

Lastly a reminder: Our fall, camper's meeting will be held in the Germania Club, 863 King Street East, on November 9th at 2:00 pm.

Egon Roesslein,
Camper.

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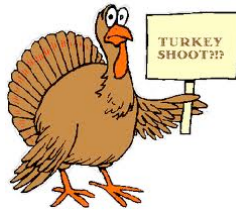


The Germania Club Fishing & Hunting Club
present:

Annual Turkey Shoot

Sunday, November 30th 2014

at the Germania Park
4240 Trinity Church Road



Shoot starts at 10:00 am

Lunch will be available for purchase
Goulash and Chili are on the menu

win a turkey for your Christmas dinner
no skill required - every shooter has an equal
chance

For more information contact the Germania Club office: 905-549-0513 or Annemarie 905-547-3472



Please join us for our Annual Weihnachtsbasar



Presented by the Ladies of the
Germania Club Frauenverein

DATE: Sunday, November 16, 2014

WHERE: Germania Club (Large Hall)
863 King Street East, Hamilton

TIME: 11am - 4pm
\$1.00 entrance fee

Come and celebrate

New Years Eve

at the Germania Club

- * Dinner Buffet
- * Dessert Table
- * Party favours
- * Midnight toasting
Champagne



Dance to the music of DJ Stan van der Molen

Wednesday, December 31st 2014

Doors open 6:30pm



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Reserved tickets only by calling 905-549-0513 or visiting the club office
Tuesday - Friday 11am-2pm or Saturday 11am-6:00pm





Fischer & Jäger

Moin to our members and friends,

What a beautiful start to the fall season. The colours are magnificent and the temperatures are satisfactory. And best of all the hunting season is upon us. My boys are up at the Sue for opening day hoping to bring home a bull and cow moose. Perhaps even a bear; looking forward to top up the freezers.

We had a great time at the Anniversary Gala and the Fisher and Hunter members showed up very nicely to support the club.

And now to our upcoming functions. Please mark these dates on your calenders.

1. Cottage closing on October 16th. 2. Schlachtfest on November 8th. 3. Turkey Shoot on November 30th. 4. Christmas Party on December 6th. We also congratulate all our honoured members at the Gala event especially Joe Parzen for 60 years in the club. Way to go, Joe, and with good health we hope to have you for many more years.

Until next time Tshüß
Maggie

P.S. If I forgot anything, don't blame me. Find someone else. Ha ha ha



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Annual

Weihnachtskonzert Christmas Concert

of the
Germania Choirs

**Sunday, December 7th, 2014
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.



Aus unserem Frauenverein

...and then there were only nine! So goes a mystery story by Agatha Christie. It feels a bit like that at the meetings. The days are getting shorter, some of our Ladies don't like to drive at night or having to take two buses plus walk a block or two to the next stop. We are car-pooling but it might get a bit worse before it gets better again in the Spring. There is nothing special left for October, except the wine fest which is in late afternoon and rides can probably be arranged with family and/or friends. In November we have Fiete Muenzner and our Bazaar, then in December the Auxiliary Christmas Party. Usually we have some hubbies as guests, who do the driving. January and February we hibernate and, God willing, we can welcome EVERYONE again in March. But, I am rushing it. This is still for November. Hopefully the people who were sick at the October meeting have by now fully recovered. Erna Melloh fell and needed 12 stitches. Elisabeth Kirchhoefel, our

trusted Treasurer, was sick with a cold. In all my years with the Auxiliary, Elisabeth has NEVER been sick. Gute Besserung zu beiden. Anni Schaible apparently just got back from the Danube, and Peter Graeser who usually drives his mother had a medical appointment.

We mostly concentrate on the Bazaar. Unfortunately, Linda Wanner is not recovering as we had hoped. She still needs a lot of care and may not be able to return home. We tried to get some information to contact past vendors from the family, but most of it seems to rest with Linda. Please keep Linda and her family in your thoughts. Eberhard, thankfully, seems to have recovered nicely, he is back home, but he cannot push it either since he previously already had a stroke.

The rates for vendors will be \$ 30.00 per table, \$ 25.00 if paid by Nov. 1. Susi Butz, as every year, apparently has contacted the Community Events page at the Spectator. Thank you, Susi. Donations for the White Elephant (Attic Treasures) table, as well as for door prizes etc. will be gratefully accepted. This is

the Ladies' Auxiliary's main fund-raiser of the year, so please support us!!

Birthdays in November:

Elfriede Halbig Nov. 12

Annemarie Kiss Nov. 12

Dorothea Melms Nov. 14

Elisabeth Kirchhoefel Nov. 24

For now, see you at the wine fest, Fiete Muenzner and surely at the Bazaar!! Get

your Flu Shot!! (I get one every year, especially since I am volunteering at a First Pilgrim United program – I have not had a major cold or flu for years...) Then again a lot of Brandy probably prevents it, too??

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary

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Germania Club's annual



Schlachtfest

November 8, 2014

Dinner service starts at 5:00pm

Doors open 4:30pm

The Schlachtplatte includes the following:
Geräucherter Schweinenacken, Blutwurst, Leberwurst,
Bauchfleisch, Sauerkraut, and Potatoes.

Tickets in advance only

Dinner tickets \$22.00 (including Tax)

At the Germania Club
863 King Street East, Hamilton

One block west of Sherman.

Tickets will be sold **until November 4, 2014**
To buy a ticket please call the Germania Club
office at 905-549-0513

Office open Tuesday to Saturday
11:00am to 2:00pm

After hours please leave a message.



November Birthdays

Debra Hough, Joanne Merz, Theresa Simpson, Blain Young
Sigrid Bachmann, Anna Kergl, Annemarie Kiss, Agnes Link
Manfred Kastrau, Owen Buchan, Uwe Hillje, Yuli Rotman
Inge Michaelis, Dorothea Melms,
Lothar Gandt, Otto Kohlschmidt, Werner
Weller, Herbert Herma, Horst Westedt
Alex Ewinger



DONATIONS

Germania Club

Alex Ewinger - \$50

Hans & Erika Bastel - \$50

Lifepoint United Pentecostal Church - \$500 for gravel
in Parking Lot

Sylvia Dietrich donated a Wheel Barrow to the club.

Park & Memorial

Richard Lutz - \$100 in memory of his wife Rosemary

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Nov 2	1:00pm	Memorial in the Park
Nov 2	7-11pm	Sunday Night Dance
Nov 7	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Nov 8	6:30pm	Club Schlachtfest
Nov 13	7:00pm	Fiete Münzner
Nov 16	11am-4pm	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar
Nov 16	7-11pm	Sunday Night Dance
Nov 23	12pm-2pm	Sunday Lunch – Rouladen
Nov 23	2:00pm	Film “Da wo wir zu Hause sind!”
Nov 25	7:30pm	Member’s Meeting
Nov 28	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Nov 30	10:00am	Fisher&Hunter Turkey Shoot
Nov 30	7-11pm	Sunday Night Dance

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Dec 6	5:00pm	Fisher & Hunter Christmas Party
Dec 7	2:00pm	Germania Choir Christmas Concert
Dec 12	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Dec 13	5:00pm	Germania Choir Christmas Party
Dec 14	1:00pm	Germania Club Christmas Party
Dec 20		Skat players Christmas Party



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