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# Obituary

## *Kurt Meissner*

September 28, 1922 – July 14, 2014

Kurt was a Life Long member of the Germania Club.  
We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his  
daughters Margie and Audrey and their families.



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## The President's Corner



The Germania Club is 150 Years Old and I know the club for the last 55 years. In the first two years or so I know the club had every Saturday a dance. The Men had to wear a tie and the Ladies a dress no pants. Oh, the Man could rent a tie for I think 50 cents. The music was very good and the hall was always full. But things change, and in 1968 we became members of the club, I mean my husband became a member, women were not allowed to be members, but they were allowed to help and work. Both of us got really involved. Willi joined the Fisher & Hunters and I joined the Damenelferrat of the Narrhalla '58.

In those days there were many different functions and life was very good for the club and for the members. But like everything in life there are ups and downs! Fast for-

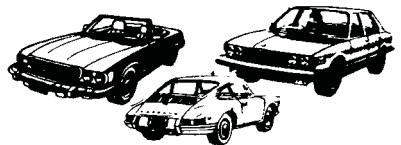
ward to today 2014 the club is still kicking, and with the help of many volunteers, we again have Friday and Sunday dancing. The hall is not always full, but it is still nice to dance and meet old and new acquaintances and have a fun time, so come and join us.

But that is not all what is going on in the club we have other special events like Weinfest, Oktoberfest and our monthly luncheon and film afternoons.

So here is a special invitation to you to come and join us and I promise you will have a good time.

Rosi Kramolowsky  
President

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## Choral Notes

had any voice left, and yes, we admit sheepishly, had looked somewhat deeper into the glass than usual.

It is hard to believe that August is already upon us. It also means, September 4th and the first Choirs practice is just around the corner. A mere one month later, the Choirs will be in Montreal, celebrating that choir's 60th anniversary. So come September, it will be full steam ahead, to fine-tune and master the repertoire that Linus has chosen for us. Upcoming events on Sept. 20th, is the Concordia Club Weinfest, and the Choirs' Garage sale on Sept. 27th. Time once again for the volunteers to bring out their fun hats. Last but not least, we extend our sincerest birthday wishes to:

Clement Ng; (Aug. 27)

– *My apologies, Clement for missing your birthday in the Choral notes for Aug.*

Jeanet Schaefer, (Sept. 1);

Tibor Nyilasi (Sept. 19);

Linus Press (Sept. 20).

Supporting members:

Alice Schork (Sept. 6);

Margrit Neuenhagen (Sept. 15);

Heinz Ollesch (Sept. 17);

Erika Renz (Sept. 20).

Greetings! “Don’t worry, be happy”! It’s summertime: barbecues, beach, cottage, travelling, family - the Germania Choirs are at play-, and I hope you are as well. The annual Germania Club picnic took place on July 13th, the same day as the World Cup final between Germany and Argentina. The annual tombola, at the picnic, organized by the Choirs’, Jeanet Schaefer, was a modest success, as soccer fans migrated to both the Germania Club, and the appropriate venue at the Germania Club Park, to enjoy the match.

If you are a German soccer fan, the number 13 was definitely your lucky number that day. All of us were on tenterhooks, until the 112th minute, that magical moment, when Mario Goetze let that ball roll off his chest towards that golden boot, and magnificently found that sweet spot to win the game. At the end of the day, not many of us

An extra special wish goes out to Alice Schork, who is celebrating her 95th birthday in good health and fine spirits. "Alles Liebe und Gute zum Geburtstag, Mutti!"

Until next time ,  
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music begins".  
(Heinrich Heine)  
Waltraud Schork

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# The Camper's & Park Report



It is customary for the campers to make and donate the potato salad for the annual Germania Club Picnic. So Josie volunteered to lead the camper's spud brigade. Anna Kun, Jeannie, Karrla, Liz, Theresa, Sylvia, Judi, Sharon and Joan made short work of a mountain of potatoes. Dennis Fletcher, with some help from Bobby, chopped the onions. They tell me he is still crying.....

For better or worse, the final soccer game (World Cup) and our Club's picnic fell on the same day. Luckily, we have a large screen TV in our Pavilion and with help from our new electronic expert, Karrla, we were hooked up to a satellite and ready to watch. First, the semi finals, and on Sunday, the game between Germany and Argentina. And we all know the outcome of that game. My ears are still ringing.

It wasn't easy, but we did it. Two large, dead trees precariously leaning all the wrong way, plus some smaller ones, were felled on one rainy and miserable Saturday. It took five guys, four chainsaws, a rope long and thick enough to tie up a battleship, an extra tall ladder and a one ton truck to make all this happen. There was a little bit of panic when the tallest one, near the Pavilion, wanted to go sideways. But one mighty tug and it did come our way. Kevin with his friend, Frank, Ken and yours truly in the truck did breathe a huge sigh of relief. The downed trunk was neatly cut into slices by Chainsaw Ken and distributed for decorations. The rest became firewood. Of course, not to be left behind, the ladies, Jeannie, Liz, Joan and Karrla, helped with the clean-up. And then we had our honorary, Junior Park Rangers: Bobby, Denny, Frank Jr. and the girls Crissy and Jessy loading and unloading the trailer to haul it all away. The reward came later in the afternoon: A pulled pork on a bun dinner with salads and dessert offered and prepared

by the Fletcher's. A full day's work and a delicious ending.

Last month, I wrote about a circle of friends called the Homey G's, a group of grade 12 girls that had a wonderful time camping with us for a weekend. Well, now we

have another group of kids, somewhat younger, that have banded together. Their moniker: "The Brat Pack". For better or worse: watch out!

Your happy camper,  
Egon Roeslein.

## Germania Club Frauenverein

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**150th STIFTUNGSFEST**, OCT 4, 2014: the following is a list of members who will be honoured at the Germania Club's 150th Anniversary on October 4, 2014.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

James Bandow  
Christopher & Melissa Bulmer  
Carl & Ingrid Geerts  
Richard Grobauer  
Martin Hack  
Cindy Heuck  
Debra Hough  
Fred & Luise Klauser  
Dominik & Maryann Klopfer  
Norm & Joanne Merz  
Shawn & Theresa Simpson  
John & Brenda VanStralen  
Blain Young

### **10 YEAR MEMBERS**

George Apostol  
Ilse Kastrau  
Manfred Kastrau  
Lori Kramolowsky  
Paul Parzen  
Erika Renz  
Magdalena Weller  
Werner-Paul Witolla

### **15 YEAR MEMBERS**

Ewald Gollan  
Albert A. Kergl

### **20 YEAR MEMBERS**

Heidi Frank  
Eduardus Heijm

### **25 YEAR MEMBERS**

Rosi Kramolowsky

### **30 YEAR MEMBERS**

Karl Leitner  
Inge Leitner  
Hans Renz  
Hedda Wagenblast

### **35 YEAR MEMBERS**

Erika Bastel  
Ernst Dammann  
Dietrich Eckert  
Gerda Frank  
Hans Kreuzer  
Brigitte Parzen  
Ute Perl

Josie Rischke  
Ursula Schien  
Gertrud Taunton

### **40 YEAR MEMBERS**

Otto Kohlschmidt  
Franz Weinhandl

### **45 YEAR MEMBERS**

Adolf Ernst  
Tony Grenc  
Michael Press

### **50 YEAR MEMBERS**

Richard Neupert  
Horst Westedt

### **55 YEAR MEMBERS**

Hans Bastel  
Hans Dietl

### **60 YEAR MEMBERS**

Karl-Heinz Falk  
Joe Parzen





THE AMBITIOUS CITY

## **ADDITIONAL PRINTING 150 YEAR BOOK GERMANIA CLUB**

Dear friends and members,

There will be an additional printing of the 1st issue. This will allow for some corrections and also give you a chance to support your club if so desired, see the article below, as it first appeared in the GERMANIA POST [April 2014]

(submission deadline Sept. 9th, 2014)

### **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

Grüße to our members & friends,

The evenings are getting cooler and the kids are back to school. Where did the summer go? Lake Dalrymple Cottage has been busy with activity this summer. We had a very successful Junior Prize Fishing Weekend in July. There were 15 kids, 10 adults and 1 very cute bulldog in attendance this year. As usual, everyone got along famously. New friendships were formed and memories made. Each child caught at least one fish, except for little Karl, 'cause he's still too little. Chloe, Grace and Brian each caught a small-mouth bass, while D.J., Neil, Michelle, Nadine, Zoe, Jenn, Angelina, Katrina and Max each caught a pike, ranging in size from 12"- 29". Sam and Kate were only successful to reel in sunfish this year. After the fishing was done for the day, the kids enjoyed some water skiing and tubing behind Harold's boat. At night they roasted marsh-

mallows and made s'mores around the campfire.

Then in August, we hosted a "Dalrymple Cottage Visit", where we invited and welcomed the members of the club to the lake for the day or weekend. On they Labour Day long weekend, we usually have our "Senior" Prize Fishing, which has been "adults only" in the past. Since we have so many families with children in our group, and many parents want to spend it with the family, we decided to make it a family weekend this year with a friendly adult Preisfischen tournament as well. We will report on these events next time as at the time of writing this report, they haven't happened yet.

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month, we continue to hold our monthly meetings in the club restaurant at 8:00pm, please join us.

The premise of our group is fishing and hunting and much of our social activity happens at Dalrymple and the Germania Park in Binbrook. The F&J Board remain hopeful that the Board of Directors for the Germania Club will take the time to sit down with us and discuss

the fate of the Dalrymple Cottage. We consider the cottage to be a significant part of our past and present and necessary for a promising future of our club.

If you are interested in renting the cottage or just a room in September or October. There are a 3 options for you to contact us:

- 1) email at [dalrymplecottage@hotmail.com](mailto:dalrymplecottage@hotmail.com),
- 2) via our Facebook page "Dalrymple Cottage"
- 3) call or text message 905-818-5510

Until next time. Petri Heil, Annemarie

My thought for the month "Minds are like parachutes – they work best when open" ~ James Dewar

Annemarie Kiss  
Secretary,  
Germania Club Fischer & Jäger

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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

To quote the 2013 report: There was no meeting in August, our next meeting will be on September 3. Then we will be busy and slide into Fall: Octoberfest weekend of September 12, Applemania on September 17. This year hopefully I can attend and help with the Octoberfest. (Last year I was post-op and had just gotten my stitches out.)

Applemania is by now well-rehearsed and a no-brainer. We just have to get stuff for door prizes and the Tombola. And baking, of course. A word of caution, though. As a volunteer at First Pilgrim I had to obtain my Food Handling Certificate. Apparently Food can only be served and/or sold if it is prepared on site and onsite must be an 'approved' location... And whenever the kitchen is operating, a certified food handler must be present, otherwise the kitchen cannot operate. Well the Club kitchen is an approved location...?? The only exception seems to be if the food is offered to members,

i.e. we bring food in for the Ladies Auxiliary meetings, served to the members. I think in our case we are being over-regulated. We were shown some videos what happens in large chain kitchens. You would never eat out again. But the Auxiliary has been doing these bake sales for over 100 years. And we would not sell anything that we would not eat ourselves.

In September we will probably (surely) also start on the Christmas Bazaar. Vendors will like to be contacted, so that they can make their plans. Most venues would like a commitment a few months before the event. Linda Wanner, who organized the vendors for years and years, is still in St. Peters; she makes progress but apparently is not yet able to live at home. No visitors yet as per Eberhard. The main reason being, as I see it, that Linda did not want to be seen so helpless. Since Helga's Bakery in Cayuga has supported the Club and various functions with the donation of Apfelstrudel, the Club and various sub-groups, incl. the Ladies Auxiliary will go there for lunch on the weekend of Aug.16,

to give them some business back. We did this already once and the food was very delicious, in addition, the place is licensed.

It should also be mentioned that the Ladies' Auxiliary (and guests) did have their annual outing at Lake Dalrymple. We were only 7 (of mixed origins!!); the upcoming special meeting at the Club concerning the sale of the property probably cast its shadows and some people did not want to be caught 'in-between'. But, we managed to agree to disagree. The existing issue really was a non-issue for a few days. We were Ladies with a capital 'L', and managed to enjoy ourselves. Rosi's roast was again outstanding; roast corn had a very tasty feta cheese dressing.. Next morning there was champagne with orange juice, bacon, eggs, home-fries. The weather cooperated too. Winnings at the casino were moderate, nature was great. We saw I don't know how many geese paddling by. Like a day-care outing. Once there were about 40, next day there must have been over 70. Large ones in the front, back and on the sides,

smaller ones in the middle, in one long, long parade. When I saw the red plastic fencing along the shore I thought it was to keep fishers who had imbibed too heartily from falling into the water, say, around midnight. No, it's to keep the geese from coming ashore and messing up the lawn.

Just remember when you go there: The directions going in are right on with the street signs – on the way back you have to mentally reverse your directions and the signage on the other side of the intersection is not always identical on both sides. I took poor Rose Strinich on a few unplanned detours, but she did not seem to mind.

Birthdays in September:

Sigrid Whelan Sept. 5

Ute Perl Sept 24

'till next month!

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary

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## **September Birthdays**

**Cindy Heuck, Alice Schork, Jurgen Janke, Eric Major  
Patti VanStroe, Sandra Petroski, Sylvia Schien, Franz**

**Chacinski, Hank Hope, Luba Rotman, Ruth Kergl**

**Tibor Nyilasi, Joan Trotman, Erika Renz**

**Albert A. Kergl, Margrit Neuenhagen**

**Adriana (Jeanet) Schaefer, Sigrid Whelan**

**Gabi Frank, Ellen Pezzetta, Dietrich Eckert**

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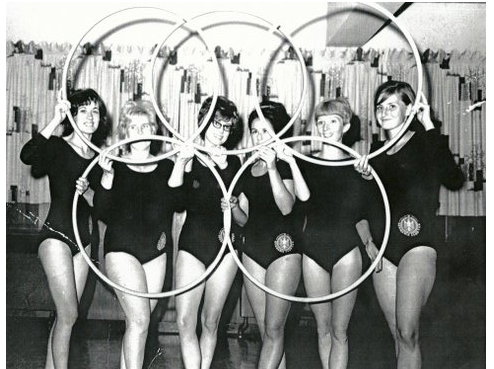
### **DONATIONS**

**Germania Club**

Dieter Woehrle - \$25 in memory of Wally Held

## **INVITATION**

Dieter Woehrle invites former Gymnasts for a Reunion on Saturday, September 13 during the Germania Club's Steel City Oktoberfest at 7:00 pm, admission is \$5. So come on out and catch up with some old friends, meet some new ones and enjoy a great evening of music, fun and laughter.



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# DANKE!

The club thanks Arnold Schaefer for his generous gift of 250 pounds of delicious potato salad used at this year's "It's Your Festival" and at the club. The material alone was \$173.50 and of course all of the labour of love, peeling, cooking, cutting, dressing, mixing and even delivery . Thank you to both Jeanet and Arnold Schaefer for this generous donation you have made for many years.



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Sep 12	6pm-12am	Steel City Oktoberfest in the Club
Sep 13	3pm-12am	Steel City Oktoberfest in the Club
Sep 17	7:00m	Applemania
Sep 17	8:00pm	Fisher and Hunter Members Meeting
Sep 19	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Sep 23	7:30pm	Member's Meeting
Sep 26	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Sep 28	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch – Goulash and Spätzle
Sep 28	2pm	Film Afternoon -Ich denke oft an Piroshka!

**VORSCHAU**

Oct 4	5:30pm	Germania Club 150th Anniversary
Oct 10	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Oct 15	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter meeting
Oct 24	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Oct 25	5:00pm	Choir Winefest
Oct 26	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch – Chicken breast
Oct 26	2pm	Film Afternoon - Hochwürden drückt ein Auge zu!
Oct 28	7:30pm	Members Meeting

