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The President's Corner



growing. But that can only happen if we all pull together and support each other.

Again best wishes,
Rosi Kramolowsky
President

Hello Dear Members

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and hope that all your wishes and New Year's resolutions come true. My biggest WISH for 2014 and our 150th Year Anniversary is that we are successful and



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 everyone!

November and December were busy months for the Fischer & Jäger Club. On November 24th we held our annual Turkey Shoot at the Germania Park. As always, this event was well attended. It was great to see so many familiar faces and meet some of their friends and family. Once again the food was fantastic and that can be attributed to the fact that our cooks from last year volunteered to provide us with the same delicious dishes they made last year. Everyone had fun at the shooting range trying to win a turkey. Congratulations to the sharp shooters that were successful and to the rest of you (including me) good luck next year. Thank you to all our volunteers and Goran for keeping us safe and organized at the shooting range.

On December 7th we held our annual Christmas/ Anniversary Party at the Germania Club. We had another great turnout again this year thanks to the effort of one of our members. I would like to thank Sylvia

for personally telephoning all of our members to remind them of the time and date of our Party. She did this for us last year, and again this year, despite not being able to this year's function herself. Now that's the kind of commitment to a Club that sets an example for the rest of us! Once again the hall was beautifully decorated in the spirit of the season. Thank you for your artistry and hard work Maggie and Sieglinde. We must take our hats off to the chef and the staff for providing us with a terrific meal and stellar service. Congratulations to Annmarie on being selected as our (Wo)Man of the Year. She is an invaluable member of our Group, as she is to other sub-groups, and the Germania Club!

As the Germania Club approaches its 150th Anniversary should take the time to reflect on the valued members that have passed away. Let us also welcome our new members as they help rejuvenate us as we strive towards continuing the legacy of this great institution!

Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year!
Peter McCormick





Choral Notes

To me, the Christmas season starts when we have our concert in the church on the first of Advent Sunday, and this year it seemed very early. But First-Pilgrim United Church was nicely filled with people enjoying the old familiar Christmas songs, that we all remember from our youth. Our M.C. David Simon did a great job as always, announcing the music. This time there were no little angels but a soprano solo by Christine Eastwood and a musical tribute by Brigitte Mussner, Gertrud Press and Cindy Heuck. After the concert there were refreshments in the church hall and a chance to meet old friends. Every year David invites the people in the congregation to join us for practice on Thursday nights, maybe this is the year for you because it will be our 150th anniversary and many activities are planned.

On the 14th we will have our Christmas party with a lovely turkey dinner, and on Dec. 15 we will go to the Sonnenhof in Brantford to celebrate Christmas with them, and then we will not meet again until the 9th of January in the new year. When you read this that has all past.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Birthdays in this first month are: Ingrid Opperman, Willy Schaefer, Susan Butz, David Simon, Christal Strassguertl and Karl Leitner. Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday and many more years in good health

A special good health wish goes to Ingrid Venohr who has been in the hospital too many times, get well Ingrid.

Greetings,
Jeanet Schaefer.



The Camper's & Park Report



This is not exactly the best time of the year to write a report for the campers. Campground news, good or bad, is hard to come by in December, so perhaps now is the time to clear up a little controversy and some criticism that had surfaced. In 1960, when the Park was originally established along the Welland River, our members constructed, among many other things, a wooden picnic shelter. And that is what it was known as: "Picnic Shelter." However years later, after the river was dammed, Lake Niapenco was created and our property was reestablished along this lake, a new, more solid shelter was built. It took a few years for completion but at the finish we had a gathering of campers to give this new edifice a proper name. "The Pavilion" became the new moniker. Some of our more senior members have lately objected to the term, "Pavilion". They

prefer the name Picnic Shelter. The reason, I was told, is that a pavilion must be open and have eight sites..... Not so! I have looked into my trusty computer and found out that a pavilion can be any free standing structure, built mainly for pleasure, not for habitation. So here we are: no more picnic shelter, by popular consent, "Pavilion" it is!

Depending on when this Germania Post arrived at your house, it will most likely be 2014 and Christmas will be over. So for the New Year, Frank Poyton, our Chairman and Liz his wife; Joan Trotman, our Secretary (also my wife); Harry Rischke, our Treasurer; Sharon Jones, our Entertainment Committee and I wish everyone a happy, healthy and wonderful New Year.

Egon Roesslein, Vice Camper Chair.

P.S. You may have noticed, I have changed the title somewhat. After all, there is as much to report about the park as there is about the campers. Hence the change in the title.

Egon.

The Annual General Meeting of the Germania Club of Hamilton, Ontario will be held on March 23, 2014 starting at 10:00am. At the Annual General Meeting we will receive the annual reports from the President and board of directors. There will be lunch served around the noon hour. All members are invited to attend this yearly membership meeting.



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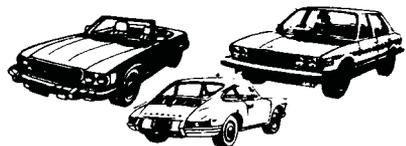


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A special meeting of the members is called to approve the yearly budget for the Germania Club. The meeting will be held on January 28th, 2014 starting at 7:00pm Treasurer and Board of Directors

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dauern ewig fest und schön,
W.A.Mozart*

Heinz Mildenberger was born in Mingolsheim, near Heidelberg in southern Germany, on July 1st, 1934, the son of Rosa and Hugo Mildenberger. He has two sisters, Gisela and Ruth, and one brother, Werner. As a youngster, he did not have an easy time. When he was 10 years old, only six weeks before the end of the Second World War, his father – a police officer with the German Railway system – was killed in a terrible bombing raid involving phosphorous – laden incendiary bombs. This left his mother having to raise four young children on her own. This also meant that Heinz and his siblings had to get used to hard work at an early age-a character trait that remains with him to this day.

Following the completion of elementary school, Heinz started a three year apprenticeship as a carpenter cabinetmaker. Shortly after his apprenticeship in 1954, Heinz left Germany for Canada, following his brother to Hamilton. After a short stint as a farmhand, Heinz was fortunate to land a job at the Steel Company of Canada. Some 12 years later he decided to strike out on his own: He quit his job at STELCO and went into the construction business as a carpenter and cabinetmaker. Anyone who dealt with Heinz as a contractor can testify to his dedication to duty and to the quality of his workmanship. He continued to operate his business on a full-time basis until 1996, after which time he worked part-time, something he continues to do to this day.

Shortly before leaving Germany in 1954, Heinz had met an attractive young lady by the name of Erika. A few days before leaving, he promised to return to Germany and marry her. He kept 50% of his promise! He did not return to Germany but had Erika come to Hamilton. They got married in Canada's largest and most majestic Catholic Church, the Cathedral of Christ the King! The year was 1956 and the rest, as they say, is history. They raised three children, Peter (born in 1959), Sylvia (in 1962) and Andrew (in 1968). Peter is married to Diane, Sylvia to Brian

and Andrew was married to Dana. There are five much loved grandchildren: Gregory, Katrina, Kyle, Corey and Megan. In 2009, the family suffered a tragic loss when Andrew was killed in a terrible accident.

Throughout his life, Heinz has had two main hobbies, choral singing and building all kinds of things. To this day he still sings in hois and still builds, renovates and remodels everything in sight. To Heinz, building something is not a job, it is a hobby, a "Steckenpferd". Just ask Erika.

Heinz started singing in his hometown when he was 14 years old. He sang in the church choir and a 120 member male choir. To this day, he sings in the choir of his Hamilton church and at the Germania Club. He is much admired for his melodious and secure tenor voice. For his loyalty and long service to choral music, Heinz has been awarded the coveted Golden Choir Pin of the German Choir Association as well as the certificate of distinction for 60 years of choir singing by the German Canadian Choir Association. Given his love for choral music, specifically German choral music, it was inevitable that Heinz would find his way to the Germania Club, or to be exact, the Germania Choirs. He initially joined the male choir, but soon afterwards he also joined the then brand-

new mixed choir. That was 50 years ago, in 1963. Thursday evening soon became a family affair, when Erika joined the mix choir a few years later.

During these past 50 years, Heinz attended close to 2000 practices and concert performances with the Germania Choirs, an accomplishment worthy of note. His favorite music includes folksongs and traditional German male choruses. Heinz is proud to have sung under the leadership of four outstanding conductors of the Germania choirs: George Christophek, Alred Kunz, Friedrich Kels, and Linus Press. If one asked family, friends or fellow choir members to pick just one word which would describe Heinz best, that word would surely be loyalty. Throughout his eventful life, Heinz has been consistently loyal to his family, his trade, his friends, his music, his customers and his Germania Club. As Adalbert Stifter says it so well in one of his German poems:

*Denn was auch immer auf Erden
besteht,
besteht durch Ehre und Treue.
Wer heute die alte Pflicht verrät,
verrät auch, morgen die neue.*



Aus unserem Frauenverein

When we get the Germania Post for January – even if it's at the beginning of January 2014 – Christmas 2013 will have been and gone. We have had our Annual Christmas Bazaar in November (thanks again to Eberhard Wanner for setting up tables and putting them back again.) That's work! A few of us Ladies tried to help and 'unfold' the round tables. You have to kick the brackets hard – we could feel our bones rattle. The proceeds were pretty good, considering that we competed with the Grey Cup Game. We had more than 70 cookie packages, which all sold, as well as the cakes and nice prizes for the tombola. Most of the vendors seemed happy, too. The Ladies, especially Rose Strinich, had knitted up a storm and we had quite a few mittens and scarves left over. Dorothea and I took the unsold ones to a member of the First Pilgrim Choir, who acts as a liaison with the Wesley Urban Ministries Christmas Store. She wrote

us a very touching Thank You letter:

“Dear Ladies,
What a wonderful surprise!!! I am overwhelmed by your generosity. As First Pilgrim Church's representative to Wesley Urban Ministries, I sent out an appeal to our Congregation for new gloves, mittens, hats and scarves. These items are to be given out to people when they come to register for Wesley's Christmas Store. Little did I know that word would go beyond the Church and be heard by your organization. We have several church members who are also members of the Germania Club and over the years we have been the recipient of your generosity and of course, we get to enjoy your wonderful Christmas Concert. This donation of knitted goods is really special and I want you to know it is very much appreciated.
Thank you, thank you.
Sincerely, Shirley Wilkinson”

A few Ladies represented the Auxiliary at the Choirs' Annual Christmas Concert at

First Pilgrim, and, like every year, it was beautiful. Since Denningers usually has their open house on the same Sunday, just hop across Main Street and get some nourishment for the soul as well. Please try next year??!!

Our own Christmas Party on December 4 sort of closed out 2013. Unfortunately, our members from Kitchener could not attend. We sang Christmas songs in German and English, had nice cakes, a glass of wine (or two?) and Rosi Kramolowsky's appetizers. The gift exchange is fun every year. It's amazing what people come up with. Amaryllis, chocolates, clothing, candles – everyone was happy! Even a few members were there that we had not seen for a while so we could update addresses. We will resume our meetings in March – newly energized for 2014 and all the things we want to do next year.

Birthdays in January:

Rose Strinich Jan 6 - 84

Liesel Graeser Jan 10 - 89

Ina Reile Jan 17 - 87

Trudel Mueller Jan 29

Hoping that you had a blessed

Christmas - and remember if you are sad about having lost a loved one during the year: They watch from above and maybe even drop a nickel or a dime for you to find to show that they still look out for you. And remember: After Christmas the days are getting longer again! Start planning for Spring!!

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary

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Please feel free to call or drop me a note if I missed anything or if you have any ideas what we should do.



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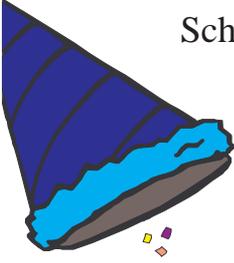


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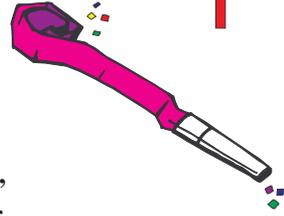


ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Birthdays



Alois Link, Andrew Chamberlain, Arnold Schaefer, August Ernst, Brigitte Parzen, Christel Strassguertl, David Simon, Ernst Dammann, George Fischer, George Kiss, Helmut Hentschel, Hildegard Dollak, Ina Reile, Ingrid Geerts, Ingrid Oppermann, Irmgard Rewald, John Racz, Karl Leitner, Liesel Graeser, Manfred Pierlorz, Margitta Dodds, Maria Schattauer, Mary Markgraf, Monika Heitland, Peter Werheid, Rudolf Denninger, Sharon Passmore, Stefan Kun, Susan Butz, Willi Schaefer



Happy Birthday

DONATIONS

Mike Goldenberg - \$30 for the Park and Memorial Fund
Alois & Agnes Link - \$100 for the Germania Club

Thanks to Artur and Erich our Elf's, for fixing the Railing to the small Hall, Upstairs. Donation: Erich Butz \$50.00 for Bracket's

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Jan 3	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jan 17	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jan 26	11:00am	Fisher and Hunter General Meeting with Elections
Jan 26	12pm-3pm	Sunday Lunch
Jan 26	3:00pm	Film Afternoon - Schulz and Schulz
Jan 28	7:00pm	Special Meeting - Germania Club Budget
Jan 28	7:30pm	Members Meeting (may be delayed by budget meeting)

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Feb 7	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Feb 21	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Feb 25	7:30pm	Members Meeting
Mar 5	7:00pm	Herringessen

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



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