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Irmgard, Rewald
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Irmgard was a long time member of the Germania Club and the Narrhalla 58. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to her children Ilona and Ronald and their families.

*The Board of Directors wish to
extend their sincere condolences to
Richard, Lutz who recently lost
his brother Walter and to Willi and
Eva Kuehlem on the loss of their
son Erich.*



The President's Corner



Winter and Spring is behind us, and so is the Choir's 150th Year Celebration, and I would like to congratulate the Choir for a job well done. I know it was hard work, but the end result was "Magnificent". The summer will bring hot, humid weather and hard work for the Club and its members.

Gage Park, "It's Your Festival", Burlington "Beerfest", Club Picnic and Oktoberfest and also our 150th Year Anniversary!! That means the Board needs lots of help and volunteers. So Dear Members! please extend a helping hand and a few hours of your precious time.

Thank you
Stay happy and healthy
Rosi Kramolowsky

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting has been called by the Board of Directors with the following agenda items:

1. Receive the report from the Appraisers for the value of the Germania Club cottage property on Lake Dalrymple in the Kawartha Lakes.
 2. Establish a minimum selling price for the said property.
 3. Final approval to accept offers, and complete the sale at the approved selling price.
- The meeting will be held on Tuesday Aug 12, 2014 beginning at 7:00pm. All members in good standing may attend, express their opinions and vote on the topics.



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Choral Notes

The 150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Germania Choirs, May 17th-19th, 2014

(For a more detailed version of this report and photos, see the Germania Club's website, later this summer.)

Germania Club: Monday afternoon, May 19th, 2014.

The final note was sung; the last visitors have left; and the lights are turned off. Silence settled over the Germania Club and its Great Hall. For the past three days, that now quiet space, was filled with laughter and hundreds of jubilant voices. Eleven full choir contingents participated in the celebrations. Others sent representatives, to celebrate the Germania Choirs' 150th anniversary. They came from Calgary, Montreal, Ottawa, and from communities all over Southern Ontario.

Germania Club: The Gala Dinner, May 17th, 2014.

The proceedings began with the arrival of the guests, in the

late afternoon. These were greeted warmly, and with great enthusiasm. Guests lingered over drinks and appetizers in the festively decorated Great Hall, before the formal proceedings began. Sybille Forster-Rentmeister, Editor-in-chief of, "Echo Germanica", graciously agreed to be our Master-of-ceremony, and began by sharing with us a brief history of the choral tradition. Around 5 p.m., the, "Procession of flags" of the choirs was announced. The youngest choir entered first, and the Germania Choirs as the oldest, came last. Each participant in the procession included a flag bearer and one or more representatives from each choir, many of whom were wearing a colourful ceremonial sash. They marched through the centre of the Great Hall to the solemn and festive music of, "Freudig begrüessen wir die edle Halle, (Joyously we greet this hallowed hall)", from Tannhaeuser by Richard Wagner. This was followed by the singing of the Canadian, German and Austrian national anthems and, "Das Bundeslied: Brueder reicht die Hand zum Bunde". The

assembled guests then sat down to a delicious meal, prepared by Chef Ray Osborne, and served by a host of friendly and efficient staff and volunteers, under the able guidance of Lori Kramalowsky.

The evening's celebration was now in full swing. However, before the choirs took to the stage, several guest speakers addressed the assembly. Following are some highlights: Mr. Walter Stechel, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany extended his congratulations. He reminded us, that the Germania Choirs predate both Canadian Confederation, as well as German Unification. He stressed the importance of keeping German culture alive, not just through song and music, but also by teaching German language skills, and nurturing cultural programs and activities. His Worship, the Mayor of Hamilton, Bob Bratina stressed, how fortunate we all are, to live in a multicultural society, and how the merging of cultures, has resulted in an enriched Canadian mosaic. David Christopherson, Member of

Parliament for Hamilton Centre then expounded on the nation-building virtues of the immigrant experience. He praised the resilience of the Germania Club and Choirs, for reorganizing after WWI and WWII, and resurrecting themselves, and prospering once again. Both, the Mayor and David Christopherson, fondly recalled the years when they used to socialize in the Germania Club. Rosi Kramalowsky, the President of the Germania Club, then extended her own heartfelt congratulations. She pointed out, that over the years, both the Club and Choirs have benefitted from each other tremendously, and still do so today, through their mutual co-operation. Rosi also presented a lovely bouquet of roses to Hedda Wagenblast, President of the Germania Choirs, for spearheading the planning and realization of the anniversary celebrations. The individual choirs also extended their congratulations, and presented various gifts. In this connection, we should especially mention Hans Sandker, the President of the DKSB. He presented



a golden conductor's pin to Linus Press on behalf of the, "Deutscher Chorverband, (DCV)", in Berlin. The DCV is an umbrella organization for German choirs, worldwide. The award honoured Linus' decades of unwavering commitment and dedication, to nurture and foster the continuation of the German choir tradition.

Now it was time for the choirs to be front and centre. Soon the sound of many voices filled the Great Hall, as the Germania Choirs; the Concordia Choir, Ottawa; the "Deutsche Chor", Montreal; and the German Ladies Choir, Calgary; took to the stage. The latter charmed everyone with their unbounded enthusiasm and wonderful harmonies.

The 150th Anniversary Concert of the Germania Choirs, May 18th, 2014.

By 9 a.m. the next morning, the McIntyre Performing Arts Centre was a bustling hive of activity, so that the serious business of final practises, could begin. By 1 p.m., when the concert got underway, the concert hall was filled to the rafters.

Of course, an event of this

magnitude, will experience some glitches, and ours occurred just before the concert was about to start. Our Master of ceremony was held up in a traffic jam. The Germania Choirs' David Simon, came to the rescue. Without the assistance of notes, he navigated the first part of the proceedings fabulously. Sybille Forster-Rentmeister arrived in time for the second half of the program, and handled the remainder of the concert with flair and a good sense of humour.

As the day before, the concert began with the procession of the flags, and the singing of the national anthems and, "Das Bundeslied". Mr. Walter Stechel, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, and his Worship, the Mayor of Hamilton, Bob Bratina, once again reiterated their kind congratulations. Then the choirs took to the stage. One after the other, they delivered their programs to thunderous applause. Towards the end of the concert, the mixed massed choirs, under the direction of Linus Press, performed the moving, "Ich bete

an die Macht der Liebe". The song included a powerfully delivered tenor solo, by Klaas Vanderbaaren. The audience rewarded the performance with a standing ovation. Throughout the concert, the emotions of the audience were palpable, as many listened to those old familiar songs of the homeland. For four and a half hours, eleven choirs filled the concert hall with their captivating harmonies.

Then it was back to the Germania Club, where Chef Ray and staff were serving another scrumptious meal. During the course of the evening, Hedda Wagenblast presented certificates to long-term choir members, whose anniversary is pending in 2014. She also thanked all of the choirs for their congratulations and participation, in the festivities. Hedda was thrilled to receive a framed copy of the, "Westfalenlied", from Ingeborg Randall-Cooke, President of the "Deutsche Chor, Montreal". Flowers were given as a gesture of thanks, to all those involved, in making the weekend an unforgettable success and celebration.

Soon after dinner the choristers were on their feet again, raising their voices in song once more. Every song was an enthusiastic affirmation for the art, that has become such a big part of our lives, as the music lifted us above the concerns of everyday existence. As the evening wore on, many choirs from Southern Ontario, who had come to spend only the day with us, one by one, started to bid us farewell.

**Germania Club brunch,
Monday morning, May
19th, 2014.**

The choirs from Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary joined us the next morning at the Germania Club for a delicious brunch, before leaving. As a final thank you, the German Ladies Choir of Calgary took to the stage, in a tribute to the immigrant experience in Canada. They closed the performance with a very moving, "s ist Feierabend". We will fondly remember all the time we spent with our fellow choristers from across Canada. William Wordsworth expressed this so eloquently, when he wrote, "The music in my heart I bore, Long after it



was heard no more”.

July birthday wishes:

The July group is quite a contingent. We wish you all a wonderful birthday.

Heinz Mildenberger

(July 1);

Brigitte Muessner (July 1);

Hannelore Simon (July 7);

Nina Fischer (July 9);

Eva Kolwes (July 9);

Erika Wegner (July 13);

Harald Simon (July 21);

Josef Strassguertl (July 23);

Lore Schaefer (July 28);

and Gertrud Press (July 30).

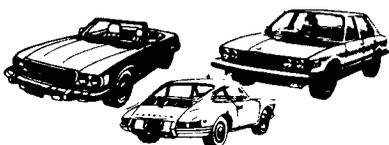
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Indiana.**

In June, our Campers group said good-bye to one of our long time campers, Richard Lutz, and when I was asked to write an article, I was honoured, but also a little concerned that I do justice in expressing our thanks for the years of hard work Richard has put into our Germania Park. One really can appreciate the dedication of an individual when one has an understanding how enormous the task was to keep our park in great shape.



When Richard sold his home up north and moved back to Stoney Creek, in 1997 he was quick to make the Germania Park his home away from home. Richard and Rosemary arrived with a motor home, which was traded in for a fifth wheel, and later to the trailer. With the arrival of the Lutz family in the park came a wealth of knowledge and experience and noticeably improvements and upgrades to the park began.

Within one year Richard became Park Manager, and he took his job very seriously. Although Richard did do the majority of the grounds keeping on his own, when he asked, he always received help, especially when it came to a big job like felling a row of poplars in the back. Richard was Karl Heidt's right hand man when it came to masonry and building walls, including the Memorial Wall and the Entertainment Centre.

When you visited the park, if it was not Saturday or Sunday, you were sure to see Richard on his lawn mower, the grass



was always immaculate and had to be cut a certain way. In fact, Richard taught his granddaughter Stephanie how to manicure the lawns, and she went on to qualify for a summer job with the City of

Hamilton in landscaping. I, too, spent hours following Richard around on his lawnmower until he felt I was qualified enough to ride on my own. The first field I cut was behind the Fisher and Hunter Hall, and once Richard approved of the job I did, I was permitted to ride solo.



Richard made every effort to ensure that the Pavillion and the Rifle Range were booked, and once we had a booking, you could count on repeat bookings for the following years, as Richard always ensured the grounds and the buildings were clean and welcoming. Preparation for a big function, like the

picnic, Gage Park, sometimes would take up to a week, and there was never any question that the job would be done, and the park would look it's best.

Richard's contribution to the park was not only an investment of time, but also a significant financial investment. Richard rarely put in receipts for flowers, gravel, gas and washroom supplies, especially in the later years, and the club benefitted with Richard donated a brand new grill for our picnic and Gage Park.

Richard, a big thank you to you on behalf of the Campers for all of your years of hard work in making our park so beautiful, you will be missed. Our hope is that you visit often, and that we can still rely on your expertise and years of experience.

For the campers
Heidi Frank



Fischer & Jäger

First of all, my deepest apology for missing last month's report. I have been told over and over again by family and friends now that you're retired you have all the time in the world to do what you like, but what do they know. They're not retired yet. You want to help everyone, but you can't when you're hurting. Oh yes, it's that lovely, cuss worthy word "Osteoarthritis". But then, what do I know. Let's ask Oskar who last April turned a fantastic "91" years. Oskar, zu deinem Wiegenfest wünschen wir, die Fischer und Jäger, nachträglich alles Liebe und Gute.

And now a few reminders; our Junior Prize fishing on July 19 - 20, ages 5 - 17. Please contact Bob. Also, our Open House at our lovely cottage on August 22, both take place at Lake Dalrymple. We would be thrilled to see some of you lovely folks our there. In the meantime Bob has installed a new water heater. Thank you very much Bob and any little elves that helped you. Also, Thank you Bob for that lovely display at Open Doors Hamilton.

The cottage bookings are well underway. For rates and availability please contact Bob at: 1. email at dalrymplecottage@hotmail.com 2. via our Facebook page "Dalrymple Cottage" 3. call or text message 905-818-5510

So, please come and join us this summer for some crazy fun.

Until next time,
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Maggie Dodds

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Aus unserem Frauenverein

First I was procrastinating, not knowing how to even start on the July report. Then my computer gave out temporarily for nearly 2 days... cannot connect??!! I could not get into anything. Bell overload due to Soccer WM?? Then it worked again and I checked facebook for any news. There were the beautiful pictures and reports from Franz Weinhandl, among others from Ute Perl, September something, of the Frauenverein. They had 40 members at their 'Versammlung' at that time. We are lucky to get 12 (or 14 with 2 guests) nowadays. And, sadly, we still keep losing long-time members. Emmi Waldecker, recently, just before her 101st birthday. We did not know that she had been moved from Villa Italia. At our June meeting we had a respectful minute of silence, as well as for Mrs. Rewald. Even though she was not a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, she was a long-time member of the Club and nearly everyone present knew her.

We reflected on the May 18 Choirs event at Mohawk College. It was so nice to see so many familiar faces, and it was very beautiful and moving. The marching in of the choirs with

their beautiful flags already was very impressive. Poor David had to be Emcee for more than half of the event, because Sibylle Rentmeister could not find Mohawk College, resp. the McIntyre Theatre..??

Now we concentrate on the upcoming events: Gage Park end of June- we'll do our duty hours as we can, or at least we attend and spend some money. We'll also bake for the Club Picnic on July 13, and we'll go to Lake Dalrymple July 25. (Rosi, get the pot roast going, please!!)

We also talked about the November Bazaar - we have to coordinate with Linda Wanner what she will be able to do at that time. She knows all the vendors. That is our biggest fundraiser of the year and through that we are able to assist the Club again with a contribution. If anyone has any ideas of how to raise more money at the bazaar or otherwise, please let us know. I usually run the 'attic treasure' table with Rose Strinich, but sometimes we get really nice items. Maybe we should keep them back and sell them on e-bay or KJJJ to get more money for the Auxiliary. It seems a waste to let them go for 50 cents or a dollar. Anybody interested to take this on?? I do not know enough about it. People down-size, and rather than taking things to Value Vil-

lage, there may be some income for the Club or the auxiliary...?? Just a thought.

Another thing I brought up at the meeting, after another neighbor and I got concerned about a 'crusty old gent' we had not seen for a few days. Mail in the mailbox, flyers on his steps were just so out of line for him. We called 911 on Friday, turns out he must have died on Tuesday... Please be concerned about your neighbours – however ornery they may be. No one deserves to die all by themselves.

Birthdays in July:

Irmgard Roediger July 3 92

Edeltraud Cihlar July 4 86

Charlotte Voronoff July 12 89

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Kurt and Anna Schaible

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July 4	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
July 13	11:00am	Germania Club Picnic
July 16	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter Members Meeting
July 18	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
July 18-20		Burlington Beer Festival
July 19-20		Fischer & Hunter Junior Prize Fishing – Cottage

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Aug 10-12		SKAT Tournament in the Park-Pavilion
Aug 12	7:00pm	SPECIAL MEETING for members
Aug 15	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Aug 16	5:00pm	Camper's Picnic WESTERN – Park Pavilion
Aug 20	8:00pm	Fischer and Hunter Members Meeting
Aug 29	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Sep 12-13		Steel City Oktoberfest in the Club
Sep 17	7:00pm	Applemania



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