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Join us at the
Germania Club
Christmas Party

December 13, 2015
Doors open at 12:30pm
Begins at 1:00pm

Bring your Children and
Grandchildren (up to age 12)
to the club to see Santa.



Admission is \$8.00 per child
(includes a Hot Dog, cookie and drink)

Please register your child or grandchild with the
Club Secretary before **December 10th.**

Santa Claus is coming to town bring your children and grandchildren to visit Santa at the Germania Club Christmas Party. As this is Santa's busy time, please make it easy for us and give us the names and ages of the children you will bring.

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Registration Deadline is December 11th, 2014



The President's Corner



The end of October and the beginning of November have once again been filled with many activities. We hosted a large wedding with over 240 guests in attendance, a big Retirement party, 85th Birthday Dinner, Schlachfest and many others. At our last membership meeting, I again stressed the fact that we are all members of the Germania Club first and how important it is to support club functions. Schlachtfest was proof that it can be done. Over 60 tickets were sold, the food was very good, the entertainment by the 'Alpen Duo' was very much appreciated and everyone had a great time because I believe it was much more than great Dinner, it was an evening of Club Members getting together.

There will be many more functions and events to close out 2015 which will be posted, but I would like to take

this time to give a big THANK YOU to everyone and I mean everyone, who contributed to make all of this possible including the memorial service. Thank you very much.

On Sunday November 8th Club Members and their families came to the Memorial Garden in the Germania Park for our annual Memorial Service. We were joined by members of the Germania Club Choir to start the service. The Choirs' Conductor Linus Press was unable to attend, because of last minute private commitments, so Brigitte Muessner conducted the Choir in singing "Sanctus" and "Abide With Me". It was my privilege to read out the names of the Members which have passed on since our last memorial service, sad to say it was a list of 20 names. I came across a Poem by Ron Tranmer entitled 'The Broken Chain' which I believed was appropriate to read;

*We little knew that morning,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone;*



*for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,
that we can call our own.
Your warmth will never leave us
your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you
you are always by our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one;
the chain will link again.*

The Choir closed the memorial service by singing the “The

Rose”. Everyone was invited to the pavilion for refreshments, coffee and cake, to provide words of comfort for each other and share in memories of members that are no longer with us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your President,
Ulrich Venohr.





SKAT REPORT

December is the month where our families celebrate Christmas, and our Skat Friends celebrate our year end. This year our Christmas Skat Tournament is on Saturday, December 12th, and the venue will be the same as last year, with luncheon being served in the main hall, so that anyone that has difficulty with stairs can participate. We will have lunch and our year end awards at 12:00 Noon, and then play two rounds starting at 1:00 PM. We hope to welcome not only our members, but out of town guests, so this should be a great way to end the year.

Next year brings the Skat World Championship to Las Vegas in August. For many this will be an opportunity to finally compete in a World Championship which will draw a large number of players from Germany, Poland, France and Spain as well as from the US and Canada. I was lucky to participate in one World Championship in Groemitz, Germany and it was quite an experience, there were just under 1500 players. This will also bring a change to our Great Lakes Skat Week, which for this year has been moved to the end of May.

In closing, on behalf of the Germania Club Skat Group, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Heidi Frank

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The Camper's & Park Report



In the early eighties, our campground was created within the Germania Park. To establish the campsites, an imaginary line was drawn, somewhat parallel to existing fences and the widths of the campsites were paced out. Every 15 paces (about 30 feet) a marker stone was dropped and the site numbers established. (So much for that famous German exactness). Small trees were planted, lots of them, everywhere, since they promised to provide shade and ambiance for the campers with their small tents and picnic tables. Now, thirty years plus later, those tents have made room for trailers and motorhomes up to forty feet long. And those trees, hugely grown, sometimes get in the way. Some died, some were too close to Hydro lines, and one made it impossible to move RVs safely on and off that campsite. So in the dying days of October, Kevin, Frank and Ken sharpened their chainsaws

and with the help of some camper volunteers, went to work. Hank, (the keeper of the fire), Jeannie, Jeanette, Liz; the Fletcher family, Dennis, Karla, Bobby, Denny and Crissy. Felling trees is hard work and we campers thank you all.

More News:

Kevin has informed me that at some sites, where RVs were previously parked in a row (in line), new arrivals will have to be positioned parallel to each other. Site #11, #12 and #14 are unoccupied right now so that change-over should be easy. Existing units are grandfathered in for now. There are two reasons for this: Much easier maneuverability moving RVs in and out. Also many insurance companies require a minimum distance of fifteen feet between units to provide coverage. Repositioning RVs this way will accomplish that.

Our Thanksgiving pot-luck-dinner was a blast! What started out as a small family affair, blossomed into a happy free-for-all. The variety of foods was amazing. Thank you Debbie and Blain

for supplying the main ingredient, three juicy turkeys, Karrla for the biggest pumpkin lookalike cake I've ever seen and everyone else that brought their specialty. Appreciation to those that stayed and helped to clean up afterwards.

As always, this time of the year, I have a little trouble with the last part of this article. As I am writing this, it is still fairly warm and sunny outside and I hate to say good-bye to summer. But it

has to be said:

Joan and I wish you all a wonderful time at Christmas. May your turkey be big and juicy and your children and grandchildren be appreciative of all the good things that are coming their way.

Your Happy Camper,
Egon Roesslein.

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Annual

Weihnachtskonzert
Christmas Concert
of the
Germania Choirs

Sunday, December 6th, 2015
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.*



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from the
Germania Film Club**

**Thanks to all our supporters
See you in January 2016**

Memories from Weinfest





Choral Notes

Here we are, the last month of the year and the Choir is busy as always.

In October we had our Weinfest with tasting provided by the very generous Klaus Reif and his wife Eva, owners of Reif Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake, this is becoming a tradition. Our guest choir was Lyra London under the direction of Alvin Reimer. And of course, we sang our wine and drinking songs.

On Sunday November 1 we went to the Sonnenhof in Brantford to remember a long time member Michael Press who passed away on October 4th and a Celebration of Life was held. Our condolences go to his wife Amalia and family.

On November 8th we sang at the yearly Memorial in the Park for the members of the club that passed away. December is very busy for us,

we are invited to sing at the Christkindl Market in Kitchener on Friday December 4th. Our Christmas Concert is Sunday afternoon December 6th in the Pilgrim United Church at 2 pm. We hope to see you all there.

On December 11th we go to the Sonnenhof in Brantford to help them celebrate Christmas (our Director Linus loves the acoustics there). And on December 19th we will have our own Christmas Party so you see a busy schedule.

One of our sopranos Gertrude Press is recuperating from an operation, I hope she will be able to join us at the concert.

Christine Eastwood is our only Birthday Child this month, Happy Birthday Christine.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jeanet Schaefer





Fischer & Jäger

Moin, Fisher & Hunter, Members & Friends. Winter is upon us and another Year will soon end. Our Board reports that this was our Best Year for the Cottage. Bookings were great and the new Roof looks fantastic. The cottage was closed Nov. 20. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped to make 2015 a successful Year. Now we are looking forward to our Christmas Party on Dec. 12 at 5PM. A lovely Dinner is planned and Trophies will be awarded to our JR. Winners. OPA SANTA will be there to receive EVERYONE on his lap. (I feel sorry for the OLD Boy) And please remember our Meetings every 3RD Thurs. of each Month at 8PM. I came upon this Christmas Poem that I have to share with you. Enjoy

When the snow falls wunderbar, And the children happy are, When the Glatteis on the street, And we all a Gluhwein need, Then you know, es ist soweit; She is here, the Weihnachtszeit. Every Parkhaus ist besetzt, Weil die people fahren jetzt All to Kaufhof, Mediamarkt, Kriegen nearly

Herzinfarkt. Shopping hirnverbrannte things And the Christmasglocke rings. Mother in the kitchen bakes Shoko, Nuss- and Mandelkeks, Daddy in the Nebenraum Schmu'cks a Riesen -Weihnachtsbaum

He is hanging auf the balls Then he from the Leiter falls... Finally the Kinderlein To the Zimmer kommen rein

Ad es sings the family Schauerlich: "Oh, Christmastree!"

And the jeder in the house Is packing die Geschenke aus.

Mama finds unter the Tanne Eine brandnew Teflon-Pfanne, Papa gets a Schlips and Socken, Everybody does frolocken. Prime Minister speaks in TV, All around is Harmonie

Bis Mother in the kitchen runs: Im Ofen burns the Weihnachtsgans. And so comes die Feuerwehr With Tatu, tata daher, And they bring a long, long Schlauch an a long long Leiter auch. And they schrei

- "Wasser marsch!", Christmas is -now im - Ar--- Merry Christmas, merry Christmas, Hear the Music , see the lights, Frohe Weinacht, Frohe Weinacht, Merry Christmas allerseits....

Und a Happy New Year





Aus unserem Frauenverein

Wow – another year is nearly gone. Where did the time go? We still have a few ‘official’ events, then we can settle down to our own more or less quiet Christmas. A lot of houses already have their decorations up – Canadian, eh? – which compete with the red and sometimes still green leaves on trees and lawns.

We had our meeting on November 4, which was attended by the same faithful group of 12. Main topic was the organization of the Bazaar on Nov. 15. We seem to have enough vendors, but less and less of the Ladies feel up to baking. Arthritis makes it difficult to roll out cookie dough!! Do High Schools still have Home EC classes? Probably not right now with all these teacher’s strikes going on. Students could get credits for volunteering – why do I always have these ideas at the 11th hour. Let’s hope for the best.

The Schlachtfest on Nov. 7 was well attended, and the food was plentiful and very delicious. Compliments to

the Chef(s). It’s always difficult to say which Sub-Group attended. Personally, I am Club, Fischer & Hunter and Ladies. (I can’t sing, sorry, nor play skat or camp). Others are Choir, Club and Ladies. But, we do go out when we can.

I would have liked to go to the Memorial in the Park on Nov. 8, but I had coffee duty at First Pilgrim after the Service, which took to nearly 1:00pm. Dorothea was working.

Our Meeting on December 2 will be short and sweet, in anticipation of our Christmas Party. We will have hors d’oeuvres (usually courtesy of Rosi Kramolowsky), a little gift exchange, sandwiches and cake, something to drink, etc. (I am still trying to convince my doctor that for Germans beer and wine is a beverage, not booze. He does not believe me!)

On December 6, the Choir will have its annual Christmas Concert at First Pilgrim. It’s always a beautiful afternoon, not only for the music, but also the cakes and cookies the Choir brings. There is enough parking, Denningers across the street is open, so please come out!!



Birthdays in December:

Erna Melloh Dec 2 86

Hilde Platz Dec 8 87

Marguerite Platz Dec 20
under 65

Lieselotte Heuck Dec 31 84

If I forgot anything or if you want me to mention anything in the future, please let me know. Do not hesitate to call.

Otherwise, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!!

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary

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December Birthdays



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 Amnon Vanono
 Barbara Eggers
 Celine Link
 Christine Eastwood
 Dennis Fletcher
 Dr. Robert Logel
 Eckhard Kries
 Erna Melloh
 Ernst Viebke
 Evelyn Chacinski
 Ewald Gollan
 Gordon Schien
 Helmut Kannenberg

Helmut Koziol
 Ian Lucas
 Janet Feduszczyk
 Joe Khes
 Klaus Ludecke
 Kurt Schaible
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 Margarete Egerter
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 Siegfried Schwerinski
 Sonya Haase
 Tanya Molnar
 Trish Woehrle
 Waldemar Herling

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Germania Club

Germania Choir - \$75 in memory of Anita Jaeckle
 Dieter Woehrle & Family - \$100 in memory of Eleonore Sonser
 Richard Lutz - \$300 in memory of his wife Rosemary
 Anneliese Walthers – \$100 in memory of her husband Bob
 Alex Wegner – \$200 in memory of his loving wife Erika

Our sincerest apology goes out to Gerhard Press, the son of Michael Press, for having forgotten to include him in the paragraph dedicated to the passing of his father in the November issue of the Germania Post. Waltraud Schork

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Dec 2		Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party
Dec 6	2:00pm	Germania Choirs Christmas Concert
Dec 11	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Dec 12	5:00pm	Fisher & Hunter Christmas Party
Dec 13	1:00pm	Germania Club Christmas Party
Dec 19	12:00pm	SKAT Christmas Party
Dec 19	5:00pm	Germania Choirs Christmas Party
Dec 31	6:30pm	New Year`s Eve Dinner and Dance

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Jan 22	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jan 24	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Jan 24	2:15pm	Film Afternoon
Jan 26	7:30pm	Members Meeting



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