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# OBITUARIES

## ***Siegfried Schreiber***

***August 30, 1935 – November 26, 2014***

Siegfried was a long time member of the Germania Club, Fisher & Hunters and Campers. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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## ***Alois Reissler***

***March 25, 1936 – December 27, 2014***

Alois was a long time member of the Germania Club. He recently moved back to Germany. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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## ***Erna Brusch***

***June 5, 1927 – December 29, 2014***

Erna was a long time member of the Ladies Auxiliary. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to her daughter Christine and her family.

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## ***Erika Wegner***

***July 13, 1932 – January 2, 2015***

Erika was a long time member of the Germania Club, Ladies Auxiliary and Over 60 Group. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to her husband Alex and her children, Robert, Alfred, Linda, their families and her friends.

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## ***John (Hans) Kreuzer***

***February 8, 1920 – January 5, 2015***

John was a long time member of the Germania Club and a great supporter of the club. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his son Joe, daughter Marita, their families and his friends.



## The President's Corner



Hello Members,

I cannot believe I am writing already for February, where does the time go?

February is a short and cold month and has only one Holy Day "St. Valentine's Day", so don't forget your Sweetheart, remember the best gift is love and kindness, and take her out to something special, like to the club's Ash Wednesday Herringessen or to a Friday Night Dance.

The other important thing that should be on your mind is the General Meeting and Election of the Board on March 22nd it is a Sunday and like always a delicious lunch will be available. We have a Nomination Committee in place. It is Hans Bastel and Dieter Eckert.

So until next time stay healthy and warm and remember that Spring is only a little more than a month away.

Rosi Kramolowsky  
President

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The annual general meeting of the Germania Club of Hamilton will be held on March 22, 2015 starting at 10:00am. All members in good standing are welcome to attend the meeting and to vote on all topics. This year we have elections for all board positions. A nomination committee with Hans Bastel as chair has been set up, if you know of someone who would like to run for a position please contact Hans Bastel. Hans' phone number is available from the office. During the meeting there will be a hot lunch served at 12 noon for a nominal cost..**





## Choral Notes

We started the New Year with sad news from our midst. Erika Wegner, a supporting member of the Germania Choirs, and loving wife of Alex Wegner, a long-time member of the Choirs, passed away on January 2nd, 2015. Erika was always a welcome presence at all Germania Choirs' functions. We extend our deeply felt and sincerest condolences once again to Alex, and all of his immediate and extended family.

Let's now recap the last two choir events of 2014: *Christmas Concert, Sonnenhof*. In the late afternoon, on Friday, Dec. 12th, the Germania Choirs boarded a bus, and headed to the Sonnenhof in Brantford, to perform their annual Christmas concert. Unfortunately, Linus Press, our conductor, and his wife Gertrud sent their regrets. Gertrud had a surgical procedure scheduled for that day. We are happy to report that she is on the mend, and

hope to see her back in the choir very soon. Clement Ng, our accompanist, graciously agreed to conduct the Choirs that evening, and did a great job in guiding us through the performance. The audience enjoyed the sing-along of old favourites, such as, "Leise rieselt der Schnee", "O, Tannenbaum", "Joy to the world", and many more. As happens every year, the hospitality of the "Sonnenhöfler" is second to none. After the concert, we were treated to a delicious buffet, including complimentary alcoholic beverages. We enjoyed ourselves immensely, and the journey home was filled with song and very contented choristers.

*Germania Choirs' Christmas Party*. The following evening, the Choirs held their own celebration at the Germania Club. Live music added to the festive atmosphere. After dinner, Santa Claus, and the "Weihnachtsengel" arrived, handing out presents. The Choirs' Executive also received gift baskets for their yearly contribution to the effective functioning of the Choirs, and for their hard work in making the 150th an-

niversary celebrations such a resounding success.

Hedda Wagenblast, the Choirs' President awarded golden needles to long-time members of the Choirs. Heinz Mildenberger received his pin for being a member for 50 years. Erich and Suzy Butz, as well as Hannelore Simon received their 25 year pins.

February birthday wishes go out to: Erika Mildenberger (Feb. 26), and support-

ing members: Elfriede Lamert (Feb. 3), and Anneliese Walthers (Feb. 12).

Until next time, I leave you with this thoughtful quotation by Aldous Huxley,

***“After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music”.***

Waltraud Schork



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# The Camper's & Park Report



Sometimes, it seems, the Club and the campers are a bit out of sync.

After perusing our camper report from January again and then the President's Report, I realized that, unbeknown to me, the Club's membership fees, for 2015, had gone up. No one told me and I didn't ask. Perhaps I should have. So, consequently the membership fees in the January camper's report were wrong. So was the large trailer fee. I apologize and hope no one was inconvenienced.

Now, one more time from the top:

**Regular RV site: \$635.00**

**Large RV site : \$665.00**

**Air Conditioning: \$40.00**

**Second Fridge: \$40.00**

**Any battery powered vehicle: \$40.00 Campground improvement fund (to be paid separately cash or by cheque): \$30.00**

On top of this of course are the Club's membership fees:

**Student: \$22.00**

**Adult: \$75.00**

**Senior: \$55.00**

**Family: \$130.00**

Membership fees were due at the end of January. Camping fees are due at the end of February. And if someone is interested in a tent site (no water or electric connections), the rates are:

**Daily: \$15.00**

**Weekend: \$25.00**

**Weekly: \$40.00**

**Monthly: \$70.00**

**Seasonal: \$420.00**

If campers have overnight guests, the charge is \$5.00 per night, per person. First guest is gratis.

I don't like to end this little report on a sad note, but I just found out that one of our oldest and founding members has passed away. Siggie Schreiber was there when the campground started. For many years he and some other campers cultivated a vegetable and flower garden between the driveway and the water's edge. I can still remember him dragging dirt around to plant some seedlings near his trailer as well. To the best of my knowledge he has no relatives in this area. We will miss him.

Now, back to shoveling snow.

Your fellow camper,  
Egon Roesslein





**The Hamilton Concert Band performing at the club**



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auf der Fahne, rot weiss rot.  
Seid stolz darauf mit euren Kindern,  
hier verdienen wir das Brot.  
Wir sind alle eingewandert  
von fernen Ländern dieser Welt.  
Wir respektieren all einander,  
das ist was uns zusammenhält.  
Traditionen und die Herkunft,  
Brauchtum, Sprache, Religion.  
Reicht es weiter zu den Kindern,  
eure Tochter oder Sohn.  
Zur Kultur des Vaterlandes  
kann sich jedes Kind bekennen,  
doch in Stolz auf dieses Land  
wird es sich Kanadier nennen.  
Lasst es aber keinen leugnen  
woher wir kamen, was wir sind.  
In Ehren halte unsre Ahnen  
vergiss es nie, mein liebes Kind.

Susan Butz







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## DO YOU KNOW THE JOERG BRYLLA OR HIS FAMILY?

*The Globe and Mail* is working on a profile of Joerg (Yogi) Brylla, who passed away in Vancouver in October, 2014.

Mr. Brylla emigrated from Germany to Canada in 1952 with his parents Rudolf Brylla and Klara Brylla.

The family lived in Hamilton until 1963. Rudolf Brylla worked at Essex Packers.

Joerg Brylla appears to have attended Queen Victoria public school and Central Secondary School. In 1963, the family emigrated to the United States where they settled in California.

Rudolf may have been the brother or cousin of Bernard Brylla, who also lived with his family in Hamilton. Bernard Brylla also worked at Essex Packers.

Do you remember the Bryllas?

Would you be willing to do an interview about your memories of the family?

You can reach me at [ibailey@globeandmail.com](mailto:ibailey@globeandmail.com)

Or you can call my work number: 604-631-6652

All contacts will be treated in confidence.

Thanks

Ian Bailey

Reporter, B.C. Bureau

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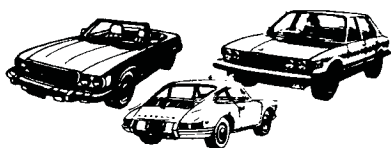


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die anderen nachher.”  
Voltaire





## Aus unserem Frauenverein

Wurm drin..im Januar Bericht, oder Tuecken der Technik, kann auch Egg Nog gewesen sein. In any case my computer screen looked fine, when it was e-mailed and printed a few sections were suddenly missing. Then I realized that the missing sections were underlined with small dots. No idea how they got there and how to get them out. Since not much will happen in January I might as well include the missing sections here.

But first, unfortunately some bad news: We lost Erna Brusch in December and Erika Wegner on January 2. Erna was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary since 1993, Erika since 2002. Our thoughts and prayers, with sincere condolences, go out to the families.

In her January thank you, Helga Laqua especially mentioned Hedda Wagenblast, who came in early and stayed late, tended bar and made coffee. A big thank you also to the people who donated to our Bazaar and the Tom-

bola. We got lots of nice stuff – if it did not sell this year it will come back next year. We even received some hand-craft items (canvas and wool) that still have to be made into pictures or pillows. Not too many of our members still have the patience or eyesight to do that. Rose Strinich has taken pity on those projects and I am sure we will see them beautifully completed during the year. We even got a large size coffee urn with the request to take it to the Park, where it now resides. A box with hand-knitted mittens and hats (courtesy of Rose Strinich and friends) was again given to First Pilgrim United for Wesley Urban Ministries at Christmas.

Our final event was the last meeting in 2014, followed by our Christmas Party. Rosi Kramolowsky brought in appetizers, there was delicious cake and finger foods, as well as a gift exchange. Annemarie Kiss presented a nice pointsettia to everyone. With hugs, best wishes and a bit of sadness we closed out the 'Auxiliary Year'. The next meeting will be in March.

Then we attended our own

Christmas and could not help thinking of those members who are no longer able to come out, or even have passed on.

The gremlins also messed up a birthday in January:

Rose Strinich Jan. 6 -85

Birthdays in February

Sieglinde Seiler Feb 1

Rita Jansen Feb 15 -80

Gerda Frank Feb 22 -92

Helga Laqua Feb 26 -81

I still like to include former members, who are not active anymore, or cannot get out regularly (we still see them at some functions) and friends might be interested in news.

'till next month!

Sieglinde Seiler,

Secretary

905-543-0810,

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# February Birthdays

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**William Anger**

**Erika Bastel**

**Hans Bastel**

**Helmut Bock**

**Hans Dietl**

**Claudia Eckert**

**Werner Grauf**

**Eduardus Heijm**

**Hugo Kirchhoefel**

**Elfriede Lammert**

**Helga Laqua**

**Waltraut Lauff**

**Erika Mildenberger**

**Goran Predojevic**

**Thomas Rausch**

**Grace Schieber**

**Sieglinde**

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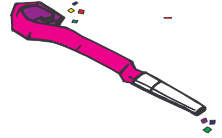
**Walthers**

**Joe Parzen**

**Josephine Rischke**

**Gerda Frank**

**Manfred Platz**



## DONATIONS

### **Germania Club**

Gunther Weiss - \$45

Tony Grenc - \$100

Gertrud Taunton - \$45

John R. Fischl - \$60 in memory of August & Theresa Fischl

### **Donations from Mark Woehrl**

Congratulations to Wolfgang Ziech on selling your home in Hamilton, special mention to Peter & Brigitte Bussler and Sylvia Dietrich.

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Feb 13	8:00pm	Friday Night Valentines Dance
Feb 18	5:30pm	Ash Wednesday Herring Essen
Feb 22	2-2pm	Sun. Lunch – Roast Pork, Bavarian Cabbage
Feb 22	2:30pm	Movie afternoon – “Der brave Soldat Schwejk”
Feb 22	7-11pm	Sunday Night Dance – DJ Bill Novak
Feb 24	7:30pm	Members Meeting
Feb 27	8:00pm	Friday Night dance

## VORSCHAU

Mar 8	7-11pm	Sunday Night Dance – DJ Bill Novak
Mar 13	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Mar 15	2:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary 107th Anniversary
Mar 21		All Choirs Night
Mar 22	10:00am	Germania Club Annual General Meeting
Mar 27	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Mar 29	7-11pm	Sunday Night Dance – DJ Bill Novak



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