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# Germania Post



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Kurt Kisser

September 24, 1929 – May 8, 2015

Kurt was a long-time member of the Germania Club and at one time very active with G. K. G. Narrhalla '58. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Alma and their daughter Marianne.

Inge Michaelis

November 1, 1934 – May 13, 2015

Inge was a member of the Germania Club and the Germania Choirs. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to her children Sonja, Gertie, Sabina and their families.

Liesel Graeser

January 10, 1925 – June 3, 2015

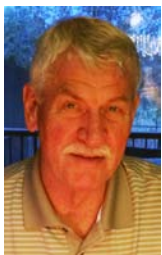
Liesel was a life-long member of the Germania Club and the Ladies Auxiliary. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to her son Peter.

Ingrid Brachlow

The Board of Directors wish to extend their sincere condolences to former club president Gerd Brachlow and family on the recent passing of his wife Ingrid.



## The President's Corner



Dear Members,

As summer approaches, you have possibly already made plans for the next few months. I hope these plans include attending some of the exciting summer events, we have planned for you. If in addition to all of that, you could also find the time, to help us in putting on some of these events, we would be more than grateful.

On June 6th, my wife, Ingrid and I, honoured an invitation by the Austrian Continental Club, to be their guests of honour, at their 50th anniversary celebrations. We were happy to share this wonderful celebration with them, and wished them continued success on behalf of the Germania Club.

At the Friday night dance on May 29th, we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Banquet Hall, with a 50s/60s/70s dance extravaganza. We sold 118 tickets, plus gave away 2 tickets for free. Three Club members attended the event.

They were the 3 volunteers, who handled the event. Thank you Dieter and Claudia Eckert, and yes, yours truly was number 3.

As you know, June was Women's World Cup soccer month. We hope you were able to catch a few of the games at the Club. Who knows, by the time you read this, our German women's team may still be in it, since the final is being played on July 5th. So if that is the case, Germania Club members, come on down!!!

As I mentioned in the previous issue, following on the heels of the world soccer event are the Pan Am Games. For this reason, the It's Your Festival event in Gage Park will be held one week later than usual, and will run from July 9-12. This year the Hamilton Folk Arts Heritage Council is also organizing a cultural parade, which will feature as many ethnic groups as wish to participate, in traditional costumes. We hope to organize a contingent as well. Of course this also means, that the Germania Club food kiosk will be open, and in business, as it is every year. This year, we will also try to mar-



ket ourselves, and advertise some of our upcoming events. You also have a chance to volunteer for the staffing of the food kiosk during the duration of the festival. We need volunteers, and have sign-up sheets at the Germania Club, that will allow you to do so. Given our aging membership, it is absolutely necessary that we define ourselves as a business, as well as a cultural and entertainment venue.

The film shoot in June, on our Club premises turned into a lucrative venture for the Club. The German Club netted \$25,000, and we hope to continue marketing ourselves in that direction. We were also able to negotiate a new more equitable financial

arrangement with the Church group that rents our premises for their Sunday services. Nevertheless, not everything is coming up roses. The repairs, including the necessity for new equipment are always looming over us. However, we are committed to put our best foot forward, given our limited human and financial resources. With your support we will succeed.

Now back to some summer fun. Don't forget the Germania Club Picnic on August 9th. It is here for you, your kids, grandkids and even some great-grand kids, as in my case. I hope to see you there.

Until next time, have a wonderful summer.

Ulli Venohr

## Happy 75th Birthday



*Edi Keller*

*July 10, 2015*

*Wishing you the best for your special day and for many years to come.*

*Judi, Michael & Antonietta  
and your friends at  
the Germania Club*



## Choral Notes

Another season is winding down for the Germania Choirs. On Thursday, May 14th, the Choirs went to the Highgate retirement home in Ancaster. This annual event is always welcomed by the residents, and it was no different this year. The performance was conducted by Linus Press, with Clement Ng on piano. The Choirs began with a few lively numbers, among them, “Musik, Musik, Musik”; “Tanzen möcht’ ich”; and, “Freunde last uns singen”. This was followed by, “Carry me home”; “Jacob’s ladder”; “Lobt den Herrn der Welt”, and other songs. “They all call it Canada”, and “Now it’s time for leaving = Neigen sich die Stunden”, were the closing numbers. Linus offered, “Das Bierlied” as an encore. This popular song always re-energizes the audience. As always, our gracious hosts offered refreshments and snacks as a token of their appreciation. I understand, we already have

another date with Highgate, around the same time next year.

Now it’s time to look forward to June 20th, the Germania Choirs’ annual picnic, the final event before the Choirs can enjoy their well-deserved summer break.

Our very best birthday wishes for July go to: Brigitte Müssner (July 1), Heinz Mildenerger (July 1), Eva Kolwes (July 9), Lore Schäfer (July 28), Gertrud Press (July 30). Supporting members celebrating in July are: Hannelore Simon (July 7), Harry Simon (July 21), and Josef Strassgürtl (July 23).

***“Wer singen und lachen kann, der erschreckt sein Unglück = He who knows how to laugh and sing, frightens his misfortune.***

***Christoph Lehmann.***

Until next time,  
I remain musically yours

Waltraud Schork



# The Camper's & Park Report



It was heartening to see that our spring camper meeting was so well attended.

Joan, our secretary, was not well enough to make it, so I'd like to thank Debbie Hough for reading the rather lengthy minutes from last fall's meeting. Jeannie and Karrla kept a record of the meeting-in-progress, so that those minutes can be presented in the fall. Thank you both.

One item of discussion centered around the fact that not all campers, who were sick, were receiving get-well cards. Also babies born to camper's were not acknowledged, neither with a card nor mentioned in this Post. True enough. So this one fell into my lap. If I find out someone is sick, I will ask Joan to send out a get-well card. If that person, a relative or close friend brings it to my attention, with permission, I will also bid them speedy recovery from all us campers within this article. BUT, and

this is the big one, we have to be informed. Phone us, e-mail us or, in the summer, tell us when you see us in the park.

Last winter Richard and Colleen Frank added a new addition, Bernadette, to their family. We campers would like to congratulate them and wish them well. Unfortunately, Joan and I found this out much later, while vacationing in Europe. In all the years that we've been campers in our Park, only two babies have been born to fellow campers, both to Colleen and Richard Frank. So for the future, perhaps, we should include congratulation cards for newborns as one of our new, more pleasant duties.

With all business taken care of, we had elections. Thank you Ute Perl for volunteering to be the election committee, again. Not too many changes. Here are the results:  
Chairman: Frank Poyton  
Second Chair: Egon Roesslein  
Treasurer: Harry Rischke  
Social Committee: Theresa Simpson  
Secretary: Joan Trotman.



-We'd like to thank our outgoing Social Committee member Sharon for all the hard work she did in the last few years, especially at the Camper's Picnic.

-Welcome Theresa! You are our new entertainment girl. The camper's picnic is coming up fast. I know you will find many of your fellow campers willing to help.

-Our spring clean-up day on May 30th was a bit of a struggle. There is still a whole slew of dead trees to be cut down near the driveway and also in the forest. But we gave it our best shot and I'd like to thank all those that came out to help, especially our Junior Forest Rangers.

-One of the worst jobs, each spring when the park opens, is cleaning out the washrooms and making them habitable. It seems that every critter, escaping the winter, has taken shelter here and left its mark. Jeannie Hope and Liz Poyton spent many hours cleaning and scrubbing. We all owe you a big hug and are much appreciative.

-We don't exactly have a river flowing through the middle of our park but we have a

bridge. Thank you Karrla for building and donating a new bridge, covering and protecting the water shutoff valves for the back campsites. Nice engineering.

-For the Club's Picnic, on the 9th of August, Frank, our esteemed Camper Honcho, is trying very hard to have the ponies back in the Park, so the younger set can enjoy free pony rides as in years before.

-Last but not least: We still have several empty campsites available. Perhaps you know someone that is interested in joining our eclectic group.

Your Happy Camper:  
Egon Roeslein  
905 387-9037  
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## Muttertags Dinner im Germania Club.

Fuer den Muttertag hatte sich der Germania Club in Hamilton etwas ganz Besonderes ausgedacht, naemlich ein Muttertags Dinner von zwei bis vierzehn Uhr.

Natuerlich mussten hierfuer Reservierungen gemacht werden, da die Kueche an normalen Sonntagen meistens geschlossen bleibt. Die Beteiligung fiel zufriedenstellend aus und der Koch war beschaefigt. Zur Auswahl standen Schweinebraten oder gebratene Huehnerbrust mit allem, was dazu gehoert; zum Nachtisch Torte !

Acht Bekannte von mir, die keine Mitglieder im Germania Club sind, haben sich alle bei mir fuer die Einladung bedankt . Sie meinten, dass das Essen ausgezeichnet schmeckte und sie konnten nicht genuegend positive Worte finden. Auch lobten sie die non-stop musikalische Unterhaltung des Germania Alpen-Trios.

Es herrschte eine feierliche, sehr entspannte Atmosphäre im grossen Saal des Clubs. Obwohl auf dem Programm

die Zeit 12 - 2 angegeben war, fand sich die groesste Zahl der Gaeste bereits um 12 Uhr ein. Sie blieben dann in gemuetlicher Runde sitzen bis zum Schluss. Beim Nachhausegehen bekam jede Mutter eine rote langstielige Nelke geschenkt, und als die Kapelle "Auf Wiedersehu" spielte, war diese schoene Muttertagsfeier beendet.

Ingrid Oppermann



Froehliche Muttertagsgesellschaft



Hannelore und Lore mit ihren Nelken



## **“It’s Your Festival”, July 9-12, 2015.**



We would like to invite all of you, to come and visit us at the Germania Club food kiosk, during the, “It’s Your Festival” celebrations. This year, the dates of the event have been changed, to coincide with the start of the Pan Am Games/Parapan Am Games, July 10-26/ Aug. 7-15, 2015.

For the first time in years, there will be once again, a competition for the best kiosk, so we will take extra care with our decorating efforts. I heard, that we have won the trophy twice in the past.

During the festival, you will be able to enjoy tasty ethnic cuisines from around the world; buy arts and crafts; enjoy a cold drink in the beer garden; watch sports events on a huge LED screen, partake in a variety of competitive events; enjoy the excitement of the midway; and take in one of the many live performances on the main stage. These are only a few of the many activities that the festival has to offer.

Let’s not forget the Cultural Parade that is planned as part of the opening ceremony to the 4-day celebration. The walking parade will take place on July 9th around 5:30 pm, and will feature representatives from various cultural groups in traditional costumes. The Germania Club is planning to be there with a contingent of their own, led by the Germania Choirs’ Weinkönigin, Alyse Gutenberg.

If in addition to enjoying the festivities, you wish to participate in the parade, or volunteer your services for staffing the kiosk, and if you have not signed up already, you can contact [walt.schork@gmail.com](mailto:walt.schork@gmail.com), or leave me a message in the Germania Club Office.

Waltraud Schork, Secretary  
Germania Club, Board of Directors





## Fischer & Jäger

Grüße Members & Friends,  
Welcome to the busy summer season! It's your last chance to sign up and volunteer at It's Your Festival in Gage Park during the Pan Am games! The festival is being held on the weekend of July 9th-12th. Our Obman Bob has requested that we F&H members volunteer our time and many of us have signed up for the Friday. Call or drop by the club to see what is available. Hope to see you there! The following weekend, (July 17-19) is our annual Junior Prize Fishing at Lake Dalrymple. Bring your children and grandchildren! EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The tournament is open to children aged 5 - 17. Don't disappoint the children and contact Chris Parzen 905-638-9677 to reserve your spot today. Coming up in August, will be the Germania Club Picnic on the 9th and our 2nd Annual Cottage Visit on the weekend of the 22nd (see the advertisement in this Germania

Post). Get in touch with Paul if you're interested in a cottage stay this summer. You can reach him by: 1) email at dalrymplecottage@hotmail.com, 2) via our Facebook page "Dalrymple Cottage" 3) call or text message 905-339-8305

We would love to see you at our monthly meetings, which are still being held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, in the restaurant at 8:00pm. It was wonderful to see Maggi, back on her feet, at the May meeting, as well as our ever faithful Dorothea and Sieglinde. Thank you ladies xoxo

That's all for now. I do hope you find time this summer to enjoy some needed downtime, hang out with your family & friends and recharge your spirit.

***As Mahatma Gandhi said,  
"There is more to life than  
increasing its speed."***

Until next time,  
Petri Heil  
Annemarie Kiss





## SKAT REPORT

Greetings from our Skat Club. As I write this article, I am looking forward to packing my bags along with 10 other members of our group for annual trek to Lake Kapikog. Pictures and full report will follow in the next Germania Post. A reminder to all our members that another fun event we all like to attend is the picnic on Bertl's farm which will take place on July 18. Our group will also participate and host in the Great Lakes Skat Week, which this year starts in Ohio on August 1 and 2, followed by a day of travel to Hamilton for our two day tournament which will take place on August 4 and 5. The Kitchener Club will host a tournament on August 6 and 7, and we end our week of Skat this year in Mississauga at the Hansa Club on August 8 and 9. This week of Skat is very popular and draws players

from all over Canada and the US, so it's a great opportunity to meet and play with interesting players at all levels.

Everyone is welcome to join us at our weekly game, we now play in the Restaurant for those who cannot manage a lot of stairs. Our group meets every Saturday at 12:30 PM.

Until next time  
Gut Blatt

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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

Rest in Peace, Luise Graeser. Our Liesel passed away on Wednesday, June 3 at age 90. She was a member of the Frauenverein since 1972. She and her husband (who died already in 1975) were also members of the Germania Club. I had just talked to her son Peter, to let him know that there was no Frauenverein meeting due to movie work at the Club and it was not certain that we could use the Restaurant. It is too cumbersome for our members to climb the stairs to the small Hall. And besides, our President, Annemarie Kiss, had her daughter's High School Graduation to attend to. So, no meeting in June.

About an hour later Peter called me back: He had just been notified by the Exten-dicare Home that Liesel had died. Peter is the only remaining relative in Canada (he has his own health problems) but he pulled everything together! The funeral service was on Monday, June 8, followed by a brief graveside service at Woodland Cemetery in Bur-

lington. Rosi Kramolowsky, Helga Laqua and a few helpers from the Club (Jeanette and Sigrid) organized a lovely sandwich lunch thereafter at the Club. We sat together after, reminiscing. Liesel must have been quite the practical joker in her younger years. I just remember, when I was still quite new at the Auxiliary, that I dared to voice an opinion at a meeting and Liesel said "Was wisset Sie den davoe, se sen jo no gor net so long doe!" Okay!!

So, our next meeting will be on July 1, which gives us a few days to see if and how we are needed for the Festival at Gage Park from July 9 – 12, to assist the Club, who participates in the Festival. We usually have about 10 – 12 Ladies out to the monthly meetings, so there should be a few who can help. But not all of them can still stand or walk for a few hours. Will cakes be needed??

At the July meeting we should also finalize Lake Dalrymple and our Summer Cruise, maybe on the Grand River... or maybe we rent a number of those 'paddle boats' and skipper over the Lake at the Germania Park. I always

wanted to see what's on the other side. Apparently it's 5 km long and 1 km wide.


Birthdays in July:

Edeltraud Cihlar July 4  
87 (watch out – still driving!!)

Irmgard Roediger July 23  
92 (we still owe you a bottle for your 90th, don't worry, it's coming – eventually)

If I have missed anything or anyone – please let me know!!

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary  
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# July Birthdays



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Monika Gross  
Martin Hack  
Richard Hansen  
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Eduard Keller  
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Ilse Kusch  
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Harald Simon  
Josef Strassguertl  
Alexandru Truta  
Brenda VanStralen  
John VanStralen  
Franz Weinhandl  
Sharon Windsor

Happy belated birthday to Colleen Frank  
Editor's note, I get sad when we miss a birthday wish,  
be assured if we miss your birthday it is unintentional,  
please let us know and we'll correct our membership  
list.

## NEW MEMBERS

David Blosser & Janet Feduszczyk  
David Kiss  
Celine Link

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July 15 8:00pm Fisher & Hunter members meeting  
July 17-19 F&H Junior Prize Fishing – Lake Dalrymple  
July 24 8:00pm Friday Night Dance  
July 28 7:30pm Members Meeting

### VORSCHAU

- Aug 4-5 Great Lakes SKAT Tournament  
– Germania Park Pavilion  
Aug 9 11:00am Germania Club PICNIC  
Aug 14 8:00pm Friday Night Dance  
Aug 15 5:00pm Camper's Picnic  
Aug 19 8:00pm Fisher & Hunter members meeting  
Aug 22-23 Fisher & Hunter Family weekend  
– Lake Dalrymple  
Aug 25 7:30pm Members meeting  
Aug 28 8:00pm Friday Night Dance



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