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# Germania Post



## **LIVE on the big screen Women's World Cup Soccer**

**June 7 - 4:00pm - Germany vs The Ivory Coast**  
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## **OBITUARY**

**Luise Klauser**

**November 1, 1937 – March 3, 2015**

**Luise recently became a member of the Germania Club. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to her husband Fred, her daughter Judy and family.**

## **OBITUARY**

**Achim Alken**

**June 1, 1935 – April 14, 2015**

**Achim was a member of the Germania Club for over 40 years. Sadly his wife Katharina passed away on April 21, 2015. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to their children Peter, Bernhard, Barbara and their families.**



# The President's Corner



Dear Members,

Today, I wish to use my article, not only to discuss some of our upcoming events, but also to raise the issue of a Special Meeting, that is being planned, with regard to the Germania Club's property at Lake Dalrymple.

We are pleased to report, that the Friday night dances have been very successful, with a bi-weekly attendance of at least 80 persons. The Germania Club's Easter Egg Hunt and the Maifest of the Fishers and Hunters were enjoyed by many families. We encourage all of you, to continue to support these events that are planned and executed by a small group of dedicated volunteers. We are also forging full steam ahead with preparations for, "It's Your Festival", that will take place in Gage Park from July 9-12th. The dates for the event are one week later than in other years, to coincide with the Pan Am Games. The Club's annual picnic at Germania Park on Aug. 9th is not that far away, as well. So if you are looking for a volunteer

opportunity, here it is. I guarantee, no offers for help will be turned down. Don't forget that in June, the Germania Club will show the soccer games for the Women's World Cup soccer championship, whenever the German team competes.

As you may know, we rent the Germania Club parking lot, from time to time to movie studios, for film shoots. This June, scenes from the movie adaptation from a Stephen King novel, about the Kennedys, will be shot for the first time, inside the Club, in the Banquet Hall. The film shoot requires some renovations, and we have the option to retain those changes. We hope to make the most of this business opportunity, and will do our best, to market ourselves, as a desirable location.

While having conversations with club members, I often mention what has been going on and what needs to be repaired, to my pleasant surprise one anonymous member presented the club a money gift of \$1,000 towards the cost of a new refrigerator in the bar of the Banquet Hall. I, the board and members thank you for this generous gift. Our aging buildings and equipment increasingly require repairs. Donations make it possible



for us, to maintain our facilities, and make your visit to the Germania Club a pleasant experience.

And now, let me draw another matter to your attention. The Germania Club Board of Directors is calling a Special Meeting, with regard to the Germania Club's property on Lake Dalrymple. The previous two Special Meetings, regarding this property, did not bring this issue to a binding conclusion, and left many unanswered questions, for all our members. On May, 4th, 2015, at 7:30 pm, the Board of Directors invited the Executive of the Fishers and Hunters, for a joint meeting on the topic. There were two items on the agenda: one was cost-sharing of property taxes and insurance, for the use of Germania Park by the Fishers and Hunters; the other was a notification, that the Board of Directors is arranging another Special Meeting, in accordance with our bylaws, to bring the Lake Dalrymple property issue to an end, once and for all. Unfortunately, the revival of this matter was met with great consternation and indignation. The Fishers and Hunters feel strongly, that the Board is demonstrating a bias, in favour

of those members, wishing to sell the property. Let me be very clear on this point. Your Germania Club Board represents the entire Club membership. The outcome of the issue will be determined by a membership vote, not by the Board. So when the time comes, be prepared to stand up and be counted. The Special Meeting provides the opportunity for all those wishing to state their case, to be heard. We are hoping for a Special Meeting date in September. Over the coming months, we will provide you with details by letter and in the Germania Post.

All of us are members, because we wish to promote and preserve our German culture and its customs and values. We hope that all of you embrace those basic principles.

Please enjoy your summer, and all that your Germania Club has to offer.

Ulli Venohr, President





## Choral Notes

The biggest event for the Germania Choirs in April, was the celebration of the birthdays of Michael and Amalia Press. Amalia celebrated her 85th birthday, and Michael turned 90. Those are birthdays worth celebrating.

For those of you not familiar with the birthday couple, -and I'm certain, there are not many-, Michael is the older brother of our long-time conductor, Linus Press. He was a beloved choir member for

annual Christmas party, he was a genuine, "Sankt Nikolaus," in the German tradition, pulling a real sled, sporting wheels, fashioned by Michael himself, and filled with gifts. He and Amalia were known to be enthusiastic and generous participants in all choir functions.

Michael was known to make short notations, all year long about choir events, and individual choir members. At the Christmas celebration, he would then present a booklet of poetry to choir members, detailing in frequently humorous rhyme, all of their exploits during the year.

It should then not be a surprise to anyone, that on an absolutely perfect spring afternoon, on Sunday April 12th, many of the choir members, including friends and family of the couple, made their way to Brantford, for a birthday celebration, following an invitation by Rose, the couple's



about 35 years. I understand, that at the Germania Choirs'

daughter. Everyone was graciously received, and guests not only filled the main floor

rooms, of this architecturally stunning heritage home, many spilled out unto the veranda and patio as well, to enjoy the glorious spring sunshine, and balmy temperatures.

The champagne toast for the pleased birthday couple was enthusiastically offered, along with hugs, kisses and a copious number of wishes, for continued good health and happiness. The visitors were wined and dined by our gracious hosts, Rose and Eric Hager. Thus by the time, the Germania Choirs were ready to offer a, "Geburtstagsständchen", everyone was in fine form indeed. After the enthusiastically delivered musical birthday wishes, the Choirs performed, "Das ist der Tag", "Zur Feier" and, "Als Freunde". Linus added, "Das Bierlied" for good measure. As the celebration drew to a close in the late afternoon, everyone raised their voices, for a rousing, "Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit". Michael and Amalia, vigorously joined in. It was a lovely afternoon among friends, and family.

What better way than to end with lines from one of Michael's poems, "Schlusswort", "Bleibt alle gesund, und singt frohe Lieder,

Damit wir uns sehen werden, in einem Jahr wieder."

Michael Press

"Lieber Michael, das wünschen wir uns auch".

On April 18th, the Germania Choirs held their semi-annual garage sale. We were able to set up all our tables outside, and offer our goodies in sunshine, under a clear, blue sky. We are always somewhat surprised at how popular the event has become. Once again, spring 2015 was a resounding success.

One day later, on the 19th of April, we were scheduled to perform in London, to celebrate, "Der Tag des Liedes", following an invitation by Lyra London. Unfortunately, there was a mix up with the scheduling of the bus, and we were forced to cancel our plans.

June Birthday wishes go out to the following: Alex Wegner (June 6), Ewald Zielke (June 14), Evelyn Crawford (June 16), Karl Uschold (June 17), Betty Boerkamp (June 26), Erich Butz, (June 29). Supporting member: Karl-Heinz Neuenhagen (June 3).

Until next time, I remain musically yours,  
Waltraud Schork.



# Friday Night Dances

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**Oskar Bauerle invited friends & acquaintances  
for a birthday get-together at the Germania Club  
Restaurant.**





# **FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CANADA 2015**

*All games of the team from Germany are shown  
on the big screen at the **Germania Club**.*

*Game 1 - Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.*

*Germany - Ivory Coast from Ottawa*



*Game 2 - Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.*

*Germany - Norway from Ottawa*



*Game 3 - Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.*

*Germany - Thailand from Winnipeg*



## **ROUND OF 16**

*June 20<sup>th</sup> - June 23<sup>rd</sup>*

## **QUARTER FINAL**

*June 26<sup>th</sup> - June 27<sup>th</sup>*

## **SEMI FINAL**

*June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>*

## **GAME FOR THIRD PLACE**

*Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. from Edmonton*

## **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

*Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. from Vancouver*





## Fischer & Jäger

Grüße Members & Friends,

Maifest was a success this year, thank you to all who attended. The children enjoyed the games and climbed the traditional Maibaum to retrieve a prize. The adults enjoyed the sunshine and the chance to catch up with friends after the long winter.

So far, this year, we have welcomed 7 new members to our sub-group, 6 of which are new to the Germania Club as well. Welcome everyone!

Very soon the Germania Club will have the schedule ready for It's Your Festival at Gage Park during the Pan Am games on the weekend of July 9th-12th. Our Obman Bob is encouraging our F&H members to volunteer our time.

Everyone is welcome to attend our annual Junior Prize Fishing weekend at Lake Dalrymple. Bring your children or grandchildren! The tournament is open to children aged 5 - 17 and will be held on July 17th-19th. Please contact Chris Parzen 905-638-9677 to reserve your spot.

Some nominal changes have been made to the cottage rates

for 2015 which have been posted at the cottage. Just a reminder that check-in is at 2:00pm and check-out is at 12:00pm. This doesn't mean that you have to go home at 12:00, you just need to have your room cleaned out and fridge emptied to allow the next guest to move in. It also doesn't mean that you can't go up in the morning - just don't expect to move in until the afternoon. Thanks to the crew that were up north to clean and open the cottage. It is now ready for renting; please contact Paul if you're interested. There are a couple of ways to contact him:

1) email at [dalrymplecottage@hotmail.com](mailto:dalrymplecottage@hotmail.com), 2) via our Facebook page "Dalrymple Cottage" 3) call or text message 905-339-8305

Please join us at our monthly meetings, which are still being held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, in the restaurant at 8:00pm.

In the spirit of fishing, here is our quote for the month, *"Fishing is not an escape from life, but often a deeper immersion into it. . ."* - Author Harry Middleton

Until next time,  
Petri Heil  
Annemarie Kiss



**Germania Club Fischer & Jäger invite you and  
your family to our**

**Annual Junior Prize Fishing Weekend  
at Lake Dalrymple**

**on the weekend of  
July 17th - July 19th at 12:00pm**

**Bring your children and grandchildren**

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**Tournament is open to children ages 5-17**



**For details or to reserve your spot, please contact:  
Chris Parzen (905) 638-9677 or  
Bob Mulhall (905) 818-5510**





## Aus unserer Frauenverein

Anybody doing this monthly report knows: The first few lines are the hardest. After a few opening sentences it gets easier: We start with the last meeting on May 6!

We had 12 members there and 2 guests. To celebrate the upcoming Mothers' Day, Rosi Kramolowsky and Helga Laqua outdid themselves again with the preparation of food. Sandwiches, devilled eggs and a cake – we really eat well there!! The designated hostess for that evening (moi) also brought 2 cakes. And to keep our little grey braincells active, we usually have a game. Dorothea Melms, who attends 'Mind Busters' at the "Y", brought in a picture and we had to list all the items starting with "L". It trains you to be observant, supposedly. The results ranged between 4 and 14 items!! (I would have called the layer-cake a torte, though). And why the girl carrying the Torte was wearing a life jacket, was a bit beyond me... It was fun and there were a few prizes. Annemarie Kiss very thoughtfully brought in

carnations for each member and guest. We also remembered our Mothers.. a few sad stories were told – life was not easy for Mothers on their own during the war years with a few children. They became refugees and trekked west, not knowing often for years where their husbands and fathers were...

Before that, of course, we did some work. Various committees reported. Ute Perl apparently has recovered well, still has a bit of a problem walking. Sigrid Whelan had to endure a few surgical procedures – we wish her well!!

For our Summer outing, Dorothea will check prices for the Grand River excursion, probably in August, because we usually do not have a meeting that month. The Hamilton Harbour Queen apparently is back in service again. I had an outing on it a few years ago. Beautiful. Going east from the piers towards the Skyway, then back again west as far as she could sail, with an impressive sunset thrown in as a bonus. But it's probably more expensive and we would need more people to justify the cost.

In July we have the Dal-

rymple cottage again on our program. Annemarie also mentioned other Club events listed in the Germania Post – Mothers' Day Dinner, Dances, Films, - in June then the Women's Soccer World Championship.

Birthdays in June; none There was Erna Bruschi; she would have been 88 on June 5, but passed away in December 2014. She talked to me briefly before that at a Mandarin lunch of the Benevolent Society. Now I wish I had taken the time to chat

with her a bit longer. Yeah, regrets. Do what you feel like RIGHT AWAY because time does not stand still.

Till next month!

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# June Birthdays



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ernest Atkinson  
Elisabeth Boerkamp  
Erich Butz  
Evelyn Crawford  
Adolf Ernst  
Karl-Heinz Falk  
John R. Fischl  
Karla Fletcher  
Tony Grenc  
Werner Grote  
Alois Knecht  
Christa Kries  
Rick Lutz

Klaus-Dieter Massinger  
Karl-Heinz Neuenhagen  
Roswitha Pierlorz  
Wigand Platz  
Heinz Punko  
Gertrud Taunton  
Karl Uschold  
Alexander Wegner  
Dieter Woehrle  
Ewald Zielke

## NEW MEMBERS

Bob Bell  
Ilse Folkens  
Richard Hansen  
Jan Liptok  
Kevin Mahoney  
Mike Price

## DONATIONS - Germania Club

Tony Grenc - \$60  
Dr. Robert Logel - \$100 in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Germania Club and his recent 100th Birthday  
Stefan Muensterteicher - \$25 in memory of Werner Arnold



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June 7	4:00pm	Women's Soccer World Championship
June 11	4:00pm	Women's Soccer World Championship
June 12	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
June 15	3:00pm	Women's Soccer World Championship
June 17	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter member meeting
June 20	1:00pm	Germania Choir Picnic
June 23	7:30pm	Members Meeting
June 26	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance

### VORSCHAU

July 9-12		It's Your Festival in the Gage Park
July 10	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
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
Aug 9	11:00am	Germania Club PICNIC



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