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Mother's Day Dinner

*Sunday May 10, 2015
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Germania Club of Hamilton

863 King Street East, Hamilton, ON

OBITUARY

Alois Sonser

March 28, 1928 – March 13, 2015

Alois was a member of the Germania Club for over 50 years.

We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Eleonore, his children Eleonore, Gert, Anna and their families.

OBITUARY

Gerhard Maschewski

May 3, 1927 – March 19, 2015

Gerhard was a member of the Germania Club and the Fisher & Hunters. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Ilse, his children Jerry, Robert, Ruth and their families.

OBITUARY

The Board of Directors wish to extend their sincere condolences to the Wagenblast Family on the recent loss of their son Achim.



The President's Corner



Dear Members,

Let me begin with a warm thank you, for electing me to the position of President of the Germania Club.

Most of you know me by now. I first became a member of the Germania Club in 1992, and joined the Board as Second Treasurer in 2011. That term was extended for a further year, for the 150th anniversary celebrations. As well, being named, Member of the Year at the 2014 Stiftungsfest, and receiving a standing ovation, meant to me, that you acknowledged the hard work the Board was doing on your behalf. This fact played a big part in my decision to stand for the position of President.

It is expected, that the mandate of the Board that you elected, is going to be very challenging, as several key positions on the Board remain vacant. They include the positions of First and Second Social Directors; the Public Relations Director; and that of Second Secretary. It was disappointing to many of us, that such a small number of individu-

als were willing to run in this year's election. The last Board was already in the unenviable position, that in the absence of a Household and Events Committee, they not only had to plan all of the events, but also to execute those plans. This was accomplished with the same small group of loyal volunteers. Now the Board is even smaller.

In 2014, most of the Board's energy was spent on planning events for the 150th anniversary celebrations. 2015/16 will have to become the year, where we will have to define the future of the Germania Club. We have to answer the difficult questions, that with a declining attendance at functions, and an aging membership, do you still want a Germania Club? Are we from now on willing, to simply rely on income generated by events from hall rentals to outside organizations? I know these are difficult questions to hear, because many of you have spent decades being members, and enjoying the events and activities the Club had to offer.

Nevertheless, I promise you, that the Board will do its utmost to meet the coming challenges, but we need you, the Membership to support us in this endeavour. A few use-



Choral Notes

Arthur and Hedda Wagenblast are mourning the death of Arthur's son Achim, (Art) Wagenblast, who was suddenly and unexpectedly taken from them, on March 25, 2015. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Arthur, Hedda, and all of their immediate and extended families and friends.

Please note: the date for the Germania Choirs' Garage Sale has been changed to April 18, 2015

Each year, the Germania Choirs celebrate, "All Choirs Night". This year it was held on Saturday, March 21st. For one evening, we invite choirs from the Hamilton area for a lively evening of song. This year we featured a dance troupe as well. When the program was compiled, we knew it was going to be fun. We just didn't know it was going to be this much fun.

The doors opened at 4:30 pm. The Great Hall was filled in no time and everyone wanted to eat dinner. Tons of schnitzel, sausages, smoked pork

hocks, sauerkraut, potatoes and strudel were consumed, and the bar was doing brisk business.

Hedda Wagenblast opened the proceedings with some warm welcoming remarks, and Sergeant Michelle Hostovsky of the Hamilton Female Police Choir briefly talked about, "Project concern". There was no admission charged for the concert. However, donations were accepted. We are proud to report, that over \$800 were collected for this project, that targets families and youth, in the Hamilton area.

The Germania Choirs, under the direction of Linus Press, and with Clement Ng on piano, started the musical portion of the evening with the exuberant march, "Musik, Musik, Musik (Wien bleibt Wien)". This was followed by the more reflective, "An den Frieden", celebrating universal brotherhood and peace. The police choirs were the first visiting choirs on the program, since some of their members were scheduled for active duty later that evening. Both the performances of the Hamilton Male Police Chorus, and the Hamilton Female Police Choirs were

lively, and imbued with good-natured humour, that added much to the lightheartedness of the evening. As a complete change of pace, the Hula-Wahines (Dancing Women), an over the age of 55 Hawaiian dance troupe from Hamilton, took to the stage, not once but twice during the evening, to the great delight of the audience. The North Hamilton Community Health Centre Choir, was a late entry, and thus not listed in the program. The choir members were COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) patients of the Centre and presented the song, "Breathe". The melody was that of the Everly Brothers' hit song, "Dreams". All of the audience was deeply moved by the courageous performance.

After the intermission, both the female and mixed West Plains United Church Choirs of Burlington performed a number of lively songs. The medley from, "Sister Act", was especially enjoyed by the audience. The Hula-Wahines wowed us one more time, and then the Classic Blend Barbershop Chorus took to the stage. The choir has been competing and captivating

audiences with their lively and highly energetic performances since 1964, and it was not any different tonight.

Then it was time for the Germania Choirs' closing performance. We began with the joyous, "Lobt den Herrn der Welt" and, "Gloria" from Mariazeller Messe, then closed with the solemn, "Frieden" and finally, "Neigen sich die Stunden". Linus sensed the party mood of the audience and offered, "Das Bierlied" as an encore. The audience was only too happy to follow suit, when the choir started to "schunkeln". If you could not join us this year, perhaps you can do so at, "All Choirs Night 2016". See you then.

Happy May birthday wishes go out to Ingrid Venohr (May 3), Hedda Wagenblast (May 17), Erich Puppa (May 31), and supporting member Karin Platz (May 17).

"Horch von fern ein leiser Harfenton!

Frühling ja du bist's!

Dich hab' ich vernommen!"

(Eduard Mörike)

Until next time, make the most of each day. Waltraud Schork



The Camper's & Park Report



As I am writing this, I take a look out of my window. Today is April 8th and the rain is relentless. It's cold and windy and I have a hard time imagining that, by the time you read this, the camping season will again be in full swing.

As usual in May and June some campers will be leaving, others will go bigger and better and new members will be joining us. As the saying goes: 'A change is as good as a rest'. Perhaps this too applies to us campers.

We would like to say goodbye to Sigrid Selmayer. Sigrid and her her husband Maxel, who passed away in 2013, have been campers from the very beginning. I remember Sigrid, when we first joined the campers, being actively involved, for many years, with the camper's social committee. But there is life after camping. I did say a change is as good as a rest.

Ute Perl had some serious medical issues while doing her snowbird thing in Texas and had to come home prematurely. Ute, we campers wish you a full and speedy recovery. We need you to reign over the spring meeting and following elections.

As I do most of the time, before sending these articles, I consult with Kevin, our Park-Honcho. A heads up to all: Thanks to the long and very cold winter with lots of snow and plentiful rain in April, we have a very soggy campground. The Easter Egg Hunt saw a car stuck in the mud and ruts everywhere. This is not going to dry up any time soon. When the Park opens in May, we will most likely only be able to drive as far as the parking lot. Also, the new keys are ready and Kevin will exchange them for the old ones anytime.

One last reminder: Spring meeting and elections on Sunday, the 17th of May at 1:00 pm.

Spring clean-up Saturday, the 30th of May at 10:am.

We will have vacant lots this

spring. If you are interested in moving to another spot, or you know someone wanting to join us. These lots will be posted as soon as they are empty.

Your Happy Camper,
Egon Roesslein.

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President's Report continued

ful suggestions have already emerged at the Annual General Meeting. These include, that a Planning Committee be established to look at the long-term future of the Club and make recommendations to the Board. Another excellent idea challenges individual subgroup to take over responsibility for specific events. I can assure you, that we will give due consideration to all your proposals. In the meantime, I urge you to attend your Members' Meetings; and if you can, to volunteer; help out with individual events; or make a more permanent commitment, by filling one of the vacant positions on the Board.

The involvement of each one of you counts. Your engagement in Club activities will make a powerful statement, that after 150 years, the presence of Ger-

man culture remains an integral part of the ethnic mosaic, that is our Hamilton community, and that it is worth preserving. So come out, support your Germania Club, and let's make 2015 a year to remember.

In closing let me introduce your new Board of Directors:
Ulrich Venohr, *President*;
Rosi Kramolowsky,
Vice-President;
David Simon, *First Treasurer*;
Waltraud Schork,
First Secretary;
Lori Kramolowsky,
Second Treasurer;
Arthur Wagenblast,
Property Manager;
Kevin Pyett, *Germania Park Manager*.

Until next time
Ulli Venohr,
President



Eiersuchen im Germania Park Hamilton

Zum Glueck schien die Sonne an diesem Ostersonntag, als sich 40 Kinder mit ihren Eltern und Grosseltern im Germania Park einfanden, um Ostereier zu suchen. Um die kleine Gesellschaft zu beschaeftigen, damit die Zeit nicht zu lang erschien, bis sie in den Wald laufen durften, waren Tische vorbereitet mit Koerben gekochter Eiern, die gefaerbt werden konnten.

Jedes Kind durfte noch einen Hotdog geniessen, bevor zum Start aufgerufen wurde. Dann stuermten alle mit ihren Koerbchen hinaus in den Wald.

Es wurde ruhig im Pavillon. Die Musik war bereit und stimmte froehliche Weisen an. Es gab jedem, der nicht mit den Kindern hinaus musste, die Gelegenheit, eine Tasse Kaffee und einen selbstgebackenen Kuchen in aller Ruhe und bei angenehmen Melodien zu geniessen. Es dauerte allerdings nicht lange, und der Radau ging wieder los! Der Geraeuschepegel drueckte die Beigeisterung der 40 Kinder aus, die stolz ihre Koerbchen mit der gefundenen Beute herumzeigten. Das offene Feuer sorgte fuer eine warme Atmosphaere, unterstrichen von den stuermischen Ausrufen gluecklicher Kinder!

Dank an alle, die dafuer gesorgt hatten, dass dieser kalte Tag ein so schoenes und gefuehlsmaessig warmes Ende fand.
Ingrid Oppermann



Looking for the Easter Bunny

After a long and cold winter, finally the snow melted away and we were able to have the Easter Egg hunt at the Park. The temperature was 7 degrees and cloudy and the forest was wet and muddy. The children needed to wear their boots.

There were 40 Children present, they were so excited to run into the bush and collect the plastic eggs, filled with chocolates and candies. Early that morning Erich Butz (my husband) was hiding over 300 eggs, he became bunny's helper!!

Hop.hop came our Easter bunny and gave the children all a basket with Easter-goodies, so everyone was happy! Also the growing-ups were happy, there was Gluehwein, sausages, cake and coffee available and our band "Alpen Trio" played well!

Thanks, Kevin and your friend Chris taking care of the hall and barbecue and bringing the fresh eggs from the market.,

A big "Thank" you goes to all Helpers and Donations. Without you people I could not handle this event.

Hope to see you all next year!

Greetings, Susan Butz





Fischer & Jäger

Grüße Members & Friends,

As the old proverb states, "No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow", thankfully Spring has sprung! I am sure it was an especially long winter for Maggi who has been cooped up at home with hip problems. She had surgery recently and is recuperating at home. We look forward to seeing your smiling face very soon!

I caught up with the Chacinski and Predojevic children at the Easter Egg Hunt and was able to present them with their participation medals and trophy. They were all very happy to receive them and look forward to the Junior Fishing Tournament in July.

By the time you read this our Maifest would have past and I'm sure it was a wonderful day. We hope to share some pictures next month.

The cottage had a clean up at the end of April and is ready for the upcoming fishing season at Lake Dalrymple. Walleye season opens on

May 9th but you'll need to wait until June 20th to bring in a Bass.

Please contact Paul if you're interested in spending some time at the cottage. There are a couple of options for you to contact us:

1) email at 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. We try to keep them short and sweet. We are still looking for a volunteer to assist Martin in his auditor duties. There will be a Spring Clean Up at the Germania Park on May 30th. Our Obman Bob is looking for volunteers to join the crew. We will be tackling the Fischer & Jäger Hall as well as the area behind it. There is a lot of castaway items to be taken to the dump.

Here's a quote by Robin Williams, "Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!"

Until next time,
Petri Heil
Annemarie Kiss



Sunday Lunch

Sunday, May 24, 2015
Open from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Come and enjoy a choice Rouladen
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\$15.95 plus tax per person.
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FILM AFTERNOON



Es spielt “Die Heiden von Kummerow
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Gefilmt nach dem weltbekannten Roman von Elm Welk.

Vorfilm

Das große Wunschkonzert der Volksmusik.

>> Film starts at 2:15pm <<

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.





Aus unserem Frauenverein

Oh Gosh – May – nearly half the year of 2015 is gone. Well at the writing of this it is not even Mid-April and it is still cold. We have the furnace set at 19 over night..(one of our cats has arthritis and when it's too cool, he meows in the middle of the night)and the furnace still kicks in quite often. The gas company sure made some money this year! Well, the Ladies better get going to kickstart this year. First meeting after our Stiftungsfest we usually have our elections. Some years we did not have a quorum. Elections.. Yechch. Which meant elections had to be held the following month. No escape there.. This year again was easy: Rosi Kramolowsky felt we finally seemed to get our act together and the same people should stay. I don't know about my part – I think I missed a few things for the Stiftungsfest – but we agreed to stay on. So the new/old Vorstand is:

President Annemarie Kiss
(plus PR, plus liaison with

other sub groups, etc.)

Vice President

Uschi Schien (her experience counts)

Treasurer

Elisabeth Kirchhoefel (super job and always on top of things!!)

Secretary

Sieglinde Seiler (no comment; Eigenlob st...)

Kitchen Committee

Helga Laqua (assisted by Rosi Kramolowsky) good food and decor!!

KrankenCommittee

Sigrid Whelan (perfect with her sweet and caring nature)

Entertainment Committee

Dorothea Melms (sources the cutest gifts)

Pictures of all attending were taken at the Stiftungsfest and I would like to send them again to our members that could not attend, or as an incentive to past members to come back.

Good news and bad news: Linda Wanner will be able to move back home in Mid-April. She is not perfect yet but hopefully getting there. We will keep you posted. Ute Perl apparently had a stroke while wintering in Florida. We are waiting for news.

Someone asked me a while


ago: What does the Frauenverein do?? Well, we still try to assist the Club and other Sub-Groups, have fundraising events to support the Club. So, if any other groups need woman-power assistance, please let us know. We may be a bit slower, but we are still breathing. If you know of anyone who would like to be part of our group, have them come out on the first Wednesday of every month. Coffee and sandwiches provided!! Call me for details, please.


Birthdays in May – None????
Happy Mother's Day! For our May meeting we decided to bring in pictures or mementos. I still have a card that my son gave me when he was about 6 (he is 50 this year). Mothers are sentimental...

'till next month.

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary
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 Irene Griwatz
 Werner Heimes
 Erwin Lutz
 Gerhard Maschewski
 Ilse Matthiessen

Alto Muhlhuber
 Erich Puppa
 Marianne Puppa
 Egon Roesslein
 Berni Rushleau
 Siegrid Selmayer
 Ingrid Venohr
 Hedda Wagenblast
 Katherine Wahrlich



DONATIONS - Germania Club

Eva Kolwes - \$30 in memory of Karl Leitner
 Dieter Woehle - \$100 in memory of his father-in-law Alois Sonser
 Gerda Frank - \$20
 Kurt Wolfsgruber - \$50 in memory of Karl Leitner
 Theo Nermerich - \$85

Hier ist der Spielplan für die Fussballweltmeisterschaft der Deutschen Frauen Nationalmannschaft

Spiel 1 - Deutschland gegen die Elfenbeinküste am Sonntag den 5.Juni um 16:00 Uhr von Ottawa
 Spiel 2 - Deutschland gegen Norwegen am Donnerstag den 11.Juni um 16:00 Uhr von Ottawa
 Spiel 3 - Deutschland gegen Thailand am Montag den 15.Juni um 16:00 Uhr von Winnipeg
 Achtelfinale vom 20.Juni bis 24.Juni
 Viertelfinale vom 26.Juni bis 27 Juni
 Halbfinale 30.Juni bis 1.Juli
 Spiel um den dritten Platz am Samstag den 4.Juli um 14:00 Uhr von Edmonton
 Finale am Sonntag den 5.Juli um 16:00 Uhr von Vancouver



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May 3	11:00am	Fisher and Hunter Maifest in the Park
May 8	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
May 10	12-2pm	Mother's Day Dinner
May 17	1:00pm	Camper's meeting in the park
May 20	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter members meeting
May 22	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
May 24	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch – Rouladen
May 24	2:15pm	Film Afternoon
May 26	7:30pm	Members Meeting
May 29	8:00pm	Friday Night (50's, 60's, 70's) Dance
May 30	10:0am	Germania Park Spring Clean-up

VORSHAU

June 5	2:00pm	Women's Soccer World Championship
June 11	2:00pm	Women's Soccer World Championship
June 12	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
June 15	2:00pm	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
July 9-12		It's Your Festival in the Gage Park



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