Germania Post

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Germanía Club's annual



Schlachttest

November 7, 2015 Dinner service starts at 5:00pm

Doors open 4:30pm

The Schlachtplatte includes the following: Geräucherter Schweinenacken. Blutwurst. Leberwurst. Bauchfleisch, Sauerkraut, and Potatoes.

> Tickets in advance only Dinner tickets \$22.00 (including Tax)

Music by the Alpen Trio At the Germania Club 863 King Street East, Hamilton

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Tickets will be sold until November 4, 2015 To buy a ticket please call the Germania Club office at 905-549-0513 Office open Tues, Wed, Fri and Saturday 11:00am to 2:00pm, and Thurs 7-11pm After hours please leave a message.



Obituaries

Ernie Atkinson

June 24, 1930 – September 10, 2015 Ernie was a 15 year member of the Germania Club and a Camper. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Anna, children and their families.

Hans Herres

August 23, 1933 – September 11, 2015 Hans was a long-time member of the Germania Club. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Martha, sons Hans, David and their families.

Michael Press

Michael was a long time member of the Germania Club and a long time member of the tenor section of the Germania Choirs. For many years Michael played an original Sankt Nikolaus for the choir members, writing special personalized stories for many members. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Amalia and the entire Press family. March 9, 1925 – October 5, 2015





The President's Corner

Dear Members,

The month of September and the beginning of October have once again proven to be challenging and full of activity in the Germania Club. In addition to the weekly meetings of the Board of Directors, and scheduled meetings of subgroups, we also host the weekly Skat and Stammtisch, and a monthly Sunday lunch with film afternoon. On Oct. 3rd. the Choirs held their semi-annual garage sale, and of course twice monthly we host the Friday night dances, that are always very well attended.

The community leaders' breakfast with Matthew Green, City Councillor of Ward 3, was held in the Banquet Hall and was indeed very well received. It provided us with the opportunity to introduce local business leaders to the Germania Club. Some of them were not aware of our existence. However, after a tour of the building were duly impressed. During our mandate, we will continue to seize every opportunity to promote our Club.

Two recent Germania Club celebrations have once again shown how much we can accomplish, when members of the Club work together. I am of course referring to our Oktoberfest and Stif-

tungsfest celebrations. You will read about these festivities in this month's Germania Post in great detail. Judging by the attendance, tickets sold, and the atmosphere throughout the evening, this year's Oktoberfest will go on record, as one of the more successful celebrations in some time. The 151st Stiftungsfest was another great and well-organized function. It was a great honour for me, to personally congratulate the new and long-term members, as they were officially welcomed for the first time, or received their certificates, and posed with pride for their group photos.

It is the honourary and long-term members who have paid their dues, and have helped build the foundation of all that the Germania Club signifies, and what it means to be a member of the organization. The success of the Oktoberfest and Stiftungsfest have created a positive attitude in the Club environment, and I hope that this fact will help us in planning upcoming events.

The time has now come to thank everyone who helped to pull the events together, and in this spirit, I would like to re-iterate what I announced at the Stiftungsfest. In January we will celebrate a Volunteer Appreciation Day, where we honour all of those who currently give so generously of their time to make our events not only happen, but also a success.

Until next time Your President, Ulrich Venohr



Choral Notes

We begin by sharing with you the sad news that Michael Press, brother of Linus Press, has passed away on Monday, Oct. 5th. Our condolences go out to his wife Amalia, daughter Rose, Linus and Gertrud Press and all of their family and friends. Michael was a cherished choir member for 35 years, and a Germania Club member since 1969.

The Choir's garage sale took place on Oct. 3, 2015. The event was not as well attended as usual, due to the extremely windy and cold conditions. The wind was so strong that we had to chase some of the merchandise King across Street. The cold kept many families, who usually attend the event with their children, away. We were forced to move the proceedings indoors. The leftovers from the sale are kept for the spring event next year. It was somewhat of a consolation that Chef Ray was there, to prepare a tasty schnitzel lunch with French fries.

Happy November birthday

wishes go out to Kurt Wolfsgruber, Nov. 9, and Sigrid Bachmann, Nov. 26.

Uschi's Birthday Party:

On October 8th, after a short choir practice, the Banquet Hall was set up for Uschi Schien's birthday celebration. Uschi has worn many different hats in Germania Club life, and has been volunteering continuously in all those years. She joined the Germania Choirs in 2000, but has been a Club member since 1979. Uschi is also an honourary member of the Germania Club.

About 50 invited guests assembled in the festive looking Hall, decorated with colourful centrepieces. A table quickly filled with a profusion of birthday gifts.



The guests enjoyed hors d'ouevres of shrimp, smoked



salmon and other delightful Helmut Bock on morsels. keyboard provided the live entertainment. The Choirs sang a rousing, "Ein frohes Lied", and "Happy Birthday", then offered a champagne There was toast to Uschi. an open bar, and the atmosphere became increasingly animated as the evening wore on. Hedda Wagenblast, our President, presented Uschi with a special bouquet made up of branches and flowers, that involved decorating the bouquet with small bags of coloured pills for every imaginable ailment that the elderly might suffer. To the delight of everyone, the whole presentation was made in rhyming couplets.

The pièce de résistance was an enormous, whipped cream covered strawberry birthday cake that was enthusiastically consumed. The party con-The "Bierlied" and tinued. "Hammerschmied" shook the rafters. Uschi graciously invited Ulli, to request a song, since it was his birthday on Oct. 5. The choirs never have a problem filling a request, and sang, "Wenn ich ein Glöcklein wär".

Thank you Uschi, once again for sharing your celebration with your Germania Choirs and Club family. What do you think, same time, same place, in 2016? We wish you all the best for the coming year, health above all.

Waltraud Schork





The Camper's & Park Report

Ernie Atkinson; I still remember him rolling into the campground on his big Yamaha, bearded, handlebar mustache and all. A motorbike is the only way to travel, he told me. We got along well even though our background was different; his British, mine German, which sometimes made for interesting and humorous interaction. Ouite often he stopped by for a chat and he always found his favourite chair on our deck. He also represented the campers as Chairman for one year. After a lengthy illness, Ernie passed away on September 10th. He was 85 years old. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Anna, his children and his many grandchildren.

On the 4th of October, Joan and I celebrated a sort of milestone. At the Stiftungsfest, (Germania Club Anniversary Celebration) we were honoured with a 10 year and

20 year (respectively) membership certificate. Also, Stefan Kuhn received his 15 year certificate. It was at this occasion that Frank presented the traditional donation from the campers to the Club.

After a great summer, our season has come to an end. Hopefully, all R/V's are closed up and winterized. Joan and I wish all the Snowbirds a safe trip south, the best of weather and some bargains in the "Package Stores". For the rest of us, a mild and tolerable winter.

On a footnote:

As usual, I have checked with Kevin, our Supervisor of Park and Campground. He informed me gleefully, that on the 24th of September, the city inspectors arrived to test our water supply from beginning to end. We passed with flying colours.

Thank you, Kevin, for taken such good care of our aqua pura.

Your Happy Camper, Egon Roesslein.



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New Year's Eve

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- * Dinner Buffet
- Dessert Table
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If you did not have a chance to celebrate Oktoberfest, "auf der Wies'n" in Munich, your next best bet would have been the Germania Club celebration right here in the heart of Steel City. The Banquet Hall was festively decorated in the traditional blue and white Bavarian colours. Two lions, hoisting enormous steins of beer, stood guard over the proceedings. As well, on either side of the stage were placed posters with all of the names of our generous "Community Partners". The signs and banners the Partners had supplied were also fastened to the outside of the upstairs balconies, or wherever it was felt, they displayed most effectively. The colourful dirndls and German ethnic garb in evidence certainly evoked an authentic German Oktoberfest atmosphere. Part of the parking lot was equally decorated and converted into an inviting beer garden. Even though part of the afternoon brought rain showers, the weather had cleared by early evening, and the temperatures stayed above 20 degrees Celsius. It was warm enough for the revellers to enjoy their beer and the balmy night breezes in the beer garden, and catch a whiff of the tasty German schnitzel and sausages that were sizzling on the barbecue in the food tent outside. During the afternoon, the Alpen Trio entertained us, as they do so often at our functions. This time they delighted everyone with their lively smorgasboard of traditional German melodies. To everyone's delight, Ingrid Opperman's grandchildren performed the cup song, and earned an enthusiastic round of applause. Towards early evening, the Banquet Hall started to fill quickly, and extra tables were set up to accommodate large groups of youthful revellers. Shortly after 6:00pm, Twin City Alpine Echo took to the stage. Their Oktoberfest rhythms had the place hopping for the rest of the evening. It was a pleasure to see the large number of young people that came out to enjoy the festivities. All of us involved in putting the event together were delighted that so many of our members attended the festivities as well. The evening was filled with a variety of entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable activities and performances, all managed with flair by our own Eva Kolwes. Matthew Green, the Ward 3 City Councillor, graciously stepped in for Mayor Fred Eisenberger, who was abroad, for the tapping of the keg, which was accomplished with panache by Edi Keller. Ulli Venohr and Matthew Green were the first to hoist their glasses before everyone else descended with their own, on the free keg of beer. The Narragonia dancers were with us once again this year, and added to the lively atmosphere with their colourful costumes and their spirited dance numbers, they performed during the course of the evening. Without any doubt, "Bier stemmen" is one of the more popular Oktoberfest activities, usually enjoyed by the younger generation of either sex at our Club. Let us just mention here, that the youngsters squared off against one of our more "seasoned" Club members, Karl Uschold. Karl made it into the second round. The young man squaring off against him in the final, later remarked that when his strength started to desert him, he looked into Karl's eyes and knew he could not win. Karl Uschold was the winner. Hoch soll er leben! Dreimal hoch! It became evident that Matthew Green enjoyed the proceedings and stayed for quite a while. Later in the evening, David Christopherson, NDP Member of Parliament, stopped by to extend his congratulations for our 46th Oktoberfest. However, our Oktoberfest would not be complete without our Miss Oktoberfest contest. The band members of Twin City Alpine Echo were good sports and agreed to be the judges. The contestants were asked, why they chose to attend the Germania Club Oktoberfest. From the four contestants vying for the title of Germania Club Miss Oktoberfest 2015, Nadia Iannetta emerged the winner. She felt that the Germania Club appeared to celebrate the most authentic Oktoberfest experience in the area. By the end of the evening most agreed wholeheartedly. Her prize was a crown,

and sash donated by Sigrid Bachmann, as well as a bouquet of flowers and a dinner certificate for the Black Forest Inn. Nadia now makes her home in Mississauga, but is no stranger to Hamilton. She completed her MA in physical therapy right here at McMaster University. And so we say a final, "Ein Prosit!", until we see you again next year, but not before we thank all of the volunteers, from all the various subgroups, who planned, set-up, decorated and managed the event. There is no doubt whatsoever that without all of those generous and hard-working members, we would not be able to go forward with many events. Thanks also to Ulli Venohr, our President who is everywhere, and accessible anytime to solve any issues, that arise at these events. Finally a heartfelt thank you goes out to our valued, "Community Partners", who support us with their generous donations, and help us to share these German traditions with our wider community.

Our Community Partners for Oktoberfest 2015 were (in alphabetical order): Bert Rufenach, Denturist, Black Forest Inn, Dimpflmeier Bakery, Euro-Drive Clutches Inc., Kastrau Landscaping and Nurseries, Liebherr-Canada Ltd., Richard A. Wellenreiter, LLP, Subaru of Hamilton, TALKA Credit Union.

Waltraud Schork, Secretary Germania Club, Board of Directors.

"Leserbrief"

Oktoberfest 2015 thank you to the troops! I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the many volunteers that made this Oktoberfest possible. This includes not only the ones mentioned below involved in setting-up and decorating; but also, the ones that worked tediously behind the scenes. Many compliments were received for the new "rich" look of the Banquet Hall, as well as the placement of decorations, making it "classy" looking for this occasion. It took many hands from all under-groups to beautify the hall and the parking lot for an event such as this. These hands belonged to Sigrid Bachmann, Erika Renz, Hedda Wagenblast, Joan Trotman, the Fletcher family: Karrla, Denny, Chrissy, and friend Megan Wilson, Violet Gagne and friend Marjorie Williamson, who came from Mount Forest to help out, with Jacqueline Musquar helping to finish off and taking pictures. Ulrich Venohr, Dieter Eckert, Hans Renz, helped the women with the heavier decorations inside, as well as in the parking lot, along with Erich Butz, Arthur Wagenblast, Richard Kramolowsky and George Kiss. Kevin Pyett and helper readied equipment for a move from the Park to the Club with Albert Kergl's truck. As usual, there are little glitches that were overcome. In ending, I would also like to thank Ulrich for supplying a delicious lunch and Rosie for preparing it for the crew.

Judi Keller



The following members will be remembered on Sunday Nov. 8th at our Memorial Service in the Park, please come and join their families and friends. Park Gate is open at 12:00pm, the Memorial Service begins at 1:00pm

	Wigand Platz			
	Geb. 4 Juni 1934	Ges. Sept 2014		
	Siegfried Schreiber			
	Geb. 30 Aug. 1935	Ges. 26 Nov. 2014		
	Alois Reissler			
	Geb. 25 Mar. 1936	Ges. 27 Dez. 2014		
	Erna Brusch	CAR PERSON		
	Geb. 5 Juni 1927	Ges. 29 Dez. 2014		
	Erika Wegner			
	Geb. 13 Juli 1932	Ges. 2 Jan. 2015		
	John Kreuzer			
	Geb. 8 Feb. 1920	Ges. 5 Jan. 2015		
	Karl Leitner			
	Geb. 24 Jan. 1927	Ges. 24 Feb. 2015		
	Luise Klauser			
	Geb. 1 Nov. 1937	Ges. 3 Mar. 2015		
	Alois Sonser			
M	Geb. 28 Mar. 1928	Ges. 13 Mar. 2015		
	Gerhard Maschewski			
	Geb. 3 Mai 1927	Ges. 29 Mar. 2015		
	Achim Alken			
	Geb. 1 Juni 1935 MEMORIAL	Ges. 14 Apr. 2015		
	Kurt Kisser GARDEN			
	Geb. 24 Sept. 1929	Ge <mark>s. 8 M</mark> ai 2015		
	Ingeborg Michaelis			
	Geb. 1 Nov. 1934	Ge <mark>s. 13 M</mark> ai 2015		
	Luise Klara Graeser			
	Geb. 10 Jan. 1925	Ges. 3 Juni 2015		
	Karl-Heinz Falk	0 1 1 1 0015		
	Geb. 29 Juni 1921	Ges. 1 Juli 2015		
	Ernest Atkinson	0 100 10015		
	Geb. 24 Juni 1930	Ges. 10 Sept. 2015		
	Hans Herres	0 11 0 10015		
	Geb. 23 Aug. 1933	Ges. 11 Sept. 2015		
	Michael Press	0 10 1 2015		
	Geb. 9 Mar. 1925	Ges. 4 Oct. 2015		
	Food, home baked goods and beve			
	before and after the Memorial Service.			



Fischer & Jäger

Moin, Fisher & Hunter Members & Friends.

The fishing season is dwindling down but the hunting season is in full swing. The "Rut" is on and I hope the Moose don't go into hiding. Two of my Sons are up north hoping to bag a Bull or Cow. Usually they bring one or two home. Back in the seventies when I was hunting we camped in tents, not in Cabins, we slept in sleeping bags, not in beds. We did have a Pot-bellied Stove in the centre of the Tent. We had plenty of "Antifreeze" to help keep us warm. Many nights my Girlfriend and I slept under the Stars with our "30 odd 6" by our side, always on the ready. We didn't want to make any noise early in the morning. Those were the hunting days that I remember.And I still miss them. The next best thing to hunting is our Turkey Shoot on Sunday November 29 starting at 10AM. It's a good time to come out and win that Turkey for you're Christmas Dinner. So come on out to the Park all you lovely People, and show us how good you're aim is.But whether you shoot or not, come for fun, laughter and good conversation. Now that I've mentioned Christmas, and it's just

around the corner, our Christmas Party/Awards Night is on Saturday December 12. The JR. Prize Fishing Trophys will be awarded to all our Winners. So, Please, Moms, Dads, Grandparents bring all our lovely young Members to receive their Prizes. And let's not forget OPA SANTA. Yes, He will be there too. At our Oct. Meeting, Joe Parzen has resigned as Vice Chairman due to the fact that he is down South a lot. Rick Grobauer is now our new Vice Chairman. Welcome Rick, and Joe, enjoy your new retirement. Brigitte, keep Joe on a tight leash in Florida. I did manage to attend our Club's "Stiftungsfest" and I must say it was a very pleasant evening. The Dinner was delicious and many People managed to come out including F & H Members. Many, many "Urkunden" were handed out, and oh my goodness, Oskar Bauerle, 55 years a Club Mem-Congratulations Last but not least, Sieglinde we miss you, We hope you're feeling better soon. And so I must make my exit, sure hope to see some of you at our Functions, enjoy the Fall colours and dig out you're Woolies, you'll need them soon. Happy November. Tschuess Maggie

Margitta Untch Auf Wiedersehn





Hey, we are hanging in there!! At our Oct. 7 meeting we were still 11 people, which included our President Annemarie Kiss. Sigrid Whelan was back. This Lady is amazing. After a Summer of radiation and surely lots of other tests, she shows up bright and sparkly. What's your secret? You could counsel others!! Unfortunately Annie Schaible and Elisabeth Kirchhoefel were missing. Annie and Kurt had contracted some sort of a stomach bug (on top of her injured knee), and Elisabeth has to look after hubby Hugo who fell and had some cuts on his head.

We then re-capped the Stiftungsfest. Personally I could not attend with Peter, because his brother from Germany was visiting other relatives east of Toronto and we stayed there Sunday and Monday. Some of the Auxiliary members are still not members of the Club and somehow do not feel that connected. That would account for a few missing Auxiliary members. But they do come out to Frauenverein functions which again assist the Club. Dorothea was there to get her 35 year Club Membership Certificate. Congratulations!! It riled me a bit that a member of the Club

reprimanded us that our donation cheque was not presented in an envelope. Gimme a break!! What's the saying: You don't look a gift horse in the mouth. From what I have seen from the Club reports, the Frauenverein's annual contribution is sizeable, compared to some of the other sub-groups. Sorry, that had to be said.

Sorry also, I did not mention the date of the Christmas Bazar in the October Germania Post Report. It is on November 15. Since I have to file the October Germania Post Report by September 10 I thought it would be under Veranstaltungen on the last page in October. Somehow that was missed, but WE have no control over that. So please keep the Bazar in mind. I had mentioned that the Choir already donated quite a few items left over from the picnic. We can always use more. Annemarie had many enquiries and is actually worried about overbooking the event. We circulated cake/cookie and helpers' lists. If you like to help in any way, please let us know. I can pick up donations for the Bazar (or also baked goods) if you cannot make it in.

Then I have to correct my October report: When Dorothea fell at the Park, it was her GRANDson Tyler who administered first aid to his Grandma, not the



son. My apologies – or rather she would not have me mention a grandson..

What's next? We'll try to get to the Choir's wine fest on Oct. 17, of course. (If anyone follows Annemarie on face book – we have to get her a really big wine glass!!)

Beginning of Nov = Schlachtfest on Nov. 7 and Memorial in the Park on Nov. 8. Sadly there will be a few additions for 2015.

After the official part we thoroughly enjoyed the delicious sandwiches and the 'Obst-Torte' that Helga Laqua had made and brought in to celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving. Many,

many thanks, Helga, Super Baker!!

November Birthdays:

Nov. 12 Elfriede Halbig

Nov. 12 Annemarie Kiss

Nov. 14 Dorothea Melms

Nov. 24 Elisabeth Kirchhoefel With the exception of Annemarie all others are 70 and plus!! Congratulations to all.

Hoping to see you at some of the functions.

Keep well!!

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary (905) 543-0810, e-mail seilesi@sympatico.ca







ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Birthdays

Agnes Link
Alex Ewinger
Anna Kergl
Annemarie Kiss
Blain Young
Debra Hough
Dorothea Melms
Herbert Herma
Horst Westedt
Kurt Wolfsgruber

Manfred Kastrau Michal Asulin Otto Kohlschmidt Owen Buchan Sigrid Bachmann Theresa Simpson Uwe Hillje Werner Weller Yuli Rotman

DONATIONS

Germania Club

Willy & Lore Schaefer - \$100 in memory of their son Paul Erwin Hiller - \$50 in memory of Alex Puerrer Rainer & Gabriele Frank - \$200 Paul Jaeckle - \$100 in memory of his wife Anita

Stiftungsfest Donations

Germania Choere Ladies Auxiliary Fisher & Hunters Campers Thomas & Helga Rausch

WHAT WENT WRONG?

This is the story of four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody asked Anybody. It ended up that the job wasn't done and Everybody blamed Everybody, when actually Nobody asked Anybody. Author Unknown



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Nov 7	5:00pm	SCHLACHTFEST
Nov 8	1:00pm	Germania Club Memorial in the Park
Nov 13	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Nov 15	11am-4pm	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar
Nov 19	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter members meeting
		(new date)
Nov 24	7:30pm	Members meeting
Nov 27	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Nov 29	10:00am	Fisher & Hunter Turkey Shoot
Nov 29	2:30pm	Film Afternoon "Mein Gott, Willi"

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Dec 2		Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party
Dec 6	200:pm	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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