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Germania Club Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, March 22, 2015
starting at 10:00am**

All members are encouraged to attend the annual general meeting. A hot lunch will be available during the break. (approx. Noon) (cancellation due to bad weather will be on the voicemail)

OBITUARY

The Board of Directors wish to extend their sincere condolences to Paul Jaeckle on the recent loss of his daughter Carmen Balinson.

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..



The President's Corner



Dear Members,
March is a very important month, it is the beginning of the new business year. March 22nd is the Jahreshauptversammlung und Wahl des neuen Vorstand! Years main meeting and election of the New Board.

We should look forward with hope and faith to the New Year. But let us look back for a moment, 2014 did not start out with a big bang, like we hoped. The food and the music New Year 14/15 were very good, but the beautifully decorated hall was almost empty. But we did not give up and kept on going.

The next functions like Ash Wednesday, Mother's Day, the Friday and Sunday dances, our Sunday Luncheons and film afternoons were all okay and some very well attended. And the work on our 150th Anniversary and the booklet went on. In between came It's Your Festival, the Picnic and the World Cup for Soccer and that meant lots of work but I am happy to say the reward

was great.

Germany won the World Cup and the club had to lock the doors because we had too many people in the hall. The Stiftungsfest Anniversary and our 150th Year Book were a success. The last New Years Eve Dance was a success, thanks to the DJ Stan Vandermolten who sold the most tickets. Thank you Stan! I also have to say that most of the functions are run by volunteers, but if we have big functions in the club and the work is too much for the volunteers Ray is right there and I cannot thank him enough for the good food and the beautiful presentation. And yes there were problems, but nothing in life or in a Club; runs smoothly and the Executive Board tried very hard to overcome or fix the small and big problems to the best of our ability. I hope the New Year will be great. I thank all the volunteers and the supporters for their work. And to the nay say please be kind and ask yourself what can I do for the Club? If we don't stick and work together we will not last for the next 150 years.

Thank you and I hope I see you on March 22nd at 10:00 am.

Rosi Kramolowsky
President





Choral Notes

We start with sad news once again. Our sincerest condolences go out to Paul Jaeckle and his family, whose daughter Carmen passed away on January 30th, 2015.

The Choirs returned from Christmas break on January 8th, and are preparing for "All Choirs' Night" on Saturday, March 21st. So far, six choirs have committed to participating in this -always exhilarating- spring event. Linus is challenging us once again, to rise above the limitations of our aging choirs with selections from Franz Lehar's, "The Merry Widow", "Jacob's ladder", "Mexico" and many more.

The "Prärie Sängerbund" has extended an invitation to the Germania Choirs, to participate in the Sängerbund in Edmonton, Alberta on the Victoria Day long weekend. Toronto's Harfentöne and Lyra of London, Ontario have also expressed an interest in participating. More details will be available in the April

edition of the Choral notes. On the evening of March 12th, elections for the Board of the Choirs are scheduled to take place.

Birthday wishes go out to: Erika Eigen (Mar. 15), Gisela Harwood (Mar. 16), Netty DeWit (Mar. 18), Inge Leitner (Mar. 25), and Yours truly (Mar. 5).

A quote for reflection: "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." (Plato)

Waltraud Schork



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Germania Choirs
Annual

All Choirs Night

**Saturday
March 21**

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**Food available
5:00pm**

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Begins 7:00pm**

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The Camper's & Park Report



Who would have thought that, in the middle of winter, ever, anything exciting would happen in that sleepy little hollow at the end of Trinity Church Road, near our Park Meister's residence.

Friday, Jan. 22nd was a beautiful day, sunny, mild for the middle of January, with but the slightest breeze. A perfect day for me to take a drive down to our Park and have a visit with that family of mice that finds our trailer so irresistibly attractive. Trying to park near the gate, Kevin came out and waved me in to park on his lot. After our initial banter, I asked him if he had anything new to share about the Park or us campers. Not directly, but he did have a story to tell.

About a week earlier, that would be around the 15th, at about 2 o'clock in the morning, he awoke to someone frantically banging on his door. A young man, lightly dressed and freezing, asked to use his phone. He explained that he had a fight with his buddy

who consequently kicked him out of his car and left him stranded nearby. He needed to call his mother to get a ride home. While this chap is phoning his mom, Kevin noticed suddenly his end of the street lighting up like a Christmas tree (I'm quoting Kevin here). Figuring something was amiss, he asked the lad again what had really happened. The truth be known, he fessed up that he was fleeing from police. He had disobeyed several orders to pull over, damaged several cars in the process and raced down Trinity Church Road, not realizing it was a dead end. Unable to stop, he plowed through the steel barricade, brought down the frost fence behind and sailed over a bunch of boulders onto the frozen lake. Luckily for him the ice held and he was able to walk away to Kevin's house. Needless to say, his mother never did get to take him home that night. He got a free ride in the back of a cruiser with cuffs no doubt. So anyone driving out to the Park: If you like to see the damage to the fence and barricade, it's on the left side of the little turnaround at the lake.

I did do my walkabout in the campground that day and had a good look around past everyone's campsite to find nothing amiss.

In other news:

Frank and Liz have come home from their winter retreat for awhile. Liz's Mom passed away on February 4th in her 100th year. Our heartfelt condolences go out

to Liz and Frank Poyton, all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In closing, please be reminded that the Club fees are overdo (January 31st) and the camping fees are due before March 1st.

Your Happy Camper,
Egon Roesslein.



**FRIDAY
NIGHT
DANCE**

at the
GERMANIA CLUB HAMILTON
863 King St. East
905-549-0513
Dancing with
DJ STAN VANDERMOLEN,
March 13, March 27, 8pm
Admission \$10

Everyone is Welcome!





Mother Nature was good to us this year, meaning the majority of our members were able to attend our Christmas Party, and we were very happy to welcome seven guests from Ohio. Our group of 25 came together for lunch followed by two rounds of Skat. Roger Beckermann from Ohio was the winner of our small tournament, it's always nice when our guests from afar walk away with gas money !

Our Christmas party is also our declaration of the year's results and prizes were handed out to ever member who played at least 8 times during the year. Our champion for the second year in a row is Horst Kreitzer, second place went to Henry Schultz, and third place to Tony Grecn. Congratulations to all.

Just a little reminder that everyone is welcome to join us on a Saturday afternoon at 12:30 PM, we have moved the game to the restaurant which makes it easier for all of us to manage the stairs. Until next time, Gut Blatt Heidi



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Germania Club
Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday. April 4, 2015 at 12:00 Noon

Enjoy refreshments, lunch and an egg-cellent afternoon!
Germania Club Park on Lake Niapenko, Binbrook
Please register by April 1st, 2015

Cost: \$5.00 per child (includes hotdog and a drink)
To be paid at entrance

For info call the club at 905-549-0513 & leave a message for Susan Butz.
Leave the form in the club office or email to:
germaniaclub@bellnet.ca



Directions to Germania Park:
Exit Lincoln Alexander Parkway at Dartnall
Turn left at 2nd lights - Rymal Road East
Turn right after approx. 1.2 km on
Trinity Church Road
Follow to end (approx 8.5 km) and turn right
into Germania Park

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Registration form for the Easter Egg Hunt

Parent Name _____ Phone _____

Name of Child (ren) _____ Age _____ Sex _____





Remember last year?





Aus unserem Frauenverein

BRRRR – it's cold outside! Even our stupid neighbourhood Hobo cat, who usually only shows up to mooch a meal, stayed inside nearly the whole night, but wanted OUT at 6.00 a.m.. Our own cats stretch out on the floor, right in front of the heating registers, hogging the warm air. And we wonder why the furnace is going but the room is still cool.

February was quiet; we get into gear again in March with our first meeting on Wednesday, March 4 and the 107th Stiftungsfest following on Sunday, March 15. Looking at last year's report, Ash Wednesday was on March 5; this year it is already on February 18th. Easter is on April 5, so there might still be snow in the Park for the Easter Egg Hunt. Then again, if Wiar-ton Willy on February 1 really forecast 6 weeks of Winter (the opinions differ) Winter should be finished by March 15, since March 20 is the first day of Spring and we change the clock already at the beginning of March.

If you do not get the Germania Post, check with the Club, or an Auxiliary Member who is a member of the Club. There are interesting things going on, like the Herrings-Essen on February 18, the Lunches, often with a good old German movie following (remember Heinz Ruehmann?/). And that is during the daytime!! I bring this up, because at a meeting of another subgroup we were reminded that EVERYONE should support other functions of the Club. If there is no Club, we lose our purpose as well! For some alpha male reasons in the early years, Ladies of the Auxiliary were not allowed/required to be members of the Club. Now we have 2015; the current President of the Club is a woman!! So, please find out what's going on and do try to come out!!

Birthdays in March; None
Let's hope for an early Spring and warmer weather. Plant your garden mentally or get a few spring flowers for your apartment.

Till next month with more news in April!

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary
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Sunday Lunch

Sunday, March 29, 2015
Open from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Come and enjoy a choice Stuffed Meatloaf or
Schnitzel Dinner

\$15.95 plus tax per person.
Children ages 5- 12 years 1/2 price

FILM AFTERNOON



Es spielt **“Der Gauner und der liebe Gott ”**
mit Gerd Froebe

>> *Film starts at 2:15pm* <<

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.



March Birthdays

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Werner Anders
Gabriela Apostol
George Apostol
James H. Bandow
Jane Dewit
Erika Eigen
Andrea Erickson
Sonja Franck
Gisela Harwood
Jean (Jeannie) Hope
Petra Hunke-Peitchinis
Paul Jaeckle
Hans Knoedler

John Kohl
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- Mar 13 8:00pm Friday Night Dance
Mar 15 2:00pm Ladies Auxiliary 107th Anniversary
Mar 18 8:00pm Fisher & Hunter members meeting
Mar 21 7:00pm All Choirs Night – food available 5:00pm
Mar 22 10:00am Germania Club Annual General Meeting
Mar 27 8:00pm Friday Night Dance
Mar 29 12-2:00pm Sunday Lunch – Stuffed Meatloaf
Mar 29 2:30pm Film Afternoon - “Der Gauner und der liebe Gott”

VORSCHAU

- Apr 4 12:00pm Ester Egg Hunt – Germania Park
Apr 10 8:00pm Friday Night Dance
Apr 15 8:00pm Fisher & Hunter members meeting
Apr 24 8:00pm Friday Night Dance
Apr 25 8:00am Choir garage sale
Apr 28 7:30pm Members Meeting
May 3 11:00am Fisher & Hunter MAIFEST



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