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Germania Post



Sunday Lunch

Sunday, March 27, 2016
Open from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Come and enjoy your choice of soup
followed by Fish Dinner - Fillet
or Schnitzel Dinner with homefries
and red beet salad

\$15.95 plus tax per person.
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FILMNACHMITTAG

Es spielt **“Via Mala”**

Heimatdrama von 1961. Im schweizerischen Hochgebirge unweit der Via Mala Schlucht terrorisiert Sägewerkbesitzer Lauretze seine Familie. Nach

einem Roman von John Knittel .

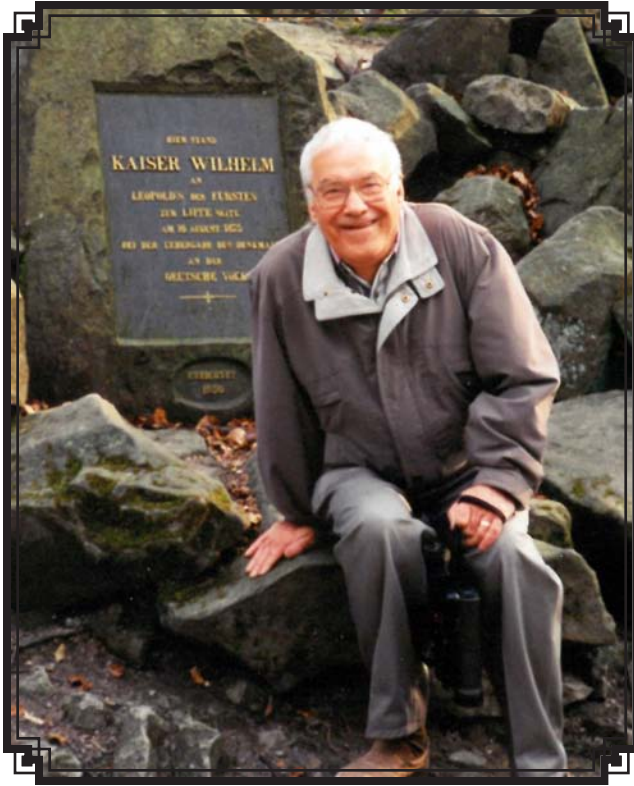
Vorfilm - **“Wildes Deutschland -
Berchtesgadener Alpen.”**

>> **Film starts at 2:30pm** <<

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.



Obituary



Harold Simon
July 21, 1930 – January 11, 2016

It saddens us to announce the sudden passing of Harold Simon in his 86th year. Harold was a 25 year member of the Germania Club and of the bass section of the Germania Choirs. He was a member of First Pilgrim United (Deutsch-Evangelische Pilgrim Kirche), where he was instrumental in having the Choirs perform their annual Christmas concert. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Hannelore, and sons David and John.



The President's Corner



Dear Members,
The Year 2015 has come and gone, and 2016 is in full swing. The festivities and celebrations are over, but the challenges lie before us. We are now faced with living up to all the New Year's resolutions we have made.

The Board of Directors and myself are convinced, that one of the resolutions that all members of the Germania Club have made for 2016, will not be broken, and that is, to continue to support your Germania Club.

I am happy to report that our last function of the year, our New Year's Dinner Dance was a great success. We sold 125 tickets, and everyone had a great time. The most gratifying part of this night was raising a champagne toast, welcoming in the New Year. At midnight I went from table to table, wishing everyone a happy New Year, and in return, received only positive

comments and compliments. Compliments to the Chef Ray, the staff, and all the volunteers for a job very well done. A special thank you to Lori for her hard work in organizing the event, and to Pat and Stan the DJ for the entertainment, that was also well received.

It was also a great pleasure for me to be able to say happy New Year to a small number of club members in person, and I would like to thank them for celebrating the New Year at the Germania Club.

We started the Year 2016 with another good Friday Night Dance. 98 dancers took part and enjoyed the evening. It was unfortunate and disappointing that once again the volunteers outnumbered the club members in attendance. Even more disappointing is the fact, that at the end of the year we still had 250 plus Germania Club members, with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, yet only 15 of those children were registered for the Germania Club Children Christmas Party. I believe that this fact is a very clear indicator that 2016 will be the defining year for the Germania Club. It will deter-



mine the future of the Club, and demonstrate the importance of membership involvement. More membership involvement in Club functions will obviously improve the Club's bottom line. However, more importantly, it will really provide a lot of encouragement to our volunteers, who are spending countless hours of their time, planning and hosting Club events and activities.

For the Board of Directors the year began with a full day Board meeting, where we dealt with current and outstanding issues. One of the issues on the agenda was the upcoming Volunteers Recognition Dinner on January 31, 2016. The Board of Directors is looking forward to recognizing our volunteers for their efforts on behalf of the Club and its' members. An invitation will be sent to those volunteers who have spent a significant amount of hours in 2015 volunteering, and are always ready to support the Club.

In closing, I would like to assure you, that the Board of Directors is committed to fulfill its' mandate and to con-

tinue promoting all our functions in a positive way. There are many important issues for the Board to deal with in 2016. I believe getting the Planning Committee started has to be high on our list of priorities. The most important mandate for that Committee, has to be communicating with our members and the German community in Hamilton directly, to find the answer to the question, whether or not there is still a commitment among Club members and the German community to support and promote German culture here in Hamilton.

Best wishes
Ulrich Venohr,
President.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting will be on April 3rd 2016. The meeting is open to all members in good standing. If you remember last year we were not able to fill all of the board of director positions, this is putting an enormous strain on those who stepped forward last year, and are filling in the gaps. Luckily members jump in and volunteer to help. The open positions are: 2nd Secretary, 1st and 2nd Social director (don't forget the Germania Club is a social club!), Business director, and Public Relations Director.

Please think about what YOU could do as a member of the club, the board does need some help and support. Maybe you could step forward to become a board member, this is your opportunity. Maybe you know someone who you think would be perfect for a position, talk to them and ask them to step forward for a board position.



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Thank you Stan & Pat



HAPPY HELPERS - NEW YEARS 2015/16



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Biography: Edi Keller.

In Oct. 1953, Edi emigrated, with his parents, from Linz Austria, to Canada. They moved to Winnipeg to live with relatives, who had immigrated to Canada in the 1920s. Edi's father found the climate there too harsh, and compared it to the winters during his 8-year long service and then imprisonment in Russia, during the war. Eventually, the family moved to Hamilton, where the father found work as a sheet metal worker. It was during this time, that Edi finished his education and became a hair stylist.



In 1961, Edi met his wife Judi, at his parents' house. They were married one year later. In 1963 he opened his own hair salon, "Burlington Coiffure". The same year the family was blessed with the arrival of their son Michael.

Unfortunately after 10 years as a hair stylist, Edi's health required a change of profession. Consequently, He became an operator with the Hamilton Street Railway, where he remained for 31 years, until his retirement at the age of 57. Edi has been coming to the Germania Club, first as a teenager with his parents, and in 1965 he became a member. Edi and Judi have spent many years volunteering for various Germania Club groups and committees. Their son Michael also used his artistic drafting skills to design dice and posters for casino night. After a period of absence, Michael again joined the Germania Club.

Edi is an honorary member of the Germania Club and is considered one of the founders of the Campers Group. With the help of his friends, Heinz Deipenau and Frank Berndt, he mapped the camping sites, and assisted in transforming the Germania Park into a campground that is still viable today. We are happy that Edi is with us tonight, with his Judi by his side, celebrating 50 years as a member of the Germania Club.



Fischer & Jäger

Moin, Fisher & Hunter Members and Friends

As the old year ends and a new year has begun we reflect on all the wonderful memories made with so many of our friends and family. Our Club and the Fisher & Hunter members comprise a large part of that.

Our last function in 2015 was our Christmas Party on Dec. 12th. We had a fantastic turnout with many young members. We actually had many “three Generations” present. That tells us there’s still hope for the Fisher and Hunters and the Club. Many THANKS to all you lovely young People for coming and supporting us. We hope you have as much fun as we do seeing you. And congratulations to all those receiving your Trophies and Recognitions. We hope to see much more of you. Bob, you missed a nice evening but we thought of you. The hall looked very Christmasy. Thank you Tyler for helping me decorate, you do have a

flair for decorating. I think we did a pretty good job. Thanks to anyone else that lend us a hand. The Dinner was absolutely delicious and enjoyed by all. Thank you Chef for a wonderful meal. And we must not forget to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy (?) schedule to honour us with his presence. It was a lovely Christmas Party.

To all our Members who are celebrating a special Event this month such as Birthday, Anniversary etc. Best Wishes to you and many Healthy more. Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday Feb. 7th 2016. As Sieglinde said in her report, if I forgot/forget anything or if you want me to mention anything in the future, please let me know.

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Vorschau auf kommende FILM NACHMITTAGE

Sonntag 27.März - "Via Mala"

Heimatdrama von 1961. Im schweizerischen Hochgebirge unweit der Via Mala Schlucht terrorisiert Sägewerkbesitzer Lauretze seine Familie. Nach einem Roman von John Knittel. Mit Gerd Fröbe.

Vorfilm - "Wildes Deutschland - Berchtesgadener Alpen"

Sonntag 24.April - "Die Herren mit der weissen Weste"

Heitere Gaunerkomödie aus dem Jahr 1970. Die Handlung spielt in West-Berlin. Mit Mario Adorf, Rudolf Platte und Walter Giller.

Vorfilm - "Passport to Europe - Berlin und München"

Dieser Film ist in englischer Sprache.

Sonntag 29 Mai - "Kohlhiesels Töchter"

Filmkomödie aus dem Jahr 1962. Liselotte Pulver in einer Doppelrolle

Vorfilm - "Die ganze Welt ist himmelblau" - Operetten Gala

From June 10th to July 10th we are showing all the games with Germany during the European Football championship and then start again to show movies by the end of September.



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Biography: Erwin Hiller:



We are celebrating today Erwin Hiller's 50th anniversary as a member of the Germania Club. Erwin has been awarded a lifelong membership with the Germania Club, and I am certain that he is known to many of you who make up the old guard.

Erwin was born October 8, 1928 in Heildelshelm in Baden Württemberg. He landed in Winnipeg on June 27th, 1951. He had studied forestry, but now in a new country, he pursued a career as a licensed mechanic and millwright. He met his wife Hertha in Winnipeg, and was married on June 27th, 1953. Erwin and Hertha have a son and a daughter.

Erwin had a very colourful working career. He was employed in a gold mine in Manitoba, and in 1957, moved to Ontario, to a job in a uranium mine in Elliot Lake. In 1963, he accepted a position with Stelco in Hamilton, and worked there for 11½ years. He was foreman with a construction firm, but spent his last 15 years as a millwright, working for St. Joseph's Hospital. He retired in 1989, at the age of 61.

Erwin joined the Germania Club in 1965, and became involved in Club activities. In the early seventies, Erwin was Manager of the Germania Club for about 2 years, and was also involved with Narrhalla.

We are happy to have Erwin here with us today to celebrate his milestone anniversary with the Germania Club. Congratulations. Erwin, and please express our best wishes to your wife Hertha as well.



Choral Notes

Another year has past and the Choir is still going strong. We saw that at our Christmas Concert on December 6th the church was full and we thank everyone who came. Also, thank you to our soloists and Linus our Director and Clement on the piano. All together it was a good concert, and the ladies worked hard to make coffee and all the extras. We enjoyed a lovely turkey dinner afterwards in the club hall.

Friday before the concert we were invited to sing at the Christkindlmarkt in Kitchener, and we had some time to shop of course. The yellow bus took us there and brought us home too. On Friday, December 11th we took the bus again, and this time to the Sonnenhof in Brantford where we celebrated Christmas with their members.

And on December 19th we had our Christmas Party and

as I write this we have not seen any snow yet, hopefully this is going to be a short winter.

January is a quiet month for the Choir, and a good time to join our group. We welcome new members with open arms.

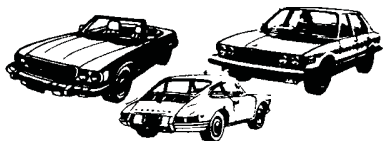
I also would like to mention the monthly Sunday Luncheon and movie on January 24th. Volunteers put a lot of effort into this, but we need your support. This month's menu is Sauerbraten or Schnitzel served from noon until 2 pm. I hope you all have a Happy and Healthy 2016.

Birthdays this month are: Ingrid Oppermann, Willy Schaefer, Susan Butz, David Simon and Christel Strassguertl. We wish you all a very Happy Birthday and may you keep singing for many more years.

Greetings,
Jeanet Schaefer



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SKAT REPORT



Greetings from the Germania Club Skat Group: As always, our year end brings our Christmas Party, which includes lunch for our members and guests, along with the announcement of our year end standings, and of course two rounds of Skat. We were pleased to welcome 24 members and guests, among which was a dedicated group from Cleveland that makes the journey every year, this year as luck would have it the sun was shining which made travel easy. Welcome also to the Hansa Haus Members who ventured out on this Saturday Afternoon. Special mention is made that we greeted the President of ISPA USA, Bill Thompson, which is an honour indeed. A big thank you to Richard Lutz who helped to make our luncheon a delicious one, and to Lori and Richard Kramolowsky who always have a smile when serving, not only at Christmas but all year long. The

members were also happy to have good wishes passed on from our Club President, Ulli Venohr. Our Club Champion, for the fifth year running is Horst Kreitzer, 2nd Place went to Henry Schultz, and 3rd place to Brigitte Soworka. Congratulations to our top players who received a trophy and a prize, and to all of our members who venture out on Saturday Afternoon to join us, everyone was rewarded a prize based on their standing provided there was attendance of 8 games.

Our happy group played two rounds of skat, and as always we are very generous to our guests when it comes to dealing cards, so father and son from Cleveland, took 1st and 2nd place, and our Henry came in third, results as follows:

Kevin Thompson – 3207 pts
Bill Thompson – 2477 pts
Henry Schultz – 2471 pts.



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Feb 7	10:00am	Fisher & Hunter Annual Meeting
Feb 10	5:30pm	Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner
Feb 12	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Feb 23	7:30pm	Member's Meeting
Feb 26	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Feb 28	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch – Königberger Klopse
Feb 28	2:30pm	Film – Der Hauptmann von Köpenick

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Mar 11	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Mar 13	2:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary 10th Anniversary
Mar 17	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter members meeting
Mar 22	7:30pm	Members meeting
Mar 26	12:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 27	2:30pm	Film "Via Mala"
April 3	10am	Germania Club

Annual General Meeting

Germania Choirs rehearsal Thursday at 7:30pm

Skat Saturday in the Rathskellar starting at 12:30pm



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