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Sunday Lunch

Sunday, March 20, 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.
Children ages 5- 12 years 1/2 price

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Es spielt **“Via Mala”**

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

einem Roman von John Knittel .

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



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

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.

Biography: Heinz Punko.

Heinz was born in Bremen on June 16, 1928. When he was 23, he made the decision to come to Canada, to establish a new life for himself and his bride to be Anita. He made the transatlantic journey on the boat, “Anna Salin”, in 1951. Two years later Anita joined him, and they were married at St. John’s Lutheran Church. They have two children, Jürgen and Bev.

As a very young man, Heinz worked as a welder. In Canada he filled a number of different positions. He was employed with Canadian Cotton Mills for a number of years, but settled into a job at Bathurst Consolidated, where he worked for 35 years until the Company closed. For an additional 12 years, until his retirement, he was with Howell Packaging.

In 1965 he became a member of the Germania Club. Heinz had a passion for soccer, and played for 6 years in the Germania Club Soccer League until it disbanded 6 years later, as team members were getting older. Heinz was not ready to quit yet and played for another 6 years with the British Imperial Club.

His involvement with the Germania Club, did however not end there. While working his day job, he worked as the Head Waiter at the Club. He held this position for 11 years. His responsibilities included scheduling dances, weddings, special events, the wait staff, and more. Heinz resigned from his position in 1971, but he is still a member of the Germania Club today. Heinz is not with us today to celebrate his 50th anniversary, but we remember him, nevertheless, and want him to know that his contribution to the Club is appreciated.



The President's Corner



Dear Members,
It feels as if it was only yesterday that we stopped to wish each other a Happy New Year, and now it is already time to prepare the report for the March issue of the Germania Post. Where has the time gone? When I came to the Club, at the beginning of the year, during the winter months, I noticed a different atmosphere, different activities around the Club. Members are coming into the office to pay their membership fees, making sure they continue to be an active member of the Germania Club, or someone drops by to apply for a new membership. Annual invoices are being sent out, the yearly Club calendar is being prepared, and the planning of our yearly Club functions begins. I am sure the Board of Directors will face another year of many challenges.

It was a pleasure and an honour for the Board of Directors first official function in 2016,

to prepare and host the Volunteers Recognition Dinner. We recognize that all volunteers and their time spent in supporting their club is of utmost importance. In fact, it was their help and support that allowed all of us to celebrate our 150th birthday. I believe that volunteering is also part of the commitment we make, when becoming a member of the Germania Club. In my speech to the volunteers at the dinner, I pointed out that the Board had selected this group of volunteers, because in many ways they have gone beyond volunteering for Club functions such as Its Your Festival, Club picnic, Oktoberfest and other functions. Many of their countless hours of volunteering in 2015 happened behind the scenes. These volunteers look after the park property, cut grass, trim trees and provide maintenance at no cost to the Club. These volunteers also do maintenance in our clubhouse whenever needed. Our old Club sign in front of the Germania Club needs to be changed after each function, such as the Friday night dances, the Sunday luncheon and movie afternoons and others. Volunteers provide



computer technical support, printing and placing leaflets in newspapers to promote club functions. They prepare for the Easter egg hunt and Children's Christmas party. The bookkeeper for the Club, the Club Committee Members and the Board of Directors are all part of this group. Thus it was my privilege and pleasure to convey a heartfelt thank you, on behalf of the Germania Club membership, to all of you. The future of the

Germania Club will depend on the continued support from our membership and working together for good of the Germania Club. In closing, I have asked Waltraud to write about the dinner in greater detail and maybe provide some pictures, because it was absolutely amazing to see so many Club members celebrating together.

Until next time

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.



Fischer & Jäger

Moin, Fisher & Hunter Members & Friends,
I can not believe that by the time you read this report, Daylight Savings Time has begun and that means Spring is not too far away. What a strange Winter, one day plus 15 degr. and the next minus 15 or colder, followed by Palm Sunday, the 1st day of SPRING on March 20th. Let's not forget the Easter Egg Hunt followed by Easter Sunday. And oh yes, we must not forget those that have a bit of Irish mixed in with their German blood, so wear a bit of green on the 17th. Or you can drink a bit of Green. What a month to look forward to. Nothing to report business wise. Our next Meeting will be Thurs. March 17th -8PM and I/We would like to stress that ALL Fisher & Hunter Members attend. So, PLEASE, PLEASE show up. And last but not least Happy Birthday to all those Lovely People celebrating and yes, that includes Gary

Albrecht, Happy Birthday. In closing I wish everyone Good Health and laugh a lot, even if it's at yourself. It does wonders.

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GERMANIA CLUB SPRING CLEANING

Calling all volunteers!!!

This special notice means to say,
It is once again SPRING CLEANING DAY.

So don't be shy and come on down,
Don't sit at home, and mope, and frown.

Come down to the Germania Club,
We arm you with a pail and mop.

We'll laugh a little, spend some time,
Perhaps we'll share a glass of wine.

So come on down!

**When Monday, March 7,
2016 starting at 10:00am.**



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 12:00 Noon

Enjoy refreshments, lunch and an egg-cellent afternoon!
Germania Club Park on Lake Niapenko, Binbrook
Please register by March 22nd, 2016

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 _____





Aus unserem Frauenverein

I am sooo sorry, there was no Frauenverein article in February. Before Christmas already I was sick, pretty well till now. Food – yechch. Nothing stays down and because you don't feel like eating, you don't want to shop or cook either. Sound familiar? But I was not the only one from what I learned in talking to people. Maybe it was the nice weather in early December and then suddenly 'Pow' Winter is coming after all. Fooled ya!! Then my computer got sick, too. Something, somebody snuck in and messed it up. Malware – you cannot be careful enough. You think, innocently, you would like to get a few free samples from somewhere.. wrong!! I needed a new hard drive and the computer company could not tell me what was still on or off, since I only use it 'recreational' and hardly ever back something up.... Hey, I managed to re-install Windows 7 by myself so I could write this report. Good thing I kept the disc for 7 years!! In addition, I did not get the January Germania Post – and it was

gone from the computer, too, having been written in early December – someone along Tuxedo Ave is enjoying Germania Club news.

Maybe we better start with the Birthdays I missed to publish: My apologies to Brigitte Parzen Jan. 7

Sigi Seiler Feb. 1

Rita Jansen Feb 15 -81

Gerda Frank Feb 22 -93

Helga Laqua Feb 26 -82

There are none in March.

Otherwise, the Frauenverein is hibernating in Canada, or snowbirding in the south. Although with about 30 % exchange it's no bargain either! We start again with our meeting on March 2, though, followed by our Stiftungsfest on Sunday, March 13, at 2.00 p.m. When is lunch?? And I have to check our membership list to see who gets a certificate, etc. We have a few weeks to think about what we will do this year. Fundraising, getting more members, etc. Germany is very much in the news these days – mostly good – and I think young people would be interested to participate. We just have to be able to target the right groups. First Pilgrim United for instance has been able to



get KPMG (a pretty big, world wide accounting firm) to send 3 or 4 volunteers every Tuesday at noon to serve the meal that we prepare to the needy people – and judging by the laughter in the Hall, all are having a good time. The guests are thrilled to be served by these ladies, and the volunteers get a close up of the needy people and realize not all of them are ‘bums’; Life is tough some times.

Talking about this program, and not having had the January Post—I had asked that a thank you note be included

to the Choir for their support of CAT (Community at the Table). Not only did the Choir collect clothes for the needy, after their concert they also donated oodles of groceries and a very generous cash donation to this program. Thank you, thank you!!

(If you have anything spare around the house, give me a call – I pick it up!!)

Till next month!

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Letter to the Editor

I am a proud member of the Germania Club!

Who enjoys the songs of the Germania Choere

(I am a supporting member);

Who enjoys the natural beauty of the Germania Park and Campground

(I am a Camper);

Who enjoys the quiet peace of Lake Dalrymple and fishing at the Fisher & Hunters Cottage (I am a Honourary Member);

Who enjoys the get togethers of the Ladies Auxiliary (I am a Member);

Who enjoyed the fun and frolics of the Mardi Gras Society (ex-Member).

But first and most of all I am a member of the Germania Club and my loyalty and support belongs to the Germania Club.

And I hope that when you sign the Germania Club Application that you think of the real reason? Only a real member can keep the Germania Club and its Heritage going. No matter what interests you have the first should always be the Germania Club.

A Loyal Member

Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Germania Club

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not" – Dr. Seuss.



On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31st close to 40 people gathered in the Germania Club Banquet Hall for the 2015 Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Those assembled were honoured for giving many hours of their own time, and lending their talents in 2015 to allow the Germania Club to continue offering German cultural events and activities to both our membership and the Hamilton community.



After the President, Ulrich Venohr welcomed the guests on behalf of the Germania Club Board of Directors, the volunteers sat down to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner prepared by Chef Ray Osborne.



In his speech, the President thanked the volunteers for their efforts and emphasized the great importance of volunteering for the continued welfare of the Club. He pointed out that many members are not aware how much volunteer effort is required behind the scenes to keep the buildings in a reasonable state of repair, and staff the events that pay the bills. The behind-the-scene volunteer efforts may not be as visible as big events such as Oktoberfest and "It's Your Festival", but are of vital importance nevertheless. The Club absolutely relies on its complement of faithful, dependable, dedicated and hard-working volunteers. The President re-iterated throughout the duration of the event how pleased he was to see such a large number of members gathered together, enjoying a good meal and interacting with each

other. He asked those assembled to make a greater effort to attend Club functions and events. All were encouraged to stay after dinner to mingle. This they did with great enthusiasm.



Vice-President Rosi Kramolowsky rose as well to express her gratitude to the volunteers, as did several of the volunteers to express the importance of volunteering personally to them, and also the importance of contributing their share in continuing the cultural traditions that have allowed the Germania Club to endure for 152 years.



"I can no other answer make, but, thanks and thanks"—Shakespeare.

A big thank you goes out to Evelyn Crawford for the great photographs.

Waltraud Schork, Secretary,

Germania Club Board of Directors

Germania Choirs
Annual

All Choirs Night

**Saturday
April 2**

**Doors open
4:30pm**

**Food available
5:00pm**

**PROGRAM
Begins 7:00pm**

6 Local choirs

Hamilton Male Police Chorus,
Kaleidoscope Singers, Duet Club
Chorus, Classic Blend Barbershop
Chorus, North Hamilton Community
Health Centre COPD Chorus,
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The Camper's & Park Report



Yes, the snow will melt, it will get warmer and our campground will be green again. The opening of the camping season is, as you are reading this, only two months away. So let's buck up, fellow campers, the best is yet to come.

Our Spring Camper meeting will be on Sunday, the 22nd of May, at 1:00 pm, in the Pavilion. For those who are not happy the way things were run, this will be your chance to throw out the old and bring in the new. It's called elections. The positions are: Camper's Chair Person, Vice Chair Person, Treasurer, Social Committee (two or more) and Secretary. And just in case you feel your creative juices flowing and your pen is afire, a new scribe to write this monthly article would also be welcome. At this meeting, Harry our treasurer, will collect the \$ 7.00 (per campsite) social fund fee.

There have been a few minor changes in our "Rules and Regulations." So, at the beginning of the new season, when you have a minute, please familiarize yourself with those changes. This up-

dated version will be posted in the Pavilion and near the camper's washroom in the Hunter and Fischer's hut. If you have questions regarding this, the meeting will be the place to ask. We will also be presented by Kevin, at the start of the season, with a "Camper's Application and Agreement." You will be asked to fill out and sign this agreement after you have read the rules.

At the beginning of February, while the weather was unusually warm, Joan and I took a drive out to the Park to check on our trailer. We also took a walk-about to look at most of the other sites. Happily, nothing unusual to report. Kevin, who followed us with his newly acquired ATV, informed us that he regularly patrols the park and campground. That is great to know and should put our mind at ease. Thank you, Kevin.

There will be a spring clean-up day where we will ask for volunteers to come out and help us clean up the park and its campground: date and details are to be announced. A campground site inspection will also be done toward the end of the month.

As I said in the beginning: "Only two more months!"

Your Happy Camper,
Egon Roesslein.



Choral Notes

The beginning of the year is usually very quiet for our choir. However, this year started on a sad note. On Jan.11 our long time bass Harold Simon passed away suddenly. It was a shock for all of us. He had not been singing for a while, but was still a member of the choir. Together with his wife Hannelore and son David he had attended our Christmas party.

A memorial service was held at First Pilgrim United Church, where we sang a last farewell for him. Our sincere condolences go to Hannelore and David and his brother John.

We are now practising for our All Choirs' Night to be held on Saturday evening the second of April. Admission is free. Donations are however accepted and will go to the Alzheimer Society in Brantford.

Netty de Wit our Secretary has invited many choirs for this evening of song and 5 of those have accepted. These are: The Hamilton Male Police Chorus; the Kaleidoscope Singers; the Duet Club Chorus; the Classic Blend Barbershop Chorus; the North Hamilton Community Health Centre COPD Choir; and the Germania Choir, of course.

In the afternoon of April 2nd there will be a meeting of the D.K.S.B (German-Canadian Choir Association) in the hall. On April 9th we are invited to go to Kitchener at the invitation of the Transylvania Choir.

Let's not forget our choir members' birthdays: Waltraud Schork, Erika Eigen, Gisela Harwood, Netty de Wit, and Inge Leitner. We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Birthday and keep on singing.

Greetings
Jeanet Schaefer





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March Birthdays



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 Egon Ueberholz
 Erika Eigen
 Gabriela Apostol
 George Apostol
 Gerry Schuster
 Gisela Harwood
 Hans Knoedler
 Inge Leitner
 James H. Bandow

Jane Dewit
 Jean (Jeannie) Hope
 John Kohl
 Karl-Heinz Gross
 Michael Press
 Mike Price
 Petra Hunke-Peitchinis
 Stefan Muensterteicher
 Waltraud Schork
 Werner Anders

DONATIONS

Germania Club

The following people made donations to the Germania Club in memory of Harold Simon. Franz & Hildegard Bittner, Evelyn Crawford & Alfred Weinstock, Waltraud Schork, Hans & Erika Renz, Ewald Zielke, Manfred & Ilse Kastrau, Willy & Lore Schaefer, Karl & Lore Uschold, Dieter & Claudia Eckert, Anneliese Walthers, Arnold & Jeanet Schaefer, Armin & Erika Eigen, Richard & Walter Wellenreiter.

A total donation of \$880 was made to the Germania Club.

Gunter Weiss - \$45

John R. Fischl - \$100 in memory of August & Theresa Fischl

Anna Atkinson – \$100 in memory of husband Ernie

Sunday Luncheon

Date changed from March 27th to March 20th

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Mar 7	10:00am	Spring Cleaning
Mar 11	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Mar 13	2:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary 10th Anniversary
Mar 17	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter members meeting
Mar 20	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Mar 20	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag "Via Mala"
Mar 22	7:00pm	Annual Budget meeting
Mar 22		Members meeting (following budget meeting)
Mar 26	12:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 26	8:00pm	Saturday Dance

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

April 2	7pm	Germania Choirs 'All Choirs Night'
April 3	10am	Germania Club Annual General Meeting
April 8	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
April 16	8:00pm	Saturday Dance
April 21	8:00pm	Fisher and Hunter member's meeting
April 22	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
April 24	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
April 24	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag "Die Herren mit der weissen Weste"
April 26	7:30pm	Membership meeting
April 30	8:00am	Choir Spring Garage Sale
April 30		Spring Dinner/Dance



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