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Germania Post



New Years Eve at Germania Club of Hamilton for club members and friends

Delicious Dinner with dessert, Party favours

Midnight toasting Champagne

Music for Dancing and good company

Sunday, December 31st, 2017

Doors open 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m

Tickets: \$45.00 members \$50.00 guests tax included

Reserved tickets only by calling 905-549-0513 or visiting
the club office. No tickets available at the door.

Tickets must be picked up by December 27.



Germania Club of Hamilton, 863 King Street East
Hamilton, ON 905-549-0513 www.germaniaclub.ca

OBITUARY

John Kohl

March 7, 1929 – October 30, 2017

John was a member of the
Germania Club for 48 years.

We extend our sincere
condolences to his daughter
Doris and family.



The President's Corner



Dear Members,

Each year, at the beginning of October and November, we celebrate those events, that have special meaning for me, and I am sure that goes for all of our Club members. On October 1st, we celebrated our 153rd Stiftungsfest. It was my great honour to welcome and acknowledge long-time Club members, honorary and new members, including the present Board of Directors. We celebrated the 153rd Anniversary of the Germania Club. What an accomplishment in a year where Canada celebrated its 150th birthday. Once again, congratulations! A thank you very much goes out to all of the Club members who have made this possible. It really was my pleasure to present the awards to everyone and to offer a word of encouragement to continue their efforts and support, to take us into the

future.

November is the month of our annual memorial service at the Germania Park Memorial Garden. On November 5th, Club members, their families and friends gathered at the Memorial, to remember and honour those members who passed away since last year's event. As they do every year, the Germania Choir, under the direction of Linus Press, sang 3 songs. It was my honour to read out the names of six Club members, and to extend my condolences to their families and friends, on behalf of the Board of Directors and Club members. Thank you to the Choir for making the service special. Afterwards, everyone was invited to the pavilion for refreshments, food, coffee and cake, to be together and share memories.

Special thanks to Rosi, Kevin and everyone volunteering who helped make this a good day of remembrance.

When you read this article all our concentration will now be focused on Christmas and New Year. Everyone will be planning Christmas parties and Christmas functions at home or at the Club. From



my family to yours, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a healthy and Happy New Year. May 2018 be a successful Year for the future of the Club and all its members.

Ulrich Venohr, President
Frohe Weihnachten und
ein Frohes Neues Jahr
wuenschen Ingrid und Ulli.



Germania Club Leserkreis = Reader's Circle

Come join us for a traditional Advent celebration with stories, poems and songs.

You are invited to share your own favorite memories and stories with us.

When: Tuesday December 5, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Where: Germania Club Restaurant

Coffee and sweets available.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend by Dec. 1st

Contact Waltraud Schork at 905-383-0841.

E-mail address: walt.schork@gmail.com



Join us at the
Germania Club
Christmas Party

December 17, 2017
Doors open at 12:30pm
Begins at 1:00pm

Bring your Children and
Grandchildren (up to age 12)
to the club to see Santa.



Admission is \$10.00 per child
(includes a Hot Dog, cookie and drink)

Please register your child or grandchild with the
Club Secretary before **December 10th.**

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Santa Claus is coming to town bring your children and grandchildren to visit Santa at the Germania Club Christmas Party. As this is Santa's busy time, please make it easy for us and give us the names and ages of the children you will bring.

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

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Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Registration Deadline is December 10th, 2017





Choral Notes

Here we are, in the last month of another year, and our Christmas concert will start the season. We hope you will join us for an afternoon of familiar music on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2:00pm at First Pilgrim United Church on Main Street. For me, this event is always the beginning of the Christmas season. Then on Dec. 16 we have the Germania Choir Christmas Party at the Club.

On Oct. 28, we celebrated our annual Weinfest, and everyone enjoyed the winetasting offered free, with the price of admission, by Reif Estate Winery. It was very much appreciated. The Transylvania Choir of Kitchener, under the direction of Dieter Conrad, and the Lyra Choir of London, joined us, under the direction of Alvin Reimer. Lyra sang all their songs a capella. The Germania Choir, under the direction of Linus Press, opened and closed with some wine drinking songs, ending

with Sierra Madre. We all sang along to, "Einmal am Rhein". The Great Vibes played for our dancing pleasure. A good time was had by all.

On Nov. 5, we held our annual memorial at Germania Park, where we remembered the Club members who passed away in the last year. It was a rainy day, but dry during the memorial service. Rosi Kramolowsky and her helpers served coffee, cake and goulash soup. Thank you very much ladies.

We celebrate one birthday this month: Christine Eastwood. Apologies go out to Gudrun Boehm-Johnson whose Birthday I forgot last month. A Happy Birthday to you both.

Finally, best wishes go out to all the Club members and their families for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Greetings
Jeanet Schaefer





STAMMTISCH

Christmas

**Saturday December 23rd
starting at 3pm**

FINGER FOODS



*There are many gifts
under the Christmas tree,
but the best one is
the gift of your friendship.
Thank you for always
being such a good friend.
Merry Christmas!*

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Stiftungsfest 2017 article for the Germania Post.

On Sunday, October 1st about 60 of our Club membership gathered in the Great Hall of the Germania Club to celebrate our 153rd Stiftungsfest. As always, Dieter Eckert did an outstanding job as the Master of Ceremony.

The Germania Choir, under the direction of Linus Press, performed during and after the in memoriam portion of the evening, where the names of those who passed away since the last Stiftungsfest were remembered.

Afterwards Chef Ray Osborne, Lori Kramolowsky and staff ensured that all those present were able to enjoy an absolutely delicious meal. Thanks to all of you.

We were running somewhat late in starting the second half of the program, mainly because people lingered over dinner, chatted, drank an extra glass of this or that. However, there were no complaints that I am aware of, and eventually the festivities continued. There followed introductions of the new Board, special guests, and the awarding of membership certificates. Werner Grote and Horst Kaufeld celebrated this year their 50th membership anniversary. Werner's biography was read by Club Secretary Jeanet Schaefer. Unfortunately Horst was unable to attend. We wish both of them the very best. Ulrich Venohr was tremendously pleased to present three honorary memberships this year. These were awarded for long-time, exemplary and outstanding contributions to the Club. The well-deserved recipients were Dieter Eckert, Hans Renz and Arthur Wagenblast.

Then it was time for all of the subgroups to make their presentations, to the Club. This is usually in the form of a financial donation presented to the Club President. It is also customary for the spokesperson for each group to extend congratulations and best wishes on this occasion. Brigitte Parzen, on behalf of the Fishers and Hunters, praised our President for his great efforts in trying to keep the Club going. Ulli in turn, thanked all of them heartily for their continued support.

Vice President, Rosi Kramolowsky, in her speech, thanked Ulli for all his efforts and hard work. She also expressed her gratitude to his wife Ingrid, with a gift of flowers, for having to



share so much of her husband with the Club.

In the President's annual address, Ulrich Venohr thanked the President of the Austrian Continental Club, Peter Austen and his wife for accepting the invitation as the guests of honour at this year's Stiftungsfest, and was hopeful that in the future, the two Clubs could work closer together for their mutual benefit. He thanked all those who worked tirelessly over the past year to organize Club functions and assist in the up-keep of the Club's buildings. These require increasingly major repairs. In 2017, the Club roof and air conditioning units, located on the roof, turned into a costly affair. Ulli also mentioned that any financial contributions to defray those costs would be greatly appreciated.

He reiterated, as he has often done in the past, that it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep on top of events, since only a small, but dedicated group of volunteers is still willing to keep the Club and Club events going. He encouraged the membership towards increased involvement and participation in Club affairs.

For me personally, it was a moving moment when Kurt Schaible approached the MC and requested time to say a few words. In a very emotional speech he told the audience that we should never forget that the Germania Club was our home away from the homeland when we first came to Canada. It was so in the past, and still is so in the present. He emphasized that the Club is still our link to our former homeland, even if we have made a new life here in our adopted country. It is important to hear such testimonials, and they serve as a reminder and encouragement to participate in as many Club events as possible, and to help in whatever way is possible for us.

Once the formalities of the celebration came to a conclusion, everyone had the opportunity to mingle with friends and dance to live music by our Haus Band. I urge you to make an effort next year to attend, if you were unable to do so this year. Please support us in any way you can. The Germania Club needs you.

Waltraud Schork





Germania Club of Hamilton

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

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Date of Birth of Spouse: _____

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____

(If more than two children please list on reverse side of this form.)

Nominated by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Annual Membership Dues \$ _____ payable with application. Please add \$5 for first time processing costs and attach full payment to this form.

From our constitution:

As the oldest German club in Canada, the Germania Club looks back on a rich history. The purpose of the club is to provide all members with the opportunity to cultivate the German language and customs, to promote German cultural values through social interaction and song, and to take part in the cultural development of Canada. As a member I will help the club with its purpose, and pledge to volunteer help for club functions.

Signature(s) of Applicant(s): _____

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Date of Application: _____

Comments: _____



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5:00pm—7:00pm

December 1, 2017

December 8, 2017

December 15, 2017

December 22 & 29, 2017

In the Restaurant

Germania Club of Hamilton
863 King Street East, Hamilton



Fischer & Jäger

Moin and Happy Winter to all our Members and Friends.

As I'm writing this, we got our first Snow fall of the season. We all knew that it was bound to come. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the Christmas Season.

Die Wunschzettel sind schon geschrieben

Lichterglanz in jedem Raum
Kinderherzen hoehher schlagen

Bei Spielzeug unterm Weinachtsbaum

Our Cottage is in SLEEP mode now, and to let everyone know, that the Cottage rental will be raised a bit in 2018. We are now looking forward to our Christmas Celebration and 63rd Stiftungsfest on Dec. 16th. Another scrumptious Feast is planned and of course Santa will make an appearance, come Rain or Snow. And a reminder to our young Members to come and join us and receive their Prize Fishing award. We do need you and love to see you again.

To all our Members and Friends celebrating a Birthday or any Special Milestone in their Lives, Congratulations and Best Wishes from all of us. And as another Year closes, we would like to THANK All our lovely Folks, our dear Volunteers, that worked so hard all Year, to help make all our Functions a success. A HUGE THANK YOU.

What is Christmas ? It is tenderness for the Past, Courage for the Present, Hope for the Future. And remember, Jesus is the reason for the Season.

Ein Frohes Weinachtsfest und viel Erfolg fuer das Jahr 2018. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year Wish you All, your Fisher & Hunter Board and Members.

Maggie

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December Birthdays



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 Margarete Egerter
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 Ewald Golan
 Richard Grobauer
 Sonya Haase
 Waldimar Herling
 Helmut Kannenberg
 Joe Khes

Helmut Koziol
 Eckhard Kries
 Celine Link
 Dr. Robert Logel
 Klaus Ludecke
 Adolf J. Polap
 Kurt Schaible
 Gordon Schien
 Siegfried Schwerinski
 Ernst Viebke
 Trish Woehrl

DONATIONS

Roof Donation

Alex Wegner - \$2,000

Willi & Lore Schaefer - \$100 in memory of their son Paul

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2017

Student	\$22
Adult (under 65)	\$75
Family	\$130
Seniors (65 & over)	\$55
Honourary Member	Fees Waived
Life Long Member	Fees Waived

NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2018

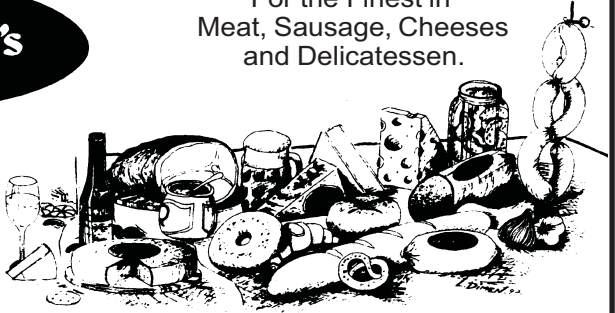
Student	\$32
Adult (under 65)	\$85
Family	\$140
Seniors (65 & over)	\$65
Honourary Member	Fees Waived
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Dec 3	2:00pm	Germania Choir Christmas Concert
Dec 5	2-4pm	Leserkreis Germania Adventsfeier
Dec 8	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Dec 15	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Dec 16	5:00pm	Germania Choir Christmas Party
Dec 16	6:00pm	Fisher & Hunter Stiftungsfest & Christmas Party
Dec 17	12:30pm	Germania Club Christmas Party
Dec 22	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Dec 23	3:00pm	Stammtisch Christmas
Dec 29	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Dec 31	6:30pm	New Years Dinner Dance - For Members and Friends

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Jan 5	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 12	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 19	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 23	7:30pm	Germania member's meeting
Jan 26	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 28	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch – Soupfest
Jan 28	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag – ‘Didi Der Doppelgänger’



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