

HEFT NR 678 - Feb 2017 - JAHRGANG 55



# Sunday Lunch

Sunday, February 26, 2017  
Open from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Come and enjoy your choice of cucumber salad  
Rouladen dumplings red cabbage or Schnitzel  
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## OBITUARY



### **Arnold Schaefer**

January 12, 1938 – December 16, 2016

Arnold was a member of the Germania Club for over 55 yrs. He donated and made the Potato Salad for us to serve at It's Your Festival for quite a few years. Arnold generously made quite a few cabinets for the Club and Choir. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Jeanet, daughters Sigrid, Bianca and step-children Bill and Diane.



# The President's Corner



To all Germania Club Members,

Here we are: all of the New Years' celebrations are over, and it's time to face reality, and prepare for a new 2017 for the Germania Club and its members. February is the month of the year, where we renew our membership with the Germania Club, and I like to repeat, "the Germania Club". In the January issue of the Germania Post, on page 12, we posted a membership application form. The form outlines the reasons and obligations that come with being a member of the Germania Club. As the President of the Club, I believe we all made the commitment to make the Club our first priority, when we applied to become a member of the Germania Club.

Looking back at some of our Club functions, Sunday lunches; Schlachtfest; Stiftingsfest; all had poor attendance. Oktoberfest was a big success. But only 25

Club members attended; Club Christmas party had 16 registrations; the 2016 New Years' dinner dance had 11 Club member attendees, and I could continue. To me this reveals a different picture. I also have to explain that the above numbers include the volunteers, who helped to plan and set up for the functions, and on top paid for their ticket to attend the function. If you compare photos, taken at the various functions, you may see mostly the same few faces of members supporting each function.

When I started this article, I mentioned that it is time to face reality. In 2016 we had 250 paid Club members, which begs the question, where are their priorities? Has the Club house at 863 King St. East become a place of convenience for our subgroups?

Are we applying for membership, because it is a requirement to have the use of the other 2 properties?

For our volunteers, for our Club functions myself and the Board of Directors, who spend countless hours planning and preparing for Club functions, it becomes very



frustrating. The question is being asked more and more often, why are we doing this? Where are the other Club members?

February is also the month leading up to the Club's Annual Membership Meeting on March 19th. It is an election year. I hope that we all use this time to reflect on all the good the Germania Club has offered, over the last 153 years, and think about what I can do as a member of the Club, to continue its successful

operation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I invite everyone to attend the Annual Membership Meeting, and we hope that some of you are prepared to take a position on the Board of Directors. The future of the Germania Club depends on its members.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments in regards to the article.

Ulrich Venohr,  
President



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## Fischer & Jäger

Moin and Hello again and Happy Winter to all Fisher and Hunter Members and Friends. By now we are wearing our Winter Woollies and shovelling snow like crazy but I look at it this way. As of Dec. 21st, the first Day of Winter, the Days are getting longer and we're heading towards spring.

Now I'd like to go back to our Christmas Party on Dec. 17. We had a delicious Dinner of Roast Pork and Rouladen with all the trimmings and finished with Cheesecake, Cupcakes and Timbits Everything was very tasty. The Hall was nicely decorated, very festive. Thank you James (my Grandson), Dorothea and Tyler for a job well done. At the beginning of the Evening we were concerned that Santa was not able to make an appearance but as it turned out he did make it along with "Elfie". Thank you Brian Felgner for saving the day. I'm sure everyone was

happy to see you with your Bags of Treats.

-- We have some Birthdays this Month such as Goran Predojevic and Joe Parzen, Happy Birthday and to all those that are celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary, Best Wishes to you all

Our Meetings will again be the 3rd Thurs. of each Month starting at 8PM.

Tschuess untill next Month,,  
Maggie

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Auf Wiedersehn

**Wenn Du mal wieder  
nicht weisst wie es  
weiter gehen soll, hast  
Du genau Drei  
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"aufgeben", "nachgeben"  
oder "Alles"geben.**



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## Choral Notes

We begin the New Year with sad news. Arnold Schaefer, a long-time Club member, as well as a choir member, up to a few years ago, passed away peacefully on Dec. 16th, surrounded by his family, after suffering from declining health for some time. Arnold was known as a very generous and passionate chorister. The Germania Choirs wish to express their deep-felt condolences to his wife, Jeanet Schaefer, and all of their families and friends.

We also wish a speedy recovery to several other choir members, who are bravely battling their own health challenges, namely Erich Butz, Erich Puppä, and Christel Strassgürtl.

On Friday, Dec. 16th the Choirs went by bus to the Sonnenhof in Brantford, to perform at their annual Christmas party. As always, the "Sonnenhöfler" are gracious and generous hosts, and the choirs always look

forward to this annual event. Then it was back to Hamilton, where the Choirs' Christmas Party took place the very next day, on Dec. 17th. By the time dinner was over, and everyone had enjoyed their glass or two of Christmas cheer, the Choirs offered some traditional German Christmas songs. The "Christkind" and Santa were not far behind, handing out gifts, and everyone had plenty of time to mingle with their singing buddies, family and friends. In short, a great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a pleasant evening.

Last but not least, Happy Birthday wishes go out to Anneliese Walthers (Feb. 12) and Erika Mildenberger (Feb. 26).

Finally, Happy New Year to one and all. May 2017 be a good year for you, but above all, a healthy one! Cheers!

Until next time, I remain musically yours

Waltraud Schork on behalf of  
Jeanet Schaefer



## AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS & BY-LAWS

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Germania Club of Hamilton, Ontario Regulations & By-laws are recommended by the Germania Club of Hamilton, Board of Directors.

### Article II          Membership

1.3. A Lifetime Member is a member who is 80 years of age or older and has been a member for 20 years or more. Such a member does not pay a membership fee. Starting January 1, 2009, no new members will be added to this category of membership.

Recommendation is to remove the last line.

1.4. An Honourary Member is nominated by the Council of Elders and confirmed at an Annual General Meeting through a 2/3 majority vote. Such a member has earned his/her nomination through outstanding contributions to the Club or the German Community. Such a member does not pay a membership fee. After March, 2006, the Board of Directors will award a certificate or plaque to any member, who is nominated by another member and approved by the Board, for outstanding contribution to the Club or German Community. Such members will be honoured at the annual Stiftungsfests (Anniversaries) without a change in their membership category.

Recommendation is to change “Council of Elders” to “Board of Directors”.

1.5. An Honourary President is nominated by the Council of Elders and confirmed at an Annual General Meeting through a 2/3 majority vote. Such a member earns his/her nomination through outstanding contribution to the German Community in general or the Club in particular. Such a member does not pay a membership fee.

Recommendation is to change “Council of Elders” to “Board of Directors”.

### Article IV          Board of Directors, Youth Coordinator & Internal Auditors

1. Election of the Board of Directors

1.1 Eligibility – Eligible candidates for election are those members in





attendance at the Annual General Meeting who have voting rights and who have been a Club member for at least one year. Candidates must be nominated either by the Nomination Committee or from the floor of the Annual General Meeting. The Chair of a subgroup may be elected but will be required to resign the chair position of the subgroup. Members of the Board of Directors of the Germania Club may not be commercially involved with the Germania Club. Departing members of the board are eligible for re-election. If due to circumstances beyond control, a candidate can be approved through a 2/3 majority vote by the members present at the meeting.

Recommendation is to remove the line “The Chair of a subgroup may be elected but will be required to resign the Chair position of the subgroup.”

#### Article V Meeting and their Agendas

3. Election Committee – The Election Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting with nominations from the floor. The Election Committee consists of a chair and four members. Members of the Election Committee cannot be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors. Members of the Election Committee, with the exception of the Chair, are entitled to vote.

Recommendation is to remove the line “Members of the Election Committee cannot be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors”.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The annual general meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2017. The meeting is open to all members in good standing. This year will be elections for all board positions.

Please think about what YOU could do as a member of the club, we need a strong board. 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.





Sunday Dinner at the CLUBHOUSE.

## **New Camper Rates for 2017.**

<b>RV Camping (Regular Site)</b>	<b>\$735</b>
<b>RV Camping (Larger Site #18-35)</b>	<b>\$765</b>
<b>Golf Carts, Additional Fridge, and/or Air Conditioner</b>	<b>\$45 each</b>
<b>Hydro Fund</b>	<b>\$30</b>

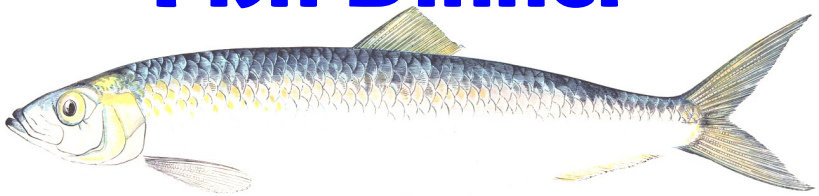


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**Fish Dinner**



**March 1, 2017**

**at 5:30pm**

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conversation and mark the end of the  
Karneval season.*

## **50 Year Member: – Linus Press**



Linus was born the 20th of September 1935 in Hepberg, Germany. As a young man he enjoyed music. His father played the trumpet and was leading the local church choir. Linus got his first music lesson on a Harmonium his father restored.

Later, he learned to play the violin and he played it as well in the local district orchestra. In order to make a decent living, he pursued, and completed his studies at the Textile Engineering School in Aachen in 1955.

The next year Linus married a talented and attractive lady, namely Gertrud. His brother had immigrated to Canada and convinced the newly married couple to follow him. They left from Hamburg by boat with two suitcases; arrived nine days later in Quebec City; and continued on by train to Hamilton. It was hard work to get established in a new environment, and to go to school at the same time. The end result was a good job in electro-mechanical engineering.

Together, Linus and Gertrud raised three children. During these years they also sang in the local church choir and the Mohawk College Choir in Hamilton. In 1966, he joined the Germania Club Choirs. Three years later the choir found itself without a conductor. Because of his background in music he accepted the challenge and is still the Choir Conductor.

This year Linus and Gertrud celebrated their 60th Anniversary with three children and their spouses, their eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Congratulations Linus on your many accomplishments and we hope that you will stay active in the Club for a long time to come.



**“YOU JOINED THE CLUB BECAUSE OF WHAT OTHERS BUILT IN THE PAST,  
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# February Birthdays



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 Hans Bastel  
 Hans Dietl  
 Rita Dudek  
 Claudia Eckert  
 Werner Grauf  
 Eduardus Heijm  
 Wilma Held  
 Martha Herres  
 Helga Hillje

Hugo Kirchhoefel  
 David Kiss  
 Helga Laqua  
 Erika Mildenberger  
 Joe Parzen  
 Goran Predojevic  
 Thomas Rausch  
 Josephine Rischke  
 Sieglinde Seiler  
 Judie Thimian-Chaput  
 Anneliese Walthers

## DONATIONS

### Germania Club

The following people made donations to the Germania Club in memory of Arnold Schaefer. George & Nina Fischer, Armin & Erika Eigen, Inge Leitner, Eva Kolwes, Heinz & Erika Mildenberger, Erich & Susan Butz, Karl & Lore Uschold, Alex Wegner, Uschi Schien, Dieter Woehrle, Dieter & Claudia Eckert, Werner & Karla Grauf, Franz & Hildegard Bittner; Hans & Erika Renz. A total donation of \$820 was made to the Germania Club.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES 2017

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Feb 5	10:00am	Fisher & Hunter Annual Meeting
Feb 11	8:00pm	Valentine's Saturday Dance
Feb 24	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Feb 26	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch – Rouladen or Schnitzel
Feb 26	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag – “Die Luftbrücke”
Feb 28	7:30pm	Members Meeting

### VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Mar 1	5:30pm	Ash Wednesday – Fish Dinner
Mar 10	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Mar 16	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter Members Meeting
Mar 19	10:00am	Annual General Meeting
Mar 24	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Mar 26	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch – 3 variations of Schnitzel
Mar 26	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag – “Nick Knatterton



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