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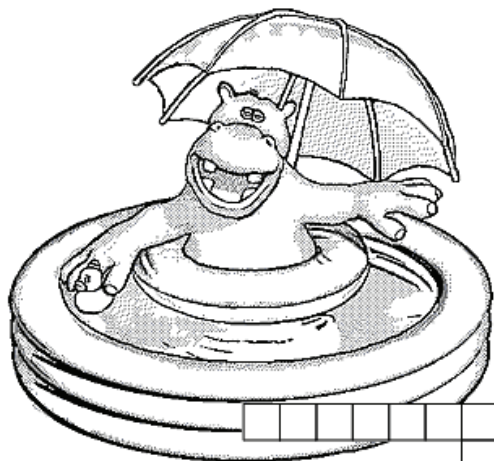


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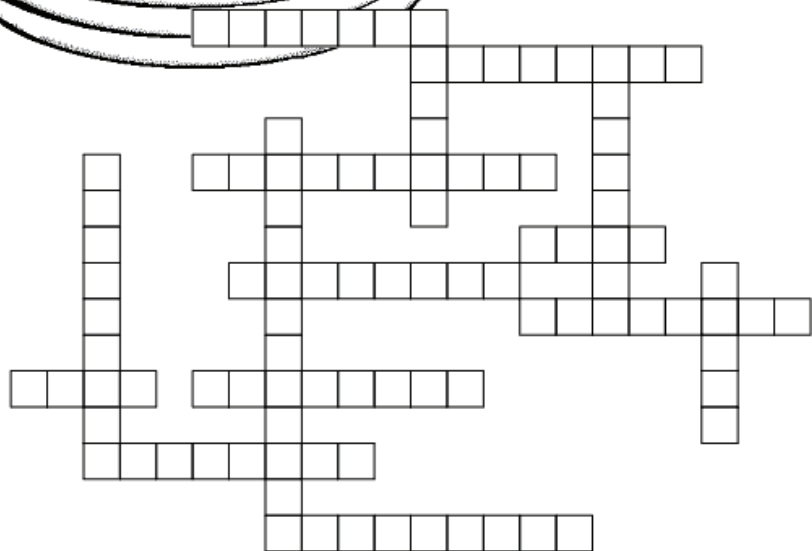


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HOT SUMMER DAYS

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ICE CREAM

SUNSHINE

BARE FEET

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UMBRELLA

LEMONADE

9 LETTERS

FLIP FLOPS

SUNSCREEN

10 LETTERS

WATERMELON

12 LETTERS

STRAWBERRIES

The President's Corner



Dear Members of the Germania Club,

I am looking back at the months of June and July, and the events that we planned, and realize, that not all met with the success that we anticipated.

For the World Cup soccer games, involving the German Team, the volunteers made sure that the big screen was ready, the Hall set up, the bar open and the traditional Schnitzel/Bratwurst and potato salad was waiting to be served. No less than 75 attended the morning games at the Club. As a matter of fact, over 175 came to cheer on their German soccer team for the game against Sweden. In the end, the only disappointment was the performance of the German Team. However, the excitement was great while it lasted. I know that everyone was disappointed that our

Team did not advance to the next round.

Our group of volunteers had no time to mope. Preparations for the next event, "It's Your Festival" in Gage Park, switched into full gear, three days after the last soccer game was over. As every year, our expectations to do financially well at the festival are high. For the Club it is also the most labour intensive event of the year. Once again, Club members from all the subgroups bonded, and we made it. It took 5 days in all including the setting up and dismantling of everything. Add additional time spent for planning the event: attending meetings, getting the necessary permits, etc. We also prepared 4 big pails of sauerkraut and 250 lbs. of potato salad. I think you can appreciate that this was no small task.

The success always depends on whether or not Mother Nature plays along. This year she went absolutely overboard. The unbearable heat made it absolutely impossible for the volunteers to function. Some worked double shifts, barbequing or



filling other positions. The heat also resulted in visitors to the event staying away in droves. However, having the use of the big trailer for the entire period was a big help. I don't want to forget all the help we received from our young and upcoming members, as well as from non-members. I can't say enough about all of the effort made by everyone to help out, and get us through this year's festival. Thank you very, very much! To those of you who were not part of the volunteer contingent, what can I say, except, please help out next time.

Only 7 days later, many of

us came to Germania Park for our "Strawberry Festival". This event was much more relaxing, and was enjoyed by everyone. Waltraud will write more about it in her article. I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and see you at the Germania Club Picnic in the Park.

With best wishes and good health

Ulrich Venohr, President



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Fischer & Jäger

“Moin”, Dear Fisher and Hunter Members and friends! I do not know where the time goes but, we are already half way through the year. Mother Nature is providing us with a beautiful Summer (so far). First I must thank all Fisher and Hunter Members who gave of their time and effort on the Monday at Gage Park. Since it was a very hot, humid day, the Park was not as busy as previous years. Many people sought out cooler venues to celebrate Canada Day. As you are all aware by now that the Dalrymple property and cottage is for sale so, it is with heavy hearts that must remind you to book your holiday at the cottage; for it may be the last summer. Our Fisher and Hunter family weekend is on August 25-26th. Please call Joe Parzen at 905-529-1664. We hope to see many of you there.

Our meetings are still every 3rd Thursday of each month at 8pm.

I only have one Birthday this month so, “Happy Birthday Bob Mulhall!” Party hardy Bob and many best wishes to you. And the same goes to everyone who is celebrating something special this month. And this includes Annemarie and George Kiss’ son Adam, who got married on July 14th. Best wishes to the Bride and Groom! May you have a happy and loving marriage. God Bless you and your whole family!

Until next time, Tschuess!
von Maggie

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Junior Prize Fishers





Choral Notes

Dear Members,

The Germania Choir is on summer hiatus until September 6th. It is just as well, because it felt as if those dog days of summer arrived early and descended upon us swiftly and mercilessly. Kudos to all of you brave souls who volunteered for the Gage Park, "It's Your Festival" event.

Since there is not much to report, I thought to share with you this information about a song we often sing at formal occasions, namely the German national anthem.

The melody was taken from a 1796 composition by Joseph Hayden, "Kaiserlied" (Emperor's Hymn)". The lyrics are those of the 1841 poem, "Das Lied der Deutschen" (The song of the Germans) by Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben.

From 1922-1945, the first and sometimes the second verse of the song, beginning with, "Deutschland, Deutschland

über alles" were also sung. After the second World War, Konrad Adenauer lobbied to bring the hymn back, but only the third verse, "Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit für das deutsche Vaterland" (Unity, and right and freedom, for the German fatherland).

The 3rd verse of the song was never enshrined in the German constitution but finally was officially sanctioned as the anthem, in a correspondence between Richard von Weizsäcker and Helmut Kohl in 1991.

Before signing off, birthday wishes go out to both Hildegard Bittner and Clement Ng, who are celebrating their birthday on August 27.

Until next time,
I remain musically yours

Waltraud Schork

*“Einigkeit und
Recht und
Freiheit”*



Kulturkreis Germania Culture Circle 2018 August

Dear Members,

The Leserkreis Germania Reader's Circle, in a group decision, has decided to change its name to Kulturkreis Germania Culture Circle. We had noticed over time that the emphasis steered away from the discussion of reading materials, and settled increasingly on the exploration and celebration of German cultural traditions and events.

As before, Dieter Eckert and I will act as facilitators for the group. We always work in close collaboration with the Germania Club, Board of Directors. Ulli has been very generous in accommodating us, and in making Club resources available. As before, your participation is always invited, and actually is the key to the success of our gatherings.

At the moment our group is on summer vacation. We will however, start our fall program with a bang on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, from 2pm onward, when we will celebrate German Pioneer Day and the Day of German Unity.

Although the program is still in the planning stages, the Germania Choir has agreed to sing on that occasion, and the Haus Band may perhaps play for us as well.

As with previous themed events of our group, you will have the opportunity to share your own personal anecdotes and stories, from the time when you first came to Canada. We also hope to explore the history of German immigration in Canada, as well as in our region.

Dieter has some great ideas for an exhibit in our Large Hall on the topic, that I am certain will be of interest to all of you.

And yes, we know how much you love to sing, so we will prepare some song sheets of your favorite "Heimatlieder", that will take you down memory lane.

We encourage all of you to come down to the Germania Club on Oct. 9 to celebrate what all of us shared: a journey to a new land; dreams and hopes for a new life; and all the joys and hardships that have followed us on the journey that is our life.

Until next time

Waltraud Schork



Strawberries and Cream, Anyone?



That was the friendly invitation extended to all the visitors who attended the Second Annual Strawberry Festival at Germania Park.

It was a boisterous and happy crowd that assembled in the park pavilion on Sunday, July 8th for the event. What a glorious summer afternoon it was, with everyone breathing a sigh of relief that the stifling heat wave of the preceding week was finally behind us.

The Haus Band was in fine form. And yes, visitors quickly found their dancing legs. We were happy to see that Fred Macht was well again and playing with the Band.

It was wonderful to welcome Uschi Schien with her family to the event, after a lengthy absence due to illness.

The volunteers were kept hopping throughout the event, and Ulli was seen everywhere ensuring that the last kinks were ironed out and everything went smoothly.

Close to 100 strawberry desserts (shortcake, topped with sun-kissed Ontario strawberries and generous portions of whipped cream) and a very popular strawberry punch, were served all afternoon. This was followed by a barbecue, and judging by the amounts served, everyone had a healthy appetite by late afternoon.

Thanks to all the members for making this another successful event. As well, thanks to all the volunteers who ensured that everyone had a great time.

See you all at our next event, the Germania Club Picnic on August 12th.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Waltraud Schork



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CAMPER'S KORNER



Happy August Germania Club,

August is a busy month at the park! It brings warm weather, cool nights, and picnic season! As you've seen elsewhere in the post, Sunday August 12th is the Germania Club Picnic, August 26th brings our campers picnic... both of which bring summer games, amazing food, and wonderful times with friends and family. Definitely come join us and help us celebrate the best of summer.

July was an eventful month at the Park with some heroes stepping in to save the day. We happened to have a breakdown in our water pump in the middle of a busy July long weekend...Kevin (our wonderful manager) quickly diagnosed the problem which allowed Uli to obtain the needed part, and Alex, Ricardo and family pitched in their muscle to haul 100's of liters of water from the lake to keep things going until the repair could be made. It truly was a

group effort to help everyone continue to enjoy their weekend. Thank you to all!

Speaking of volunteerism, I want to give a big thank you shout out to campers and club members alike for two excellent festivals this past month, the Strawberry Festival and the Gage Park "Its Your Festival". Volunteers put in loads of hours and lost more than a little weight in sweat☺ Thank you all for donating your time, resources, and expertise at these events.

Happy Summer to all, and to cool August nights!...sincerely Janet (aka, happy camper)

PS...My personal happy July surprise was a huge patch of ripe wild strawberries down our very own forest path... yummm!





Germania Club of Hamilton

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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.

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Andrew Litvinau

Bob Mulhall
Theo Nermerich
Paul Petroski
Anna Schaible
Barbara Schuster
Glenn Ward

DONATIONS

Germania Club

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Aug 16	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter meeting
Aug 25-26		Fisher & Hunter Family weekend
Aug 26		Camper's Picnic
Aug 28		NO member's meeting

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Sep 7	5-7pm	Fish & Chips Friday
Sep 11	7:30pm	Extended Board Meeting
Sep 15	8am-1pm	Choir Garage Sale
Sep 14	5-7pm	Fish & Chips Friday
Sep 20	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter members meeting
Sep 21	5-7pm	Fish & Chips Friday
Sep 22	3pm-12am	STEEL CITY OKTOBERFEST
Sep 25	7:30pm	Member's Meeting
Sep 28	5-7pm	Fish & Chips Friday
Sep 30	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Sep 30	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag 'Letzte Chance für Harry'



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