

Germania Post



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NEW YEARS EVE

**at the Germania Club of Hamilton
for Club members and friends**

*Delicious Dinner with dessert, Party favours
Midnight toasting Champagne*

Sunday, December 31st, 2018

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.



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As you can see from one of the pictures, the MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR 2017/18 was well attended. A special thank you is going to the R. Denninger Alphorn Blaeser who, with their performance, added to the meaningful Service.



The President's Corner



Hello Everyone,
Are you tired out yet! I believe that since the early part of September until now, we have had events non-stop at the Germania Club. With a lot of help from Club members, we were able to bring functions to the Club, that you, the members, family and friends, came out to support in big numbers. These functions included the Dinkelsbuehler Knabenkapelle, the Steel City Oktoberfest, the Blaskapelle Hemslingen, the Alpenhorn Players and the Choirs' Weinfest, just to mention a few. Judging by the responses, in the hall and all the compliments we received, we were able to provide some great entertainment, for our guests and Club members. On October 14th, we celebrated our 154th Stiftungsfest. On this day, we recognize and honour our new and long-time Club members. As

we do every year we also pay tribute to the Club members who have passed away since the last Stiftungsfest with a moment of silence. I believe, the Stiftungsfest and the Memorial service in the Memorial Garden at Germania Park have a special meaning for all of us, and having the Germania Choir perform at both functions, provided the appropriate setting. The Alpenhorn Players performed for us at that function as well and made the Memorial service extra special.

By the time the December issue of the Germania Post will be circulating, all of us will be preparing for the festive season; get ready to celebrate Christmas; and welcome in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board of Directors and my wife Ingrid, to wish all Club members and their families, a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Your President,
Ulrich Venohr





Choral Notes

As mentioned in the last Germania Post, our choir celebrated the annual Weinfest on October 20th, and we were delighted to have six guest choirs, Heidelberg Rheingold, Concordia Kitchener, Transylvania Kitchener, the Loreley Singers Oshawa, Teutonia Stratford, and Harfentöne Toronto join us for our yearly event. All the choirs performed a few numbers individually, but highlight of the afternoon, other than the wine tasting, was, without a doubt, the massed male choir ending the concert with “die Himmel rühmen”. In spite of diminishing numbers, especially in the tenor and bass sections of each participating choir, when joining together to sing Beethoven’s masterpiece, our men were magnificent! Call me sentimental, but they brought tears to my eyes.

On October 28th, we also participated in the “Musical Afternoon with Coffee, Cake, and Tapas”, featuring the Alphorn Players of Ralf Denninger, at the Club. It was a wonderful way to reconnect with traditions and customs in the “Old Country”. The Memorial Service at the Germania Park on November 4th was beautifully solemn with

the participation of the visiting alphorn players. We were absolutely delighted to have David Simon join us for his first outing from the hospital, where he has been recuperating from his successful kidney transplant. David made the effort to honour his step-mom, Hannelore, a long-time member of our choir, who passed away recently.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Hannelore Simon on November 24th, 1:00 p.m., at First Pilgrim United Church at Main and Ferguson, with a reception to follow at the Germania Club. Here, I would like to point out the selfless volunteers, many of them choir members or honorary choir members, who pitch in and automatically take on the duties of cooks, bakers of beautiful cakes, servers, cashiers, and committee members at many of the functions of the Germania Club. As a relatively new club and choir member, I am always impressed by the participation of loyal “worker bees”, most of whom range in age from 73 to 92 (David Simon is much younger, a mere youngster, I would say). These loyal Club members truly do not fit into the category of “Mancher hinterm Ofen sitzt und gar fein die Ohren spitzt; kein Stund’ vors Haus ist kommen raus...” For the Christmas Bazaar of the Frauenverein, on November

18th, Hedda and several other choir members will be organizing the White Elephant Table, and Jeanet is soliciting pretty items for the tombola, which she arranges every year.

Our Christmas Concert will be on December 2nd, 2:00 p.m., at First Pilgrim United Church. The choir is donating the refreshments, including the "Weihnachtsgebäck", along with the free-will offering from our audience. We are also asking everybody to bring non-perishable food items to the concert to help First Pilgrim United Church

with their Outreach Program. On December 14th, we will be taking our annual trip to the Sonnenhof in Brantford to give a Christmas Concert.

We will be having our choir Christmas Party on December 15th, and several of our choir members are busy helping to prepare for the Germania Club Christmas party on December 16th.

On behalf of the choir: Wishing you all Frohe Weihnachten und ein gesundes Neues Jahr!

Very sincerely,
Gudrun



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Christmas

Saturday December 22nd
starting at 3pm

FINGER FOODS



Join us at the

Germania Club Christmas Party

December 16, 2018
Doors open at 12:30
Begins at 2:00pm

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



Admission is \$12.00 per child
(includes a Hot Dog, cookie and drink)

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

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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Registration Deadline is December 10th, 2017

CAMPER'S KORNER



This time of year always turns my thoughts to my first visit to Germany. I was struck by how people of Munich embraced the cold winds and sunny afternoons in the parks and courtyards of Munich. All cafes had patrons sipping hot treats outside with blankets, all parks were full of families dressed warm woolies playing in the leaves and the cheer was in the air at the Christmas markets were assembled in the downtown square.

Yesterday brought the first snowflakes of the year at my house, and I thought about how much I enjoy our late autumn in the same manner, by embracing the beauty of the season. Our trails beckon with golden carpets of leaves, our markets and shops seem all the more cheerful, and the crisp, dark nights

lend extra warmth to the time I spend with family and friends. I hope you can pause and savour the holiday season and not get too caught up in the rush. Even though our campground sleeps quietly now by the lake, the campers very heartily wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

To all a good night
Janet (also known as the
Happy camper)



Here we bring you some of the pictures as captured by EVELYN CRAWFORD at the
154. Stiftungsfest of YOUR club on Oct. 14.2018

Maybe it will be your turn next year to appear on these pages. But remember you can only hope to appear here if you attend. Shown are members in the following categories: New member to 55 year membership [if present]. We send you our heartfelt congratulations.



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Family	\$140
Seniors (65 & over)	\$65
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Fischer & Jäger

Moin Fischer and Hunter Members and Friends, The leaves have fallen and the days are getting shorter and colder. We should thank Mother Nature for providing us such weather this past year. As 2018 is slowly rolling to an end, I would like to thank the Fisher and Hunter Board Members for all their hard work this past year, but lets not forget all our volunteers. You have all put in countless hours to make sure that our events were a suc-

cess. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. And with Christmas just down the road we would like to invite our Members and Friends to our Stiftungsfest/Christmas Party on December 15th, cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm. And Oh, "Shut the front door": Annemarie and Dorothea had a Birthday on Nov 12th and 14th. A very Happy belated Birthday to you lovely ladies. And now I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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of the ^{joy} Christmas
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FILMNACHMITTAG

Here are the movies for the first 3 months of 2019;

Sonntag - 27 Januar - Vorfilm - Kein schöner Land - BerchtesgadenerLand
Hauptfilm - Liselotte von der Pfalz (1966) - Ein historischer Film
aus dem 17.Jahrhundert

Sonntag - 24.Februar - Vorfilm - Die grosse Operetten Gala
Hauptfilm - Die Fledermaus - Ein Operettenfilm von 1962 mit Peter
Alexander und Marika Röck

Sonntag - 31 März - Vorfilm Wildes Deutschland -Der Main
Hauptfilm - Ein fast anständiges Mädchen - Film Komodie mit
Liselotte Pulver and Martin Held

Until next time I wish you all the best
Klaus



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Dec 2	2.00pm	Choir Christmas Concert, First Pilgrim United Church.
Dec 4	2.00pm	Kulturkreis Advent Celebration
Dec 7	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Dec 14	5.00pm - 7.00pm.	Fish & Chips Friday
Dec 15	5.30pm	Choir Christmas Party
Dec 16	2.00pm.	Germania Club Christmas Party.
Dec 21		Fish & Chips Friday (Cancelled)
Dec 22	3:00pm	Weihnachts - Stammtisch
Dec 28		Fish & Chips Friday (Cancelled)
Dec 31		New Years Eve Celebration (Contact the Office for details)

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Jan 2	5.00pm-7:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 8	2:00pm	Kulturkreis Thema: Getting older, but how?
Jan 11	5.00pm-7:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 18	5.00pm-7:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 24	7:30pm	Membership Meeting
Jan 25	5.00pm-7:00pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 27	12:00pm-2:00pm	Sunday Chef's Special
Jan 27	2:30pm	Film Liselotte von der Pfalz



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