

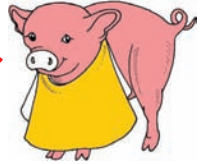
Germania Post



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Germania Club's annual



Schlachtfest

November 10th, 2018
Dinner starts at 5:30pm

The Schlachtplatte includes the following:
Geräucherter Schweinenacken, Blutwurst, Leberwurst,
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Herman Denninger

July 19, 1938 – September 16, 2018

Herman was a member of the Germania Club for over 60 years. We extend our condolences to his sons Eric and Patrick, also to his family Rudi, Herta and Gabriele.

Born in Karlsruhe, Germany (late Rudolf and Frida), Herman moved to Hamilton with his family in 1953. He spent the majority of his life passionately working beside brother Rudi (Margo) and sisters Herta (late Austin) and Gabriele (Rainer) to build the successful company Denninger's. Herman was responsible for the development of many product recipes and brought innovation and creativity to all of his work. He took great pride in his family business and in his retirement, enjoyed watching the next generation continue the legacy. He was a beloved uncle and mentor to Curtis (Mary), late Belinda, Rana and Richard (Nicole), Claudia (Andrew), late Martin, Robert (Rhonda) and Christopher (Melissa). Herman battled with Parkinson's disease for over 20 years and always managed to maintain a positive outlook. He had a passion for tennis, boating and traveling the world. He was known for his quick wit, irresistible charm and loyalty to his friends and family. Always exuding a youthful spirit Herman was an adventurer who knew how to enjoy life.



The President's Corner



Dear Members,
The summer has come and gone, and it is time to move our club activities to the inside of our club house. The months of September and October provided many opportunities for club members, their families and Germania Club supporters to come to 863 King St. East, to be part of a variety of events. It was certainly encouraging that so many of you did.

We started off with a visit from the Dinkelsbühler Knabenkapelle. Their outstanding performance, in their original costumes, will be remembered for some time to come. September is also the month of our annual Steel City Oktoberfest. Once again this very labour intensive one day event, was very successful. The place was jumping, the beer was flowing, and the food was great. The entertainment, through-

out the evening, including the crowning of Miss Oktoberfest 2018, provided a good time for everyone.

The Sunday lunch and movie afternoon was certainly a little more relaxing, but still very much enjoyable.

Moving on to October 2, we had the opportunity to host and welcome the Brass Band Hemslingen, who performed at the Germania Club and brought a bit of Germany to everyone in the hall. It is interesting to note, that the first point of contact for both groups, after they arrived from Germany, was the Germania Club.

The Thanksgiving Dinner this year, at the Club, was only enjoyed by a small group of Club members. I for one liked the company, the food and being with friends.

As you can appreciate, this has been a very busy time for the Germania Club. Once again, a big thank you goes out to all Club members, and non-club members for their continued help. Without them none of this would be possible. Thank you very much. I hope you will be able and willing to continue vol-

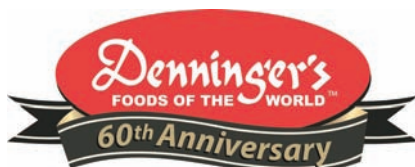


unteering. At the same time, I will call on our younger and newer members to step up and get actively involved, because our busy schedule of club functions, continues with the 154th Stiftungsfest; the Choirs' Winefest; on Oct. 28, the Sunday lunch and then the musical afternoon, that includes the Alpenhorn Players, visiting from Germany.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish David all the very best and a good recovery from his surgery, and hope that he will be released from the hospital very soon. My best wishes, good health and happiness to all club members.

Until next time,
your President,
Ulrich Venohr

Thank you to our Oktoberfest Sponsors





Choral Notes

After the lazy, and this year particularly hazy days of summer, along with participating in a number of events at the club, the choir has been plunged into a scurry of activities that will continue for the remainder

of this calendar year. As Waltraud already pointed out in the October issue, we will be taking part in the Stiftungsfest, where several of our choristers will be getting special pins commemorating their membership in the Germania Club: Susan Butz, Christine Eastwood, and Erika Mildenerger will be getting their 25 - year pins. Heinz Mildenerger will be honoured for his 55 - year membership. Surely Heinz, whom I've known for about 60 years, was a mere babe in arms when he joined...

The Saturday after the Stiftungsfest, on October 20th, the choir will be hosting the DKSB (Deutsch-Kanadischer Sängerbund) for their bi-yearly meeting, followed by a number of DKSB choirs participating in the Weinfest. As always, we hope that other club members and their friends will join us for this happy event, sponsored by the Reif Winery.

On October 28th, along with a group of Alpenhorn Players from Germany and other performers, we are participating in an afternoon Concert with "Kaffee und Kuchen" at the Club, sponsored by Gabi Denninger Frank. In planning the concert with Gabi, I was reminded of the popular hit song of my childhood: "In einer kleinen Konditorei da saßen wir zwei bei Kuchen und Tee". However, we will be having several musicians to take the place of the "elektrische Klavier das klimpert leise", including, of course, the alphorn players, who will be making a resounding noise. This will be just fine for those of us with diminished hearing; we may even want to turn down our hearing aids...

The choir will also be participating at the Memorial Service at the Germania Park on November 4th. We are hoping that the alphorn players will offer a couple of solemn numbers on this occasion, similar to ones that they have performed at church services in Germany.

We have also started to practise for the Advent and Christmas season, but I'll tell you more about that in our next Germania Post issue.

Mit frohem Sangergru,
Gudrun



Aus unserem Frauenverein

It has been a while since we have updated our Frauenverein activities. Sigi Seiler has been under the weather, so Annemarie has asked me to fill in for her.

The summer months have been rather quiet, although we participated during Gage Park, the Germania club picnic and Oktoberfest, as we usually do.

We are now looking forward to our Annual Christmas Bazaar and , if anyone has any items for our White Elephant table, or any donations towards our big Tombola, we would love to hear from you. Please call Annemarie at (289) 253-8955 or send her a message (e-mail address: AnnemarieK62@gmail.com). Our Christmas Party will take place on December 5. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Our small group seems to get smaller all the time. We lost another of our long-time members. Edeltraud passed away on Sept. 28th at the age

of 90. Our most sincere condolences go out to her family and friends.

The good news is, we have gained a new member; namely, Jeanet Schaefer. We are very happy to have Jeanet join our happy little group and welcome her sincerely.

We are also pleased to have Ingrid back in our circle. Ingrid had surgery in August and has been convalescing since then. Welcome back, Ingrid!

Recently, we celebrated Sigrid Whelan's 80th birthday -- right at our meeting. Congratulations to you, Sigrid!

Uschi Schien also celebrated a birthday, and in November we have several members; namely, Annemarie on the 12th, Dorothea on the 14th and Elisabeth on the 24th.

Happy birthday, good health and happiness to all of you!

In closing, I would like to see many of you at the Bazaar and please, spread the word and invite all your friends to join us.



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49 Years Steel City Oktoberfest at the Germania Club

On Saturday, September 22, it was time again to head down to the Germania Club with family and friends to enjoy some delicious German food, raise a glass of draft Paulaner, dance the night away and enjoy the various festivities that kept everyone entertained and in great spirits, right until midnight.

Part of the parking lot, was once again converted to a colourful beer garden, however a sudden sharp dip in temperatures caused most guests to congregate in the banquet hall, where all of the special events took place.

Mayor Fred Eisenberger dropped by for the tapping of the keg, and Councillor Matthew Green also came by to enjoy some of the festivities. The Haus Band provided the musical entertainment, for the afternoon, and ensured a lively atmosphere by the time the Nu-Tones arrived in the evening, to kick up the energy in the hall a few notches, and to entice everyone to the dance floor.

As they do every year, the Narragonia dancers were enthusiastically received and their closing number, the CanCan brought down the house with thunderous applause.

There was the traditional "Bier stemmen" contest with both ladies and gentlemen competing to the loud encouragements from the audience.

Four lovely ladies competed for the title of Miss



Oktoberfest 2018, and the winner once again was Miss Lauren Hanna of Ancaster, who had already won the contest in 2016. Her prize was a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of champagne.

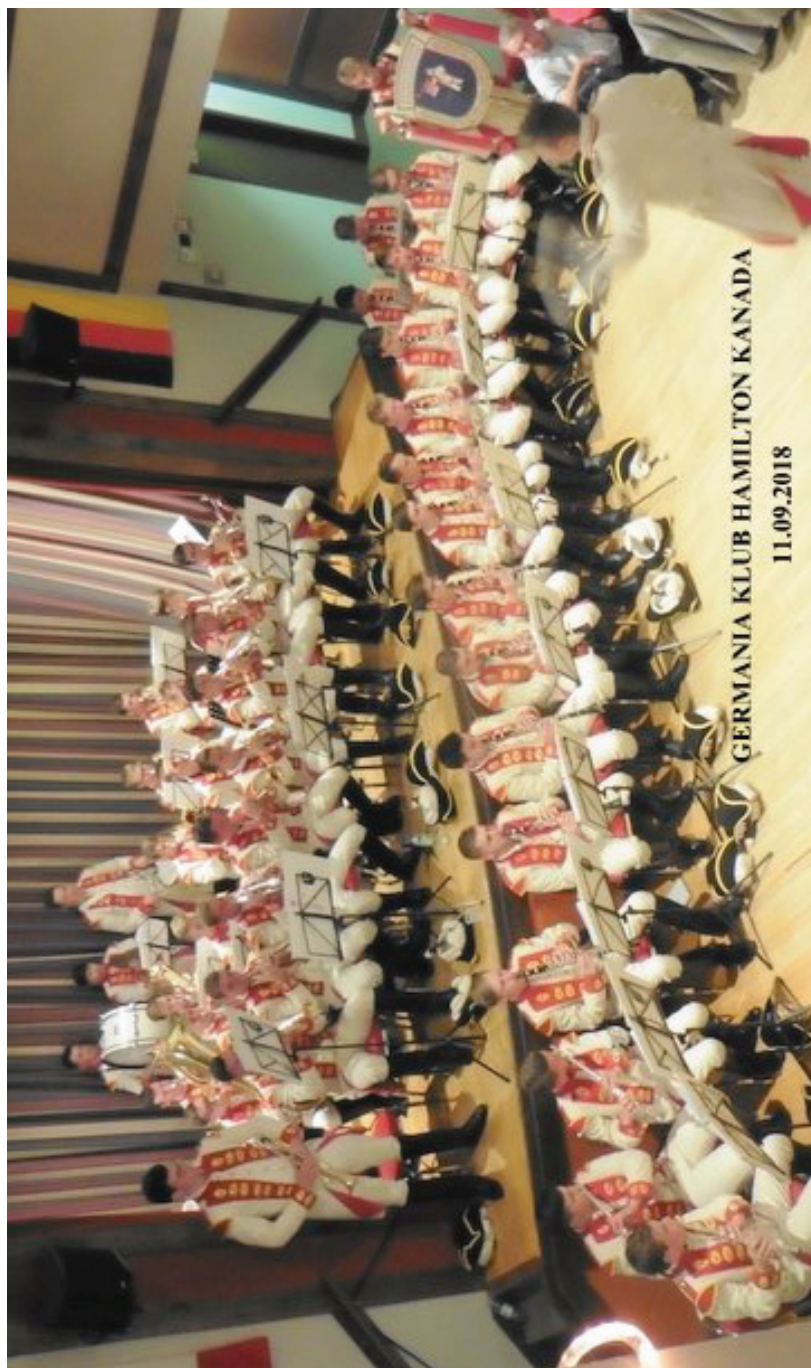
The Paulaner flowed freely and a lot of food was consumed. As well, judging from the reaction of the guests, the evening was a huge success. None of it would have been possible without our loyal sponsors, volunteers and a hard-working Board and Club President, Ulrich Venohr.

2019 will of course be the 50th Anniversary of our Steel City Oktoberfest celebration. We will try to make it a celebration to remember, but we need all of you to make it happen. See you there, once again.

“Ein Prosit der Gemuetlichkeit”!
Waltraud Schork



As Seen in the Germania Club September 2018



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Hugo Kirchhoefel - 50 Year Biography

He came to Canada in May of 1965 with his wife and two daughters. They came by ship and landed in Halifax, from there they took a train to Hamilton, their final destination.

It was only a week after they arrived that he joined the Fishing and Hunting Club. He worked for Albert and Harvey Plumbing and Heating. Through them he went up to the cottage that first summer and helped with the construction of the indoor bathroom and the rest of the plumbing. They spent many summers at the cottage as a family. Some of their fondest memories are of the fishing contest every year. He has many great memories of those early years. His family and he spent the next 40 years enjoying the fishing and time they spent there.

In 1968 he joined the Germania Club. By that time, he had 3 children. His oldest 2 spent their Saturdays going to German classes. It was a great way for them to not lose the language. They enjoyed the picnics at the Germania Park in the summers. The kids always had a fantastic time. Two of his children had their wedding receptions at the Germania Club.

Unfortunately, he is no longer able to take part and enjoy what once was.



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Thank you to Dieter and Claudia Eckert for supplying the Knabenkapelle with soft drinks during their stay at the Germania Club.

As indicated in the Oct GERMANIA POST there will be an information afternoon on Nov 7. at 2pm in your club. The afternoon will be conducted by Karin Schuett and deals with the subject of cremation and burial. Yes you read right!

I thought it would be subject that is often ignored and KARIN SCHUETT would be well qualified to speak on the matter. Quite a few of us still have relatives in Germany and not all of them speak or read ENGLISH. This is where Karin's GERMAN might come in handy.

So if you have any unanswered questions or relatives still living in Germany come on out for what should be an interesting afternoon. My wife and I are looking forward to see you on NOV 7. at 2pm in your club.

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Nov 4	1:00pm	Memorial in the Park
Nov 6	2-4 pm	Culture Circle
Nov 7	2:00 pm	Circle of Life Presentation - Cremation, Funerals, Govt Benefits\
Nov 9	5-7 pm	Fish & Chips Friday
Nov 10	5:30 pm	Farmers Feast
Nov 16	5-7 pm	Fish & Chips Friday
Nov 18	11:00 am	Christmas Bazaar
Nov 23	5-7 pm	Fish & Chips Friday
Nov 25	12-2 pm	Sunday Lunch / Film Afternoon
Nov 27	7:30 pm	Membership Meeting
Nov 30	5-7 pm	Fish & Chips Friday

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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 28		Fish & Chips Friday (Cancelled)
Dec 31		New Years Eve Celebration (Contact the Office for details)



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