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Obituaries



Tony Grenc June 13, 1924 – June 17, 2019

Tony was a long time member of the Germania Club and until recently could be seen on Saturday afternoon playing SKAT in the club. We extend our sincere condolences to Tony's daughters Heidy, Diana, Susi and their families.

Dr. Robert Logel

December 22, 1914 – June 29, 2019

Dr. Logel joined the Germania Club in 1992 and over the years made several donations to the club. We extend our sincere condolences to his friends.



Oskar Bauerle
April 25, 1923 – July 12, 2019
Oskar will be remembered by many of his friends from the Fisher & Hunters and Stammtisch for his love of hunting and joke telling. We extend our sincere condolences to his son, family and friends.

The President's Corner



It's hard to believe that we are almost half way through the summer season

already. In the short time we have been involved in many activities such as

It's Your Festival and our own Strawberry Festival. Both events were well attended by the many volunteers who have made them a success. My sincere thanks to the countless volunteers involved who were responsible for the success, well done. During the Strawberry Festival I had the privilege of meeting numerous members who introduced themselves and made me feel right at home.

July will continue to be busy with the building being used for an upcoming movie shoot from the 15th to the 26th. This has necessitated the cancelling of several events and the rescheduling of some such as July's members meeting to July 30th. We apologize for any inconvenience. The 14th and 28th is scheduled for wrestling.

Our major event for August will be the club picnic on August 11th and I encourage all to attend and meet new and old friends and to enjoy your park.

September 21st will be our Octoberfest celebration. Come out and enjoy a great day.

In closing I wish you all an enjoyable summer spent with family and friends and look forward to meeting you during the year.

Starting in September all members will receive a 10% discount on food served in the restaurant.

You may be asked to show your membership card



Notes from the Board Secretary.

Dear Members,

Due to a film shoot at the Germania Club, the Board of Directors had to cancel the Members' Meeting on June 25, 2019, and again on July 23, for the same reason. Film represent valuable shoots towards the daily income operation of our Club, and we regret having had to make that decision. However, we did re-schedule a Members' Meeting for July 30th, 2019. In the meantime, a number of issues have arisen, that we would like to share with you. On June 1, 2019, the Board of Directors received a letter from Heidi Frank, that she was interested in the Vice President's position that had remained vacant after Garry Bulmer was appointed to the President's positon. On June 4, 2019, the Board considered Heidi's request. The President had also informed the Board that Kevin Pyett, the Park Manager and Ricardo Pereira, the Campers' Chairman, had also expressed an interest to fill the position. After some deliberation, Heidi Frank was appointed Vice-President, because of her extensive experience in Germania Club matters.

We regret to inform you that our Park Manager, Kevin Pyett tendered his resignation as Park Manager on June 7, 2019. We are grateful that Dave Blosser of the Campers subgroup, offered to serve as interim Park Manager. He, along with the generous assistance of the campers is ensuring that the Germania Park will be there for the seasonal campers to enjoy and also for our summer Club functions.

In the next few months, we will be asking you to make some important decisions with regard to the Park house, and we encourage you to attend the Members' meeting whenever you can, to keep on top of Club matters.

Best regards
Waltraud Schork, Secretary,
Germania Club Board of
Directors.





Choral Notes

Dear Members,

At this time of year the Germania Choir is on vacation and enjoying all those things that the season has to offer. A few days of sun, blue sky and balmy breezes and all those trying days of this past winter are forgotten.

On June 15, we celebrated the end of our choir season with a picnic at Germania Park. Even though it was a partially gray and rainy afternoon, inside the Fishers and Hunters Hall the atmosphere was joyful and filled with laughter and music for the entire afternoon.

The reason for this exuberance was the fact that we were also celebrating the 80th birthdays of a number of choir members: Hilde Bittner, Paul Jaeckle, Eva Kolwes, Brigitte Muessner and Erika Renz. Everyone was happy to see Evelyn Crawford in fine form after her heart procedure. She also celebrated her birthday, although not her 80th.

The celebrants treated everyone to a fabulous dinner and a delicious birthday cake. Thank you, once again.

Clement Ng had access to a keyboard, Karl Uschold brought his guitar and no one needed a special invitation to sing along. The moments in between songs were filled with some hilarious poems about old age that elicited much laughter and lively commentary from everyone.

Lore, my sincere apology for forgetting to congratulate you in the last issue of the Germania Post. Lore Schaefer celebrated her birthday on July 28.

August birthday wishes go out to Hilde Bittner and Clement Ng, who are both celebrating their birthday on August 27. Best wishes go also out to all of you who are dealing with health issues: Lore and Willy Schaefer, Christel Strassguertl, Ewald Zielke. Hugs to all of you.

First choir practice in the fall is on Sept. 5, 2019.

Until next time, I remain musically yours Waltraud Schork





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Oh wow, what a Summer. Hot, Hot, Hot. No complaints though. I have no report on Gage Park since I did not make it there. I wrecked my Van two days before. I'm driving a rental right now. Tomorrow July 8th, I'm going in for Back surgery. Hope all goes well. I hope to make it to Moon Basin Marina for our Jr. Prize Fishing on July 19 -21. Maybe I will have seen many of you there. But if you were't able to go, perhaps we'll see you at our Family Weekend on Aug. 23-25 at Moon Basin Marina, Please

call Rick Grobauer at 289-253-7783 or Bob Mulhall at 905-818-5510 to register. I have one August Birthday, Bob Mulhall is turning 20 this month, oops, I mean Bob's birthday is on the 20th. No such Luck Bob. Happy Birthday to you and God Bless. And oh Bob, I heard through the grape vine that you're having Back problems too. Hope it's not too serious. So for now I will close and I must say, this is NOT FAKE **NEWS**

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CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 19, 2019 2:00pm to 4:00pm Doors will open at 1:30pm

The Culture Circle of the Germania Club presents an afternoon in celebration of German Heritage Month.

Presentations will provide an overview of German culture, not only in Ontario and Canada, but will also include German Unity celebrations. We will further explore the history of the Germania Club as the cornerstone of German culture in Hamilton for the last 155 years. There will be an exhibit of German artefacts in the collection of the Club.

Afterwards, from 4-5pm, join us for a delicious buffet supper at the Club. The Choir will perform and the Haus Band will play.

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Summer, Sun and Sizzle at Gage Park.

For 3 days, from Saturday, June 29 — Monday, July 1, Hamiltonians celebrated the 50 th anniversary of, "It's Your Festival" at Gage Park. The Germania club booth has bragging rights, because we have been there for all of its 50 years. The heat did not deter the revellers from enjoying the events, thanks to a fabulous lineup of entertainment and the delicious food that was available in the Park. We found out once again, that Hamiltonians love German food and hospitality. Whether it was a barbecued schnitzel, Westfaeler or Oktoberfest sausage, sauerkraut or potato salad, every food item was in demand. Quite a few visitors to our booth were reminiscing about the wonderful times they spent in the Germania Club in the past. Once again, a heartfelt thank you goes out to all those intrepid volunteers from the membership and all the subgroups, who set up for the event, prepared 200 lbs. of potato salad and enormous amounts of Sauerkraut, and then braved the heat, staffing the Germania Club booth for 3 shifts daily. We would like to encourage some of the younger Germania Club members to think about volunteering for these events. It is becoming harder for some of us to continue to be able to tend to all the tasks that are required to put on events such as the Gage Park Festival or Oktoberfest.

And please don't forget to come and join us on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at Germania Park for our Annual Picnic.

Waltraud Schork













We had our last meeting before Summer break! We will not have a meeting until September.

We made special plans for that day; namely, an EPICUREAN COOKING DEMONSTRATION.

Everyone is invited, so bring all your friends! No admission charge! All proceeds will go towards prizes for our big Tombola at our Annual Christmas Bazaar.

Drinks will be available for purchase. A little sample dinner will be served to you after you have been shown how to prepare a delectable, nutritious meal, free of preservatives and artifitial colours; gluten free and sodium and sugar conscious. Best of all, these meals are quick and easy to prepare. So please come and enjoy this experience and support your Club and the Frauenverein. More details are shown on the ad in this issue of the

Until then, have a great summer! Looking forward to seeing you on September 4th at the Germania Club!

Brigitte Parzen

Germania Post.

On behalf of the Frauenverein

Invitation to Germania Club Members & their Guests to attend an Epicure Cooking Class

<u>Date</u>: Wed. Sept 4th @ 7:00 pm Please <u>RSVP</u> by Sun Sept 1st to:

Germania.bazaar@gmail.com or

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- Sample healthy, low sodium, easy to prepare cooking (appetizer, main entrée, dessert)
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 - Enjoy a social evening with fellow club members
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SKAT REPORT



Dear Skat Friends

An exciting week of Skat ahead, as we have our Great Lakes Skat, which this year includes the North American Championship in our Germania Club. Hope you can join in, this year we will also have two guests from Germany, as well as guests from all over USA and Canada. The schedule is as follows >

August 1 and August 2, Hansa Haus, Mississauga August 3 and August 4,
Germania Club,
North American Championship registration 9AM to
9:45AM, Saturday
August 5,
Masters Tournament,
Germania Park
August 6,
Skat in the Vineyard with a
wine tour and lunch,
Redstone Winery

August 7 and August 8, Bertls Farm, Kitchener

August 9, travel to Cleveland and pre tournament. Maennerchor Club

August 10 and August 11, Cleveland, Maennerchor

Hope to see some of you there.

For our stammtisch members, join us August 17 at 3:00 to remember our long time friend and Stammtisch Member, Oscar Bauerle."



CAMPER'S

KORNER



It seems that the older we get, the faster that time flies! It is hard to believe that we are well into the summer season & that due to all the wet weather we have had a late start to the season.

The Camper's Committee has been working hard for Campers & friends to enjoy the Park & we have had several events in July, including Josie's famous Potato Pancake breakfast, as well as some movie & game nights. Those who participated really enjoyed these fun events. With the improved weather, we are finally able to spend time on cleaning up our sites & we want to thank those Campers who have volunteered time with both cleaning the Pavilion & grass cutting in the areas where the farmer is unable to cut. We are reminded of the prevalence of ticks in long grass & advise people to check themselves carefully. Thank vou to those who have turned their trailers so that the tongue is facing out. This makes it much easier to tow trailers out in the event of an emergency & is in keeping with most campgrounds.

A reminder to everyone of the posted speed limit in the Park. There are children running around playing, & as well as older people walking about the Park. We have noticed on several occasions some

people driving at excessive speed within the Park. We also have new gravel laid on the road into the campground, so driving slowly helps to keep the gravel on the road.

Here are a few of our August events for Campers, friends & family, as well as Club members to attend.

August 17 we will have a Chili Night from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Children under 12 are free. August 25 Annual Campers Picnic from 4:00 - 7:30 Cost is \$18.00 in advance \$20.00 at the door. The Theme will be Hill Billy so feel free to dress accordingly. Pig roast with all the fixings. Tickets will be available to buy from Committee members.

At this time, we would like to acknowledge & thank Kevin Pyett for his 10 years of volunteer service & hard work in keeping the Germania Park so beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

Following the resignation of Kevin, the Board of Directors accepted the offer from David Blosser to fill in as interim Germania Park Manager and appointed Dave to the position. There is a lot to learn and organize to have things run smoothly for us all summer. Keeping our campground ship shape is a group effort, so thank you again to those who freely give of their time and consider this an invitation for any looking to help out!

Submitted by Jeannie Hope On behalf of Camper's Chairman Ricardo Pereira



Following a day of wilting heat, humidity, and torrential rains, we were truly blessed with ideal weather conditions for our Strawberry Festival in our beautiful Germania Park. It was the perfect setting to re-connect with old friends, sipping on a nice cool drink, maybe enjoying some genuine "Erdbeerbowle", or savouring a piece of strawberry cake with lots of whipped cream.

In spite of her extraordinary efficiency, Hilde Bittner had a hard time keeping up with whipping several liters of cream, and my car started to find its own way on repeated runs to the Binbrook grocery store to keep up with the

demand: "Aber bitte mit Sahne".

Most of our participants also enjoyed a Schnitzel or a sausage from the BBQ in the fresh air of our perfect outdoor setting. To keep our small fry happy, Heidi Frank took them on a scavenger hunt, which was followed by their private little camp fire and wiener roast.

Our house duo (one of our original trio

members couldn't make it) of Fred Macht and Karl Uschold brought the necessary ambiance to our summer fest and had us tapping our toes to familiar tunes.

A big Thank You to the organizers and helpers, including several of our campers, who, as always, stepped up to the plate when needed. And thank you to the Club members and their friends who came out and made our efforts worthwhile.



August Birthdays

Hildegard Bittner
Eva Fori
Ilse Kastrau
Horst Kaufeld
Werner Liste
Andrew Litvinau

Bob Mulhall Theo Nermerich Anna Schaible Barbara Schuster Glenn Ward

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Donations

Germania Club

Alex Wegner - \$500

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Anonymous - \$200

We would like to thank the individual involved for their kind donation of food for the first soccer game and for the strawberries everyone enjoyed at the Strawberry Festival.







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Aug 15	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter member's meeting
Aug 23-25		Fisher & Hunter Family Weekend
Aug 27	7:30pm	Member's meeting

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Sep 4	5-7pm	Ladies Auxiliary Epicurean Cooking
		Demonstration
Sep 5	7:30pm	Choir - first practice after summer
Sep 6	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Sep 7	7-11pm	Dance with Jan's DJ
Sep 13	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Sep 19	8pm	Fisher & Hunter member's meeting
Sep 20	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Sep 21	3pm-12am	50th Steel City Oktoberfest
Sep 24	7:30pm	Member's meeting
Sep 27	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Sep 29	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Sep 29	2:30pm	Movie Afternoon



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