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Obituaries

Ursula Kannenberg
October 14, 1939 – October 21, 2019

We extend our sincere condolences to her husband Helmut, sons Harald, Norbert, their families and her friends.



The President's Corner



With the completion of the Schlachtfest and the Memorial Service last weekend our calendar for the year is quickly coming to an end. Once again a large thank you to all that stood in, and from all reports, made both events a success. With being shut in, I have been thankfully able to rely on other members of the board to fill in on my behalf. We now move into December

to finish the year. The first event is the Children's Christmas Party on December 15th and our New Years celebration at the end of the month. The efforts of our members responsible for organizing the New Years event can best be rewarded by having a large number of our club members attend. Especially since they have arranged for a live band to play.

The last challenge for your board this year is to set the event calendar for 2020 so that it can be included in the January issue of the Germania Post.

A note from the Business Manager, Hedda Wganenblast.

Beginning January 1, coffee will cost \$2.00 and the serving will be a 'bottomless' cup. Presently we charge for a cup of coffee without refill. Also beginning January 1, some bar prices will increase up to \$0.50 to bring our pricing better in line with the rising costs of purchases.

I would also like to give you the menu for New Year's Eve; Soup, Salad, Prime Rib, Baked Maple Salmon, Pear William (mashed potatoes), Rice Ring with black, red yellow vegetable, Roasted Beets, Zucchini Provencal, Baked Alaska for dessert. late evening : Chocolate Fountain with Fruit and Pound Cake

I wish all members and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



Join us at the
Germania Club
Christmas Party

December 15, 2019

Doors open at 12:30pm

Begins at 1:00pm

Bring your Children and Grandchildren (up to age 12) to the club to for special entertainment, a sing – along and to see Santa.



Admission is \$12.00 per child

(includes a Hot Dog, cookie and drink, plus a gift from Santa)

Please register your child or grandchild with the
Club Secretary before **December 8th.**

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 8^h, 2019



Choral Notes

As I am writing this article, the first snowflakes of the season are whirling through the wintry air. This can only mean one thing, Christmas is not this far off, and with it comes all the hustle and bustle that it has come to entail in our modern age.

The Germania Choir is hard at work practicing for upcoming events. After performing at the 155th Stiftungsfest and the German Heritage month celebration we still have the Germania Park Memorial and of course our Christmas concert at First Pilgrim United Church on Dec. 1, as well as the Christmas celebration at Brantford's Sonnenhof, on Dec. 13, ahead of us, and of course the Choir's Christmas party the day after.

On Oct. 26, our choir travelled by bus to Toronto to attend the 90th Anniversary celebration of the M.C. Toronto Harfentoene at St. Patrick Church. After the solemn entrance of the Choir flags, the attending DKSB choirs presented all those who attended with an unforgettable and inspiring afternoon of music. In attendance in order of appearance were the M.C. Harfentoene; Lyra Choir, London; Germania Choir, Hamilton; Loreley

Singers, Oshawa; Teutonia Choir, Stratford; Concordia Choirs, Kitchener; and Heidelberg/Rheingold Singers, St. Catharines. Deeply moving were especially the male massed choir performances of "Das Morgenrot" and "Jacob's Ladder".

Birthday wishes go out to Christine Eastwood (Dec. 22). Ewald and Christel we hold you in our hearts and wish you well. Finally we wish all of you a blessed and Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with contentment among family and friends.

I leave you with this Christmas classic by Theodor Storm.

Weihnachtslied.

1. Vom Himmel in die tiefsten Kluefte Ein milder Stern herniederlacht. Vom Tannenwalde steigen Duefte Und hauchen durch die Winterluefte, Und kerzenhelle wird die Nacht.

2. Mir ist das Herz so froh erschrocken, Das ist die liebe Weihnachtszeit! Ich hoere ferne Kirchenglocken Mich lieblich heimatlich verlocken Inmaerchenstille Herrlichkeit.

3. Ein frommer Zauber haelt mich wieder, Anbetend, staunend muss ich stehn; Es sinkt auf meine Augenlieder Ein goldner Kindertraum hernieder, Ich fuehl's ein Wunder ist gescheh'n.

Waltraud Schork



Fischer & Jäger

Moin Dear Fisher and Hunter Members and Friends, Here we go again, last report for 2019. "Fall" was very hectic, with Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Remembrance Day, Turkey Shoot, and now we're gearing up towards Christmas. Stores have been preparing us since the first of Nov. But we're all looking forward to that wonderful Season called Christmas. That said, the Fisher and Hunter are preparing for our Christmas Party and 65th Stiftungsfest on Dec. 14th. Cocktails at 6PM followed by a scrumptious Dinner. This is also the time when we congratulate and present Trophies to our Jr. Prize Fishing Winners of 2019. So please come and

help us celebrate Christmas. And I'm sure Santa will show up too, Snow or no snow. Since I had no report in Nov., we did have a few Birthday Children. OK don't laugh, regardless of age, we all are somebody's children. Annemarie Kiss, Dorothea Melms, Joe Khes, lighten up, we wish you a very Happy belated Birthday. And if you don't know what to do on Dec. 31st, our Club is promising a fantastic evening with a LIVE Band "The Great Vibes" Members tickets \$50, Guests \$60 And now the Fisher and Hunter Board wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Frohe Weinachten und ein Guten Rutsch ins Neue Jahr 2020

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*65 Year Club member Joe
Parzen and his family*

Weihnachtsteller = Christmas Plate

Please support the Germania Skat Club by ordering a traditional "Weihnachtsteller" (Christmas Plate) which consists of Apple, Clementine, chocolates and the following homemade cookies: Butter/sugar cookies, Hazelnut macaroons, Vanillekipferl, and Gingerbread men



Cost \$25 per plate includes delivery within 20 kms of the Germania Club 20kms or Upper James & the Link. Additional delivery charges may apply for further distances.

Delivery dates are: Dec 15th or 22nd

Also Optional: Pick up at the Germania Club on Dec 14th or 21st.

Orders to be placed by Dec 6th at 8:00 pm.

Contact Barb Eggers (day and evenings) 905-928-2272 or
Mandi Asbury (evenings) 905 921-6445



The 155th “Stiftungsfest” celebration of the Germania Club.

Our annual celebration took place on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019. We are fortunate indeed, that we were able to gather once again, for the 155th time in our festive hall, to honour all of the members, for their enduring loyalty over the years to the Germania Club. On that occasion we never forget as well, to remember all those who have passed away, since the previous “Stiftungsfest”.

Hans Bastel, our MC could not have been more eloquent in guiding us through the afternoon. Hans sprinkled interesting historical anecdotes throughout the festivities, to the delight of all those present. One of these was the story of women finally gaining the right to become full-fledged Club members, 40 years ago. A number of these ladies were present to receive their 40th anniversary membership certificates.

Linus Press was also honoured for being the Germania Choir’s conductor for 50 years. He was the longest serving conductor by far during the Choir’s 155 year history.

Dieter Eckert, who, in the last few months, expressed the wish to gradually curtail some of his volunteer duties, also received a heartfelt thank you, for being the MC of the “Stiftungsfest” for many years.

In her remarks to the membership, the Board Secretary also thanked the previous Board under the leadership of Ulrich Venohr as President, for all their hard work during their mandate. The members were also encouraged to continue their support of the Germania Club, so that we can continue to nurture and preserve our German culture, heritage and community.

The presentations and kind words of the subgroup leaders, on this occasion, were also greatly appreciated.

Heidi Frank, our Vice-President, who was vacationing, also sent best wishes for our anniversary celebration.

It was clear from the reaction of the members that most received their certificates with a great deal of pride. Joe Parzen was the member with the longest membership, 65 years and he joyfully celebrated the occasion with his entire family.

A very special thank you goes out to Ewald Zielke, who was not able to be with us, but as always his generous spirit is never far away when there is



something to celebrate at the Germania Club. He donated all of the wine that was served with our dinner. He sent all of us his best wishes and love. Ewald all of us thank you for your generous gift, and wish you all the best.

The last item on the program for the afternoon is always the President's address. Unfortunately, Garry Bulmer, our President could not be with us for the occasion, since he was recuperating in hospital from a fracture. However, this did not stop him from sending his speech, and from expressing that he was thinking of us on the occasion. He also pointed out how pleased he was that we were operating as a full Board, and that the Council of Elders was re-instated for the first time in years.

He further emphasized that the Board had a number of challenges, brought on by our aging infrastructure that will result in less profit than anticipated. The coming disruption for our Club during the LRT construction on King Street is one of those challenges.

He also expressed his gratitude to the Board and all of the volunteers, and hopes to be back soon. Finally, he congratulated all of the certificate recipients and wished all of us a wonderful "Stiftungsfest".

Waltraud Schork



40 Year members who joined in 1979, the first year that women were allowed to be voting members of the Club.



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Aus unserem Frauenverein

Well, what a wonderful surprise we had at our November meeting---we had four lovely ladies from the Choir join us; namely, Hildegard Bittner, Eva Kolwes, Brigitte Muessner and Inge Leitner. They had already been helping us during the picnic and previous Bazaars, but now they really dug in and all volunteered for specific jobs, as well a personal friend of mine, Karin Polap. So it looks like the Frauenverein is being revived again. My daughter, Ellen, has also joined our membership. We welcome all you ladies with open arms!

On Monday, November 11th, we're going to bake cookies in the Club kitchen, so we should have lots of goodies ready for the Bazaar.

By the time you read this article, you may already have tasted some of them.

We did have some sad news, one of our long-time members, Sigrid Whelan, has been in the hospital; she was hoping to go back home very soon, but did express her regrets

not to be able to join us at the Bazaar this year.

Helga Laqua was also having health issues, as well as Sigi Seiler.

To all you ladies, we send our most sincere wishes for better health soon!

A special guest, Erna Melloh's daughter-in-law, came by all the way from Welland, to hand-deliver some of Erna's hand-made crafts for the Bazaar.

Thank you so much, Mary!

The next item on our agenda was the finalization of our Christmas dinner. We had decided to go out for dinner to the Powerhouse Restaurant, so that Lori would also be able to enjoy an evening out.

In closing, I want to wish everyone on behalf of the Frauenverein, a peaceful Christmas surrounded by your loved ones, and good health, happiness and many hours spent enjoying our Club events in the New Year.

AND, please do not forget our New Year's Eve celebration with a live band and a lovely buffet.

Till next year, I remain,

Your Frauenverein

Connection,

Brigitte Parzen

Unsere Heimat 'Children Of War Then and Now'

This is a long awaited personal photo project, a labour of love as a result of childhood memories of me, Parow, a professional magazine and corporate photographer and member of the Germania Club.

My childhood memories come from sitting on the many laps listening to older relatives and all their friends who were retelling their stories about having lived through and survived WWII as children in Germany.

I want to tell their story with my Project Unsere Heimat 'Children Of War Then and Now'. The project will have a portrait photograph taken by me of those members born in Germany before 1950, while holding their childhood or baby picture.

To Get your portrait picture taken by me

1. You must bring your own childhood or baby picture of yourself while you were a child/baby in Germany (picture can be with or without others)

This first Children of War Project is for the German children, born in Germany before 1950.

The first photo shoot will be in the Germania Club during the Culture Circle on December 11 from 1-2pm and 4-6pm in the Large Hall. The next shoot will be set in January.

This portrait project is designed to become an art show and a book publication.

A little about photographer Parow;

I'm a professional commercial location photographer with an active career in Toronto for the past few decades. I'm published in many magazines, corporate publications and hard/soft covered books. (You can find a few examples of my published work at www.parowpictures.com section: **Assignments**)



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Richard Grobauer
Sonya Haase
Waldemar Herling

Helmut Kannenberg
Joe Khes
Helmut Koziol
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Dec 11	1-2pm	Unsere Heimat - photo shoot
Dec 11	2-4pm	Culture Circle - Adventsfeier
Dec 11	4-6pm	Unsere Heimat - photo shoot
Dec 14	5:00pm	Choir Christmas Party
Dec 14	6:00pm	Fisher & Hunter 65th Stiftungsfest/Christmas Party
Dec 15	1:00pm	Children`s Christmas Party
Dec 31	6:30pm	New Year`s Eve

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Jan 3	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 8	2-4pm	Culture Circle Germania
Jan 10	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 17	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 24	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Jan 26	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Jan 26	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag
Jan 31	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday



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