



The Germania Club
Strawberry Festival



Sunday July 7th



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The President's Corner



Dear Members,

You may remember that I was elected Vice-President at the March 24, 2019 Annual General Meeting. During the month that followed, our Board fielded many questions from members with regard to the situation with the now vacant President's position. At the Board meeting of May 21, 2019, the Board voted unanimously to appoint me to the position of President of the Germania Club. The following week, at the Members' meeting I introduced myself to those members at the meeting, Please allow me to do the same now in this forum.

Both my wife Linda and I share a German ancestry, although it goes back several generations. I am, what I consider to be, a young 73 year old man, who has been with my wife Linda over 45 years. We have 3 grown children and 7 grandchildren. I have been retired for over 22 years and from Her Majesty's Naval

Reserve for 8 years, where I held the rank of Lieutenant (Navy). I was the former President and Chairman of the Board of my Credit Union for a combined total of over 35 years. In my spare time I was the Treasurer of the Winona Peach Festival for 25 years. As you can see, I have been volunteering for a great part of my life.

The Germania Club is a social Club, so first of all our Board plans to continue to offer all the events that you have traditionally come to expect and enjoy. However, at the same time, we have to learn to think outside of the box and try to come up with new ideas and creative ways to move forward. There is no denying that our membership is diminishing. The challenge that the Board is facing in the next 2 years, includes, finding new ways to increase the Club's income, so that we not only can finance the Club's events, but also the upkeep of our real estate holdings. It is fortunate that we now have a full and experienced Board who is in an excellent position to help us deal with these challenges.

At the moment we are hard at work planning for the Gage Park Festival that runs from June 29-July 1; the Strawberry



Festival that we celebrate on July 7; the Club Picnic at Germania Park on Aug. 11; and our 50th Oktoberfest on Sept. 21.

I am confident that I can rely on the experience and enthusiasm of the new Board to make my job as your President much easier. I would also like to call on you the membership to offer your talents to the Club in whatever way is possible for you. I guarantee that volunteerism is a gratifying personal experience, and it

helps us here at the Germania Club to not only nurture our own ethnic roots, but also share them with Hamiltonians.

As your President, I can assure you that the Germania Club is at the top of all our thoughts and considerations. I hope to guide you forward over the next 2 years, and keep this organization safe and thriving to the best of my ability.

I wish all of you an enjoyable summer.

Garry Bulmer,
President

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Hello Summer! First off, let me apologize for missing the June edition, but work and play got ahead of me and the deadline slipped by.

By the time you are reading this, activities are well under way at our beautiful campground! Many club and personal events are taking advantage of the season we are stretching out to embrace those long luxurious summer days. As always, please do come up and enjoy with us, stroll the grounds...picnic in

the shade of the trees...borrow or bring a boat to paddle the lake (we are always willing to lend, so don't be shy!)

Our campers committee had some turnaround at the campers meeting, so I want to take this opportunity to thank those that gave so freely of their time last season, and to welcome the new and current board to another camping season.

Hope to see you all soon! And of course if you have any items to share here ...feel free to come find me on the weekends!



Choral Notes

Dear Members,

By the time you read this article, the winter/spring choir season will have ended with our traditional choir picnic on June 15, in Germania Park. We will return from our summer hiatus on Thursday, Sept. 12. On Saturday, May 25, the Germania Choir spent a memorable musical afternoon at the Germania Club with the Fun Chorus and Fun Chorus Band, under the musical direction of Diane Kerss. Their choir is part of the program of the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre. Their joy and passion for music was undeniable, and believe me, it was contagious. All of us sang along as much as we could, whether the song was, "She'll be coming round the mountain", "The Tennessee Walz", or "Climb every mountain". They have a continuously expanding repertoire of popular songs that they share throughout the year with residents of senior homes, hospitals or this time with the Germania Choir. Both choirs enthusiastically agreed to plan another get-together.

On Saturday, June 1, a Germania Choir delegation went to St. Catharines to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Heidelberg-Rheingold Singers. After a delicious lunch, and a lively performance by the Community Christian Brass Band, the Choirs of the German-Canadian Choir Association marched in with their flags. Starting with the

Heidelberg-Rheingold Singers, the Harfentoene, the Concordia Choirs and the Transylvania Choirs presented their musical offerings. The concert ended with a powerful musical performance by the massed choir of, "Die Himmel ruehmen", "Als Freunde kamen wir", and "Neigen sich die Stunden."

On June 6, the entire choir, together with Alex Wegner's family, celebrated Alex's 93rd birthday at the Club. Gudrun Boehm-Johnson, a choir member and Alex's sister-in-law had decided to celebrate Alex's birthday in style, and had arranged this wonderful surprise party for him. We spent an entertaining evening, singing some of Alex's favorite songs, munching on hors d'oeuvres, birthday cake, raising a glass of champagne and of course wishing him many more returns.

We also wish a happy birthday to all of our choir members who celebrate their birthday in July: Brigitte Muessner, Heinz Mildenberger, July 1; Eva Kolwes, July 9; Josef Strassguertl, July 23; and Gertrud Press, July 30.

And last but by no means least, All of the Choir wishes Erich and Susy Butz a Happy Diamond Jubilee on July 25:

Sechzig Jahre lang zu zweit,
Ein ganzes Leben Seit' an Seit'.
Höhen waren auch und Tiefen,
Manchmal gar die Tränen liefen.
Aber alles ging vorbei --.

Das Jubelpaar, es lebe hoch
Und lebe glücklich weiter noch.

We wish all of you an enjoyable and healthy summer. Until next time I remain musically yours.

Waltraud Schork





Fischer & Jäger

Moin Fisher and Hunter Members and Friends, Now that Summer has finally arrived, our thoughts are drifting off to Summer functions like fishing and camping and BBQ's with family and friends. The smell of a campfire makes me want to head north to explore our beautiful Country "Canada". So let's go and explore Moon Basin Marina where our Jr. Prize Fishing will take place on July 19 to 21. I had a talk with our Creator and requested a beautiful weekend. So please Folks, we'd love to see many of you there. We're renting Cottages, but we need to have an estimate how many people are planning to come and join us. Please call Rick

Grobauer at 289-253-7783 or RGROBAUER@LIVE.CA or Bob Mulhall at 905-818-5510 or rimservices@hotmail.com This info also applies to the Family Weekend on Aug. 23-25, same place, same names, (Rick and Bob) to call and reserve your Bed or Cottage. We need to know how many Cottages we need to reserve.

And now I must apologize to Werner Grote for missing his Birthday last month. Happy belated Birthday Werner.

Our next Meeting will be on July 18th at 8PM Come and join us. So, in the meantime, enjoy Summer, relax with you're favorite beverage, and keep safe.

Until next time
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We are living in a time when an unprecedented amount of wealth is being transferred from one generation to the next. According to the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, in the next two decades 3.5 million Canadians are expected to die, leaving an estimated \$1.5 trillion to their families and community.

Those who leave a gift in their will give for many different reasons, whether it is to ensure their memory lives on or a way to ensure that their favourite charity is able to continue its important work, while for others it represents a way to minimize the tax liability that comes with the transfer of one's estate to surviving family members. Whatever the reason, a gift in one's will is a meaningful way to leave behind a legacy, making a lasting impact on the causes we all care about the most.

Have you considered what your legacy will be?

May is National Leave A Legacy Month in Canada. It is a national public awareness program designed to encourage Canadians to leave a gift primarily through their will to a charity or nonprofit organization of their choice.

The program is a donor-oriented education campaign to raise awareness of the importance of including a

charitable gift in the estate planning process. The main goal of estate planning usually is passing the greatest amount of one's estate to the estate owner's intended beneficiaries (children, family, charity). This often includes paying the least amount of taxes.

It is a common myth to think you have to be wealthy to make a legacy gift. This is not true. Anyone can arrange to leave a charitable gift from their estate, regardless of its size. It means a great deal to a charity and provides for the future to carry on the organization's mission.

A 2017 Angus Reid Institute poll found that half of Canadians (51 per cent) say they do not have a will in place, with barely one-third (35 per cent) stating they have one that is up to date. In other words, half of Canadians are set to have no say in what happens to their assets should they die, and nearly one-in-six have wills, but haven't kept them up to date. According to the Leave A Legacy program, if this trend continues, about 2 million Canadians will end life without a will to protect their assets in the next two decades. Without a will, people lose the ability to control distribution of their estate to their chosen beneficiaries.

I have been asked, how does one get started? Where do you get assistance? Your financial planner, lawyer, ac-

countant or insurance agent can help you leave a gift. These allied professionals can tell you about the best gift vehicle and tax benefits of legacy gifts. You can also call the charity or the not-for-profit organization and ask for the staff who manages the legacy or planned giving program. They can help you, too.

Another great way to start is by visiting the Leave A Legacy program website where they identify 10 things you can do today to make a difference: www.leavealegacy.ca.

I have left a gift in my will to my favourite charity because I value the organization for its mission and good work. My reason for giving a legacy gift is to help the organization continue the work they are doing and ensure sustainability of core education programs and mentorship for the future.

By leaving a gift to a charity or not-for-profit organization in your will or estate plan, you ensure your legacy gift continues to help others into the future. Join me and create a brighter future for our community.

Roger D. Ali is CEO of Niagara Health Foundation, chair (volunteer) of Association of Fundraising Professionals Foundation for Philanthropy Canada, and member of Canadian Association of Gift Planners.

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Aus unserer Frauenverein

Spring has sprung! Finally! Our gathering in June was quite small due to a few members being under the weather. Helga Laqua has been suffering for a few weeks now and we hope she will be feeling better next month seeing it's our last meeting before our summer break.

Ingrid Vehnor was also having severe pain and was unable to join us. I hope you'll be able to attend next time, Ingrid!

Jeanet was attending a special choir event and hopefully enjoying it a lot.

We missed them all, but joyfully we celebrated Lori's 31st Anniversary. Many, many more of them, Lori and Richard!

Our ladies will be supporting the Club at Gage Park as much as possible.

Other than that, "no news is good news" they say.

Have a wonderful summer, everyone and be sure to partake in the Club's activities --- Strawberry Festival - July 7th; Picnic - Aug. 11th!

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Kulturkreis Germania Culture Circle.

On June 5th, the Culture Circle had its last monthly get together before the summer. The theme was "The Culture Circle at play". We explored the significance of play within a cultural context, and then focused on "Gesellschaftsspiele", social games. We took a closer look at the history of German games, and then of course we played. People were fully engaged in enjoying a number of games. There was a Skat group. One table had fun with "Mikado" drop sticks, others enjoyed dominoes, "Mensch rgere dich nicht" and more. There were only about 25 of us, but let me tell you we made noise for 50. It was quite a happy and boisterous affair.

Thank you Dieter Eckert for always staffing the bar, and thank you Erika Eigen, Janet Schaefer, Brigitte Parzen and Hedda Wagenblast for the wonderful cakes. When we became aware that guests might wish to stay and play longer than 2 hours, Hedda ensured that we had fresh buns and wieners waiting for us for a late afternoon snack. All

agreed that it was a thoroughly entertaining afternoon and that we should do it again.

Our anticipated first meeting will be in the fall. Last year, Dieter Eckert and I worked on a plan to celebrate German Heritage Month. Unfortunately these plans had to be cancelled. We will try and resurrect them this year. At this point, the chosen date is October 20 from 2-4pm. We will keep you informed of our progress during the summer. You also have to forgive me for a senior moment. Apparently we had discussed cancelling our February meetings permanently because of poor weather conditions that time of year, and possibly have a September meeting instead. We will get back to you about this, later in the summer.

We also want to extend all our best wishes to those of you who had to stay away for health reasons on June 5th, these include, Ewald Zielke, Evelyn Crawford, Christel Strassgürtl, and Lore and Willy Schaefer. "Recht Gute Besserung! On behalf of Dieter and myself, we wish you a happy and relaxing summer.

Waltraud Schork



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Jul 17	2:00pm	Learn about Kombucha
Jul 18	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter members meeting
Jul 19-21		Fisher & Hunter Junior Prize Fishing
Jul 23	7:30pm	Member's Meeting
Jul 27	7-11pm	Dance with Jan's DJ

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Aug 11	11:00am	Germania Club PICNIC
Aug 15	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter member's meeting
Aug 27	7:30pm	Member's meeting
Sep 21		50th Steel City Oktoberfest



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