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Germania Post



The beautiful Trillium, its appearance indicates a change, and a hope for good things to come.

Obituaries

Wilhelm "Willi" Kuehlem

October 2, 1940 - April 21, 2020



Willi was a long time member of the Germania Club, and a long time member and past president of the G.T.E.V. Alpenland Schuhplattler group. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Eva, daughter Stephanie, and family.



The President's Corner



It us once again the time when I must attempt to write a Presidents Corner. A lot has happened since the last time when I wrote a message. We have been confronted with a very vicious virus which has spread over the whole world. All levels of government have been run ragged attempting to prepare the city, province and country for what we all have been facing. We have, for the most part, endeavoured to take part in social distancing and reduced activities.

This pandemic has forced us to close our Club and also our Park. Because of the Provincial rulings it is unknown when we will be able to return to enjoy our Club and Park. The results of these closures has had a definite effect on the operation and revenues of the Club. As we are unable to meet in groups of not more than

five, we have had to result to conducting Club business via email and the phone. Which I might say has not been an advantage to us.

The Annual Meeting will be brought forward as soon as we are able to. Again, a date can not be picked at this time because of the Provincial rulings. We are keeping a close eye on the time line but at the present, all facilities are closed until further notice. In the meantime, I hope that all will continue with the isolation and social distancing as required.

Stay safe and healthy.

***Sitz ich bei einem Glase
Wein,
denk ich so vor mich
hin,
wie friedlich kann die
Welt doch sein,
wenn ich alleine bin.***



Notes from the Secretary:

Dear Members,

I hope that all of you are well and are keeping yourself and your family safe. This is definitely not the spring that anyone has envisioned. As the saying goes, "This too shall pass".

We regret that the April issue did not get printed since our printer closed shop because of the pandemic. It was then decided to publish a combined April/May issue. We will also keep you up-to-date via "Das Journal," that is published more frequently than the Germania Post.

David is also trying to figure out a more effective way to deal with Club matters than just by phone calls and e-mails. He is exploring meeting softwares such as Zoom. As you may be able to appreciate, most of us on the Board are not very savvy when it comes to technology. In the meantime we are doing the best we can.

Our last event in the big hall was the celebration of Life for Sigrid Whelan. It was a memorable event, and we once again send our condolences to the Whelan family and friends.

As well, David Simon is now recuperating at home, after his operation, and immediately launched into dealing with Club matters and clearing his backlog of 300 e-mails. Richard Lutz is getting better, as well. As a result of his health challenges, Richard has had to resign his position as Park Manager. We wish both of you a full and speedy recovery.

As Jeannie has reported for the Campers, Albert Kergl is now Acting Chairman of the Campers subgroup, and we welcome him to his new position and his position on the Extended Board. Thank you, Albert.

We are fortunate that 3 passionate campers, our President Garry Bulmer, Ken Foebel and Joe Feduszczak have jumped in and are looking after Park issues. They have picked up downed branches, repaired a trailer, damaged by broken branches, etc. By the time you read this, Garry is hoping



that they will have been able to remove the 2 dead elm trees by the park house as well.

Summer bookings for the Club and the planning for events have slowed, but not ceased altogether, even though the Club is closed at the moment to any gatherings. I assure you that Hedda, Brigitte and Gudrun as well as the remainder of the Board are ready to jump into action at a moment's notice. Lori, our Club Secretary is keeping normal office hours. She still fields calls, accepts membership fees by phone, makes bookings, pays invoices etc. David Simon, Lori Kramolowsky and Betty Boerkamp still have to look after Club finances. Thank you all.

Last but not least, thank you Garry Bulmer, our President. He just simply says, if you need me and I can do it, call me. I know that all of us have been making use of his offer. We know he is zooming all over the place trying to look after things. Thank you, Garry

And finally, please call the Club before you venture to the clubhouse or Germania Park. Lori will keep you up-to-date via the Club's voice mail.

Keep safe dear Members, until we can get together once again.

Waltraud Schork,
Board Secretary



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Fischer & Jäger

Moin, Fisher and Hunters,
Members and Friends,
Rick wishes to inform you that
this year's Maifest is cancelled
because of the COVID-19
pandemic. As well, all other
events are suspended for the
time being.

Nevertheless, spring has
arrived, and I wish everyone
a very Happy Easter. Happy
Birthday wishes go out to
Chris Parzen, and to Rosi.
We wish you both all the
best and good health. Now
that you have been around
the block a few times, don't
worry, eventually you'll find

your way home. And to
everyone celebrating this or
that, enjoy.

At this point we really don't
know when our next meeting
will take place. This is all
I have for now, but enjoy
this little word of wisdom:
Pet doors operated with
microchips to allow entry
only to authorized animals.
Cats and small litter trained
dogs will use automatic flush
toilets. Robots will launch
tennis balls for dogs to chase,
when home alone.

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Photograph posted to the club's Facebook page



CAMPER'S KORNER



While it is nice to see spring arrive, we are living in difficult times. Most of us have been looking forward to the new camping season & getting out to the Park to check on our trailers & perhaps do some clean up at our sites, but unfortunately, due to the Provincial Guidelines put into place due to the coronavirus, the Park is closed indefinitely. This also means that both water & hydro will be still shut off, according to the Provincial Guidelines. You may still go to visit your trailer. However, you will have to park & walk into the Park. Please do not park di-

rectly in front of the gates. Albert Kergl has moved into the Camper's Chairman spot.

Garry Bulmer & Campers Ken Foebel & Joe Feduszczak, have been to the Park to survey & have cleaned up some fallen branches, as well as checked most of the trailer sites for any damages. Garry will call you if there has been anything of note, such as fallen tree branches.

Hopefully, if everyone follows Federal, Provincial & Municipal Guidelines, we may yet get at least a partial camping season. In the meantime, stay home as much as possible, stay healthy & stay safe.

Written by Jeannie Hope
on behalf of Albert Kergl,
Camper's Chairman



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Kappenabend in the Afternoon.

Dear Members,

“Jubel, Trubel, Heiterkeit” could have been our motto, when the Culture Circle Germania gathered on Feb. 12 in the Club restaurant, that was filled to capacity for our Carnival celebration, “Kappenabend in the afternoon”. Once we started, the laughter never stopped.

We had rummaged around in the Club’s basement and dusted off some Narrhalla memorabilia. This was greatly appreciated by some members, and the dose of nostalgia mixed well with all the merrymaking. Let’s just say that after some libations, there was absolutely no shortage of participants who stepped into our “Buett” (a decorated lectern) and set their inner comedian free. Along with “Buettenreden”, anecdotes and jokes, Erika Eigen was another hit with her “Oma” skit. And of course it all had to end with a round of carnival songs, led by Brigitte Muessner.

Ingrid Oppermann won the “best hat” contest, hands down with her hat, decorated with edibles, (Cheeses, sausages, croissant, etc), and featuring blinking lights to boot. All our efforts to eat her decorations were adamantly rejected. Her prize was a BMW (Brot mit Wuerstchen).

Thanks to all the volunteers who donated time and food for this great afternoon. Thank you, Evelyn Crawford for the abundance of great photos. Welcome Otto and Karin Dingfeld, we hope to see you again for our monthly get together.

Next Germania Post, I’ll report on our March get together, “Allein sein, oder einsam sein = Being alone or being lonely”.

“Every day, we should hear at least one little song; read one good poem; see one exquisite picture; and speak a few sensible words.” Johann Wolfgang Goethe.

All Culture Circle events have been suspended until further notice. I will keep you informed if anything changes. Until then, keep safe. You all are in my heart and thoughts.

Waltraud Schork





From the Treasurer

Due to the COVID-19 we were unable to have our March 15 annual general meeting, and as such as members we were not able to review the financial numbers for 2019. I know we will try to have an annual general meeting as soon as permitted by gathering rules, but I thought I would just share the total income total expenses and profit with you.

For 2019 total income was \$224,886.93 our total expenses were \$208,711.11 leaving us a profit of \$16,115.82. Many volunteer hours went in and came together to produce this result, with the support of members and friends of the Germania Club. We had many unexpected expenses in the year 2019 which reduced our profit.

2020 is going to be a difficult year, because of the coronavirus we have had to cancel functions including a wedding, film afternoons, Easter Egg Hunt and wrestling matches so far. We are unsure when we can start to rent our Halls and Park once again. At the present time we have an entire film set built up in the large Hall, it was completed just as we were no longer allowed to be open and remains in place until we come back to work.

This Germania Club of ours is strong and resilient, and has endured many calamities since its inception in 1864 and I know we will survive this too.

We are exploring what assistance we may expect and receive from all levels of government in this unprecedented time.

David Simon, Treasurer





Aus unserem Frauenverein

It's unbelievable how a few short weeks can change our lives so completely.

However, we are all strong enough to overcome this terrible time in our lives. We have wonderful homes, loving families and friends and many ways to stay in touch with each other. So let's call on one another and add some positivity in each other's existence.

Obviously, the Frauenverein, having just being revived by an influx of new members, had to forego the annual Stiftungsfest.

Our Nygard Event will also be cancelled or, perhaps, re-scheduled.

May all of you celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, enjoy the event, although in a different setting as before.

You make a living by what you earn; you make a life by what you give.

If you cannot do great things, do smart things in a great way.

In closing, on behalf of Annemarie and myself, we wish all of you special mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

Hoping to see you all again very soon.

I remain, Your Frauenverein Connection,

Brigitte Parzen





Choral Notes

Dear Members,
The last few weeks have been trying indeed. I hope that all of you are keeping safe at home. We will get our previous lives back in a few months from now. We just have to follow all the government guidelines and understand that being elderly makes us more vulnerable to this virus.

On Hedda's behalf, I would also like to inform you that all our spring concerts have been cancelled. There will be no choir practices for the time being. We will inform you when we are ready to get together again or have our Choir Picnic. For the time being, Germania Park has to remain closed as well.

All of us from the choir would like to extend our sincerest get-well wishes to both, David Simon, the Germania Choir's Vice-President and Richard Lutz, a long-time loyal supporting member of the Choir. Both are dealing with

challenging health issues. Dear David and Richard, we are looking forward to seeing you again at the Club in the near future.

April and May birthday wishes go out Rosi Kramolowsky, April 13; Hans Renz, April 13; Franz Bittner, April 18; Richard Lutz, April 20, Ingrid Venohr, May 3, and Hedda Wagenblast, May 17. "Wir wuenschen euch einen schoenen Tag, und vor allem ein gesundes Jahr".

***"Von guten Maechten wunder-
bar geborgen,
Erwarten wir getrost was
kommen mag.
Gott ist bei uns am Abend
und am Morgen
Und ganz gewiss in jedem
neuen Tag."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer***

Until next time, I remain
musically yours
Waltraud Schork

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April Birthdays

Anna Atkinson
Frank Bittner
Doris Buchan
Teresa Feduszcak
Steve Fori
Heidi Frank
Karla Grauf

David Johnstone
Rosi Kramolowsky
Ana-Juliana Kun
Richard Lutz
Rudi Oster
Hans Renz
Gunther Weiss



May Birthdays

Heather Arbuckle
Garry Bulmer
Gunter Burger
Klaus Freudenreich
Erwin Lutz
Bill McMenemy

Nancy McMenemy
Alto Muhlhuber
Karen Taylor
Ingrid Venohr
Hedda Wagenblast
Katherine Wahrlich



Thank you to Waltraud Schork for stepping up in, and looking after the March issue of the Germania Post. Waltraud regularly works with me on the post.

Many thanks, David



The Haus Band at last year's Picnic. Band members left to right: Fred Macht, Karl Uschold, Arthur Wagenblast

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Coming Events

More events will be posted in future Germania posts, announced on the club's voicemail and on our website. Stay tuned, and stay safe we'll get together soon.

August 9	11am	Germania Club Picnic
September 9	2-4pm	Culture Circle
September 26	3pm	Steel City Oktoberfest
October 3		Germania Choir Weinfest
October 4	1:30pm	Stiftungsfest
November 8	1pm	Memorial in the Park
November 15	11am-3pm	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar
November 21		Schlachtfest
December 15		Germania Club Christmas Party
December 31		New Years Eve Party



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