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Christmas Mubarak Selamat Natal

Selamat Natal Mutlu Noeller

Feliz Navidad

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Feliz Navidad

Buon Natale

felix dies Nativitatis

Merry Christmas

Καλά Χριστούγεννα

Frohe Weihnachten



## **Edgar Soell**

**April 30, 1934 – October 26, 2020**

Edgar was a member of the Germania Club for many years. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.



## **Uwe Hillje**

**November 2, 1939 – October 31, 2020**

Uwe was a member of the Germania Club for 18 years. We extend our sincere condolences to his companion Lisa Nimz, sister Monika Heitland, brothers Peter and Dieter their families and his friends.

## **From you acting Board Secretary**

Instead of bringing you “tidings of good cheer”, which would be appropriate for this time of the year; I’m the bearer of disappointing news!

As of Monday, November 17th, Premier Ford has just put us into “the Red Zone”, with restrictions to limit us to 10 people indoors. This would not allow us to have any functions right now. I know, many of us, including myself, were all looking forward to a few intimate Christmas celebrations, but it wasn’t meant to be.

Now, I would like to back-track a little. Since our Memorial Event was not possible, the plaques of the deceased were attached to the Memorial Wall. Thank you so much to Arthur Wagenblast for using his skills to do this for us. Flowers and a wreath were also placed at the site. A picture of this little event should be in this Germania Post.

Thanks also go to Arthur (again), Klaus Ludecke and Paul Hamburg for replacing the tattered flags at 863 King St. East. Due to the position of Property Manager being open, Hedda has practically been begging for help to get any jobs at the building done.

Good news, Ken Foebel has been installed as our new Park Manag-

er. He will have all winter to get acquainted with his responsibilities, but he also has a lot of help amongst the campers. Welcome to the board, Ken!

Waltraud has now moved into her new apartment, and is slowly recovering from her stroke. She is planning to join us again very soon.

And now, on behalf of the whole board, I wish you all a peaceful, reflective Christmas Season with only the closest of your family in the hope that the next year’s celebration will be all the more joyful!  
Your Acting Board Secretary,  
Brigitte Parzen



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## Fischer & Jäger

Merry Christmas and Frohe Weinachten to all Fisher and Hunters & Germania Club Members and Friends. Enjoy the Holidays and remember "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" Please, all young and not so young, stay safe and healthy, and obey all COVID rules and regulations.

We were looking towards our F&H Christmas Dinner / 66th Stiftungsfest on Dec. 12th, but it is not to be this year.

At this time I'd like to welcome Rick Grobauer's daughter Diana, our new Fisher and Hunter mem-

ber. Welcome Diana.

Birthday Wishes for December go to Joe Khes and Richard Grobauer. And our January 2021 Birthday KIDS are George Kiss, Brigitte Parzen, Stefan Kun, Helmut Hentschel, Peter Werheid and Maggie (that's me!). Happy Birthday and Herzlichen Glueckwunsch to all.

Once again, have a Happy Blessed Christmas and a Healthy , Prosperous New Year from all of us to all of you.

Tschuess Maggie

Next Report in 2021. When ? Who knows when.

Margitta Untch

Auf Wiedersehn



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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

Advent is almost here! What a reflective time it will be, as we look back to many months of sacrifices, but are also still very thankful for all our blessings.

At this moment, we are still very hopeful that we'll be able to celebrate our Christmas Party with the ladies on Dec. 2nd. *(all club events have been cancelled until 2021, ed)* We look forward to seeing all your happy faces in the large hall, which will be festively decorated in the spirit of the season.

Belated Birthday Greetings go out to the following ladies: Gudrun

Boehm-Johnson on Nov. 9th;  
Annemarie Kiss on Nov. 12th and  
Dorothea Melms on Nov. 14th.  
All our best wishes for good health  
and happiness goes out to you all!

A last call to anyone still wishing  
to support us and purchase a mask  
-- \$10.00 ea. Or 2/\$15.--; only  
black ones available.

And now, I wish you in the name  
of our president, Annemarie Kiss  
and the whole Frauenverein, a very  
merry Christmas – stay healthy  
and appreciate all good things in  
your life.

Your Frauenverein Connection,  
Brigitte Parzen

*At the very last  
moment, when you  
are convinced that  
all hope is lost,  
humanity will  
suddenly  
shine forth,  
and hope will  
blossom like a flower!*  
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## MEMORIAL WALL

Garry Bulmer, President visited the Park to remember those members we lost in the year since our last memorial in the Park. The new name plaques were added and a hand made wreath had been laid.

Hopefully next year we will be able to all participate in the Memorial. When the Park is open from May to October, everyone can visit the memorial wall.

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## Choral Notes

Like all members of the Germania Club, our choir is suffering from COVID Fatigue: We miss our weekly choir practices; we miss the camaraderie; we miss the socializing after a draining rehearsal! With the Christmas season approaching, our hearts ache to sing the old familiar advent songs, the ones we used to sing after supper, sitting at the kitchen table around the advent wreath, with Mama giving us a sample of the "Plätzchen" that she had been baking and storing for Christmas. There would be the "Lasst uns froh und munter sein, until "Nikolausabend", December 5th, when we would bring out our biggest pair of shoes - I cheated, I actually gave my father's boots a good shine before I put them outside our apartment door to the stairwell. No matter how poor our families were during that war and post-war time, it is the music, and perhaps some marzipan, some Lebkuchen, a couple of Zimtsterne, and an orange that made the season special. With the exception of Cindy Heuck, all of our choir members were

born during and toward the end of the War. Most of us did not get lavish presents from Christkind, but we have cherished memories of a pre-Christmas season filled with mystery and longings, followed by a Christmas Eve that was special, indeed. And we would sing! No matter how poor our families were during that war and post-war period, it was the music, perhaps some Lebkuchen, a couple of Zimtsterne, and an orange, along with a new nightgown or teddy bear that made the season special.

It is strange, how most of us become very nostalgic about our post-war childhood memories of Christmas. At rehearsals, some of us can be seen wiping away a tear or two, as we practise some of the old carols that bring back memories of times gone by. Even though our children, and even more so our grandchildren, have received bigger and more expensive presents, and even though they can eat cookies, oranges, and marzipan all year round, I do not envy them. The present-day commercialism with its blaring loudspeakers and lavish gift-giving are a poor substitute for what present-day Scandinavians call hygge, the simple pleasures of life. And singing and spending time together is most definitely one of them.



Several of our choristers and honorary members are celebrating birthdays in the coming weeks: Christine Eastwood, December 22, Ingrid Oppermann, January 4th, Willi Schaefer, January 6th, David Simon, January 18, Christel Strassguertl, January 21, George Fischer, January 29, and Monika Heitland, January 27h. A very Happy Birthday to all our "Sangesfreunde"! Euch allen wünschen wir Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch ins Neue Jahr!  
Gudrun



## Verschneites Land

von Rainer Maria Rilke

*Es treibt der Wind in Winterwäldern  
die Flockenherde wie ein Hirt,  
und manche Tanne ahnt, wie bald  
sie fromm und lichterheig wird,  
und lauscht hinaus. Den weißen Wegen  
streckt sie die Zweige hin - bereit,  
und wehrt dem Wind und wächst entgegen  
der einen Nacht der Herrlichkeit.*





# Germania Club of Hamilton

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## Antrag auf Mitgliedschaft / Membership Application

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Membership: Single ; Family

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Date of Birth of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than two children please list on reverse side of this form.)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable with application. Please add \$5 for first time processing costs and attach full payment to this form. Annual dues due by February 1.

### *From our constitution:*

As one of the oldest German club in Canada, the Germania Club looks back on a rich history. The purpose of the club is to provide all members with the opportunity to cultivate the German language and customs, to promote German cultural values through social interaction and song, and to take part in the cultural development of Canada. As a Member of the Germania Club, I will help the club with its purpose, and pledge to support the club by participating and volunteering for club functions and events.

Signature(s) of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***December Birthdays***

Margarete Beermann  
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*The Office will be closed Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 11am to 2pm After hour appointments can be arranged by calling the office.*

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