



Germania Club

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2020
starting at 11:30am

All members are encouraged to attend
the Annual General Meeting.

A hot lunch (\$12) will be available
during the break.

(Cancellation due to bad weather will
be on the voicemail and the website.)

Obituaries

Hugo Kirchhoefel

February 28, 1937 – January 16, 2020

Hugo passed away January 16th, he was a 50 year member of the Germania Club. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Elisabeth, children Monika, Elke, Michael and their families.



Sigrid Whelan

September 5, 1938 – February 2, 2020

Sigrid passed away February 2nd, she was the first Mardi Gras Princess and the first Miss Germania. She was a member and past President of the Ladies Auxiliary. We extend our sincere condolences to her husband Terence, children Shelagh, Sean, Theresa, Dan, Sarah and their families. Our thoughts are also with Sigrid's sister and nephew Ute and Kevin Perl.

The President's Corner



Once again it is time to sit and write my article for the post. We are extremely busy in arranging the Club's events for the 2020 season. These include everything from the Easter Egg hunt for the children in April to the New Year's Eve dinner and dance.

As you can well imagine these events take a great deal of planning and your board is working hard on all of the planned events. All upcoming events are printed in the Germania Post for your information.

One event which all are encouraged to attend is the Club's General Meeting on March 15. Come out and support your club.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Germania Club Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday, March 15, 2020 beginning at 11:30am. The meeting is open to all members in good standing.



Sunday Lunch

March 29, 2020 12-2pm

Start with Rainbow Salad followed by
Braised Breast of Chicken with
Marquis Potato and Glazed Carrots
Apple Strudel with Ice Cream for dessert

\$18.95 plus tax per person.
Children ages 5- 12 years 1/2 price

FILMNACHMITTAG

Hauptfilm - "*Monsieur Claude und
seine vier Töchter*"

Französische Filmkomödie von 2014 in deutscher Sprache

Vorfilm - *Berlin und Brandenburg von oben*

>> *Film starts at 2:30pm* <<

Free Admission - Coffee and Cake available





Choral Notes

Dear Members,

Just as we start to think that perhaps the worst of the season is behind us, a blast of winter reminds us that it is still too early for that kind of optimism.

We have some good news to share with you. Long-time Club and Germania Choir members, Heinz and Erika Mildenerger have re-joined the choir again. All of us are happy with their decision. We all know that singing is food for the heart, mind and soul. So if you can, and you are sitting at home feeling a little blue, get up and come on down to the Germania Club on Thursday evening for our weekly practice at 7:30pm. You will see that in no time at all, those endorphins will start coursing through your veins. Afterwards, join us in the Club Restaurant for a glass of this or that, and a healthy dose of German "Gemuetlichkeit", and yes, more singing and "schunkeln".

Our musical calendar for spring 2020 is gradually evolving and falling into place. Instead of going to London, we will follow an invitation by the Transylvania Choir on April 4, and perform in their spring concert.

And finally, Happy March birthday wishes go out to Erika Eigen (Mar. 15); Netty De Wit and Paul Jaeckle (Mar. 18); Inge Leitner (Mar. 25) and yours truly (Mar. 5).

As always, I remain musically yours until next time, "Lied hoch!".

Waltraud Schork



Fischer & Jäger

Moin, Dear Fisher and Hunter Members and Friends,
We had our Annual General Meeting on February 02. A lot was discussed and or tossed around. Chris Parzen has resigned as Youth Director, but Goran Predojevic has temporarily taken over this position. We are also planning a Weekend Bus Trip this Summer. More on this at a later date.

Our next function is the Maifest on May 03 followed by Jr. Prize Fishing on July 18th.

I have no Birthdays for March but if anyone has one or an Anniversary, we wish you Happiness and Good Health. Our next meeting will be March 19th at 8PM, always the 3rd Thur. of each Month. And here's a chuckle you might enjoy.

“ Are you sleeping ,Earl ?
Nope, just thinking.
Thinking about what ?

Things I didn't do and wish I did, and things I did and wish I didn't.

How about things you did and wish I didn't find out about ?
No comment.

So, until next time Tschuess
Maggie
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Germania Club Annual



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 12 noon

Enjoy refreshments, lunch and an
egg-cellent afternoon!

Germania Club Park on Lake Niapenko, Binbrook

Please register by April 3rd, 2020

Cost: \$6.00 for each child of members, \$8.00 for each child of non-members to be paid upon arrival. Includes a hotdog and a drink, Easter goodies, and children's craft table.

To register or for info call the club at 905-549-0513
& leave a message.

Leave the form in the club office or email to:

germaniaclub@bellnet.ca



Registration form for the Easter Egg Hunt due by April 3rd

Parent Name _____ Phone _____

Name of Child (ren) _____ Age _____

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Over a few issues the Germania post is pleased to print a brief history of the Germania club as presented by Hans Bastel. Here is part 2;

THE GERMANIA CLUB OF HAMILTON
A Brief History
By Hans Bastel
October 19, 2019

But their practice room was soon too small and so the choir decided to rent the top floor of a large building at the corner of Main and John street – right across from today’s Court House. This was once again noticed by the ever-present Hamilton Herald which published the following report:

Previous to the Free Masons erecting their new hall, now used by them, their quarters were located at the corner of Main and John Street. When the Masons left their hall, the Germans went into the question of ways and means of renting the vacant rooms. In a few weeks, with the aid of money, paint, brushes and artistic skills, the rooms had been renovated. An artist, Hans Wunder, executed fine portraits of noted German authors and composers. A small stage with a few scenes had been introduced, the ceilings and walls were frescoed. When all was finished, the sign was placed on the building reading “Germania Halle”, this being surrounded by a gilded lyre.

So much for the newspaper article. This is also the first time the Roman term “Germania” was used as the name for the choir. [The choir members probably had found out that no decent English-speaker could pronounce the word “Männergesangverein”].

Up to now, the club had consisted of a benevolent committee and a male choir. But as soon as they had rented their hall and a few club rooms, they expanded by adding a Saturday afternoon German language school, a theater group, a library, a billiard room and a brass band. And they added ballroom dances - at times up to three times a week!

[Apropos dances: In one of the Club’s early minute books there was mention that Tango dances were not allowed on club premises because “tangos were immoral since they made men too heated”. It sounds a lot better in its original German: “Dieser Tanz ist unmoralisch weil die Männer für die Frauen zu hitzig werden”].

Having first incorporated in 1871 as a charitable organization, the Club, in 1884, obtained its so-called Royal Charter. With this charter the Club became a corporation with share capital, an "Aktiengesellschaft". Its official name changed to "Germania Club of Hamilton Limited". Many voting members became shareholders. A share cost \$10, approximately \$240 in today's dollars.

Also, with this charter came the right to serve liquor. Quite a feat, considering that the temperance movement throughout North America preached prohibition of alcohol. Until the 1920s the Germania Club was the only private club in Hamilton with a liquor license.

No wonder business started booming, both socially and financially.

Old minute books show that around the turn of the century the monthly income was about \$1,000 and the profit was \$300 (that is about \$24,000 and \$7200 in today's dollars, according to the Bank of Canada inflation tables). Also, no wonder that the Club started thinking about buying its own building. And that is exactly what happened. In 1907 it was decided to buy a large building, which included a bowling alley, on 17 Main Street East, between James and Hughson streets, smack dab in the middle of downtown Hamilton!

The building cost \$50,000, that is about 1.2 million in today's dollars! When that building was sold in 1917, the Club received \$60,000. The remaining mortgage was only \$7,500, the rest had been paid off! That means the Club made a profit of \$52,500 - that is an astounding 1.2 million dollars in today's dollar terms.

We will see later what happened to that money.

According to press reports, minute books and oral histories, it was the "in-thing" to be a member of the Germania Club in pre-World War times. If you weren't a shareholder (there were about 100 of those), you could become a non-voting social member. Again, according to press reports, the Club organized huge choir festivals, street parades and other music events. It's fireworks behind Dundurn Castle where given excellent reviews in Hamilton, Toronto and Buffalo newspapers.

All this came to a crushing halt in 1914, when World War I started.

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Aus unserem Frauenverein

Our winter hibernation is coming to a close. So far, it hasn't been too bad a winter, and we hope it won't throw us a curve at the last minute yet.

We do have some more bad news to report. Sigi Whelan, a long-time and very loyal member, has passed away. Her suffering is over; let her rest in peace! Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her grieving family.

Another past member, who had also been a president of the Frauenverein at one time, Linda Wanner, has also passed. We want to express our sincerest sympathy to her husband, Eberhard and his family.

Now to a brighter bit of news—we're really looking forward to a real onslaught of new members at our first meeting of the year—namely on Wed. March 4th.

We'll certainly be ready to roll out the "Welcome Mat"!

On April 1st, the Frauenverein will be celebrating its 112th Stiftungsfest. Our new and soon-to-be mem-

bers will get an opportunity to celebrate with us right away. What a wonderful way to start your participation!

On Wednesday, May 6th, our "Nygard Event" will take place. Ladies' clothing for all sizes will be featured. Many of us love the casual styles they offer. Our rep., Vicky Harrison, has been at the Germania Club in the fall. She will also be bringing a collection of jewellery.

This show will take place in the small hall at the Germania Club. Coffee and cake will be available, and of course, the bar will also be open.

So come on out to enjoy an evening of socializing and possibly even finding yourself a little treasure of something you didn't even realize you needed.

You will also be supporting our Frauenverein and ultimately "Your Germania Club".

So, hoping to see you there, I remain,

Your Frauenverein
Connection,
Brigitte Parzen

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Mar 6, 2020

Mar 13, 2020

Mar 20, 2019

Mar 27, 2020 special Liver & Onions

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Germania Club of Hamilton

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March Birthdays



Werner Anders
Gabriela Apostol
George Apostol
Linda Bulmer
Karen Castellani
Mario Castellani
Jane (Netty) De Wit
Erika Eigen
Joe Feduszcak
Brian Felgner

Karl-Heinz Gross
Jean (Jeanie) Hope
Paul Jaeckle
Hans Knoedler
Inge Leitner
Stefan Muensterteicher
Waltraud Schork
Gerry Schuster
Egon Ueberholz

Donations

Germania Club

Dieter Eckert - \$65
John R. Fischl - \$100 in memory of August & Theresa Fischl
Hans Renz - \$65
Gunter Weiss - \$35

The Frauenverein presents

The NYGARD EVENT

Featuring Stylish Clothing for Women of all Ages

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When: Wed., May 6th, 2020 beginning @ 7:00 P.M.

Where: Small Hall of the Germania Club

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2020

Mar 4	7:30pm	1st Ladies Auxiliary meeting 2020
Mar 6	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Mar 11	2-4pm	Culture Circle Germania
Mar 13	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Mar 15	11:30am	Annual General Meeting
Mar 20	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Mar 27	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Mar 29	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Mar 29	2:30pm	Filmmachmittag

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Apr 1		Ladies Auxiliary 112th Anniversary
Apr 3	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Apr 8	2-4pm	Culture Circle Germania
Apr 10	5-7pm	Good Friday Fish Dinner
Apr 11	12pm	Easter Egg Hunt in the Park
Apr 17	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Apr 24	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Friday
Apr 26	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Apr 26	2:30pm	Filmmachmittag
Apr 28		Members Meeting



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