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# Germania Post



The Germania Choir and Culture Circle Germania  
invite you to an afternoon

## **CHRISTMAS** *Sing-Along*

of traditional German and English Christmas carols

**December 12, 2021**

starting at 2pm

**at the Germania Club**

*Come and participate in an afternoon of singing favourite German and English Christmas carols, with special narration and readings. We will break mid-way for Christmas treats and coffee or tea. The choir will also sing a few selections.*

*Admission is free, although you may make a donation.*

***Following the program you can enjoy a Festive  
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Enjoy a tossed salad followed by carved  
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Followed by cake and coffee/tea.

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# The President's Message



*This year has been a very trying time for the Club. We have been inundated with a myriad of anonymous complaints both in the Club facilities on King Street and in our Park in Binbrook.*

*The first complaint was to the City of Hamilton By-Law Department concerning the number of trailers that we had in the park. There is an old Glanbrook By-Law that stated that there was to be no more than 25 trailers in the Park. In 1998 there was a meeting held in September of that year between representatives of the Club, the Conservation Authority and the Town of Glanbrook. At the conclusion of the meeting the Club was granted 32 trailers and 5 tent sites for a total of 37. Unfortu-*

*nately with amalgamation the paperwork on this has been lost in the shuffle. The result of the complaint was the placing of a moratorium on the number of trailers to be in the park by the Board of Directors.*

*As if that wasn't enough, the next complaint was to the Electrical Safety Authority concerning the size of wire being used in the Park and the size of the breakers. The inspector could find no fault with this however he did note some infractions such as buried cables from the source outlet to the trailer hook-up. Also it was recommended that the minimum cordage used would be 14 gauge but 12 gauge would be preferred. The next was exposed electrical outlets that were not GFCI protected. There were other minor items such as the plastic clamps securing the conduit to the poles were snapped. Almost all items found by the inspector have been rectified.*

*Due to the freezing of pipes in both*

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buildings at the Park a serious mold problem was found. This necessitated the closing of the buildings to access by anyone until the mold could be remediated. Luckily for the Club one of the members, Mr. Carlos Andermarchi, is a qualified specialist and after some time was able to give us the green light to access the buildings and make necessary repairs.

Next on Mr/Ms complaint list was a sewage spill that was reported to the City of Hamilton who sent out one of their technicians who even after a complete walk around of the whole Park could find no such spill. This was also reported to the Ministry of the Environment who sent one of their senior inspectors out. This also turned out to be a white herding and a clean bill was received from the MOE in the final inspection report.

The last complaint involved the Fire Department who had two separate anonymous complaints concerning not only King Street but the Park. The complaint at King Street was with regard to our fire system. Obviously the complainant did not know that Hamilton Fire Protection provides the maintenance of our equipment and fire extinguishers at King Street and in fact prior to the Inspector going to the building had

done all work with the exception of some equipment that required ordering parts. As for the Park, the complaint was our fire alarm system and other complaints. When the inspector attended at the park the only question he had was the certification of the emergency lighting for the Fisher Hunter Hall. A request has been placed with the Hamilton Fire Protection to have the Certificate issued.

All of these rather frivolous complaints took up major time for members and the Board of Directors.

Even through all of this we have been able to make repairs in the Pavilion which included replacing the ceiling in the hall outside of the washrooms. We have also repaired the washrooms in the Fisher Hunter Hall, replaced the paneling in the hall outside the washrooms as well as a new ceiling in the hall. We have now commenced the repairs and repainting of the Fisher Hunter Hall. With the help of Bill and Nancy McMenemy and Dave Matteson a good supply of wood has been placed inside and outside of the Fisher Hunter Hall for use during the colder weather.

At this time, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have assisted with the maintenance of the



park facilities by doing maintenance chores, water testing, grass cutting and the many other tasks that pop up at a minute's notice. Although they know who they are but feel that it is important to thank them in a public way. They are Albert Kergl, Vladimir and Julia Khaytin, Dave Matteson, Andre Valente, Carlos Andermarchi, Joe Feduszczak, Dave Blosser, and Bill and Nancy McMenemy. Without their help looking after the park and infrastructure would have been insurmountable.

If you haven't received your vaccine yet, I would encourage you to do so. I hope this short message finds all in good health and remember to stay safe.

*I wish all members and friends of the Germania Club a Merry Christmas, and all the very best for a Happy and Healthy New Year.*

Garry Bulmer  
President

*Merry*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
and  
*Happy*  
**NEW YEAR**



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## Fischer & Jäger

*Moin Fischer & Hunters  
Members and Friends*

*Well, this is my last report for this year. I hope you have been happy with my reports even though I have made a mistake here and there. Thank you, Brigitte and David, for correcting them.*

*Our next meeting will be Nov. 17th and so the planning begins for 2022. Our Christmas Dinner will be on December 18th probably in the restaurant. Let us not mention Covid 19. Let us enjoy and celebrate the birth of JESUS and thankful that we are Healthy. So let us be Happy.*

*Did I mention I make a mistake here and there?! Well, I did it again. My sincere apologies to Annemarie Kiss and Dorothea Melms who also had their Birthdays on Nov. 12th and 14th. Dorothea, I wont mention how many because 80 is a big number, You look better each year. Enjoy your milestone and surprises. Happy Birthday to Joe Khes (15th) and Rick Grobauer (18th) who are celebrating their birthdays in December. We wish all the best, gentle-*

*men and to everyone celebrating in December.*

*The Board and I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.*

*800 seats in Heaven,  
Your last 3 digits of your phone number determines your seat.  
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*Frohe Weinachten und ein Glückliches, Gesundes Neue Jahr wünsch ich Euch Allen.*

*Tschüß  
Maggie  
highwayhoney44@gmail.com*

*If I ever go missing, I want my picture to go on Beer or Brandy bottles instead of milk cartons. This way my friends will know I am missing.*

*Frohe  
Weinachten  
und ein  
Glückliches,  
Gesundes  
Neue Jahr*





## **From your Board Secretary**

*A glorious day, lots of sunshine and mild weather, greeted us the day of the Memorial at the Park; the day we remember and pay tribute to all our members who have left us in the past year; and in this case, the last two years.*

*Approximately 60 people gathered to listen to our President, Garry Bulmer, speak words of respect and announce the names of the departed;*



*to listen to our Choir, who hadn't been able to sing in almost two years; and to listen to a few poems being recited. Linda, Garry's wife, had made and donated a beautiful wreath, to be laid at the Memorial. We thank you very much, Linda!*

*Most people remained and enjoyed a lovely gathering in the Fisher & Hunter hall, which had been comfortably heated earlier on by Garry.*

*Our chef, Ray, had prepared a tasty Gulasch Soup and coffee and cake was being served as well. Many old memories were being exchanged.*



*Many thanks to all our volunteers who prepared and put on the event. Now we're getting into the Holiday Season and preparations for Christmas parties are in full swing.*

*The Ladies' Bazaar is behind us; hopefully very successfully, but our Board is having a small Christmas celebration on Dec. 14th. The Children's Christmas Party will take place on Dec. 19th; please don't forget to register your children.*

*And of course, the sub-groups and the special interest groups are also celebrating separately.*

*On Dec. 12th, the Choir combined with the Culture Circle, have*



*planned a special Sing-a-long. They have even gone to the trouble of making up song booklets. It will be a very traditional Christmas event. Please come out and enjoy this day. It should definitely put you into the Christmas spirit.*

*And now, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish all our members, friends of the Germania Club, and all their families a very Merry Christmas and Blessings for the New Year.*


*Brigitte Parzen  
Board Secretary*



*2021 Member's Memorial ceremony*



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## Choral Notes

Friday, November 5th, 2021 has become a day to remember for us choirsters, almost all of whom showed up for our first choir practice since March 2020. We still wore masks as we welcomed our new choir director, Roland Fix, who quickly scanned part of our repertoire, the hymns that we would be singing for the Memorial Service at the Germania Park on November 7th, as well as some of the carols we have selected for our Singalong Christmas Concert on December 12th in the Germania Hall.

Yes, we were rusty after such a long break, and the masks were cumbersome, but our hearts were in it, and I hope that Roland appreciated our efforts. We definitely enjoyed his expertise in putting us through our paces. Indeed, it was great to be singing again!!!

In October we took a school bus to our traditional "Kaffee und Pflaumenkuchen" at Helga's Bakery in Cayuga. Again, we enjoyed the camaraderie that develops naturally among choir members: Wo

*man singt da lass dich nieder: Bese Menschen haben keine Lieder. Alas, even though we are all fully immunized, singing in a tight spot like a bus was not permitted.*

For the traditional Choir and Supporting Members Christmas Party, we will be taking a tour bus to Niagara-on-the Lake to visit Reif Winery, perhaps do a bit of shopping in town, and enjoy dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

Christine Eastwood is our only December Birthday celebrant, and we do wish her "viel Glueck und viel Segen" on her special day.

The choir wishes all the Germania Club members and their extended families and friends a Merry, and above all Healthy Christmas, and a Happy New Year!!!

Mit frohem Saengergruss,  
Gudrun





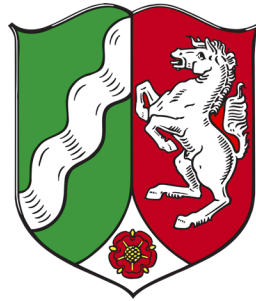
Dear Members,

The Culture Circle wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year filled with contentment. I hope that those of you who have not yet tried to attend any of our meetings will give us a try and those of you who have, will continue to enjoy our get-togethers. Why, do you ask? The composer and conductor Benjamin Britten said it best, "Learning is like rowing against the tide. As soon as we stop, we drift back."

With tentative steps we are once again exploring the possibility of ushering some level of normalcy back into our lives. Thus on the afternoon of Nov. 10, the Culture Circle met for the second time since the most recent lockdown.

If you were interested in finding out what the traditional "Bergische Kaffeetafel" entails or what Konrad Adenauer, Hermann (Armin) der Cherusker, Charlemagne, Ludwig van Beethoven and Peter Paul

Rubens have in common you would have learned several facts: The "Bergische Kaffeetafel" was a traditional meal that was prepared for guests to spoil them with the best delicacies that the region had to offer. The above-mentioned names are famous personalities who were either born, lived or died in the region of today's Bundesland, Nordrhein-Westfalen.



We have to thank Klaus Ludecke for screening for us some excellent documentaries as we are work-

ing our way through the profiles of the various Bundeslaender. This time he entertained us with an episode of "Kein schoener Land" (No land more lovely!) with Guenter Wewel that took us on an enjoyable narrated and musical journey through Nordrhein-Westfalen.

For our December get together, we are joining the Germania Choir for a sing-along of German and English Christmas songs. We will also tell the stories of the origin of some of our treasured and cherished Christmas traditions. We hope that you can join us for this celebration on Dec. 12 at 2:00pm in the large

Hall of the Germania Club for an afternoon to remember. The sing-along is scheduled to go until about 4:30pm. For those of you who made reservations, dinner will be served between 5:00-5:30pm. Good news for those of you eager to watch the Grey Cup; the game does not start until 6:00pm. If you are a football fan, I hope you now have a viable option for coming down to the Club to enjoy the concert.

For our first meeting of the New Year on January 12, from 2-4 pm we are going to profile the Bundesstaat Berlin. With the help of our attendees, we will make it a fun and entertaining profile.

As well on Feb. 9, from 2-4pm we will once again have our carnival celebration, "Kappenabend am Nachmittag" and the "Buett" is waiting for you! There will be a prize for the best hat and we will delight you with some typical carnival food. Don't miss this afternoon of boisterous fun, where almost anything goes.

Until next time Waltraud Schork

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**Christmas Party**

December 19, 2021

Doors open 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.



Cost per child is for members \$10 – for non-members \$12 (includes a Hot Dog, cookie and drink, plus a gift from Santa)

Please register your child or grandchild with the Club Secretary before **December 10th.**

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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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021





## Aus unserem Frauenverein

*The most wonderful season of the year is almost upon us. It's time for most ladies to prepare for all the festive occasions coming up; decorating the home with joyful and colourful ornaments, and maybe even some fresh evergreens which add a special fragrance all through the house and remind us all of Christmases back home when we were growing up. The smell of Christmas baking is also a must to add to our memories.*

*Our Christmas Bazaar is the beginning of this wonderful time, and our ladies have planned the event well; especially after having missed out last year due to Covid.*

*As you read this article, it will be all behind us; and hopefully, I'll be able to report of a great success in the next Post.*

*Our Christmas Party will be held at the Powerhouse Restaurant in St. Creek and we will celebrate together with a well-deserved rest.*

*We have only one lady celebrating her birthday this month; namely, Christine Eastwood on Dec. 22nd. We wish you all the best and many*

*more returns of the day!*

*Now the ladies of the Frauenverein wish all members of the Club and their families a very blessed Christmas Season and may the New Year bring good health, happiness and many enjoyable hours at our beloved Germania Club.*

*My little inspiration for this month is an Apache Blessing:*

*May the sun bring you  
new energy by day,  
May the moon softly  
restore you by night,  
May the rain wash away  
your worries,  
May the breeze blow  
new strength into  
your being,  
May you walk gently  
through the world  
And know its beauty  
All the days of your life.*  
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## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

The annual general meeting will be held in March 2022 and at that meeting we will have an election for Board of Director positions. A nomination committee has been called with Gordon Schien as chair and Annemarie Kiss and Vladimir Khayutin as members. The committee can be reached by calling the Germania Club office.

Many different talents are needed on the Board of Directors, please consider offering your talents for the Club board.

*Merry Christmas*



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## December Birthdays

Margarete Beermann  
 Christine Eastwood  
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 Armin Eigen  
 Janet Feduszczyk  
 Dennis Fletcher  
 Richard Grobauer  
 Waldemar Herling  
 Helga Hillyard  
 Helmut Kannenberg

Joe Khes  
 Helmut Koziol  
 Eckhard Kries  
 Klaus Ludecke  
 Adolf J. Polap  
 Mila Rufenach  
 Kurt Schaible  
 Gordon Schien  
 Ernst Viebke  
 Trish Woehrl

**Happy Birthday**

## Stiftungsfest Donations

Fisher & Hunter - \$250

Frauenverein - \$1,000

Germania Choere - \$1,570

Rainer & Gabi Frank - \$100

## Germania Club Donations

Elisabeth Kirchhoefel - \$100 in memory of  
 Husband Hugo

## VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The following events are planned to be in person. At this point masks, hand cleaning and social distancing are required. Proof of double vaccination will be required for events in the club.

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|--------|--------|--|
| Dec 3  | 5-7pm  | Fish&Chips Friday  |
| Dec 10 | 5-7pm  | Fish&Chips Friday  |
| Dec 12 | 2:00pm | Christmas Sing-along Choir and<br>Kulturkreis combined afternoon |
| Dec 17 | 5-7pm  | Fish&Chips Friday  |
| Dec 18 |        | Fischer&Jäger Christmas Party                                    |
| Dec 19 | 1:00pm | Children's Christmas Party                                       |

Club office closed December 24th to January 3rd

Jan 7                      5-7pm                      Fish&Chips Friday - Liver and Onions



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