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Thank You

To all members, supporters, sponsors and friends of the Germania Club, Thank You for your support during the difficult year 2020. Your continued support made it possible for the Germania Club to weather the storm. As we turn the calendar page to 2021, we look forward with cautious optimism for a better year.

This 157 year old club has weathered many a storm in the past. From humble beginnings in 1864, the Germania Club has been a presence in the Hamilton community introducing and maintaining German heritage and culture through language, food and

events.

We have adapted to the pandemic, by maintaining a regular board and member meeting schedule using Zoom technology to hold meetings virtually. When we could we held events including Movie afternoons, the Culture Circle, and Friday Fish&Chips in the club, and a get-together in the Germania Park. Lori has kept the office open, keeping regular hours to look after members and customer needs.

We all look forward to the time when we can freely gather together again and enjoy all the Club has to offer.

Keep the faith, stay strong and stay safe until that time!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Germania Club membership fees are now due.
Membership renewal is due by January 31st

Student \$32

Adult (under 65) \$85

Senior \$65

Family \$140

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Office hours Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11am-2pm





Fischer & Jäger

Happy New Year to all Fisher and Hunters and Germania Club Members and Friends, 2021 has arrived I hope everyone had a lovely New Years Eve amidst Covid 19. I don't have any news to share but I would like to share this with you

“Come share the Bird”
By Florence Weekes

*Christmas dinner! Festive mood!
With roasted turkey, longed-for food.
And ours was huge, a very prize
Of what they labeled “family size”
A streaming mound, a taste delight
Of dressing and of dark and light,
Of breast and drumstick.
What a plate!
The clock ticked on and still we ate.*

*We nibbled till good nights were said,
And stomachs filled we crawled to bed
We slept like fattened, wint'ring bears;
'Twas noon before we came down-
stairs.*

*“So there you are!”, exclaimed our
host.*

*“Come have some turkey, creamed on
toast.”*

*We ate, perforce, what else to do?
But then came dinner....turkey stew.*

*Next day my eyes began to glaze
For there at lunch what met my gaze
But sandwiches...huzzah, huzzah....
All filled with turkey, pale and blah.
I bit my lip, tried not to cry
At sight of dinner....turkey pie.*

*Next day we played at nouveau riche
And mangling French, Tried dindon
quiche....*

*That night into my dreams
there came A turkey calling out my
name.*

*Then out from every nook and cranny
Came gobblers gobbling, oh so many!*

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*I jumped straight up, I fled outside
And found a trembling Cousin Clyde,
Who said he'd had an awful fright...
Being chased by turkeys half the night.*

*Lunch came. I looked and tried to run.
Host pulled me back to "join the fun
"Enjoy", he urged. "Come on and eat.
Cook's fixed us all a special treat.
She's fried up something really yum-
my;
Her turkey hash will thrill your tummy."
I tried to answer with a joke.
But all I managed was a croak.*

*All week, that's how the dishes came;
The names were new,
the meat the same.
Ours was one sorry, woeful plight,
When Cook announced, No fowl to-
night."
"What's that?" we cried. "D'you really
mean...."
"The bones", she smiled, "are all
picked clean."
Free at last, we let fly a whoop!
But then she served us turkey soup!*

So on behalf of myself as well as
the Board of Directors of the Fish-
er and Hunters we wish you a safe
and happy, prosperous New Year.
Wir wuenschen Allen ein Glueck-
liches und Erfolgreiches 2021
Maggie
Margitta Untch
Auf Wiedersehn

A bit of humour

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."



CAMPER FEES:

Seasonal Camping fees due by February 28th

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Campground fund per site \$ 50.00

Electricity Surcharge;

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Short term camping fees:

Tent Site;

Daily \$ 20.00
Weekend \$ 30.00
Weekly \$45.00
Monthly \$75.00

Overnight Guests; \$5 per night. Families allowed one overnight guest free.

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Choral Notes

Enclosed in a Christmas card from the choir executive, the members and supporting members of the Germania Choir received a great surprise in time for Christmas. Heinz Ollesch, who passed away last year (2019), left a very generous legacy to the choir, and our board made the decision to share some of the gift with those who were members of the choir in the year 2020, and a lesser amount with this year's supporting members. After sharing some of the bequest with the current associates, there was a substantial amount left to be invested. Hopefully, the choir will be able to continue to function, once we have survived the current epidemic.

Over the years, when Heinz was still a very active member of the Germania Club, he was also a very generous supportive member of the choir, who took part in most of their activities, including out-of-town excursions. Often, I am told, he paid for such expenses as the rental of a bus to transport the choir to Sängerbund festivities,

for example. Several of our choir members have happy stories to tell of Heinz's generosity and camaraderie over the years, when he organized a number of activities at the Germania Club.

Jeanet Schaefer, our "Notenwart", with a bit of help from other choir members, is currently using the extended break in rehearsals to re-organize our music, which over the years has taken up the space of several filing cabinets behind the stage, as well as a number of cupboards upstairs, in the area where the choir used to have practices. It is a formidable task, to say the least, since our repertoire spans over 160 years, back to the days when there was a male choir only.

Although the current pandemic prevented us from giving our traditional Christmas concerts, the choir has tried to keep up the tradition of supporting the Outreach Program at First Pilgrim United Church by donating non-perishable food items and clothing for families in need.

In the last issue of the Germania Post, I mentioned the January birthdays of our choir members, but I left out Susan Butz, who is celebrating on January 12th. My

apologies, Susi!!! We all do wish you a very happy, healthy birthday!

And we wish all of the members of the Germania Club and their families good health in the New Year, and speedy relief from the situation caused by our current plague, the Corona Virus. Hopefully, it won't be too long before we can all together "take a cup of kindness yet for Auld lang syne".

Mit frohem Sangergruss, Gudrun





Aus unserem Frauenverein

A little late, but our New Year's wishes to you all, dear members, are nevertheless coming with sincere intentions and hopefulness for a better, healthier and more fulfilling year 2021.

Although Christmas had to be celebrated on a much smaller scale, but in a more intimate peaceful way, we hope you all did enjoy the Season, giving thanks to being alive, being healthy and having supportive families and friends, and all those technical gadgets available to us so we can stay in touch with each other.

We hope with vaccinations available, we will perhaps be able to plan on getting together again very soon.

Now to our birthday children – Christine Eastwood on Dec. 22nd; Susie Butz on Jan. 12th and myself on Jan. 7th -- All our best wishes go out to everyone; may the next year be full of wonderful surprises! Until next month, I remain,
Your Frauenverein Connection
Brigitte Parzen



If the ladies cannot come to the flowers, the flowers come to the ladies, a nice gift at Christmas.





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Andrew Chamberlain	Brigitte Parzen
Ernst Dammann	Christel Reglin-Petts
Lisa Felgner	Evelyn Samarco
Jeanette Foebel	Willy Schaefer
Ken Foebel	David Simon
Rainer Frank	Karley Stewart
Carola Hallman	Margitta Untch
Monika Heitland	Peter Werheid
Helmut Hentschel	Mark Woehrle
George Kiss	

Donations

Willy & Lore Schaefer - \$200 in memory of their son Paul
Brunhilde Cawi - \$100 in memory of husband Dieter Cawi
Martha Herres - \$200 in memory of husband Hans Herres
Rainer & Gabriela Frank - \$70
Karla Grauf - \$200
Albert & Anna Kergl - \$253
Lisa Nimz - \$1,000 in memory of her companion Uwe Hillje

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VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Due to restrictions because of the Corona-virus pandemic the Germania Club has needed to halt all in building events. We will keep you informed as soon as we are able to resume events. Information will come in the Germania Post, and on our website.

Until that point we will continue to have weekly board meetings, and our monthly members meeting via Zoom.

Jan 26 - 7:30pm Virtual Members Meeting via Zoom

Feb 23 - 7:30pm Virtual Members Meeting via Zoom

*****Please Note:***

All Social activities have a Limited Number of spaces available. You need to reserve by calling the office so that we can place single people, couples and families with proper social distancing. Masks need to be worn as per City by-law 20-155.



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