



## Der Mai ist gekommen

Der Mai ist gekommen, die Bäume schlagen aus,  
da bleibe, wer Lust hat, mit Sorgen zuhaus;  
wie die Wolken dort wandern am himmlischen Zelt,  
so steht auch mir der Sinn in die weite, weite Welt.

Herr Vater, Frau Mutter, dass Gott euch behüt!  
Wer weiß, wo in der Ferne mein Glück mir noch blüht?  
Es gibt so manche Straße, da nimmer ich marschiert,  
es gibt so manchen Wein, den ich nimmer noch probiert.

Emanuel Geibel  
1815-1884

Erecting the  
"Maibaum" -  
May Pole in  
Germany.



## From the Board of Directors

*The board of directors wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Waltraud Schork for her dedication and excellent work as board secretary for the past two years. It was great having Waltraud on the team. As you may be aware, Waltraud decided to step back due to health reasons at the end of March, from the position of secretary and the board of directors. At this point the board of directors made a small shuffle of positions and added one new member. We welcome Karen Dingfeld to the board of directors. The new positions are:*

*Brigitte Parzen, Secretary*

*Jeanet Schaefer and Eva Kolwes, as Social Directors*

*Karen Dingfeld, Public Relations Director*

*You may be surprised to hear this, but the board of directors is quite busy. There is always work to do with the membership, with regulations from the government, financial work especially new challenges last and this year, preparing the Germania Park for the season, pre-planning events, keeping our name out in public, looking after the main club house. All we are missing is the interaction with each other at the club house and park.*

*Since we have not been able to have an annual general meeting, the board of directors has decided to prepare an annual report to send to all members. If you wish to receive this report by email, please send a short email to [info@germaniaclub.ca](mailto:info@germaniaclub.ca) that way you will save us some postage and printing costs. If we don't hear from you, you will get the report by mail. The report should be ready to go out by the end of April and will cover 2019 and 2020.*



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## The President's Message



*Well, I am just a little disgruntled as I write this. Last night we entered another province-wide lockdown with earth-shattering restrictions. No inside dining, no inside use of space and no more than five people gathered in an outside setting. Is this ever going to end?*

*This has been a very stressful time for everyone but I hope that everyone will take advantage of the vaccine when it becomes available for whichever group you are in. I received my first one two weeks ago and my wife Linda is slated to get hers tomorrow morning.*

*The news this morning is once again very concerning when they talk*

*about this new variant that is circulating in and around us and the numbers are racing upwards. The age group is disturbing though. The new variant is affecting our younger age groups. We all must stay the course when possible and stay at home keeping our visits to a minimum. I will take this opportunity to remind all of the necessity to wear a mask or face covering, social distancing and washing your hands often. This is not only to protect ourselves but our families and friends.*

*Once again I hope that this will soon be behind us and we can turn around to normal. I hope this short message finds all in good health and remember to stay safe.*

Garry Bulmer  
President

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## Fischer & Jäger

Moin Fisher and Hunter Members and Friends,  
 Here we go again , another lockdown, thanks to Mr. Ford. But this too shall pass. And we WILL be able to get together again. Not much to report , just the same TENTATIVE activities. Maifest on May 30 in the park, our Prize fishing on July 17

to 18, and our Family Weekend on Aug. 20 to 22 , both at Moon Basin Marina. Next Zoom Meeting on Wed. April 21st at 7:30 PM. Birthdays I have none for May, but I'm sure someone will be celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary. We wish you LOTS of Love and good Health.  
 Tschüß for now  
 Maggi  
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### I am a Senior Citizen.

- I am the life of the party, even when it lasts until 8:00 PM
- I am very good at opening child-proof caps with a hammer.
- I am usually interested in going home before I get where I'm going.
- I am good on a trip for at least an hour without my aspirin, Beano and antacid.
- I am the first one to find the bathroom wherever I go.
- I am awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.
- I am smiling all of the time, because I can't hear a darned word you're saying.
- I am very good at telling stories - over and over and over.
- I am not grouchy- I just don't like traffic, waiting crowds and politicians.
- I'm sure that everything I can't find, is in a secure place somewhere.
- I am wrinkled, saggy and lumpy, and that's just in my left leg!
- I walk more (to the bathroom), and enjoy it less.
- I am going to reveal what goes on behind closed doors - absolutely nothing!
- I am sure they are making adults much younger these days.
- I wonder, if you are only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 160?
- I support all movements now, by eating bran, prunes and raisins.
- I am a walking storeroom of facts... I just lost storeroom.
- I am a senior citizen, and I am having the time of my life.



## Aus unserem Frauenverein

Well, our hopes have been dashed one more time! This virus has led us astray again, but we will persevere and still hope for some sort of normalcy for the summer or fall ahead of us.

We are having a Frauenverein meeting via Zoom on May 5, 2021. Our good friend, David Simon, will set it up for us and e-mails will go out to all of you. I hope, with the help of some of your younger family members, you will be able to join us at that time. I know, it's not like seeing each other in real life, but it's the next best thing right now. So, grab your favourite beverage and just pretend!

*Birthday wishes go out to Ingrid Venohr, who is celebrating on May 3rd. All the best to you, Ingrid! On a sad note, Irmgard Roediger passed away on January 5/21. Irmgard was a past president and an Honourary member of the Frauenverein. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.*

*Now, till next month, I remain,  
 Your Frauenverein Connection  
 Brigitte Parzen*



P.S. Below is a little Irish Poem, which fits into our life right now, but makes us realize that our life is so much richer in every way than that of the people of that time!

*Kathleen O'Meara's Poem,  
 "And People Stayed Home",  
 written in 1869 after the famine.*

And people stayed home  
 And read books and listened  
 And rested and exercised  
 And made art and played  
 And learned new ways of being  
 And stopped and listened deeper  
 Someone meditated  
 Someone prayed  
 Someone danced  
 Someone met their shadow  
 And people began to think differently  
 And people healed  
 And in the absence of people who lived  
 in ignorant ways,  
 Dangerous, meaningless and heartless  
 Even the earth began to heal  
 And when the danger ended  
 And people found each other  
 Grieved for the dead people  
 And they made new choices  
 And dreamed of new visions  
 And created new ways of life  
 And healed the earth completely  
 Just as they were healed themselves.

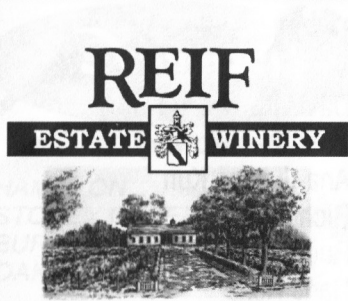


## MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

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## Choral Notes

At our last virtual choir get-together, those of us who are prone to sentimentality had the opportunity to shed a tear or two to indulge our melancholy streak. Thanks to David Simon and to Waltraud Schork, our March meeting turned out to be delightful indeed! That is, if bringing some of us to tears can be described as being delightful.

Waltraud, and later David, selected some wonderful programs on YouTube, starting with a choral excerpt from a Max Raabe broadcast. It featured the famous bass-baritone Thomas Quasthoff leading a male quintet in the very melancholy, "In

einem kühlen Grunde". By the time they came to "mein Liebchen ist verschwunden, das dort gewohnt hat", I had to get out a tissue, and, I believe I wasn't the only person in our virtual group, who was moved to tears.

One broadcast led to another, and we ended up listening to several male choirs singing that tear-jerking folksong dealing with the loss of a loved one. Oh how we all wish we could get together and sing again! Singing is such a wonderful way of dealing with our emotions, be they joyful or sad.

We will be singing a virtual Happy Birthday to Ingrid Venohr on May 3rd, and to Hedda Wagenblast on May 19th:

Möge der Weg uns bald zusammen führen,  
und der Wind in Eurem Rücken sein.  
Sanft falle Regen auf Euren Garten,  
warm auf das Gesicht der Sonnenschein.  
Und bis wir uns wiedersehen,  
halte Gott Euch fest in seiner Hand.

*(Irish blessing)*

Mit frohem Saengergruss,  
Gudrun



# RECENT PHOTOS OF THE CLUB



Entrance to the large hall with nice design in the Terrazo

The Large Hall with polished floor and cleaned carpets looking from the stage.



Rathskeller bar ready to serve

The long custom-made Stammtisch waiting for discussion.



Restaurant waiting for our return, dinner anyone?



## CAMPERS KORNER



(wash water).

Further to this the Conservation authority has placed a “Catch and release restriction” on the lake in order to replenish fish stocks. The Conservation authority, as you may know, has authority over the lake and shoreline.

Editor’s note.

I was speaking with Club president Garry Bulmer about the new Covid-19 restrictions for the Germania Park and Campground and was asked to put in a note to Campers.

This information and more will soon be coming to you by letter.

Take care, stay safe and happy camping!

The Camper’s meeting, that was to be on May 8 in the Fisher & Hunter Hall in the Germania Park, is cancelled due to Provincial restrictions. Possibly a Zoom virtual meeting will be set-up as a replacement. Details to follow.

The Park will open on May 1st, the water and hydro will be on.

At this time, only members are to be in the Park, and Campers are to keep to their sites. No guests are allowed at this time. No overnight camping is permitted.

The washrooms are locked and will not be available. You will need to use your washrooms in your trailer. All wastewater is to be dumped at the wastewater tank out back of the Pavilion, this includes greywater





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## Volunteer opportunity

The Germania Club of Hamilton is looking to fill the position of Property Manager on its Board of Directors. Germania Park. He/She maintains an inventory list of Club assets and is responsible for insuring all physical assets of the Germania Club.

The Property manager is responsible for the maintenance of the Club building and the property at 863 King St. East in Hamilton. If you are interested, please contact the Board Secretary, Brigitte Parzen at 905-730-6447 or e-mail bparzen@cogeco.ca. The Property manager also bears responsibility for all club assets other than the



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## May Birthdays

Heather Arbuckle	Alto Muhlhuber
Garry Bulmer	Karen Taylor
Gunther Burger	Ingrid Venohr
Klaus Freudenreich	Hedda Wagenblast
Erwin Lutz	

## Happy Birthday

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### Germania Club Donations

*Roswitha Pielorz - \$100 in memory of husband Manfred*

*Owen & Doris Buchan - \$100*

*Gunter Weiss - \$35*



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## VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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***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 re-sume 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.***

May 5 - 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary meeting via Zoom

May 8 - 1:00pm Campers' meeting with elections - Cancelled

May 30 - MAIFEST in the Park - Tentative

Klaus Ludecke has provided us with the UEFA schedule starting with:

June 15 3:00pm - Germany v France

June 19 12:00pm - Germany v Portugal

June 23 3:00pm - Germany v Hungary

At this point our tentative plan is to show the Germany games in the large hall on the big screen as Covid regulations allow.



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