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Germania
Post



*Best wishes
for a
Happy, healthy
and safe
New Year*

OBITUARIES



George Fischer
January 29, 1937 – November 27, 2021

George was President of the Germania Club from 2005 to 2008, and a member of the Germania Choir. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Nina, son Waldemar, daughter Anita, their family and his friends.

Rudi Oster
April 17, 1931 – February 17, 2021

Rudi was a 64 year Member of the Germania Club. We extend our sincere condolences to his son John, family and friends.

*You will be missed,
but never forgotten.*

CAMPERS KORNER



Fellow campers.

Unfortunately, the season is over. I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer and made sure that their trailers are properly winterized and ready for the winter.



We had a successful End of Year Potluck Luncheon. Our Social Convenor Dave Matteson is planning to make this tradition to have those get-togethers regularly.



Many campers attended, and everyone really enjoyed it. We even



had some lucky winners. Thank you Rosi Kramolowsky for donating a beautiful handmade blanket for the draw. And thank you to Bill and Nancy for helping Anna Hope to send Ernie to Valhalla.

We still continue to work on both pavillions to make them better and more comfortable for all. The ceil-



ings were replaced in the hallways in both pavillions. The washrooms were repaired in the Fisher & Hunter Hall. Also, walls and ceilings

in the Fisher & Hunter Hall were painted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works behind the scene to make sure our park is getting better: Garry Bulmer, David Matteson, Julia Khayutin, Ricardo Costa, Albert Kergl, Joe Feduszczak, Carlos Andermarchi, David Blosser, Nancy and Bill McMenemy. I hope that I didn't miss anyone.

I hope that 2022 will be easier on us, and we will be able to enjoy our lives fully.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and New Year, and an enjoyable Holiday Season.

Please stay safe and healthy.

*Vladimir Khayutin
Campers' Chairman.*



*Salute to a good
2022*



**Fisher & Hunter annual
Turkey Shoot at the range
in the Park.No
turkey was injured in
the process.**



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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR





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Moin Fisher and Hunter Members and Friends,

Happy New Year to everyone.



First of all, our Turkey Shoot was a success. Everyone enjoyed themselves with Family and Friends and of course delicious goulash soup and chili. Thank You, thank you! And of course, that warm friendly fire. How inviting it was. There were many “hunters” outside shoot-

ing their best to take home a turkey. Our winners were, (drum roll please) Brian Felgner, James Hatchwell, Logan Addison, Alex Bernacki, Elizabeth Grote and George Kiss. Congratulations to you all.

We have a few members with Birthdays in January and they are, George Kiss (3rd), Helmut Hentschel (5th), Brigitte Parzen (7th), and Maggie Untch (that’s me! 24th).

May you all have a Happy Birthday, and may I suggest a salad for dinner?

*Actually, a Fruit Salad,
Well, mostly grapes,
OK, all grapes,
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WINE!

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From your Board Secretary

A New Year!

Time to reflect on the past!

And now, following the advice of our President, that all volunteers want public recognition, I am making a list of all the ones that made all of our Club events a success in the past year, but had not been mentioned previously. Due to Covid, no events took place during the early part of 2021. Later on, we started to have regular Fish & Chips Fridays; monthly Sunday movies began; to which always extra volunteers were required due to Covid Regulations having to be adhered to.

Our first event was the Picnic in August, followed by Septemberfest in September, the Annual Stiftungsfest in October, and then the Memorial in the Park. All required many volunteers. So below you will find all the volunteers who assisted the Board :

1) Volunteers from the past years, who are unable to contribute any longer, but made it possible for our beloved Germania Club to

survive to this day! (They should always be remembered!)

2) All Committee Chairpersons:

a) Council of Elders headed by Hans Bastel, assisted by Gord Schien, Albert Kergl, Annemarie Kiss, Werner Grote and Arthur Wagenblast.

This committee was extremely helpful to the Board when difficult issues had be resolved.

b) The Auditing Committee, again chaired by Hans Bastel, assisted by Gord Schien and Christine Eastwood.

Previously Dieter Eckert was a valuable member of this Committee until his health would no longer permit him to do so.

Also assisted by Mandy Asbury, who has been taking the physical inventories for the auditors.

Not to be forgotten, our very efficient bookkeeper, who keeps everyone in line and is of tremendous assistance to our Treasurer -- Betty Boerkamp!

3) The Chairs of the Sub-groups and Special Interest groups:

a) Germania Choir – Hedda Wagenblast



- b) Frauenverein – Annemarie Kiss
- c) Fishers & Hunters – Rick Grobauer
- d) Campers – Vladimir Khayutin
- e) Culture Circle – Waltraud Schork
- f) Skat – Mandi Asbury

gize, but, just remember, YOU ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

I know, this has been a very lengthy report, but so essential to the well-being of our Club.

Last, but no least, all our special volunteers:

*Hilde Bittner, Betty Boerkamp,
 Dave Blosser, Susan Butz,
 Gudrun Boehm-Johnson,
 Evelyn Crawford, Barb Eggers,
 Erika Eigen, Diana Grobauer,
 Paul Hamburg, Brigitte Kurtz,
 Inge Leitner, Klaus Ludecke,
 Brigitte Muessner, Joe Parzen,
 Erika Renz, Hans Renz,
 Sylvia Schien & her sister,
 Karl Uschold, Arthur Wagenblast
 Fred Macht and Karin Polap.*

We hope the New Year brings us hope, good health and many hours of pleasant companionship, so let's treat each other kindly!

Until next month,

*Your Board Secretary,
 Brigitte Parzen*

Thank You

P.S. In my personal opinion, I hate to actually list names, since it is so easy to overlook someone and hard feelings are a result of it. So, please, if I forgot you, I do apolo-



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Choral Notes

After almost two years of Covid restrictions, we were all anxious to resume practices and prepare for our Sing-Along Christmas Concert on December 12th. In spite of the mask mandate, it turned out to be a happy event for those Club members and even some out-of-town guests who joined us. Waltraud Schork, who, in addition to being a choir member, also chairs our monthly Kulturkreis meetings, was MC for our musical afternoon, providing us with some historical background for some of the best-known songs and customs of the Christmas season.



Hedda, with the help of choir members, along with Waltraud's daughter Yasmine, organized refreshments, which, of course, consisted mostly of our traditional

“Weihnachtsplaetzchen”, coffee, and, perhaps a glass of wine, for which we were temporarily allowed to lower our masks. Of course we were all hoping that Covid Restrictions would gradually be eased, but now it looks like the new variant of the virus is causing more havoc, and we will continue to wear masks, even during rehearsals and singing in front of an audience. This, too, shall pass (we hope).

Several of those who had come to the Sing-along, stayed for the Turkey dinner, which Ray had prepared for after the concert. But Tiger Cat fans - I'm one of them - then had to rush off to catch the Grey Cup game on TV, which started at 6:30 p.m.

Our choir members, along with many Club members, were saddened by the news of the death of George Fischer, a former choir member, Germania Club President, and, as in my case, colleague and member and historian of Saint Paul's Church in Hamilton. Our hearts go out to his wife Nina, who has lovingly nursed him during his lengthy and increasingly debilitating illness. The entire choir used to be invited to their home for George's Birthday parties, once it became too difficult for him to attend choir practices. And we would fill their

house with song and good cheer!

Our very heartfelt condolences to Nina, along with their children and grandchildren, for the loss of a beloved husband, father, and grandfather!

Another sad note during this festive season is the deteriorating health of our oldest member, Alex Wegner. After a bad fall in his home, Alex has ended up in the hospital, and we wish him a good recovery!

Christl Reglin-Petts is now living in a Nursing Home in Oakville, and she will no longer be able to attend Choir practices. Even sitting way over on the far side of the soprano

section, I miss her resonant voice from the Alto side during rehearsals.

We very much missed Alex and Christl at our great Choir Christmas outing on December 15th. By luxurious Tour Bus, we drove to Niagara-on-the Lake to visit Reif Winery for a tour of the premises, followed by a wine-tasting session. Needless to say, some of our choristers and our supporting members used the opportunity to stock up on their Christmas "Spirits".

We then went to the Prince of Wales Hotel for an exquisite dinner, which also included some fine wine. Since we had come by bus, we could, indeed, indulge a little. A couple of the ladies used the opportunity to dart out for some Christmas shopping, while the rest of us waited to be seated. On the way home, we were driven along the Niagara Parkway to admire the beautiful Christmas light displays at the Falls and throughout the festive park area.

Many thanks to Hedda, Betty, David, and Netty for planning this and further delightful outings. They provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the resumption of choir activity, and we do so hope that the new variant of the current pandem-



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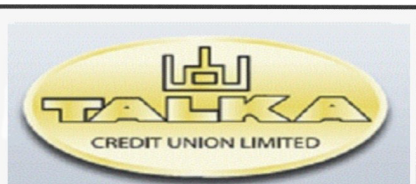
ic will not cause us to cancel future plans for the choristers, their supporting members, and all the friends of the Germania Choir.

With the beginning of a New Year, we are looking forward to attending the "Salute to Vienna" Concert at the Hamilton Concert Hall on January 2nd. Again, it is the generous legacy of Heinz Ollesch that has enabled us to enjoy some of the more luxurious group outings, which very much foster the continued bonding and mutual support of our members during a time that continues to put restrictions on our activities.

Our January birthday celebrants are Ingrid Oppermann, January 4th; Willy Schaefer, January 6th; Susan Butz, January 12th; David Simon, January 18th; Christl Reglin-Petts; January 21st; and Monika Heitland, on January 27th.

For their birthdays, we wish them all a touch of the sun, a song on the breeze, and a smile in their hearts!

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Aus unserem Frauenverein

Past President, Rosi Kramolowsky, donated some of her work as well. Thank you, Rosie!

A New Year is awaiting us; what will it bring? Hopefully, less Covid and many more positive surprises.

The Ladies Auxilliary wishes you good health above all and happiness in 2022!



Our Bazaar in November was an absolute success story. Annemarie had selected a great choice of vendors offering their Holiday Fare. Our own ladies baked the traditional German Christmas cookies; and of course, they sold out of them very quickly. All delicious cakes were donated by our members. Our craft table was filled with items our ladies work on all year. Our



The Tombola had 40 lovely prizes; all donated again. Thanks to the nimble fingers of three ladies, who worked tirelessly to roll the little straws for the drawing.

Although we have only approximately 17 members, we all helped to make this event such a successful day.

Thanks to everyone!

Also, on behalf of the ladies, many thanks go to Hedda and her decorating crew, who had done a marvellous job making the hall and restaurant look so festive.

Hedda also donated her time to tend the bar and serve the scrumptious Gulash Soup that Ray had prepared for us. Thanks again!

Another thank you goes out to



Richard Lutz, who very generously donated \$100.00 to our Bazaar. Richard has made donations to us regularly and today I wish to publicly recognize him for his generosity. Thank you, Richard!

Our reward came on December 1st, when we gathered after two years for a lovely Christmas Dinner and Party. Annemarie presented us each with a traditional Poinsettia on behalf of the Frauenverein. A rather noisy, but very jolly group we were celebrating the Season as well as our Bazaar's success.

No meetings are scheduled during the months of January and February. We are taking a well-deserved rest.

I almost forgot our birthday children; namely, Susan Butz on January 12th and myself on January 7th – both of us are celebrating the big number “80”. All the best to both of us!

Until next month, stay healthy and happy!
Your Frauenverein Connection,
Brigitte Parzen

And here is my wish for you:

*“This is my wish for you:
Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Hugs when spirits sag,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life!”*

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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.

Happy New Year!



Mark Woehrle

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January Birthdays

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Andrew Chamberlain

Ricardo Costa

Ernst Dammann

Lisa Felgner

Jeanette Foebel

Ken Foebel

Rainer Frank

Monika Heitland

Helmut Hentschel

Vladimir Khayutin

George Kiss

Stefan Kun

Ingrid Oppermann

Brigitte Parzen

Christel Reglin

Willy Schaefer

Alexandre Silva

David Simon

Karley Stewart

Margitta Untch

Mark Woehrle

Happy Birthday

*Your membership is now due, and can be paid
by cheque, or over the phone if you wish.*

*Pay by cash or debit in person, please
remember your Mask.*

Germania Club Donations

Karrla & Rosi Grauf - \$300 in memory of Werner Grauf

Germania Choir - \$500 in memory of George Fischer

Martha Herres - \$200 in memory of husband Hans Herres

VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

We follow city and provincial rules, and events may be cancelled at any time, please call the office to register, or to check status.

All listings below are tentative at this point.

Jan 7	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday - Liver and Onions
Jan 12	Cancelled	Kulturkreis Germania
Jan 14	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Jan 21	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Jan 25	7:30pm	Members meeting
Jan 30	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Jan 30	2:30pm	Film Afternoon
Feb 4	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday - Liver and Onions
Feb 11	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Feb 18	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Feb 25	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday



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