



Über allen Gipfeln
Ist Ruh,
In allen Wipfeln
Spürest du
Kaum einen Hauch;
Die Vögelein schweigen im Walde.
Warte nur, balde
Ruhest du auch.

Wolfgang v. Goethe



Winter's Nightsong

O'er all the hilltops
Is quiet now,
In all the treetops
Hearest thou
Hardly a breath;
The birds are asleep in the trees:
Wait, soon like these
Thou too shalt rest.

*Goethe's poem above as translated by
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Henry W. Longfellow

OBITUARY



Heinz Punko

June 16, 1928 - January 16, 2022

Heinz was a 56 year member of the Germania Club, members may remember Heinz as an avid soccer player who played for the Germania Soccer Club, and later as a head waiter also in the Germania Club.

We extend our sincere condolences to his son Jürgen, his family and friends.

*May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May God hold you in the palm of His hand,
until we meet again.*

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The President's Message



we have received our third shot I hope that will be the end of it for us.

Dear Members.

I trust that everyone had a good holiday season. But what a trying time this past month has been for my family and I. We were blessed with the gift that kept on giving with both Linda and I, our daughter and her family and our youngest son and his family coming down with COVID 19. As careful as we have been over the last two years, it didn't take long to be infected but even longer to get over it. Now that

Once again, we have been locked down, but as we are about to open up with restrictions perhaps we will be able to get back to normal, or some semblance of it. There is very little to report in as much as we have been closed down for some time.

In closing please stay healthy and remember that you must be double vaccinated to enter into Germania Club Facilities which includes the Park. If you haven't already done so, please get vaccinated.

*Garry Bulmer
Germania Club President*



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Submitted changes to the Constitution

The Board of Directors submits the following amendments to the Constitution of the Germania Club of Hamilton, Ontario (Last amended on March 19, 2017). The amendments will be presented to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Germania Club for a vote. Because of current Covid restrictions, the AGM is tentatively scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 22, 2022 starting at 10:00 am. All proposed amendments were submitted to the Club Secretary and the Board Secretary before the 31st of December, 2021.

Article III Organized Groups.

10. The Council of Elders.

Current version: The Council of Elders ... consists of seven respected and experienced members of the Germania Club. ...

A quorum consists of four council members. ...

Proposed change: 10. The Council of Elders ... consists of at least five respected and experienced members of the Germania Club. ...

A quorum consists of three council members.

Article V Meetings and Agendas

6. The Membership Meeting

Current version: 6.1...The membership meeting will take place on

the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Clubhouse ...

Proposed change: 6.1...The membership meeting will take place four times a year on the fourth Tuesday of February, May, September and November ...

8. The Monthly Meeting of the Expanded Board of Directors.

Current version: 8.2 The Expanded Board of Directors Meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of every month ...

Proposed change: 8.2 The Expanded Board of Directors Meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of January, March, June and September...

The following amendment is proposed by Hedda Wagenblast, Business Administrator of the Germania Club:

Article IV, Section 1.3.

Current version: 1.3 The term of office of an elected member of the Board of Directors shall be two years.

Proposed change: 1.3 The Directors and Internal Auditors shall be elected in rotation:

On odd numbered years, the following officials shall be elected for a term of two years:

President; 1st Secretary; 1st Treasurer; 1st Business Administra-



tor; Property Manager; 1st Social Director; Chair, Internal Auditors; Member, Internal Auditors.

On even numbered years the following officials shall be elected for a term of two-years:

Vice-President; 2nd Secretary; 2nd Treasurer; 2nd Business Administrator; Germania Park Manager; 2nd Social Director; Public Relations Director; Youth Coordinator; Member, Internal Auditors.

2. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors...

Current version: 2.7. The Director of Business Administration...

Proposed change: 2.7. The 1st Director of Business Administration...

Proposed addition: 2.7a. The 2nd Director of Business Administration assists the 1st Director of Business Administration.

Article V Meetings and Agendas

4. Agenda of the Annual General Meeting

4.5. Annual reports and their approval:

Current version: 4.5.6. Business Administrator

Proposed version: 4.5.6. 1st Business Administrator

Current version: 4.10. Election of the new Board of Directors and the Youth Coordinator (Responsibilities found in Article IV).

Proposed change: 4.10. Election of the new Board of Directors. ...

Current version: 4.10.7. Business Administrator

Proposed change: 4.10.7. 1st Business Administrator

Proposed addition: 4.10.7a. 2nd Business Administrator

The following amendment is **submitted by Heidi Frank, Vice-President of the Germania Club.**

Article IV Board of Directors, Youth Coordinator & Internal Auditors.

1. Election of the Board of Directors.

Current version: 2.14 The Youth Coordinator is a member of the Extended Board ...

Proposed change: 2.14 ... The Youth Coordinator is a member of the Board of Directors...

*Important
changes
to
consider*





Fischer & Jäger

*Moin Fischer and Hunters
Members and Friends,*

And so 2022 is under way and Omicron is still going strong. I hope you all had a beautiful, happy, healthy Christmas Season with Family and friends.

Neujahr 2022

*Wissen möchte man unbedingt,
Was das neue Jahr wohl bringt.
Wart ein bisschen! Hinterher
weisst Du mit Bestimmtheit mehr.
Hoffentlich erfüllt das Jahr jeden
Wunsch, der wichtig war!
Man hofft in allen Ländern auf
eine bessere Zeit,
Doch wenn wir uns nicht ändern,
dann kommt es nicht so weit.
Wir sollten uns besinnen, Auch
wenn's uns nicht behagt,
Bei mir muss ich beginnen!
Doch das ist leicht gesagt.....*

Our Christmas Dinner at the Club was a delight to be able to get together with Friends and enjoy a delicious Dinner. Thank You, thank you to our Chef who prepared such a wonderful meal. Congrats to Lisa Felgner for winning that mysterious

SNACKLE BOX (snack plus tackle makes a snackle box).

And now to our Birthday friends in February, we have Siggie Seiler, Goran Predojevic and another huge Milestone of "90" years young, and that is our very handsome Joe Parzen. on February 11th. Congratulations to every one and may you be blessed with lots of love, good health and happiness.

We have no meetings 'till hopefully in March.

*So until then,
Tschuess Maggie*

The 4 stages of LIFE :

- 1. You believe in Santa Claus*
- 2. You don't believe in Santa Claus*
- 3. You are Santa Claus*
- 4. You look like Santa Claus*



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The park doesn't look the way we like to see it. But there is a light at the end of the tunnel. In only 3 1/2 months we can enjoy it again.

We monitor our facilities to make sure that everything is secure. The group of volunteers regularly patrols the park.

Thank you, Bill and Nancy, for cut-

ting down the broken and dangerous trees. We have enough firewood now to warm up the whole town. The work on beautifying pavilions is still in progress.

I hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

*Vladimir Khayutin
Camper's Chairman.*



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From your Board Secretary

Not much has happened so far this year due to another round of restrictions.

Your Board of Directors; however, has been holding regular virtual meetings and is trying to plan for the time when events can once again take place.

There are always many regular and exceptional housekeeping tasks to be looked after. It would be an ideal time to repair the floor in our large hall, so that when we can re-open, all available bookings can go on; but, so far no definite arrangements have been made, possibly due to shortages in the workplace across the board.

Our Office Secretary, Lori, is busy accepting new Membership dues and Campers' fees, and preparing updated Membership lists.

The Board has been in process of preparing for the Annual General Membership Meeting in March with Elections of a new Board. However, it looks like it might again have to

be postponed. We will advise you as soon as we can.

In the meantime, our Nominations Committee, chaired by Gordon Schien, is eagerly awaiting your calls or e-mails advising them that you are offering your talents or knowledge as a possible new Director of the new Board. Our present Board has now had to be in office for three years already, and some of us are very anxious to have a deserved break and let someone else take his or her place.

Please think about this very carefully, since our Germania Club really needs you! The names of the other committee members are found in this Germania Post and you can reach either one of them for further information.

In the meantime, stay healthy and safe until we can meet again.

*Brigitte Parzen
Your Board Secretary*

Editor's Note:

Brigitte Parzen has, with regret, tendered her resignation of her position of Board Secretary as of January 24th 2021.

I for one, thank Brigitte for her hard work, and loyalty to the Germania Club. I will miss her.



Choral Notes

With surging cases of the Omicron variant, most of us once again had to adjust, if not altogether cancel holiday plans, to avoid becoming infected by this modern plague. We are so glad to have Netty back with us, even if she had to overcome countless obstacles to rejoin us here in Canada. And Eva, who was anxious to return to Canada in time for the Salute to Vienna concert, made it back here safe and sound, but, alas, the concert was cancelled.

Lore and Karl Uschold's grandson out west had to postpone his wedding to a later date, in order to accommodate guests for the big celebration. Like myself and other choir choir members, Lore and Karl had to cancel their flight and ultimately sharply reduce contacts while observing some Christmas traditions at home.

On a happier note, my brother-in-law Alex has recovered from his injuries, and he is now doing well at St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke. Unfortunately, visitors are restricted to individual family members,

and even in his new home, he is confined to his quarters during this new Omicron surge.

Susi, who celebrated a special birthday this year, also had to curtail notable merrimaking, except for a limited group of choristers, led by Eva, who gave her a surprise "Staendchen" in the driveway of her home. We were contemplating giving David a similar surprise on his "special" birthday, but did not think it wise under the current Covid restrictions. Again, many happy returns, Susi and David. Hopefully, along with Ingrid, Willy, Christl, and Monika, we can celebrate in style next year!

Anneliese Walthers (Feb. 12th), and Erika Mildenerger (Feb. 26th) are this month's celebrants: Viel Glueck und viel Segen auf all Euren Wegen!

Mit frohem Saengergruss, Eure Gudrun





Aus unserem Frauenverein

Surprise, surprise! Covid again put a damper on our lives!

At least we had been able to have a wonderful, successful Bazaar and an enjoyable Christmas Party this past season.

Well, ladies, as you're sitting at home hibernating and feeling sorry for yourselves, use your many talents and start creating wonderful items for the Bazaar in November. It's never too early to begin.

Let's hope that our scheduled meeting can take place on Wednesday, March 2nd, so that we can plan a special "Stiftungsfest" celebration for April 6th, having missed last year's celebration in its entirety. We are all very much looking forward to that event!

Only one birthday to celebrate this month; namely, our dear Helga, on February 26th. Dear Helga, we wish you a wonderful birthday; may an abundance of love and good wishes be showered upon you. Cheers to you!

And now, our little poem for the month – I think it's very appropriate for the times today –

hope

If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that better things are always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be. . . . Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.

*- Nikki Banas
walk the Earth*



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Preview for March

Sunday Lunch

March 27, 2022 12-2pm

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\$18.95 plus tax per person.
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Antrag auf Mitgliedschaft / Membership Application

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

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Date of Birth: _____ Type of Membership: Single ; Family

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Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____

(If more than two children please list on reverse side of this form.)

Nominated by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Annual Membership Dues \$ _____ payable with application. Please add \$5 for first time processing costs and attach full payment to this form. Annual dues due by February 1.

From our constitution:

As one of the oldest German club in Canada, the Germania Club looks back on a rich history. The purpose of the club is to provide all members with the opportunity to cultivate the German language and customs, to promote German cultural values through social interaction and song, and to take part in the cultural development of Canada. As a Member of the Germania Club , I will help the club with its purpose, and pledge to support the club by participating and volunteering for club functions and events.

Signature(s) of Applicant(s): _____

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Date of Application: _____

Comments: _____



The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Germania club is tentatively scheduled to be held on March 22nd 2022 at the starting time of 11:30 AM. The Annual General Meeting allows members to hear reports from the directors, including a financial report for the year 2021. This meeting may be attended by all members in good standing and who have paid their membership for the year 2022. This year is an election year, all positions are open for election. In order to maintain this Club it is important to have a full board, so please think about what you could do for the club. If you are unwilling or unable to step forward at this time, please think of someone who you could nominate and approach them and ask them for that commitment, and forward the name to the Nominations committee below. The meeting will be held when Provincial and City restrictions allow 50% hall capacity for social gatherings.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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 at 905-549-0513.

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



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February Birthdays

William Anger	Horst Kurtz
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Hans Bastel	Erika Mildenberger
Hans Dietl	Joe Parzen
Claudia Eckert	Thomas Rausch
Adrian Grigorescu	Josephine Rischke
Eduardus Heijm	Anneliese Walthers
Wilma Held	
Martha Herres	
Helga Hillje	

Happy Birthday

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Dieter Eckert - \$65

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.

Feb 22	7:30pm	Members meeting via Zoom
Mar 2	7:30pm	Ladies Auxiliary meeting
Mar 4	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday - Liver and Onions
Mar 11	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Mar 9	2-4pm	Kulturkreis Germania
Mar 17	7:30pm	Fisher & Hunter meeting
Mar 18	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Mar 22	7:30pm	Members meeting
Mar 25	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Mar 30	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Mar 30	2:30pm	Film Afternoon



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