



Germania
 Post

Germania Club Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, March 20, 2022
Starting at 11:30 AM**

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting. A hot lunch (\$15) will be available during the break. (cancellation due to weather will be on the voicemail and the website.)

OBITUARY



Manfred Kastrau

November 3, 1930 – January 26, 2022

Manfred was a member of the Germania Club since 2005, and supported many events of the Club and Choir. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Ilse, sons Peter, Eddie, Martin, their families and his friends here at the Germania Club.

*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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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 20th, 2022 at 11:30am

The Annual General Meeting of the Germania club is scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 20th 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.

We will be deciding on changes to the constitution published last month and in this issue.

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. Nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting.

A hot lunch will be available for a cost of \$15 (incl. Tax) at break time.

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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 20, 2022 starting at 11:30 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*



From the Park Manager

Hello everyone.

It sure has been an interesting year at the Park. We were handed a pile of lemons this year, but I think we made a ton of lemonade. Between Covid, Gypsy moths and our mysterious complaints person, we managed to get a lot of major infrastructure projects done. Thanks to the unfounded complaints we had not 1, not 2, but 3 environmental inspections done at the Park: one by the City, 1 by the Conservation Authority and 1 by the Province. The best part is now the Club doesn't have to hire a private firm to do an environmental inspection for the zoning application. So thank you, mystery person for saving the Club thousands of dollars.

Garry has dealt with the Hydro inspection and everything will be up to or above code by reopening. Garry also supervised the Licensed installation of the Wood stove in the Fisher & Hunter Hall that I salvaged from the park house. Major plumbing and drywall repairs and upgrades were undertaken in both the pavilion and Fisher and Hunter Hall. Covid provided the extra down time for this and other

projects. Dave Blosser repaired the drainage system for the pavilion roofs. All this will cut down on annual maintenance costs and reopening time every spring and shutdown time in the fall. I also removed over 500 pounds of scrap metal from 3 former campers' sites after they left.



I had the septic system for the Fisher & Hunter Hall repaired. So less pumping equals lower operating costs. Lucky for the Club the cost was not the worst case scenario and did not require upgrading or mod-



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ernizing the system. It passed the Provincial inspection no problem and is now actually above code.

I would like the Club members to know that work is being done during the winter this year. We want to open as soon as restrictions and Mother nature will let us. Bill has been out trimming trees and we are going to tackle the bigger dead trees from the Gypsy moths while the ground is frozen. I sincerely hope we can be open for Easter weather permitting. I would also like to thank the members who have told me all year that they have never seen the park look so good. I would especially like to thank all the Campers that have given their time, tools and material to improve the Park.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge long time campers Harry and Josie who decided to packed it up this year. You will be missed and are always welcome at the Park.

Ken Foebel, Park manager

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Dear Members,

We are looking forward with great expectations to the re-opening of the Germania Club. That of course also means the resumption of our monthly Culture Circle meeting. Please join us on Wednesday, March 9 from 2-4 pm, for an entertaining afternoon. Our topic is the Bundesland Berlin. Klaus Ludecke has prepared an entertaining video for us to start the program. The 2022 Winter Olympics is providing us with a great jump start to re-ignite our passion for activities and social contacts. So if you are in the mood to learn a few facts about Berlin; enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Club members; nibble on some home made goodies while enjoying a glass of wine or cup of coffee, then come on down.

After 2 yours of curtailed Germania Club activities, this is a great time for us to re-examine the reasons why we choose to renew our Club membership each year. This is especially true this year with the Annual General Meeting and the election just a few weeks away.

At the Stiftungsfest in 2019, I gave a short presentation that was meant to illustrate the importance of our continued support and loyalty to the Club. Please allow me to re-visit it and share these sentiments with you, once again.

“As we honour, you the members today, we acknowledge not only that we value the years that you have been a Germania Club member, we also acknowledge your loyalty and your work and efforts that have helped us preserve that very precious link to our homeland, with its customs and culture, that we have brought with us here: a culture that we nurture and preserve, not only for ourselves, but also share with Canadians. In that resides the deeper meaning of being a member of the Germania Club.

We are so very fortunate, that as members at this time, we have a choice, to say “yes” or “no” to attend the events and functions that you have come to expect. These are still being offered at the Germania Club. You can support us by attending these functions. At the same time we also appeal to your generosity by giving us some of your time, or help us in any way you can, to bring these events to fruition.

The Dutch historian Johan Huizinga once said, “If we are to preserve culture, we must continue to create

it". Dear Members, I can't emphasize it enough. This is what the Germania Club is all about. It is about achieving the continuity of culture, heritage and community, and we are offering you an enduring invitation to celebrate; preserve; and to continue that legacy right here in the Germania Club of Hamilton".

Dear Members, thank you for continuing to show your support in the last two years, while we were struggling through this pandemic, by renewing your membership; by attending events when they were being offered; and by volunteering, so that we may continue to celebrate our German culture.

Waltraud Schork

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Aus unserem
Frauenverein

March is upon us and spring is in the air!

March 2nd, our first Frauenverein meeting for 2022 will take place. Big plans will be made for our Stiftungsfest on April 6th.

All of us are looking forward to a celebration and a lovely evening of socializing. I think we're all ready to accept that Covid will never be gone completely, but our lives will be structured again with extra awareness.

We have three birthdays to celebrate this month; namely, Waltraud Schork on March 5th, Erika Eigen on March 15th, and Inge Leitner on March 25th. Ladies, we wish you all the best – good health, happiness and many wonderful hours of enjoyment with your families, friends; and, of course, your Frauenverein buddies! Cheers to you all!

This month our Germania Club Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 20th beginning at 11:30 A.M. It will be an extremely important election, so please, try to



*attend and let your voice be heard! Until then, I remain,
Your Frauenverein Connection,
In closing, I'm looking forward to Brigitte Parzen
seeing you in person at our meeting And now, a happy poem in German
on March 2nd. for a change:*

Freu Dich des Lebens

*Freu Dich des Lebens, sei immer dabei,
In hundert Jahren ist alles vorbei.
Gruess jeden Fruehling und alles was blueht,
Den warmen Sommer wenn die Sonne glueht,
Den Herbst in der bunten vielfarben Pracht
Und des Winters klar, bezaubernde Nacht.
Freu Dich des Lebens, wenn Du Freunde hast,
Sie teilen mit Dir auch muehsame Last.
Erfreu Dich an allem, was waechst und lebt,
An dem was taeglich Dein Lebensmut hebt.
Und hast Du ein Plaetzchen winzig und klein,
Lass es auf Erden Dein Himmelreich sein.
Freu Dich des Lebens, sehr kurz ist die Zeit;
Fuer etwas Wohllust sei immer bereit.
Trink einen Tropfen und staerke den Mut,
Denk nicht an Sorgen, dann geht es Dir gut.
Lerne das schmunzeln,
Humor ist gesund,
Verschoenert im Leben so manche Stund.
Freu Dich des Lebens, wenn Dich auch was drueckt,
Vielleicht bringt der Morgen was Dich beglueckt.
Manches, woran wir jetzt noch nicht denken,
Wird uns vielleicht viel Freude schenken.
Das Beste, das der Morgen kann geben,
Wenn Du ihn siehst,
Dann bist noch am Leben.*

Von Herbert Fischer





Choral Notes

After our brief "fling" into renewed activity in the choir department, we have again had to dampen our ardour, practically go back into hibernation, while rising numbers of Covid cases were filling our hospitals to capacity. To my knowledge, all our choristers and supporters have been diligent, with most receiving their third dose of the inoculation and nobody succumbing to this modern plague. We are, after all, law-abiding citizens, at this point anxiously awaiting the easing of restrictions.

Our conductor Roland has been meeting with Brigitte Muessner and Jeanette Schaefer to select numbers from our extensive repertoire for possible presentation, some time in the near future. Surely, Covid will not remain a serious threat forever. Hedda has raised our hopes for potentially staging a "Weinfest" in the fall. Now that should give us an incentive!!!

Currently, it looks like we might once again meet for choir rehearsals by early March, once Hedda and her crew have had the hall

floor repaired, which was damaged during the recent flooding at the Club. Perhaps we will be able to start practices in time to celebrate the birthdays of Waltraud Schork, on March 5th; Lore Uschold, on March 6th; Erika Eigen, on March 15th; Netty DeWit and Paul Jaeckle on March 18th; and Inge Leitner, on March 25th. We wish you all the joys of a beautiful birthday!

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Sunday Lunch

March 27, 2022 12-2pm

Start with Lentil soup with wieners followed by German drunken Chicken w/bacon in red wine sauce, Badische Schupfnudeln, and buttered carrots. Apple Cake for dessert.

\$18.95 plus tax per person.
Children ages 5- 12 years 1/2 price

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Hauptfilm - **"Die Geierwally (1956)"**

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Vorfilm - **"Musik der Berge - Am wilden Kaiser"**



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Germania Club Annual



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 12 noon

Enjoy refreshments, lunch and an
egg-cellent afternoon!

Germania Club Park on Lake Niapenko, Binbrook

Please register by April 8th, 2022

Cost: \$8.00 per child, includes a hotdog and a drink, Easter
goodies, and children's craft table.

To be paid at entrance, registration needed.

To register or for info call the club at 905-549-0513

& leave a message for Jeanet Schaefer.

Leave the form in the club office or email to:

germaniaclub@bellnet.ca



Registration form for the Easter Egg Hunt due by April 8th

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March Birthdays

Werner Anders	Jean (Jeanie) Hope
Gabriela Apostol	Paul Jaeckle
George Apostol	Hans Knoedler
Artur Bitner	Inge Leitner
Linda Bulmer	Stefan Muensterteicher
Netty De Wit	Waltraud Schork
Samuel Dovbenyuk	Gerry Schuster
Erika Eigen	Egon Ueberholz
Joe Feduszcak	Grigory Yeryomenko
Brian Felgner	

Happy Birthday

Membership Fees

Student	\$32
Single Adult (18 years)	\$85
Family	\$140
Senior (65 years)	\$65
Honorary Member	Fees Waived
Life Long Member	Fees Waived

Germania Club Donations

Willy Schaefer - \$65
 Anonymous - \$100
 Hans Renz - \$65
 Sofia Lochner - \$50
 Gertrud Taunton - \$100
 John R. Fischl - \$100 in memory of August & Theresa Fischl
 Frank & Hildegard Bittner - \$100

VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The following events are planned and are on our calendar. At this point masks, hand cleaning and social distancing are required.

Mar 2	7:30pm	Ladies Auxiliary meeting
Mar 4	2:00pm	Choir Practice
Mar 4	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday - Liver and Onions
Mar 9	2-4pm	Kulturkreis Germania " <i>Bundesland Berlin</i> "
Mar 11	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Mar 17	7:30pm	Fisher & Hunter meeting
Mar 18	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Mar 20	11:30am	Annual General Meeting
Mar 25	5-7pm	Fish&Chips Friday
Mar 30	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch "German drunken Chicken"
Mar 30	2:30pm	Film Afternoon " <i>Die Geierwally</i> "
Apr 9	2-4pm	Kulturkreis Germania
Apr 16	12 noon	Easter Egg Hunt in the Park



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