



The Germania Club
Strawberry Festival



Sunday July 10th



In the Germania Park
Gate opens 12:00pm BBQ at 2pm

**Strawberry Shortcake
with whipped cream,**

BBQ and drinks available,
The House Band will play.

For the kids: Scavenger hunt and other activities

*Free admission for members and kids under 18
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*The Germania Park,
4240 Trinity Church Road, Binbrook, ON*

OBITUARY



Adolf Ernst

June 15, 1935 – May 29, 2022

Adolf was a Life Long Member of the Germania Club.
Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife Elisabeth,
sons Bill, Fred and their families.

*“The song has ended,
but the melody
lingers on...”*

Irving Berlin

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DER KLUB DANKT DIR

(The Club thanks you)

What makes a social club like the Germania club successful are the volunteers. The Germania club in particular is lucky in so many ways to have a good group of core volunteers, whether they volunteer once in a while or on an ongoing basis.

Each person knows what she or he are able and willing to do. Each person is appreciated, even if that is not said out loud, for their part in the Club's success.

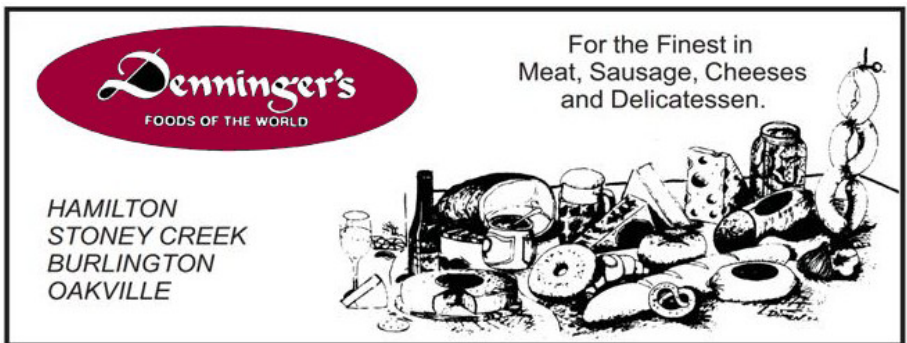
The volunteers are working everywhere, whether it is planning and executing events, working on the board of directors of the club, and each subgroup and interest group, working to maintain our beautiful Germania Park, fixing electrical or plumbing at the club or plastering a wall, painting using gallons and gallons of paint, killing weeds, or work-

ing somewhere in the background. The work and opportunities for volunteers are almost endless.

Sometimes volunteers are recruited, other times they simply step in, and other times they create their own opportunities to volunteer.

Our club has been very fortunate for the last 11 years to have someone who stepped forward and volunteered when the need was presented. In 2011 our auditor, Hans Bastel, reported in part to the members, speaking of the previous first Treasurer and bookkeeper, "There is documented evidence that the financial status of the Club was misrepresented in an effort to deceive the membership."

Seeing the need of the Germania Club for her 35 years of experience as a professional bookkeeper, Elisabeth "Betty" Boerkamp offered to volunteer as the bookkeeper for the
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Aus unserem Frauenverein

Our last meeting before the summer break!

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to a very special lady, Helga Laqua. She will always be remembered for her sunny disposition and her lovely smile. Her nimble fingers produced many lovely gifts for our Bazaar every year. Rest in peace, dear Helga!

On another sad note, two of our members, Jeanet Schaefer and Inge Leitner, came down with Covid just a couple of days before our meeting. Inge, even though she couldn't attend, baked us a delicious cake and had it brought to the meeting. Thank you so much, Inge!

Christine Eastwood was also not well, so we missed her also.

Get healthy quickly, ladies! We need your help for our upcoming summer events – Strawberry Festival on July 10th and the Germania Club Picnic

on August 7th.

The Frauenverein has decided to provide all cakes for the picnic; as well as make and donate the potato salad.

We are looking forward to a lovely day on June 22nd as we made plans to attend a show, called “Gotta Sing – Gotta Dance” in Burlington, and dinner afterwards at the Martini House. One of the performers is a young lady who used to dance in our very own Narrhalla Guard with Lori and Ellen many years ago.

We have one birthday in July; namely, Brigitte Muessner on July 1st. All the best to you; good health and happiness; a joyful celebration with family and good friends!

And now, dear ladies, have an enjoyable summer!

*Your Frauenverein Connection,
Brigitte Parzen*

And another little inspiration to you all:

Be the person who breaks the cycle.

If you were judged, choose understanding.

If you were rejected, choose acceptance.

If you were shamed, choose compassion.

Be the person you needed when you were hurting, not the person who hurt you.

Vow to be better than what broke you – to heal instead of becoming bitter,

So that you can act from your heart and not from your pain.

By Lori Dechene





Fischer & Jäger

We enjoyed a mini holiday in Leamington and Pelee Island, Canada's southernmost inhabited place with only 150 residents. Our Step-On tour guide, Peter, enlightened us with Historical and Natural interpretations. It was very, very interesting. Unfortunately many could not join us due to various reasons, so only Brigitte, Dorothea and I were able to go. But we enjoyed it.

We are now looking forward to our Prize Fishing at Moon Basin Marina on July 16-18. We hope some of you lovely folks will be able to join us. Please call Rick for cabin reservations at 289-253-7783. As soon as possible.

Our next meeting will be held during the Prize fishing weekend.

I have no birthdays this month, but surely someone is celebrating something, so to all of you stay Happy and Healthy.

*Until next time,
Tschuess Maggie*

A little something to think about.....

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The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

If the last year has taught us anything, it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

Hear about the new restaurant called karma? There's no menu. You get what you deserve.



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Choral Notes

Covid continues to rear its ugly head, and three of our choristers found out the hard way: In spite of being fully immunized, they came down with the disease after attending a concert at a local college, an institution that has not required its students to get their shots. At least with up-to-date inoculation, our three ladies experienced milder symptoms that did not require hospitalization.

On a brighter note: Our trip to Helga's in Cayuga for coffee and Bienenstich was a great way to temporarily forget our troubles and just enjoy each other's company. That was before Evelyn, Christine, then Lore, and finally Linus came down with serious health issues. Lore has recovered, but the three remaining choir members are still struggling with negative side effects of their current disabilities. We wish them a very speedy recovery.

My brother-in law Alex Wegner, a longtime member and contributor to many facets of the Germania Club, is now settled at St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke, where some of the Covid restrictions have been

eased. He is again permitted visitors, provided they wear masks and test negative for Covid upon entering.

On July 30th, we will be taking part in the memorial Celebration of the Life of George Fischer, my friend and one-time colleague, an enthusiastic former chorister and president of the Germania Club. Even after he became increasingly debilitated, unable to attend practices, his wife Nina kept up his friendship and association with the choir. On his birthdays, she invited all members to a celebration at their home. She would include me in these invitations, hoping that I would join the choir by taking part in the wonderful fellowship. Eventually I succumbed to the charms of the Germania Choir and joined, as planned (schemed???) by Nina.

Good-bye, dear George, and thank you Nina for your great care of and devotion to a husband, father, grandfather, teacher, historian, colleague, artist, and friend!

Several choirs reported at our virtual DKSB meeting on June 4th. Like the Germania Choir, they all experienced difficulties caused by the Covid variants, but the individual choir members managed to keep in touch, and in some cases, such as the Harfentoene Toronto, and Concordia Ottawa, they have actu-

ally been able to perform (wearing masks, of course) at church services.

After much deliberation, the Lyra Choir London has invited fully vaccinated choristers to one-hour practices starting in May. They arranged specially - distanced seating, and wear singers' masks during rehearsals.

The Transylvania Choir has also resumed practices with masks until the end of June. After their conductor Dieter Conrad resigned, they now have two "infectiously positive teachers" alternating directing at practices.

After listening to the various reports, I feel that we are keeping up with the other DKSB choirs, thanks in part to our talented and wonderfully patient Conductor Roland.

Our July birthday wishes go to Heinz Mildenberger and Brigitte Muessner on July 1st; Nina Fischer and Eva Kolwes on July 9th; Lore Schaefer on July 28th (the date of our Port Dover outing); and Gertrud Press on July 30th, the day we remember the Life of George Fischer. Thus, we accept and celebrate "Freud und Leid", the major components of our very existence.

May your joys be many, and your troubles few.

May all God's blessings descend upon you.

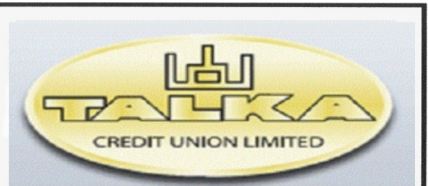
May peace be within you; may your heart be strong.

May you find what you're seeking, wherever you roam.

(Irish Blessing)

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Germania Club. Betty offered that help to me on the front steps of the Germania club as we were walking out after the power had gone out in the club. (and the neighbourhood)



Brigitte Parzen presents a gift basket to Betty Boerkamp.

Also from Hans' report, "A former First Treasurer, Eberhard Scheufele, once declared that it is the obligation of the treasurer "to protect the financial integrity and reputation of the Germania Club". "

With Betty at the helm of the book-keeping, with her insistence of every income or expense to be documented with an original document, the integrity of our finances is in excellent shape. Betty volunteered tire-

lessly in the background and even needed to learn new accounting software which was foreign to her. She tried to bring us up to her standards.

Betty has told me for some time that she would like to step back from the bookkeeping, and I kept encouraging her to continue. Betty decided now was the time to retire. I will miss working with Betty, and her phone calls that begin with, "I have a question for you" which meant something is not exactly the way it should be. That might be followed up with a lovely visit if the problem seemed too big.

The words, thank you, seem so insufficient for Betty and also for all of our volunteers, but alas those are all we have. Alex Wegner, long time volunteer himself, used to say, "Der Klub dankt dir" (the Club thanks you) when you volunteered. From the bottom of my heart, and I'm sure the members will join in, THANK YOU, Betty.

Brigitte Parzen, on behalf of the board of directors and members of the Germania Club made a small 'thank you' presentation to Betty at a choir practice.

*David Simon
First Treasurer*

CAMPERS KORNER



Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at chairman@germaniapark.ca.

Fellow campers,

I would like to thank everyone who came to our Germania Campers Annual General Meeting.

The Annual reports were introduced by the Chairman and Treasurer.

Initially, we had planned to elect a new campers' executive committee but, everyone agreed that the present committee did an excellent job in the past (thank Ute Perl for her nice speech and recognition of our work), so the campers, would like them to serve in their positions for another year. This was moved, seconded and voted by the campers who were present at this meeting.

I would like to introduce our new (old) executive committee:

*Bill McMenemy - Vice Chairman
(vice@germaniapark.ca)
Nancy McMenemy – Secretary
(secretary@germaniapark.ca)
Garry Bulmer – Treasurer
(treasurer@germaniapark.ca)
David Matteson - Social event organizer
(social@germaniapark.ca)*

A Potluck Luncheon followed the meeting, and everyone enjoyed the festivities and social intercourse.

Social event organizer, David Matteson is planning many events at the park so it looks like it will be a busy season.

Enjoy the summer and I'll see you all in the Park.

*Vladimir Khayutin
Chairman
Germania Park Campers*

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From your Board Secretary

Summer has arrived and our Germania Park is ready for our outdoor events!

Strawberry Festival will take place on Sunday, July 10th, under the leadership of Jeanet Schaefer, who is ready to pick those luscious berries for your enjoyment. Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream; Strawberry Bowle(Punch)! Doesn't your mouth begin to water just hearing about it! Of course, Schnitzel and sausages and many great beverages will be offered as well. Our Youth Director, Anna, is organizing a scavenger hunt for the children. If the weather is favourable, it should be a great day for all.

Our Picnic will follow on August 7th. Mandi is busy planning for this event.

Our second Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, June 28th; much progress has been made for this event, but much more will be required.

Sunday movies are on vacation till September. I'm sure Klaus is al-

ready busy scheduling a great selection of films for the fall. Thank you , Klaus, for all your efforts.

The Kulturkreis will also be on vacation until then; thanks again to Waltraud for all her efforts and Klaus for assisting to make these events so entertaining and interesting for all of us.

The POS system in the Club is moving ahead with David still putting in lots of information and Mandi having already prepared one unit for operation .

Work on the basement is ongoing and progressing nicely; however, no date for a first Pub Night is available yet.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our events in the beautiful Germania Park,

*Your Board Secretary
Brigitte Parzen*



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Welcome
to our
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Claire Bodkin

Erwin Carl

Maefson Martins Costa and Rita Martins,
their children Maefson Jr. and Marcelle

Jaroslawn and Grazyna Gronkowski

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July Birthdays

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 Eduard Keller
 Eva Kolwes

Philip Kummel
 Heinz Mildenberger
 Brigitte Muessner
 Lisa Nimz
 Gertrud Press
 Eleonore Schaefer
 Manfred Schien
 Franz Weinhandl

Happy Birthday

Membership Fees

Student	\$32
Single Adult (18 years)	\$85
Family	\$140
Senior (65 years)	\$65
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Germania Club Donations

Werner Anders - \$60
 Thomas & Helga Rausch - \$100

Memorial Donation

Brian Lishman - \$50 in memory of his parents George &
 Florence Lishman

VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The following events are planned and are on our calendar.

July 10	12:00pm	Strawberry Festival- in the Park
July 15-17		Prize Fishing at Moon Basin Marina
Aug 7	11:00am	Germania Club Picnic
Aug 19-21		Fisher & Hunter Family Weekend
Aug 20		Camper Horseshoe Tournament
September		Fish&Chip Fridays resume
Sep 14	2-4pm	Kulturkreis Germania
Sep 17	3:00pm	Steel City Oktoberfest



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