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**Saturday, December 31st, 2022**

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## OBITUARIES



### *Brian* LISHMAN

**Passed age 68 on October 29, 2022**

Brian recently became a member of the Germania Club. We extend our sincere condolences to his brothers Ken, Ron and Doug.



### *Armin* EIGEN

**December 27, 1937 –  
November 7, 2022**

Armin became a member of the Germania Club in 2009. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Erika, their family and friends.

*“Perhaps passing through the gates of death is like passing quietly through the gate in a pasture fence. On the other side, you keep walking, without the need to look back. No shock, no drama, just the lifting of a plank or two in a simple wooden gate in a clearing. Neither pain, nor floods of light, nor great voices, but just the silent crossing of a meadow”*

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# The President's Message



so much for all that you do! The Club really appreciates it!

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Club!

If not, I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Frohe Weihnachten und ein gluckliches Neues Jahr!

*Guten Tag!*

*Well the Germania Club is busy!*

Paul Hamburg  
President

*Something seems to be happening every day. Sometimes two or three events a day.*

*Our Lori and our battalion of volunteers are sleeping well I'm sure.*

*The Rathskeller is doing great with the monthly Pub Night!*

*It is getting busier every time it's open.*

*Check the back of the Germania Post for "Pub Nights". Everyone is welcome!*

*To all of our volunteers Thank you*



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# CAMPERS KORNER



*Fellow campers and club members,*

*The room was packed for the Campers' Fall meeting and End-of-Year Potluck luncheon. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed tasty food, pleasant conversation, and the warm atmosphere of the Pavilion. I would like to thank our Choir, once again, for sponsoring new sliding doors. It feels like we have a brand-new building in the park.*

*The Annual Memorial was held at the Park on November 6th. Many people gathered to pay their respects to departed members of the Club. The Choir sang beautifully, and the poem read by Hedda Wagenblast almost made me tear up.*

*A beautiful day with lots of sunshine. It felt like Nature was celebrating the lives of the departed with us.*

*Thank you, Rosi Kramolowsky for taking care of the Memorial Garden.*

*Also, I would like to thank all volunteers who have assisted with the maintenance of the park facilities*

*by doing grass cutting, plumbing, tree trimming, road fixing, cleaning of the premises, daily water testing, and security. Garry and Lynda Bulmer, David Matteson and Mary Denyes, Bill and Nancy McMenemy, Joe Feduszczak, Dave Blosser, Julia Khayutin, Albert Kergl, Ken Foebel, Raisa Goldenberg.*

*Without your help and involvement, this Park would never be such a pleasant place to enjoy.*

*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.*





# Fischer & Jäger

*Moin Fisher and Hunters,  
Members and Friends*

*Well, here it is, Christmas and it's closer than "just around the corner". The Turkey Shoot has come and gone, and we have one more celebration ahead of us and that is the Birth of Jesus Christ, the real reason of Christmas. Let's not forget.*

*Our Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 17th will consist of Rouladen, and stuffed Chicken followed by a delicious Torte.*

*I have 2 Birthdays in December, Richard Grobauer and Joe Khes. We wish both of you Gentlemen a*

*Happy Birthday and to all those celebrating a Milestone of some sort. We wish you all the best.*

*Last but not least "HAPPY NEW YEAR from ALL of us to ALL of you. Wishing you Good Health and Happiness throughout "2023".*

*Until next Year*

*Tschüß*

*Maggi*



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## Choral Notes

*At our virtual fall DKSB meeting on October 22nd, organized by David Simon for all the Sängerbund members, we discovered that ours is the only choir where business is practically back to normal, the pre-Covid days. Some of the credit does go to our benefactor, the late Heinz Ollesch, whose generous legacy made it possible for us to hold on to our outstanding pianist, Clement Ng, and to hire our equally accomplished conductor, Roland Fix. Much of the credit also goes to our members, all of whom are dedicated, in spite of various health issues that seem inevitable as we get older.*

*On November 6th, a beautiful fall day with blue skies and some trees still in their autumn glory, we participated in the Club Memorial service in the Germania Park. Unfortunately, both the microphone and our electric keyboard were not functioning, and our choir is not used to singing a carpella. We were not at our best! Hopefully we can do a better job for Heinz Mildenberg's Memorial Service on November 19th in the Germania Hall.*

*As always, several choir members*

*were involved in serving refreshments to those who attended the service in the Germania Park: Thank you Hedda Wagenblast, Hilde Bittner, Erika Eigen, and Susan Butz for your unwavering dedication to the Club.*

*Most choir members are also participating in the Kulturkreis Adventsfeier on November 30th. Waltraud Schork, the founder of the Kulturkreis, is taking a sabbatical for health reasons, so some of us will take on this little celebration with the help of Brigitte Parzen and Claus Luedecke. Please join us for coffee, and Plaetzchen (\$5). Guehwein will also be available to chase away the winter blues.*

*This time of year is always special for the choir: We have started to practise seriously for the Christmas Sing-along on December 11th. Again, please join us and bring a food donation for those in need.*

*Christine Eastwood has special cause to celebrate: She is having a birthday on December 22:*

*May you always have a sunbeam to warm you,  
good luck to charm you,  
and a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you.*

*(Irish Blessing)*



*And on behalf of the Germania Choir, I wish you all Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten, vor allem gesunden Rutsch ins Neue Jahr!*

*Gudrun*



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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

*Our big event is behind us.*

*As always, it was a very successful affair. It really adds so much to the Christmas spirit at the Germania Club, as it is the opening of a wonderful season for all of us.*

*All our members contributed; whether it was baking cookies, knitting and crocheting little gift items, donating cakes or many lovely prizes for the Tombola, manning our booths and setting up and cleaning up afterwards.*

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO ALL OUR LADIES!**

*This will allow us to make another generous donation to the Germania Club Stiftungsfest next year.*

*Our reward will be a lovely dinner at our Christmas Party on Wednes-*

*day, December 7th beginning at 5P.M. prepared by Chef "Ray".*

*At our November meeting, the preparations had been made for both events.*

*We also celebrated three birthdays in November with wine donations by the celebrants – Thank you to Gudrun, Annemarie and Dorothea!*

*The lovely luncheon that evening had been prepared by Susie, who brought a delicious cake and Brigitte P. made devilled eggs and smoked salmon sandwiches.*

*This was our last meeting until March 2023.*

*In December we have one lady celebrating her birthday; namely, Christine. All the best to you, Christine and many more happy returns of the day.*

*We also have very sad news – Our Erika Eigen's husband passed away after a lot of pain and suffering. Dear Erika, please accept our most*

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*sincere condolences; our thoughts are with you as you suffer this terrible loss!*

*In closing, on behalf of Annemarie and all of us at the Frauenverein, we wish all members of the Germania Club and their families and friends a very merry Christmas and good health, happiness for 2023. May you be able to share many hours with all the special people in your lives.*

*And now my little poem for the month.*

*I am strong,  
because I know my weakness.*

*I am compassionate,  
because I've suffered.*

*I am alive,  
because I am a fighter.*

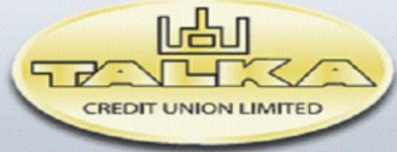
*I am wise,  
because I've been foolish.*

*I can laugh,  
because I have known sadness.*

*I can love,  
because I've known loss.*

*I am a strong woman  
who has weathered the storm,*

*but still loves to dance in the rain!*



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Dec. 16, 2022 - Special Chef's Choice Schnitzel

Dec. 23 & 30 - CLOSED

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Please make a reservation in advance**

*Members receive a 10% discount on food*

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# MEMORIAL 2022

By: Brigitte Parzen

November started off with a very special event – the Annual Memorial – the day we remember all our departed members.

The day, full of sunshine, made it extra special; I still remember last year's event when we all layered up to stay warm.

The ceremony was again very tastefully presented by our Choir consisting of songs, special poems and musical accompaniment by Arthur, Ingrid Oppermann and Karl Uschold.

Paul, dressed solemnly for the occasion, said a few words and read all



the names of the departed during the previous year. A nice wreath had been prepared again this year by Linda Bulmer.

Vladimir offered to take pictures, and he did an excellent job; they can be viewed on our website.

Afterwards most people gathered at the Pavillion. The Choir had donated \$10,800.00 towards the glass

enclosures at this building. It surely adds a lot of brightness and a cozier atmosphere to it. It also provides protection from wind, rain, etc.

Under Hedda's supervision as co-ordinator, the food and beverage service was well organized. Ray had again prepared some tasteful Gulasch soup, and many praises were heard throughout the afternoon.

Coffee and cake, beverages, including Gluehwein, were served as well; and between Hilde, Erika Eigen, Susie and myself, we were kept hopping. It was very rewarding to see so many people enjoying themselves in the sunshine.



Lori, as always, did an excellent job looking after cash and ticket sales.

Last but not least, Garry looked after the plaques being mounted and preparing the facility. Bill McMenemy was kept busy at the beginning hauling over many more chairs and buckets for the water tank.

All the above and anyone I may have missed, please accept this special "Thank You"

from YOUR GERMANIA CLUB!

The Germania Choirs  
invite you to an afternoon

# CHRISTMAS *Sing-Along*

of traditional German and English Christmas carols

## December 11, 2022

starting at 2pm

## at the Germania Club

*Come and participate in an afternoon of singing favourite German and English Christmas carols, with special narration and readings. We will break mid-way for Christmas treats and coffee or tea. The choir will also sing a few selections.*

*Admission is free, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food donation.*

***Following the program you can enjoy a  
Schnitzel Dinner (needs to be reserved by Dec. 6)***

Enjoy a choice of Schnitzel, Wiener - Jäger -  
Paprika - Cordon Bleu, with potatoes,  
glazed carrots and turnip.

Followed by dessert and coffee/tea.

\$25.00 incl. HST

**Dinner must be reserved by Dec.6**

**To reserve call the office 905-549-0513**

*We recommend that all attendees wear a mask.*





## **From your Board Secretary**

November has been and still is an extremely busy month here at the Germania Club.

It started off with our Annual Memorial Celebration in the Germania Park in honour of all our departed members.

“Schlachtfest” followed the weekend after. This is an old German tradition that used to take place after a pig had been slaughtered; all products were utilized making fresh blood sausages and liver sausages, delicious pork belly was cooked in a scrumptious broth; and, of course, lots of sauerkraut. Ray prepared a similar feast for us and approximately 40 people enjoyed the event. Thank you, Ray!

Our Haus Band – Arthur, Karl and Fred – entertained us very well even encouraging most of us to sing along. Thank you, gentlemen!

Our sub-groups are active this month as well with the Fishers and Hunters having their Annual Turkey Shoot at the Park and the Ladies Auxiliary hosting their big event

of the year – the Christmas Bazaar!

Then on November 20th, the Soccer World Cup begins. We will be showing all German and Canadian games beginning on Wednesday, November 23rd.

We wish all our teams much success at these games!

Last, but not least, Gudrun will be presenting an “Adventsfeier” on behalf of the Culture Circle to prepare us for the upcoming Christmas Season.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you and your families and friends a peaceful and happy Christmas remembering the purpose of this season.

For New Year’s, I look forward to greeting many of you here at the Germania Club for a special celebration ringing in the New Year with good friends beside us.

Until next year,

Brigitte Parzen



Join us at the  
**Germania Club**  
**Christmas Party**

December 18, 2022

Doors open at 1:00pm

Bring your Children and  
Grandchildren (up to age 12) to the  
club for special entertainment,  
a sing – along and to see Santa.



Cost per child is for members \$10 – for non-members \$12  
(includes a Hot Dog, cookie and drink, plus a gift from Santa)

Please register your child or grandchild with the  
Club Secretary before **December 9th.**

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-  
Santa Claus is coming to town bring your children and grandchildren to  
visit Santa at the Germania Club Christmas Party. As this is Santa's busy  
time, please make it easy for us and give us the names and ages of the  
children you will bring.

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Registration Deadline is December 9<sup>h</sup>, 2022





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## December Birthdays

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Christine Eastwood	Eckhard Kries
Barbara Eggers	Klaus Ludecke
Janet Feduszczak	Adolf J. Polap
Dennis Fletcher	Mila Rufenach
Richard Grobauer	Kurt Schaible
Waldemar Herling	Gordon Schien
Helga Hillyard	Ernst Viebke
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## Happy Birthday

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

- Brunhilde Cawi** - \$100 in memory of husband Dieter  
**Hans Knoedler & Grete Beermann** - \$100 in memory of  
*Heinz Mildenerger*  
**Waltraud Schork** - \$40 in memory of her mother Alice Schork  
*and daughter Sunsar Avens*  
**Dmitry Kazak** - \$20 in memory of Yuli Rotman  
**Herbie Herma** - \$100  
**SKAT Club** - \$200

## VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Dec 1	10am	World Cup Canada vs. Morocco
Dec 1	2pm	World Cup Costa Rica vs. Germany
Dec 2	5-7pm	Fish& Chip Fridays - Liver & Onions
Dec 9	5-7pm	<i>Cancelled</i> - Fish& Chip Fridays
Dec 11	2pm	Christmas Sing-along with the Choir
Dec 16	5-7pm	Fish& Chip Fridays - Chef's Schnitzel
Dec 17	5:30pm	Germania Choir Christmas Party
Dec 17	6:00pm	Fisher & Hunter Christmas/Stiftungsfest
Dec 18	1pm	Children's Christmas Party
Dec 31	6:30pm	New Year's Eve - <i>at the Germania Club</i>

### VORSCHAU / PREVIEW

Jan 1, 2023 ??am Wake up after having had at great time at the Germania Club ***New Year's Eve***

***All World Cup games with Canada or Germany playing will be shown at the Germania Club. Potential dates are December 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17 and the World Cup Final on the 18th. We will send an email with starting times or call the club and listen to the voicemail for updates.***



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