



Sunday Lunch

Feb. 26, 2023 12-2pm

Start with with Fresh tossed Greens salad followed by Stuffed Chicken breast with Glazed Roasted Potato Wedges, and Mixed Vegetable Casserole. Fruit Cup for dessert.

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

FILMNACHMITTAG

Hauptfilm - **"*Maria, ihm schmeckt's nicht* (2009)"**
Filmkomödie mit Lino Banfi und Christian Ulmen



Vorfilm: **"*Kein schöner Land - Meran und Virschgau*"**



>> Film starts at 2:30pm <<
Free Admission - Coffee and Cake available

THE TRAIN OF LIFE



Life is like a journey on a train, with it's stations and sidings...changes in routes...mountains to climb...splendid views and destinations...starts and stops...and dark tunnels.

At birth, we boarded the train of life and met our parents, and we believed that they would always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents would step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone.

As time goes by, some significant people will board the train: siblings, children, friends, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realize that they have vacated their seats! This train ride has been a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells.

A successful journey consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way - loving, forgiving, giving, and sharing.

When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty - we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey this year on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, give thanks for the journey!

The President's Message



reach out to me or any members of the Board of Directors. We love to hear from you.

A special thank you to the Choir for taking me to Salute to Vienna and inviting me to their Christmas Party. It was wonderful!!

*See you at the Club!
Paul Hamburg
President.*

*Frohes Neues Jahr! Happy New Year!
Hope you all enjoyed the holidays. Winter is here, please be careful when you are out walking and driving. The Board of Directors are working on some new events. On a sad note it looks like we will be saying farewell to our friend Chef Raymond. He is retiring from McMaster University in April and will be moving to Vancouver to be closer to his children. My stomach and I will miss him dearly, as I'm sure you will too.*

We are looking at different options for events and the restaurant. Any ideas or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to



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Children's Mardi Gras, Sunday, February 19, 2023 11-3pm

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The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** (AGM) of the Germania Club is scheduled to be held on March 12, 2023 at the starting time of 11:30 AM. The AGM allows members to hear reports from the Directors, Including a financial report for the year 2022. This meeting may be attended by all members in good standing and who have paid their membership for the year 2023. This year is an election year, the positions available for selection are President, 1st Secretary, 1st Treasurer, Property Manager, 1st Social Director, Chair, Internal Auditors and one Member of the Internal Auditors. 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 approach and ask them for that commitment; then forward the name to the nominations committee below.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

A nomination committee has been called with WALTRAUD Schork as chair with HEDDA Wagenblast and VLADIMIR Khayutin as members. The committee can be reached by calling Waltraud at 905-389-1423 or 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 Germania Club.

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Choral Notes

December turned out to be a most frustrating month for the choir. As always, we thoroughly enjoyed getting ready for our Christmas Singalong, to be celebrated with the members and friends of the Germania Club on December 11th. Prior to that, on December 9th, we had planned to sing at Wentworth Lodge, Dundas, hoping to bring some Christmas cheer to the retirees currently living there. We were particularly looking forward to seeing our former conductor, Linus Press, who has been residing there for several weeks now.. It was not to be. Along with a number of other activities at the Club, we had to cancel when several Club and specifically Choir members came down with Covid.


Most of the infected choir members, all of whom had been previously vaccinated, have now fully recovered from the current epidemic. We are therefore hoping that by December 17th, all choristers, including, of course, our supporting members, will be able to take part in our Christmas Party with Dinner.

A number of choir members will

be celebrating birthdays in January: Ingrid Oppermann is our first "Geburtstagskind" on January 4th, to be followed by Willy Schaefer on the 6th, Susan Butz on the 12th, David Simon on January 18th, and Monika Heitland on January 27th. Viel Glueck und viel Segen auf all Euren Wegen!!!

And we wish all of you at the Germania Club and your families a Happy, Healthy New Year!

The Members of the Germania Choir



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Aus unserem Frauenverein

What a disappointment it had been, when all of us had so much been looking forward to our culmination of the year's hard work, the special Christmas Dinner and Celebration had to be cancelled due to a serious Covid outbreak within our membership.

However, Annemarie promised us a make-up party some time in the New Year. It will certainly drive away some of the winter blues.

We'll advise you all as soon as it has been definitely scheduled.

We hope you all spent wonderful hours with the people in your life that mean so much to you.

As I am writing this, the weather forecast may throw a wrench into

those well-planned holidays.

We hope the New Year reaches you full of whim and vigour and filled with positive vibes.

As far as birthdays, we have two in January; namely, Susie on the 12th and myself on the 7th; all the best to both of us. We will celebrate with you all as soon as we gather again.

And now my little poem of inspiration for the month.

A LAUGH

A LAUGH IS JUST LIKE
SUNSHINE,

IT FRESHENS ALL THE DAY.

IT TIPS THE PEAKS OF LIFE
WITH LIGHT

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SUNSHINE
FOR CHEERING FOLKS ALONG!
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IT LINGERS IN THE HEART,
AND WHERE ITS MELODY IS
HEARD,
THE ILLS OF LIFE DEPART;
AND HAPPY THOUGHTS COME
CROWDING
ITS JOYFUL NOTES TO GREET;
A LAUGH IS JUST LIKE MUSIC
FOR MAKING LIVING SWEET!

By: Ripley Dunlap Saunders



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- Feb. 3, 2023 - Special - Liver & Onions
- Feb. 10, 2023 - Special Wiener Schnitzel
- Feb. 17, 2023 - Special - Pasta Special
- Feb. 24, 2023 - Special Chef's Choice Schnitzel

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Smile, it's catching!



Waltraud Schork has taken a sabbatical from the Kulturkreis until February, but we felt that we wanted a little "Adventsfeier" in anticipation of the true festival of lights at Christmas. We celebrated with evergreens, candles, gingerbread and a little felt Nikolaus at every table, similar to the ones we used to make out of a red apple, a walnut, a pointed red paper hat and cotton batting for a beard. It was truly "gemuetlich". We sang a few Adventslieder, talked about our post-war experiences with Sankt Nikolaus and Knecht Ruprecht, with a glass of Gluehwein or other beverage. David Simon gave us some historical background for Bishop Nicholas, who lived in early Christian times in

present-day Turkey. We now know where the custom originated of the gold-foil-wrapped chocolate coins and the orange that Saint Nicholas or Knecht Ruprecht left in our shoes the night before Nikolaustag. And we reminisced about simpler times, growing up in a tough post-war economy, yet we all agreed that we did not envy our grandchildren for their current comparatively opulent and incredibly hectic lifestyle at Christmastime.

Our wishes for the New Year:

May your heart be light and happy,
May your smile be big and wide,
And may your pockets always
Have a coin or two inside!
(Irish New Year's Blessing)

Gudrun Boehm-Johnson



February 11th, 2023

Wir laden herzlichst ein zum
**Valentine's
Tanz**

Featuring : The Music of Great Vibes
Admission: Members \$12 Non-Members \$20
Doors Open 5:00pm – Dinners available from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Schnitzel Dinner will be \$20

Valentine's Dance is being held at the Continental Austrian Club. Germania Club members are admitted at member's price. Austrian Club members receive our member admission price at our Club. Call the Austrian Club for reservation.





From your Board Secretary

It is sure to be an entertaining afternoon; Waltraud is already working hard on a program for the event.

Along the same lines, our Vice-President, Mandi, is planning a big Mardi Gras rejuvenation with a Mardi Gras Dance on February 18th. Let's make this a successful event! Come, dress up and participate! During the dreary winter months, we need some "fun" events to get us through this time. On Shrove Tuesday, a Potato Pancake event will be held as well.

Don't forget, in March our Annual General Meeting will take place and many positions will be up for election. The Board has appointed a Nominations Committee; so please get in touch with any of the members if you are at all interested in becoming part of the Board. It is extremely important to fill some of the open positions in order to keep the Club functioning properly.

In the past year, we were without certain Directors; so, of course, the Board with the help of volunteers had to cover for these vacancies. Let's make this New Year a successful one for our Germania Club!

Until next month,

*Brigitte Parzen
Board Secretary*



We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful, peaceful and safe Christmas with your family and friends, even though a lot of sickness surrounded us all.

Many of our carefully planned events had to be cancelled; and the ones we held, were poorly attended. We only hope the New Year has started off on a brighter note, although the Board felt it necessary to cancel our New Year's Eve celebration at the Club.

May good health and many blessings prevail in 2023! The Club will be relatively quiet during the month of January, although our regular Fish & Chips Fridays will begin again.

The Culture Circle will be holding their first event of the year; namely, a "KAPPENABEND" OR "KAPPENNACHMITTAG" on Wednesday, February 8th. This event was very successful in 2019. We encourage you all to attend and wear your favourite hat or let your imagination roam while you create one!

**Kulturkreis Germania Culture Circle
heute keine Mittagspause....sondern**



KAPPENABEND *am Nachmittag*

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023
2:00pm - 4:00pm**

A fun afternoon of jokes, funny stories, even a barrel speech or two! Come prepared, you are part of the entertainment! There will be music and video 'für Stimmung', mitsingen und schunkeln. Willkommen alle Lück und Immi und sogar auch die Mutzepuckel. There will be coffee and cake, and plenty to drink, something good to eat, and a treat. Wear whatever you wish, topped with a crazy hat! There is a prize for best hat!

Lustig ist die Kulturkreisleben, Faria, Fariaho

"It matters less how many are sitting at your table, what is important is that the table is there, when they do come to sit."





Friday, February 10, 2023
7pm to midnight

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January & February Birthdays

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- Andrew Chamberlain
- Ernst Dammann
- Lisa Felgner
- Jeanette Foebel
- Ken Foebel
- Rainer Frank
- Monika Heitland
- Helmut Hentschel
- George Kiss
- Stefan Kun
- Ingrid Oppermann
- Brigitte Parzen
- Erika Reid
- Willy Schaefer
- David Paul Simon
- Margitta Untch
- Mark Woehrle

February Birthdays

- William Anger
- Erika Bastel
- Hans Bastel
- Claudia Eckert
- Adrian Grigorescu
- Eduardus Heijm
- Wilma Held
- Martha Herres
- Helga Hillje
- Olga Jokuthitis
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- Erika Eigen - \$50 in memory of husband Armin



VERANSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Jan 29	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Jan 29	2:30pm	Filmnachmittg
Feb 3	5-7pm	Fish& Chip Fridays - Liver & Onions
Feb 8	2-4pm	Kappenabend am Nachmittag - Kulturkrei
Feb 10	5-7pm	Fish& Chip Fridays
Feb 17	5-7pm	Fish& Chip Fridays - Chef's Schnitzel
Dec 18	6:30pm	Mardi Gras Costume Dance - Maskenball
Feb 19	11am-3pm	Children's Mardi Gras - Kindermaskenbal
Feb 21	3pm-8pm	Potato Pancakes - FAT Tuesday
Feb 24	5-7pm	Fish& Chip Fridays
Feb 26	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Feb 26	2:30pm	Filmnachmittg

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Feb 8	2-4pm	Kulturkreis - Culture Circle
\Mar 12	11:30am	Annual General Meeting



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