



Germania Post



FILMNACHMITTAG

Sunday June 25, 2023

Vorfilm -

*"Kein schöner Land, Kufstein
und der wilde Kaiser"*



Hauptfilm -

"Der Meineidbauer (1956)"

Familien Drama in den Bergen



*>> Film starts at 2:30pm <<
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I am standing upon the seashore.

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come
to mingle with each other.*

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone"

Gone where?

*Gone from my sight. That is all.
She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight
to her destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.
And, just at the moment when someone says,
"There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"*



The President's Message



ed very well with good food, cold drinks and good company. I really recommend to anyone to come and enjoy, the special hamburger and the festival next year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the board of directors and the members of the "Germania Club Ladies Auxiliary " on their 115th Stiftungsfest Celebration Dinner, on May 3.2023. On behalf of the board of directors, I wish to thank you all very much, for your continued support, which is greatly appreciated.

In closing, I hope that all Mom's of the club had a great Mother's Day with their families and loved ones.

Stay healthy and I hope to see you soon.

*Ulrich Venohr
President*

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer season with their families and friends. Everything feels and looks so much better on a nice warm sunny day.

The Germania Park opened on May 1st and the campers are ready to start their season of outdoor relaxation and activities. I know that Dave our park manager, with the help of volunteers, will make sure that everything will operate smoothly. I had the opportunity to attend the Maifest (May Festival) in the Park on May 7th, hosted by the Fisher and Hunters. Unfortunately, that day the sunshine was replaced by heavy rain, but those who attended the festivities were treat-

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Camper's Korner

David Matteson and Janet Feduszczyk
- Social Conveners
(social@germaniapark.ca)

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to me at chairman@germaniapark.ca. I'm always here to help!

After the meeting, we chowed down on a delicious potluck lunch and enjoyed each other's company. Our social event organizers, David Matteson and Janet Feduszczyk, are already cooking up a storm of events for the park. Get ready for an exciting season!

And here's some fantastic news - we've started a library in the Pavilion! It's a "take a book, return a book" kind of deal where we can share our favourite books and literature. So drop by and grab a book (or two) and bring back one (or more) to share.

I hope you're all geared up and excited for a magnificent summer. Let's all meet at Germania Park and relish the wondrous experiences that await us!

Vladimir Khayutin
Campers Chairman



Dear fellow campers,

I am thrilled to announce that the park is officially open for business! The water and electricity are running smoothly, and the grass is neatly trimmed. Our beloved summer home is ready to welcome us once again.

Our recent Germania Campers Annual General Meeting on May 7th, 2023, was a great success. A big thank you to everyone who attended! During the meeting, our Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and Social Convener presented their annual reports, and we elected our new executive committee. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the impeccable efforts of our nomination/election chair, Ute Perl, and her assistant Kevin Perl, for conducting a seamless and efficient election process.

Without further ado, let us all applaud the newly elected executive committee for the forthcoming year:

Bill McMenemy - Vice Chairman
(vice@germaniapark.ca)

Nancy McMenemy and Heather Arbuckle - Secretaries
(secretary@germaniapark.ca)

Garry Bulmer - Treasurer
(treasurer@germaniapark.ca)

Just Pondering..

You may remember that several years ago we had a guest speaker at the Germania Club by the name of Manfred von Vulte. Manfred was the author of a book called "Where have all the Toronto Germans gone?". As von Vulte put it, "Although, for some time Germans were reported to be the third largest ethnic group in Canada and the first in the United States; ...the German-Canadians have staged the most impressive disappearing act of the 20th century by a staggering amount of people in Canada."

I found his book and his presentation to the Club interesting, and intriguing. The 'disappearing act', as he describes it, is actually a melting into the fabric of the Canadian population. Sharing the German heritage but not in too obvious of a way, so as to stick out, on a daily basis. "Keep your head down, and work hard."

The attractiveness of Canada as a whole, has made it a great place for people to settle and prosper. Germans, no matter how they came to Canada, whether as direct immigrants, many from virtually every east European country, or through the U.S., such as the Pennsylvania Dutch [Deutsch] found Canada a place to come to. We all know of the settlements in the Waterloo area,

out in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Quebec and New Brunswick. Many German immigrants went to Alberta and BC.

Towns and streets were named after many of the founders and where they came from like Berlin (now Kitchener), Mannheim (now Markham). Some communities still remain with their names like New Hamburg, and German Mills, and Steinbach to name a few.

Why do I bring this up, you might ask? I was recently doing some work on the topic of the future of the Germania Club, and discovered some interesting statistics. Did you know that in 1871 the number of people that claimed to be of German heritage, meaning they had either one or both sides of their family German was approximately 203,000 people or roughly 5.8% of the Canadian population. By 1941 Canada had 464,682 German-Canadians or about 4% of the population, by 1961 it was 1,049,599 people or about 5.75% (almost back to the 1871 ratio).

You will most likely be surprised to learn, that in 2016 Canada had 3,322,405 people who indicate that they are German-Canadian or about 9.6% of the entire population.

In Hamilton, in particular, in the 2016 census, just over 50,000 people





Choral Notes

Lieber Frühling sei begrüßt mit hellem Klang!
Kalt und düster war der Winter und so lang.
Endlich ist besiegt er durch dein starkes Walten!

Following the lean years immediately after the war, we did not have the money to purchase a Mother's Day present for Mama. Instead, we made a pretty card in Kindergarten or Primary School, and the evening before Muttertag, Papa took us to the local forest to pick a bunch of "Maiglöckchen", which we would present to our mother on her special day, along with a big bunch of lilac, which our father had cut down from a shrub at the corner of our Schrebergarten at the edge of town. Of course, we took a stab at making Mother's Day breakfast, and Papa's boiled eggs (Sunday was the only day of the week we got an egg in the morning) actually turned out quite good: "Wachswweich", the way Mama liked hers. And, as usual on a Sunday, there would be a "Hefezopf" for breakfast, which Mama had baked the night before, but which I eventually learned to make in honour of Mama's special day. Mind you, my Challah Bread

never turned out evenly plump and glossy like Mama's.

Those were simpler times, but I still have very fond memories of the joy we experienced at these modest, but special Mother's Day moments in my childhood.

The evening before this year's Mother's Day, we will be helping the members of the Austrian Club celebrate a Mother's Day Dance on their premises. We have been asked to sing a few numbers immediately after dinner, before the actual dancing starts.

The following Saturday, we are hosting the biannual DKSB (Deutsch-Kanadischer-Saengerbund) meeting, which will be followed by our Spring Singalong, to which all the choirs and Germania Club members have been invited.

On Friday, June 2nd, we will be giving our annual Spring Concert at Highgate Retirement Home, and on June 11th we will participate in a Singalong Concert at the Kitchener Concordia Club in honour of that choir's 150th Anniversary.

Our choir has donated \$1,000 toward a Scholarship Fund for students taking part in a Music Fest in May, of which our conductor is one of the organizers. Roland thanked us very graciously for our support of young talents toward the study of

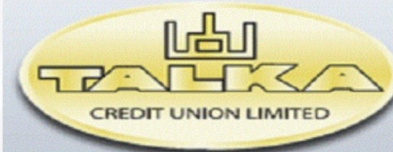
music.

Now that the weather is finally more conducive to outdoor activities, we are making concrete plans for our annual choir picnic at the Germania Park. I believe Eckhard and Roland are already getting their BBQ aprons ready for the big event. More about that in the next Germania Post.

A number of our people are planning Birthday Celebrations during the month of June: Alex Wegner is starting us off on June 6th, followed by Evelyn Crawford on June 16th, Karl Uschold on June 17th, Christa Kries on June 18th, Betty Boerkamp on June 26th, and Erich Butz on June 29th. I would like to pass on the wisdom of Ralph Waldo Emerson to honour our June Birthday Celebrants: Thus we wish for you

*Comfort on difficult days
smiles when sadness intrudes
rainbows to follow the clouds
laughter to kiss your lips,
sunsets to warm your heart,
hugs when spirits sag,
beauty for your eyes to see,
friendship to brighten your being,
faith so that you can believe,
confidence for when you doubt,
courage to know yourself,
patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life.*

Mit frohem Sangergru, Gudrun

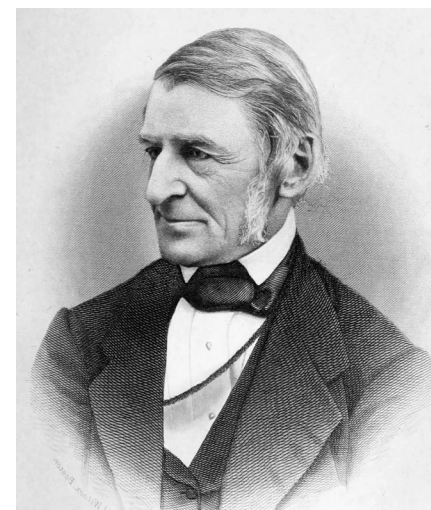


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Well, April showers have brought May flowers. For all our Germania Mothers past and present, we celebrate you. Not only on Mother's Day but every day.

*You filled my days with rainbow lights,
Fairy tales and sweet dream nights
A kiss to wipe away my tears,
Gingerbread to ease my fears,
You gave the gift of life to me
Then in love you set me free,
I thank you for your tender care,
For deep warm hugs and being there,
I hope then when you think of me,
a part of you You'll always see.*

My report will be short and sweet.

I'm sorry that I missed Maifest but I have been told even though it rained, 20 or so people came out and enjoyed good food and a warm fire. The target shooting was a success. Three rounds were played and the winners were:

1st place: George, 2nd place: Ellen, and 3rd place: Ulli.

Congratulations to you all.

Our next meeting will be Thurs. June 15th at 7:30pm.

I have one Birthday on June 14th and that is Werner Grote. Happy Birthday Werner and to all others who are also celebrating a special Milestone.

I must not forget our fathers and opas, a very Happy Father's Day on June 18th!

"There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is, once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

That is all I have for today.

I wish you all a very sunny, warm spring. Be kind to each other and we'll see you soon.

*Tschüss
Maggi*



....PONDERING FROM PAGE 5

have German heritage which is just over 10%, higher than the Ontario and Canada averages. Getting more specific, Ward 3, where the downtown Club is located has 4,000 people who have German heritage, in fact that is more people than that claim Italian heritage. Ward 11 where the Germania Park is, has 2,875 people of German heritage.

The largest percentage of the population being of German heritage is in Saskatchewan at 27.7%!

Many would say these are just statistics, and where do those statistics meet reality? For us, change. We know, for example, when we show the World Cup games, we get many people coming to the club. Same goes for Oktoberfest. We know that when wrestling is at the Club, we can easily sell a sausage or schnitzel on a bun, and the customers look forward to it, and eat with a side of Poutine!

I have been pondering for years, why

do many of the U.S. German-American Clubs prosper? Not only prosper, but continue while celebrating the full German culture. They long ago realised that a German-American, is an American with German heritage, and take pride in both. What change do we need to survive?

Take note, if you want a pizza, a gyros on a pita, chicken shawarma, egg roll, or butter chicken, the City is full of places to buy that food. What if you want a schnitzel on a bun, or a nice German sausage or wiener? Curry-wurst? Well, you do have one restaurant the Black Forest, and arguably the finest delicatessen stores with Denningers, which is great. But where and how do we fit in?

Change, adaptation, modernizing, all the things we all love and we need! Otherwise, will we ask the question, "Where have all the Hamilton Germans gone?"

*Still Pondering....
David Simon*

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Aus unserem Frauenverein

June is upon us and our ladies are looking forward to the special outing to view the peonies at Whistling Gardens.

Our 115th Stiftungsfest is behind us. It was a little different this year with excellent Thai food and great company. Annemarie had prepared a lovely program to present to us; however, due to the surroundings not being too favourable for her soft voice, she was not able to present it. Instead, she presented each of us with a printed version, in which she had again explored the origin of our emblem "The Cornflower".

Thank you, Annemarie for putting so much work into this and also for all the work and love you put into keeping our ladies so eager to stay together and work for the good of our Germania Club. We presented her with a beautiful azalea to show our appreciation.

On behalf of Mother's Day, Annemarie also gave all the ladies a small geranium plant, after a couple of appropriate Mother's Day poems by yours truly.

We had a special guest at the dinner; namely, Emily Kramolowsky, Lori's daughter. It was great having had the next generation present. Thank you, Emily for sharing your evening with us; perhaps, we'll see you at another event!

Our next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 7th beginning at 7:30 P.M. We always welcome anyone interested in sharing a few hours of camaraderie with us.

For now, I remain,

Your Frauenverein Connection,

Brigitte Parzen

And now, my little poem of inspiration of the month:

Always choose to heal,

Not to hurt.

To forgive,

Not to despise.

To perservere,

Not to quit.

To smile,


Not to frown.


And to love,



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From your Board Secretary



The month of April saw two board meetings via Zoom. I will summarize any new plans and actions that were discussed at these meetings.

First off, there was Easter and along with that the Easter Egg Hunt at the Germania Park. As previously reported, it was a wonderful afternoon.

The April 4, 2023 Board meeting was very interesting. A new accounting software has been downloaded so that David Simon and Vladimir Khayutin can simultaneously work on the books. Two new members have joined the Club, Herbert Lippert and Helga Vos. Maintenance at the Germania Club building is ongoing with unclogging drains (roof and basement). There was a farewell party at the Club for retiring chef Ray. Ulli Venohr made a presentation to make Ray an honorary member. Lastly, personal emails for each board member will be set up.

The April 25, 2023 Board meeting was

also full of discussion. The Germania Club building will see new flag poles and new flags. Fire department regulations have been checked and passed. Kitchen cleanup is being handled. The Germania Club Park will be open at the end of April.

Hopefully all will have a wonderful Mother's Day with all their families and extended families.

Teresa Feduszczyk
Board Secretary



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June Birthdays

Amanda Asbury	Roswitha Pierlorz
Bernie Bieber	Gertrude Taunton
Elisabeth Boerkamp	Shelly Upson
Erich Butz	Karl Uschold
Evelyn Crawford	Alexander Wegner
Anna Fischer	Dietyer Woehrle
John R. Fischl	
Werner Grote	
Julia Khayutin	
Christa Kries	

Happy Birthday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Fees

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



Membership fees are due by January 31

Donations to the Club

Herbie Herma - \$100



VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

June 2	5-7pm	Fish&Chip Fridays - Liver & Onions
June 9	5-7pm	Fish&Chip Fridays Wiener Schnitzel
June 9	7pm-12am	Rathskeller PUB Night
Jun 13	7:30pm	Quarterly Extended Board meeting
June 15	7:30pm	Fisher & Hunter meeting
June 16	5-7pm	Fish&Chip Fridays - Chef's Pasta Special
June 17		Choir Picnic in the Park

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

July 1	Camper's Canada Day Celebration
July 9	Strawberry Festival in th Park
Aug 6	Annual Germania Club Picnic
Sep 23	Steel City Oktoberfest
Oct 28	Weinfest
Nov 5	Memorial in the Park
Nov 19	Schlachtfest
Nov 26	Turkey Shoot in the Park



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