



# Germania Post



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## The President's Message



Hello, everyone! I hope you are all in good health and are able to enjoy your garden and other activities the summer season offers.

Therefore, I would like to invite you and family members to come and join us at our upcoming Strawberry Festival on July 9<sup>th</sup> and our Germania Club Picnic on August 6<sup>th</sup>, both taking place at the beautiful Germania Park. It would certainly be my pleasure to greet some of our friends from the Austrian Club at these upcoming events. You probably know that a variety of events take place at the Germania Club all year round; some are private bookings and others are Club related and organized by the subgroups of the Germania Club.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Germania Choir hosted a Spring Sing-along concert, and if you were not part of this event, you certainly missed an absolutely amazing performance. This performance really brought back a lot of good memories for many of us and really hit home why this is the Germania Club. I like to thank and congratulate the Germania Club Choir for organizing and hosting this fantastic event and hope there

will be many more to come.

The end of June usually starts the summer break for Club members from Club activities until September; but for the Board of Directors, Lori the Club Manager and some volunteers, work will continue with planning other events and dealing with other important issues; so our Club is ready to continue in September with the upcoming functions.

Receiving the news that the German newspaper "Das Journal" will be releasing their last issue at the end of June, is a tremendous loss in the continuation of promoting the German culture. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank them for supporting the Germania Club for many years.

I hope to see you soon in good health.

Ulrich Venohr, President.





## Camper's Korner

Fellow campers,

I am thrilled to share some exciting updates. It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the latest developments regarding the quality of our water supply. Following the implementation of crucial upgrades, we are delighted to announce that arsenic levels in our water now fall well below the city limits, ensuring the health and well-being of our campers and park visitors. This achievement is a testament to our commitment to providing a safe and clean environment for everyone in the Germania Park.

In other news, I would like to extend sincere thanks to Ken Foebel and David Blosser for their remarkable efforts in fixing and installing a swimming dock. Their dedication



and hard work have provided our community with an excellent recreational facility. We are grateful for their invaluable contribution to our park.

Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you, who attended our recent meeting, held at the pavilion, and shared your invaluable feedback and suggestions. It was heartwarming to see such an engaged and enthusiastic community come together. After a short discussion, the Campers' Rules and Regulations, which were proposed during the meeting, have been unanimously approved and successfully implemented. This collective effort demonstrates that when we work together, we can achieve positive change. Your active participation is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts.



Moreover, I would like to commemorate the Flag Raising Ceremony



that took place at the Park on May 21st, marking the commencement of the camping season. This ceremony served as a magnificent display of unity and a profound tribute to both the Canadian and German flags. I would like to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for Ute Perl and her outstanding flag-raising performance. Her graceful movements, precise execution, and emotional delivery added a truly heartfelt touch to the ceremony, elevating it to a more memorable and meaningful occasion.

In conclusion, I extend my sincere gratitude to all who attended and supported these unforgettable events. Your presence and support made them truly exceptional and heartwarming experiences. As the Campers' Chairman, I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support in making the Campers' group a vibrant and close-knit community. Let us continue working together to build a stronger, safer, and more prosperous park.

Best regards,

Vladimir Khayutin  
Campers' Chairman

"Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit."

- Edward Abbey

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

On the business side of the Germania Club, we have experienced a few setbacks in our delivery of service. With long-time Chef Raymond Osborne leaving the Hamilton area for British Columbia to be with his family, we had a new cook start and leave too. We had Adam cooking for us for a short period, but since he had pressing duties at his full time job at McMaster he could not continue and has quit. Adam was to cook for the Fish & Chip Fridays, and some of our rental business.

In an emergency, we were able to have Joe, a friend of Mandi (our VP) fill in for one Friday. This certainly is not easy, to cook in unfamiliar surroundings and an unfamiliar menu. Thanks Joe.

Red Seal Chef Melanie Weiler has stepped in for our larger banquet business such as weddings and larger events. Melanie has also stepped in an emergency. Melanie works full time for SYSCO, a food purveyor.

We had some issues with the flavour profile of some items cooked and items were not prepared how we are familiar with and prefer. This item we need to work on and will call on members to help us develop a 'Germania Club Potato Salad' recipe for example. Maybe this is a Ladies

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## Choral Notes

We are still basking in the afterglow of our very successful Singalong afternoon on May 27th. For the first time in four years, we have had a DKSB (Deutsch-Kanadischer Saengerbund) meeting attended in person by delegates from the various member choirs. David Simon, our Germania Choir Vice-President, set up the screen to enable those who could not attend in person - it would have been a long trip for Ottawa - to participate virtually. Those delegates who were there physically, all stayed to take part in the afternoon Singalong concert. Kitchener Concordia even arrived by bus to take in our musical Fest. It was almost like old times, but we did miss some choristers who had still been with us prior to the Covid years.

In-between the choir performances, our guests had the opportunity to choose songs from a booklet based on Brigitte Muessner's "Singvogel", a selection of well-known German folksongs. All that was missing was an accordion and a guitar, the kind we used to have on our class trips in Germany (Austria? Switzerland?).

We were saddened to learn that our

Singalong afternoon was the last time that Teutonia Stratford sang as a choir. Although small in numbers, the choir's final performance after 56 years of singing as a group, was beautiful. Yes, we did shed some tears, but were happy to learn that some of the choristers may want take the drive to Kitchener to join one of the German choirs in that neighboring city.

Following our little performance at the Austrian Club for their Mother's Day Dance, this was the first time that Helga Voss, who joined our choir in February, and Herbert Lippert, who became a member in April, had the opportunity to participate in one of our DKSB get-togethers. I'm happy to report that they fitted right in when we took part in the All Choirs Meet to celebrate Concordia's 150th Anniversary on June 11th in Kitchener. Betty Boerkamp and Helga proudly accompanied our Germania Choir's flagbearer Karl Uschold, as they marched in, first as the oldest choir present, to begin the festivities, and followed by those bearing the banners of the other DKSB choirs.

Concordia Kitchener is to be congratulated on a superbly-organized celebration. The venue, the beautiful Great Hall of the Concordia Club, the elegant and delicious dinner, the organization, down to the beautifully-illustrated souvenir program and pen, were truly exquisite.



It certainly made our trip to Kitchener worthwhile, a trip that started out with rather frustrating complications when the bus that had been ordered to take us to Kitchener simply did not arrive. Hedda had no problem arranging car pooling among us, and with the exception of one person, we all made it to Kitchener, a bit late, but welcomed with open arms.

In the meantime, Hedda is already planning a big meet to celebrate the Germania Choirs' 160th Anniversary a year from now. And knowing Hedda, it will be BIG.

Before that grand occasion in 2024, however, we will be having our annual Choir Picnic at the Germania Park on June 17th, 2023. Susi Butz has already organized a great outdoor event with BBQ and other goodies. And we will be singing to our hearts' content!

The day before that, June 16th, we will be giving a mini-concert at Wentworth Lodge in Dundas to honour our longtime conductor, Linus Press, who has been residing there for several months now.

Our birthday celebrants for July are Brigitte Muessner (July 1st), Eva Kolwes (July 9th), Nina Fischer (July 9th), Lore Schaefer (July 28th), and Gertrud Press, (July 30th). A very happy, healthy birthday to the five of you, and some advice from

Mark Twain:

**Life is short,  
break the rules.  
Forgive quickly,  
kiss slowly.  
Love truly,  
laugh uncontrollably,  
and never  
regret anything that  
makes you smile.**

Mark Twain

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## Fischer & Jäger

*everyone a Wonderful Summer and please keep healthy and safe.*

*Tschüß, Maggie*

*Here we are in July, one day above 30 degrees and the next frost warnings. Crazy, but this is Canada. But let's not complain, it could be worse. Fires, Floods, and War, so far all is well.*

*Joe Khes recently had surgery. We hope all is well with you Joe.*

*And on a lighter note, Werner Grote celebrated his "80" Birthday on June 14th. A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you Werner.*

*Please remember, Prize Fishing on July 14th to 16th followed by our Family Weekend on Aug. 18th to 20th. Both events are at Moon Basin Marina. Our next meetings will also be at Moon Basin Marina.*

*Brigitte, Dorothea, and myself are looking forward to visiting the Kingston Jail on Sept. 18th to 20th. It should be interesting; I hope they won't keep me in there and throw the key away.*

*Our James is quite happy because he finally got his Drivers licence. Now, he's waiting for Omi's car. Ha ha ha*

*That's about it for today; I wish ev-*

A Woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?", she asked.

"Hunting flies", he replied

"Oh! Kill any?", she asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females.", came the answer.

The wife asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

The husband says, "3 were on a Beer can, and 2 were on the phone."

*With the rising cost of meat, consider this,*

*The cheapest meat is Deer Balls!!!!*

*They're under a buck!!!!*

*Margitta Untch*

*Auf Wiedersehn*

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*Auxiliary area of expertise?*

*To that end, the board has decided to advertise for a replacement chef to handle all of the cooking duties at the club. We are hopeful that by the busy season for club events, this issue will be resolved. Stay tuned.*

*Additionally, the cost pricing of alcohol, beer and spirits especially, have gone up noticeably. We are working our way through the cost pricing that we received from the Beer Store and the LCBO and are in the process of updating the POS system, and the selling price.*

*Putting my treasurer's hat on, we have had a few unanticipated repair and upgrade expenses both at the club and in the Park mainly to do with the health department. We are happy that the water issue in the Park have been resolved, making it safe to drink and use. In the Club, it was a broken front door glass and refrigeration.*


*I wish you a nice summer which brings with it wonderful opportunities to be in the Germania Park for the Strawberry Festival and the Annual Club Picnic.*

*Kind regards,  
David Simon  
1. Treasurer and  
Business Administrator*




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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

*What a wonderful experience we had at Whispering Gardens – the colourful peonies, the fountain display accompanied by lovely music!*

*Rain had been forecast for the day, so a little apprehension was definitely in the air; but as they say in German “Wenn die Engel reisen, lacht der Himmel”; so our day was mostly sunny with a few intermittent cloudy periods. The gardens were immaculately groomed – the peonies were in full bloom, the evergreens and trees in many shades of green framed all the various beautiful flowers. It was all in all “a sight to behold”!*



*Everyone enjoyed it tremendously. The luncheon afterwards at “The Greens at Renton” – the Clubhouse*

*at a great golf course, was the culmination of a lovely gathering.*

*The restaurant had been well chosen; the service, the food selections and quality of the food and the wine were excellent, and no complaints were heard.*

*Thank you, Jeanet, for arranging the visit at the Gardens and thank you, Annemarie, for, first all, the super directions you provided and second, for arranging the details at the restaurant.*

*June was our last meeting before our summer vacation; although, the ladies are prepared to assist the Germania Club at the upcoming events at the Germania Park.*

*Now we look forward to the Campers’ celebration of “Canada Day” with a scrumptious luncheon. Hopefully we’ll see many of your there.*

*For now I remain,*

*Your Frauenverein  
Connection*

*Brigitte Parzen*



*On the next page is my little piece of wisdom for the month:*

*As you grow older,*

*You realize there is a role for everyone in your life.*

*Some will test you,*

*Some will use you,*

*Some will love you,*

*Some will teach you,*

*But the ones who are truly important,*

*Are the ones who bring out the best in you!*

*They are rare and amazing people*

*Who remind you,*

*Why it’s worth it!*

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## ANTRAG AUF MITGLIEDSCHAFT / MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Germania Club of Hamilton is an organization that is politically non-partisan, and religiously non-sectarian. Non-compliance with the values of our Club, as enshrined in our constitution, results in loss of membership. As one of the oldest German clubs in Canada, the Germania Club looks back on a rich history. The purpose of the Club is to provide all members with the opportunity to cultivate the German language and customs, to promote German cultural values through social interaction and song, and to take part in the cultural development of Canada. As a member of the Germania Club, I will help the Club with its purpose, and pledge to support the Club by participating in and volunteering for Club functions and events to the best of my ability.

Signature(s) of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Member Application updated June 2021



## From your Board Secretary



*There were two meetings in May that I was able to attend.*

*May 9, 2023, was a Board meeting. It was reported that David Simon is still working on financials, hoping to complete them by the end of May. 2023 financials are going much smoother with the new software and with Vladimir Khayutin's assistance. There are plans for the purchase of a new printer and scanner for the club. There have been more new members joining the Club. They are Adrian Junker, Veronica Kusiak and Horst Dietrich. They are all welcomed. Maintenance at the club is ongoing, thanks to the efforts of Ulrich Venohr and his assistants. Lastly plans for Oktoberfest are under way.*

*May 23, 2023 there was a membership meeting at the club. It was well*


*attended. Members were informed of all the accomplishments of the club. There were discussions from the floor but mostly everyone is satisfied. Gudrun Boehm-Johnson reported on the Ladies Auxiliary, especially their 115th anniversary. The Ladies Auxiliary is planning future events for their enjoyment.*

*That's all for now.  
Teresa Feduszczak  
(Board Secretary)*



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## July Birthdays

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| Jutta Anton      | Robert Kun           |
| Rosie Bojanowski | Rita Martins         |
| Karin Braun      | Brigitte Muessner    |
| Nina Fischer     | Lisa Nimz            |
| Richard Frank    | Gertrud Press        |
| Deb Gabrysch     | Karin Rakowski       |
| Mike Goldenberg  | Eleonore Schaefer    |
| Martin Hack      | Manfred Schien       |
| Klaus Kastlunger | Miranda-Rose Schmitz |
| Eduard Keller    | Franz Weinhandl      |
| Eva Kolwes       |                      |

**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**

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## VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| July 1     | Campers Canada Day Celebration                        |
| July 9     | Strawberry Festival in the Park                       |
| July 14-16 | Fisher & Hunter Prize fishing at<br>Moon Basin Marina |

### VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Aug 6     | Annual Germania Club Picnic             |
| Aug 18-20 | Fisher & Hunter Family weekend - M.B.M. |
| Aug 26    | Campers Pig Roast                       |
| 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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