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## Being Canadian

*I am a proud Canadian  
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I'm made up of many parts  
But Canada has my heart*

*The true north strong and free  
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And we all call this home*

*With waters that are still and those that flow  
Niagara falls and great lakes of four  
Salmon swim here that's true  
In waters so so blue*

*Crisp and clean is our air  
Because we take so much care  
My country is my heart and soul  
And all parts of it make up my whole*

Nurain Lakhani, age 11

## The President's Message



*The first of July is the Day to celebrate Canada's Birthday. This is the day when we as Canadians who call Canada our home, take part in the Canada Day festivities, and this includes members of the Germania Club.*

*This year's celebration was held at the Germania Park and it was organized by Club members of the Campers. For me, it really was a pleasure to see so many Club members from all groups of the Germania Club present to celebrate this special day. This event was very well organized and very much enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.*

*Only one week later, on July 9th,*

*Club members with family and friends once again came out to the Germania Park for the annual "Strawberry Festival", an event which is becoming more popular every year. The sun was shining, the music was playing, the food was great, and the beer was cold. This was topped off with the delicious strawberry dessert. I believe everyone had a great time, enjoying the festivities, the company and being out in the Park.*

*Like always, I took the opportunity to welcome everyone and expressed my appreciation to all of those who were involved and volunteered to make this day a great day for everyone. I also made sure to invite everyone to our Germania Club Picnic on August 6th, when we get to do this all over again. I hope to see you soon in good health.*

*President  
Ulrich Venohr.*

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## Camper's Korner

"O Canada" to conclude the celebration. It was a truly memorable moment!



The Park hosted the Strawberry Festival on July 9th, attracting many guests who enjoyed schnit-



zel, sausage, and strawberry short-cake topped with whipped cream. What could be more enjoyable on a scorching summer day than delicious food, refreshing cold beer, listening to live music, and revelling in the company of wonderful people?

As we continue to improve our park,



I would like to extend my sincere



thanks to Joe Feduszcak, Michael Goldenberg, and David Blosser for the great job they did in fixing and installing the fishing dock. It wasn't an easy task, but these guys are unstoppable when they set their minds to something. Additionally, I would



like to thank Julia Khayutin for generously donating the beautiful vintage brass decorative wall plates

for the Fisher and Hunter Hall.

Please be advised that there have been some changes made to the park event calendar. The campers' pig roast has been moved to September 30th, and the Corn roast will be held on August 27th.

Please visit our website to see pictures from various events: <https://germaniapark.ca/gallery/>

I wish you all the best for the summer and look forward to seeing you in the Park to enjoy more exciting events.

With warm regards,  
Vladimir Khayutin  
Campers Chairman



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Dan Muys, MP, joined us and brought greetings from the federal government. It's nice to witness our representatives actively engaging in community events.

It was an unforgettable celebration thanks to delicious food, wonderful company, and perfect weather. A fantastic time was had by all, as everyone embraced the Canadian spirit.

The choir led everyone in singing





## Choral Notes

Canadian National Anthem. Even though many, if not most of those present were not born in Canada, we were all happy to have found a new home in this beautiful country.

Highlight for the month of June was a truly joyful reunion with our former conductor Linus Press at Wentworth Lodge in Dundas on June 16th. We gave a concert specifically dedicated to Linus, choosing several of his favourite songs, including Lehar's "Tanzen moecht' ich... mein ist die schoenste der Frauen, mein allein." It brought tears to my eyes to see the joy in Linus' face as he listened to our little serenade and reached out to Gertrud, in her usual spot in the front row.

The following day, June 17th, we had our annual Choir Picnic at the beautiful Germania Park. The weather was great, as was the food and drink, and the company couldn't have been better. Since we were also celebrating Karl Uschold's birthday, we enjoyed the "Stamp-erl" that his wife Lore was passing around to toast this special occasion. After that libation, we sang like larks, accompanied by Karl on the guitar, with Brigitte and Gertrud leading.

July 1st, Canada Day, many of us joined the Germania Park Campers for a great Lasagne Dinner in the Pavilion, and we were proud to be asked to lead in the singing of our

Several choristers and supporting members were actively involved in the Strawberry Festival on July 9th, organized by Drew Chamberlain and Sheri Crawford. Our House Band brought a folk festival atmosphere to the celebration, and it was a joy to see both City Club Folks and Campers join the fun.

We have two birthday celebrants in August, Hilde Bittner and Clement Ng. Both of them will be whooping it up on August 27th, and we wish them all the best on their special day.

*May God give you for every storm a rainbow,*

*For every tear a smile,*

*For every care a promise,*

*A blessing in each trial,*

*For every problem life sends*

*A faithful friend to share,*

*For every sigh a sweet song.*

*An answer to each prayer.*

*(Irish Blessing)*

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Moin Fischer and Hunters  
Members and Friends,

*I hope everyone is enjoying this lovely Summer. Flowers are blooming, gardens are planted and we're all planning our vacations. I hope everyone is healthy and happy to enjoy them. My holiday will be split between Prize Fishing Weekend and followed by Family Weekend on August 18 -20 both at Moon Basin Marina. I'm looking forward to both.*

*This month I do not have any Birthdays or Anniversaries to share but if you do have, party hardy. and keep happy.*

*The strawberry festival was a big success. To all Fisher and Hunter Members a huge thank you for supporting this event. Thank You to Werner and Maria Anders for all your donations. It was much appreciated.*

*That's about all I have for today, so keep well and enjoy whatever life throws at you.*

Tschüß  
Maggie


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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

Summertime is here and we've already had reasons to complain about the sudden extreme temperatures, the high humidity and the levels of harmful air quality. Thank goodness, it was short-lived and we are now all enjoying our beautiful outdoor activities.

The first event at our lovely Germania Park was put on by our Campers – a Canada Day Celebration – the first of its kind and, I hope, many to come!

Vladimir and his committee created a special event for us all and it brought many members from all groups of the Germania Club together. Special guest, Dan Muys, M.P. and his wife honoured us with his attendance and brought greetings on behalf of Canada.

Past Sunday, our new Social Directors, Drew Chamberlain and Sheri Crawford, worked tirelessly to put together another super successful Strawberry Festival. The lovely berries were donated again this year by Tigchelaar Berry Farms; THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS GENEROUS DONATION!

THANK YOU ALSO TO GEORGE KISS for having the connection to them!

I was really amazed at the talents of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Director. Sheri designed and printed all our tickets and price lists for this event. Everything was professional looking. Thanks, Sheri!

The weather was beautiful bringing out a great crowd to enjoy the delicious food having been prepared by Thomas Rausch and Adolf Polap and served by Adolf's side-kick, Karin. The luscious strawberry shortcake/waffles was being served by our faithful Erika Eigen and Hilde Bittner, while Jeanet was literally whipping up a storm to top the berries. Susie helped everywhere.

So you can see, our ladies were partially responsible for the success; thank you again, all those who helped!

Ulli was our ever-efficient bartender while Vladimir held tight reign over all cash.

Another group that definitely added to the success of this event was our Haus Band – Karl, Fred and Arthur – you certainly put on a good show again and we look forward to hearing you again at the Picnic on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

This was another great example of all groups working together and enjoying it!

We're already making plans for the Picnic; so don't forget the date – August 6<sup>th</sup>!

If you are at all able and willing to help, please do not hesitate to con-

tact me at 905-730-6447 or [parzenbrigitte@gmail.com](mailto:parzenbrigitte@gmail.com)

( I have promised Drew I would take on his communication, since he is really busy at work right now)

In July, we had a couple of birthdays; namely, Brigitte Muessner on July 1<sup>st</sup> and Eva Kolwes on July 9<sup>th</sup>. We wish both of them well and hope they will be able to celebrate many more happy and healthy years!

Eva, we want to thank you for postponing your celebration in order for your friends to be able to work the Strawberry Festival – that was a grand gesture!

We also have one birthday in August – Hilde Bittner is celebrating on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We do wish you also all the best for many more years to come!

After all, we want to see your smiling face behind the cake counter for many more events!

Congratulations also go out to one of our next generation members, Ellen Pezzetta! Ellen has just recently retired from more than 35 years in the Public Health sector. We wish Ellen all the best for her retirement years and hope she will have more time to dedicate to the Germania Club and keeping the

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family tradition alive. Since this has become a rather lengthy article, I will skip my words of wisdom for this month and look forward to seeing many of our members at the Picnic.

Your Frauenverein Connection,

Brigitte Parzen

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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



## A member's note of thanks. from 16 years ago...

Mrs. Ilse Kastrau remembered a note that she wrote, that was published in the Germania Post in 2007. Ilse remembered because of an article that she recently read in the Post. She asked me if I would reprint it, as that evening, and many before and since, at the Germania Club made her and her late husband so happy, and bring back so many wonderful memories.

Mrs. Kastrau would love to be able to just come to the Club, but like many of us, life doesn't always make it so easy. She wants us to know that she enjoys reading the Post and is with us in spirit.

Back then we were printing articles in both Germania Club official languages.

In case you are wondering the event was an All Choirs Night, to benefit the Good Shepherd.

We had our choir, a ladies barbershop chorus, the Dofasco Male Chous and the Sons of Italy Choir among others that night.

This is what Ilse and Manfred wrote;

Lob allen Chören, die mit herrlichen Liedern in verschiedenen Sprachen mit ihren gewaltigen Stimmen den Gästen am 31. März, 2007 einen unvergesslichen Abend boten!

Dank alle fleißigen Mitgliedern des deutschen Klubs, die wirklich auf den Erfolg des Abends stolz sein können. Um jeden Einzelnen zu nennen wäre die Liste zu lang. Jedoch eine Anerkennung möchten wir Hedda Wagenblast und David Simon zukommen lassen! Bravo, gut organisiert! Nochmals, Allen ein tausend Dank!

Von Manfred und Ilse Kastrau  
May God bless you all!

In translation:

*Praise and Thanks  
All choirs must be praised for of-*



fering the visitors an unforgettable evening On March 31, 2007 with their powerful voices and wonderful songs in different languages. Thanks go to the hard working members of the Germania Club who can be truly proud of the successful evening! To mention the names of each contributing member would be too long. Nevertheless, we would like to acknowledge our special thanks to Hedda Wagenblast and David Simon! Bravo, well organized! Again, a thousand thanks to all!

Manfred and Ilse Kastrau  
May God Bless you all!



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## August Birthdays

Hildegard Bittner

Claire Bodkin

Carlos Cordozo

Volodymyr Dovbenyuk

Eva Fori

Ron Gabrysch

Maria Goes

Ilse Kastrau

Horst Kaufeld

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## Happy Birthday

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Aug 6	11:00am	Annual Germania Club Picnic
Aug 18-20		Fisher & Hunter Family weekend - M.B.M.
Aug 26	1:00pm	Park 'Deutsches Essen' event
Aug 27		Camper's Corn Roast

### VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Sep 12	7:30pm	Extended Board meeting
Sep 13	2-4pm	Kaffeeklatsch
Sep 23	3:00pm	Steel City Oktoberfest
Sep 26	7:30pm	Quarterly Membership meeting
Sep 30		Camper Pig Roast
Oct 1		159.Stiftungsfest / 159th Anniversary
Oct 23	1:00pm	Weinfest
Nov 5	1:00pm	Memorial in the Park
Nov 19		Schlachtfest
Nov 26		Turkey Shoot in the Park



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