



Germania Post



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December 31, 2023

doors open 1:30pm

Cocktail hour 2-3pm with Hor d'oeuvres

Buffet dinner 3:30pm

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OBITUARY



Evelyn CRAWFORD

June 16, 1931 – October 30, 2023

Evelyn was a member of the Germania Club since 1992. She was an active member of the Germania Choir until recently. We extend our sincere condolences to her sons Charles and Martin and their families, friends and choir family.

*“When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”*

Horatio Gates Spafford, 1873



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The President's Message



One Hundred and Fifty-Nine Years of Germania Club and the Celebrations continue!

The return of the Weinfest to the Club was a great way to close out the month of October. The Germania Club Choir and the four guest choirs provided a wonderful concert, which again brought the large hall alive. I am sure the wine tasting by Reif Winery added a lot to the festivities. This event, organized by the Germania Club Choir, was very much appreciated; and we will read more about this fantastic day of celebration in the Choir's article. The Weinfest is certainly something to look forward to in the coming years.

October also marks the end of the camping season and the closing of the Germania Park. The park not only provides a great place for the campers, but it is a great place for our Club's outdoor activities, which are being enjoyed by many Club members and their friends. On many occasions we refer to the park as our beautiful park, which is being kept in great shape by mostly our Campers. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication and the many hours of volunteering and thank all our Campers, our Park Manager and our Campers' Chairman for this job well done!

On November 5th, club members, their families and friends joined us at the Memorial Garden in the park for our Annual Memorial Service. During the Choir's program, it was my honour to announce the names of members who have passed on during

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Choral Notes

Without a doubt, our Weinfest was the highlight of our fall season, a celebration that was met with enthusiasm, not only by our choir and the visiting choristers, but also by those Germania Club members who joined us for this truly happy festivity. In the morning, we had our fall DKSB (Deutsch - Kanadischer Sängerbund) meeting, which most choir representatives were able to attend in person, with the exception of Ottawa's Sigrid Vila, for whom David Simon, our choir vice-president, made it possible to join virtually. Similarly, our DKSB Secretary, Ingrid Roth, was able to "attend" our meeting, while she was visiting in Germany.

Concordia Kitchener, the Transylvania Choir Kitchener, and Rheingold-Heidelberg Singers from St. Catharines/Port Colborne joined us and sang some delightful numbers. As well, we were happy to welcome a contingent from Oshawa, who did not attend as a choir, but who joined us in our Weinfest celebration.

We were very proud, indeed, of our very own accomplished Clement Ng, who, on very short notice, sub-

stituted for the Concordia pianist, who could not make it to our party. As we say in German: "Gekonnt ist gekonnt!"

A big thank you to Susan Butz and helpers for the timely decorations, as well as to Hilde Bittner and Eva Kolwes for helping with the brunch and lunch preparations for all attendees.

Many thanks to the Reif Winery, for donating the libation required for the Winetasting, an important component of our "Weinfest".

The biggest thank you goes to our presidents, Hedda Wagenblast and David Simon, for the time and effort they put into organizing and physically supporting such a successful event. A happy, delicious and musical Weinfest it was, indeed!

Only one week after our happy "Weinfest", a festivity that our friend and fellow chorister Evelyn Crawford had initially intended to celebrate with us, we were saddened by the news of her sudden death on October 30th. It was a shock for all of us, but we take comfort in the fact that she lived a full life to the end. In her obituary she thanked the choir "for more than 30 years of singing, joy, laughter, and friendship". Thank you, dear Evelyn for your years of dedication to the Germania Club and the Choir in

particular. We will miss you, dear friend.

As is the case every year, in November the choir sang at the Memorial Service in the Germania Park, where we honoured past members of the Club, including our very own Uschi, Heinz, Sigrid, Armin and Kurt, former members of our Germania Choir who have left us in the past year.. While the names of those who died were read by Ulli Venohr, Ingrid Oppermann and Karl Uschold softly played, "Ich hatt' einen Kameraden" on the harmonica, a most moving accompaniment to roll call.

With the various Fall activities behind us, we have started our most anticipated time of the year: Roland is now into his second Christmas season with us, and he is very much coming into his own. I think he is looking forward to performing as much as we are.

In the meantime, both Christine

Eastwood and Eckhard Kries will be celebrating a birthday on December 22. A very happy, healthy Birthday, Christine and Eckhard!

Here's hoping that as you continue to slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction!
(Irish Saying)

On behalf of the members and supporting members of the Germania Choir, I wish all our Germania Club friends and their families "Frohe Weihnachten und ein gesundes Neues Jahr!" And may our Jewish members and friends celebrate a warm and joyous Festival of Light!

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Gudrun



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Camper's Korner

Hello, fellow campers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones. It's been a great season, and we've been lucky to have such beautiful weather.

As we come to the end of the camping season, it's always a bit sad. But let's remember that a new and exciting season is just around the corner!

September was a busy month at the Park, and the Club. On September 23rd, we had a blast at Steel City Oktoberfest in the Hammer. The food, beer, music, dances, and great company made it a day to remember.

And speaking of memorable days, the Annual Campers Pig Roast on September 30th was a huge success! Campers, their families, and friends enjoyed delicious food. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a reality!

On that note, I can't help but be amazed at how involved campers are in the Club and Park activities. The park has never looked better, and it's all thanks to your hard work. During Oktoberfest, 12

campers volunteered to help with our biggest Club fundraiser, and at the last Club Members' Meeting, a whopping 24 out of 35 attendees were campers. Kudos to each and every one of you for being so involved!

We also had a great time at the Stiftungsfest, celebrating our Club's 159th birthday and giving warm regards from the Campers' Group. A special shoutout to our very own Michael Goldenberg for achieving a remarkable 30-year certificate. Congratulations, Michael - you're a true star!

On October 29, 2023, we came together for the Campers' Fall meeting and our End-of-Year Potluck luncheon. Following the meeting, Raisa and Michael Goldenberg lowered the flags, marking the conclusion of this year's season. It was a heartwarming moment, and we all relished the delicious food, engaging conversations, and the cozy atmosphere of the Pavilion.

On November 5th, we assembled at the Park for our Annual Memorial, a significant occasion. It was a poignant tribute as we honoured the memory of those who are no longer with us. The soothing melodies of the Choir resonated through the air, and President, Ulrich Venohr, read the names of those who departed since last year's memorial service. We hold their memory dear, and it

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the last year. Thank you to the choir members and all guests for helping us to remember and pay tribute to them.

Everyone was invited to the pavilion for refreshments and coffee and cake and the sharing of great memories.

November and December is the time of year for many more celebrations; after all, it is the Christmas Season, which is a wonderful time for Club members to celebrate with family and friends at the Germania Club.

And now, on behalf of the Germania Club Board of Directors, my wife, Ingrid, and myself, I wish you all a very merry Christmas; and may the New Year bring good Health and Happiness and new Hope for our beloved Germania Club!

Hoping to see you all in good health,
President,

Ulrich Venohr.

Frohe Weihnachten
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serves as a reminder of our Club's enduring legacy. A heartfelt wreath had been thoughtfully prepared by Linda Bulmer. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Mandi, Miranda, Sheri, Drew, and Lori for their contributions to decorating the Pavilion, preparing, and serving the food, and managing ticket sales. Once again, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers who have tirelessly supported the maintenance of our park facilities. From grass cutting, plumbing, tree trimming, and road repairs, to cleaning the premises, daily water testing, and ensuring our security, your selfless efforts are the backbone of our Park's pleasant ambiance. Joe Feduszcak, Garry Bulmer, Bill and Nancy McMenemy, David Matteson, Dave Blosser, Julia Khayutin, Gordon Schien,

Drew Chamberlain, Albert Kergl, Ken Foebel, Heather Arbuckle, Janet Feduszcak, and Raisa Goldberg, your commitment is truly commendable. Without your help and involvement, our Park would not be the cherished place it is today.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to every one of you. May you have a Merry Christmas, a joyous Hanukkah, and a prosperous New Year. I hope you find peace, happiness, and a lot of joy during this special time. Most importantly, please take good care of yourselves and stay safe and healthy.

With sincere regards,

*Vladimir Khayutin
 Campers' Chairman*



Fischer & Jäger

*Moin Fischer & Hunters
 Members & Friends*

First, I must apologize for missing the Nov. report. Due to the Park closing that weekend I was preoccupied with moving and getting my trailer closed for the winter. Due to my car breaking down on the way home from Kingston, I ended up not having a car, and still don't have one, to do my own moving. I had to rely on other people to help.

Thank You to all our members that worked at Oktoberfest. Thank You very, very much.

Our Kingston trip was great. The rain held off and so we had good days. Kingston is an interesting city, and the 'PENN' (Penitentiary) was very interesting and very scary. I could hardly believe children aged 8, 9, plus were incarcerated and spent time there for many years.

The Stiftungsfest in October was a SOLD-OUT Event with many choirs, good wine and camaraderie

Members that received certificates for many years of membership are

10 yrs Martin Hack

15 yrs Annemarie & Me (Maggie)

50 yrs Werner Anders surrounded by his whole family.

Congratulations to all of you!

I will report on our Turkey Shoot in the next issue.

On November 12th we have Annemarie Kiss and on November 14th is Dorothea Melms' birthday. We hope you all have or had a Wonderful Birthday and wish you good Health and Happiness and lots of LOVE.

In December we have 2 Birthdays, Richard Grobauer and Joe Khes. Happy Healthy Birthday to you both. from all of Us.

I am surprised that Christmas is almost upon us. We wish you a Happy Blessed Christmas and a Healthy Prosperous New Year.

***Frohe Weihnachten - Joyeux Noël
 Gelukkig Kerstfeest***

Our Christmas Party is on December 16th.

*Until next time in 2024
 Moin Moin Maggie*

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Aus unserem Frauenverein

Our November meeting was a very lively event as Annemarie reported a little on her recent Germany/Oktoberfest in Muenchen trip.

She definitely deserved this special treat. Now, that she is back, it's back to serious business.

We were very sorry to hear about our beloved Inge Leitner; she seems to have several health issues and was not able to attend. We wish you all the best and speedy recovery, dear Inge!

Erika Eigen was busy moving into her new domain and also unable to attend.

We were however able to welcome a special guest, Gabi Frank. It was a nice surprise! Gabi even offered to bring a few donations for our Bazaar. Thank you so much, dear Gabi!

Our November birthday celebrants – Gudrun on Nov.9th; Annemarie and Elfriede on the 12th and Dorothea on the 14th – were serenaded with wine and song! Annemarie and Dorothea had donated the wine in honour of their special days.

In December we have only one

birthday – Christine on December 22nd. All the Best to all of you!

All plans for the Annual Christmas Bazaar are in place and everyone has been assigned a spot. It is so special when you see all members of a group participate fully!

The lists for all cake, cookies and prize donations are in place, and we thank all the ladies for their generous donations.

Annemarie was able to secure more vendors than ever before, so our event must be becoming more popular.

Our well-deserved Christmas celebration will be taking place on Wednesday, December 6th, doors open at 6 P.M., dinner to be served at 6:30 P.M. at the Germania Club in the restaurant. All the details are presently in Annemarie's capable hands

After that event, our ladies will be resting for a few months. Our next meeting will take place in March 2024.

And last, but not least, on behalf of our President, Annemarie, and all our members, we wish all our readers and their families and friends, a very merry Christmas and good health and happiness for the year 2024!

In the meantime, I'm looking for-



ward to being able to greet many of you at our lovely Christmas Bazaar on November 12th.

Your Frauenverein Connection,
Brigitte Parzen

And now my little words of wisdom:

There's more, much more
to Christmas

Than candlelight and cheer,
It's the spirit of sweet friendship
That brightens all the year.

It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again,
For peace, for understanding,
and for goodwill to men!

Author unknown

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December 1: Pork Roast w/Potato Dumplings

December 7-8: Perogies w/bacon & onions

December 14-15: Beef Stroganoff

December 21-22. Sausage & kale spätzle bake

December 28-29 - Goulash with egg noodles

Reservations are encouraged

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Oktoberfest review

Our 52nd annual Steel City Oktoberfest 2023 was a huge success. Firstly, I'd like to thank every volunteer who was able to help with the planning and success of the evening as well as all the hard-working volunteers at the event. It is the volunteers who make this event such a success. There was great teamwork happening the whole night and the days leading up to the event.

This year we are happy to inform our members that there was an increase in door ticket sales as well as food and beverage sales. There were 30 children in attendance, with the youngest being 8 months old. We were happy to see them running around and dancing through the hall, as well as enjoying the youth program.

Council women Nrinder Nann joined us and gave a very nice speech before tapping the keg. A huge congratulations to our own Abby McEwan for winning the Miss Okto-

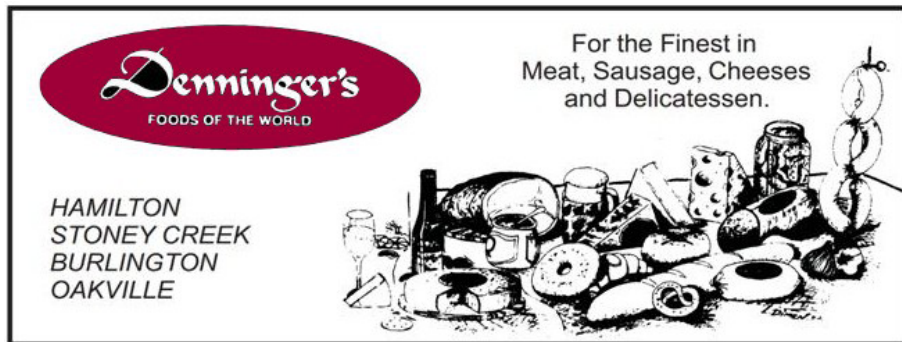
berfest pageant, I hope she enjoyed the beautiful gift basket donated by Denningers. We had a great attendance with many new faces and lots of familiar faces. The BBQ and the souvenir table hustled all night, and both did an amazing job. here were lots of positive comments about the décor of the hall and beer garden.

Thank you to the Haus Band who played for us throughout the afternoon into the evening. We always love to hear the talent of our members. The Nu-Tones entertained us through the evening into the rest of the night, they had the crowd dancing all night long!

Thank you to our sponsors for this year, we truly appreciate the support!

Our Oktoberfest was a great event, and much fun was had by all. Looking forward to the 53rd Oktoberfest!

Yours truly,
Mandi Asbury, Vice President



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December Birthdays

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| Christine Eastwood | Eckhard Kries |
| Barbara Eggers | Klaus Ludecke |
| Janet Feduszcak | Maefson Martins-Costa |
| Richard Grobauer | Adolf J. Polap |
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| Waldemar Herling | Stefany Santos |
| Helga Hillyard | Gordon Schien |
| Pavel Ilkanaev | Ernst Viebke |
| Helmut Kannenberg | Trish Woehrl |

Happy Birthday

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Dec 1	3-8pm	Restaurant open Thursday and Friday
Dec 6	6:00pm	Frauenverein Christmas celebration
Dec 7&8	3-8pm	Restaurant open Thursday and Friday
Dec 8	7pm-12am	Rathskeller PUB NIGHT
Dec 10	2:00pm	Christmas sing a-long with the choir
Dec 11	2:00pm	German-Canadian Benevolent Society
Dec 14&15	3-8pm	Restaurant open Thursday and Friday
Dec 16		Choir Christmas Party
Dec 16		Fisher & Hunter Christmas Party
Dec 17	1:00pm	Children's Christmas party
Dec 21&22	3-8pm	Restaurant open Thursday and Friday
Dec 28&29	3-8pm	Restaurant open Thursday and Friday
Dec 31	1:30pm	New Year's celebration Old Country time

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Jan 9	7:30pm	Quarterly extended board meeting
Jan 10	2-4pm	Kaffeeklatsch 'Epiphany'
Jan 28	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Jan 28	2:30pm	Movie Afternoon



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