

February 3	2:00 p.m.	Fischer & Jäger meeting and elections in the small hall
February 6	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday heringessen - Narrhalla
February 14	6:30 p.m.	Valentine's Dinner in the Restaurant
February 16	7:00 p.m.	All Choirs Night - Germania Choirs
February 28	7:30 p.m.	Choirs general meeting with elections

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

March 9	10:00 a.m.	Germania Club Annual General Meeting
March 16	1:00 p.m.	100th Anniversary Celebration of the Ladies Auxiliary
March 22	12:00 p.m.	Easter Egg hunt in the Park
April 12		Choir Spring Concert
April 19		Club Dance with the Swingmasters

*Germania Choirs rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Skat Saturday in the Rathskeller starting at 12:30 p.m.*

Next monthly membership meeting ...February 26 at 8:00 p.m.
Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 26. Februar um 20.00 Uhr
Any members meeting cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.



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All Choirs Night

A fun evening of Singing.

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The Hamilton Police Male Chorus
The Hamilton Police Female Chorus
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Ladies Barbershoppers

The Germania Choirs

February 16, 2008

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Program starts 7:00pm

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Please plan to attend the
Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 9, 2008 starting at 10 a.m.

Lunch available at 12 Noon.

Members who are willing to be elected to the Board are asked to call Carol Albrecht, Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, at 905-525-5614.

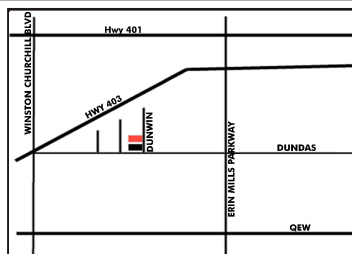
All membership fees are due by February 1, 2008

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to run the Sunday Social Dance starting in March, 2008. And to bartend at the Friday night Mohawk Ballroom Dance. Volunteers who wish to be bartenders must have their Smart Serve. Please call Nina at 905-318-1204.

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Proposal for an amendment to the Club's By-laws for the meeting on March 9, 2008:

Be it resolved that Article II, Item 1.3 be amended by adding the statement that starting January 1, 2009 no other members will be added to this category of membership. (The motion was made by Nina Fischer and it was seconded by Susan Butz at a Board meeting on January 15, 2008)

Article II, Item 1.3 states: A lifetime member is a member who is 80 years of age or older and has been a member for 20 years or more. Such a member does not pay a membership fee.

The reason for the proposed amendment is that our membership is aging and the loss in membership fees becomes significant. We need more revenue to cover the cost of the Club's expenses.

To save the Germania Club some costs in banking, the Board proposes that the following motion to amend the By-laws of the Germania Club be made at the Annual General Members' Meeting on March 9, 2008:

Be it resolved that Article IV, Item 2.5, which states that the Treasurer 'is responsible for insuring that receipts are deposited in a Chartered Bank' be amended by adding the phrase 'or other banking institutions, which carry deposit insurance.'

Wir gratulieren

Erika Bastel

Zum 65.

Claudia Eckert

und

Hans Bastel

Zum 70.

Elfriede Lammert

und

Waltraut Lauff

Zum 75.

Helga

Kardynalczyk

und

Manfred Platz

Zum 80.

Gerda Frank

Zum 85.

Geburtstag.

THE CLUB THANKS YOU FOR ALL DONATIONS

Donations to the Club

Klaus Massinger	\$55
For the office	
Rose Schmidt	\$30
For the Germania Post	



Aus unserem
Frauenverein

Here we are again 2008. The Holidays are over. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and your new year will be great.

My report will be on the short side, since we had no meeting in January.

Next meeting will be February 6th, 2008 hoping the weather will be good so a great number of members can attend. We need you there, so you will know what's going on. Our 100th year Anniversary will be in March. That means only 2 meetings before the date. So mark your calendar.

Birthday Ladies for February:

Rita Jansen February 15
Gerda Frank February 22 she will be 85 years young!
Helga Laqua February 26

Congratulations to all! Good Health and Happiness and Best Wishes.

That is all for now.

Stay Healthy and Keep Smiling
Your
Helga Laqua

My little quote for the new year!!!!

May all your troubles last as long as your New Years resolutions.

**Dear Club members and
Sub-group members,**

The Ladies Auxiliary is celebrating their 100th anniversary on March 16, 2008. The ladies would be very pleased if you would come and celebrate this milestone with us.

Rosi Kramolowsky
Ladies Auxiliary President

Date: March 16, 2008

Time: Cocktails 1:00 p.m.

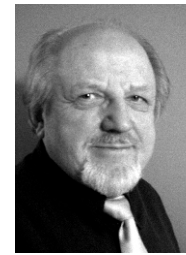
Festessen Anniversary
Dinner 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Reservation by March 9th by
calling Rosi at 905-662-7602 or
the Germania Club
905-549-0513

Thank you to
Heinz Ollesch and
Marjorie Williamson
for helping with the
decorations for New
Year's Eve and DJ
Christa for playing
overtime on
New Year's Eve.

The President's Corner



The Club's New Year's Eve party was a great event. I have received many compliments on the nicely decorated hall, the fine foods prepared by our Chef Ray, and on the continuous excellent music provided by our DJ Christa who worked well beyond her contracted hours that morning. Once again, we must acknowledge the fact that without the participation of many friends, including our Sunday Night dancers, we could not hold such events. So, thanks to all who made the effort to come out, and **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who worked to make this event happen.

As of March 9th Nina and I will be stepping down from our volunteer work with the dances on Friday

and Sunday nights. We need volunteers to replace us. If we could get several teams of three to four persons who would take on the obligation for several months per team, the onus on any one group will not be so great. The potential bartenders must have completed the Smart Serve course. We also need regular volunteers who will set up and remove some tables, decorate them, clean up and wash the dishes, and remove any garbage. The jobs are time consuming and need commitment, but can be a pleasure. If you are willing to help out as of March, let Nina know **now** so that we could train you for these jobs during February.

Check the monthly Calendar of Events and come out and enjoy the events. Winter is here for a short while and soon we will be thinking about the Easter Egg Hunt! Stay in good health and enjoy the season.

George Fischer



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Alois Sonser

Alois Sonser was born on March 28, 1928 in Zell am See, Austria.

He joined the Germania Club in 1957.

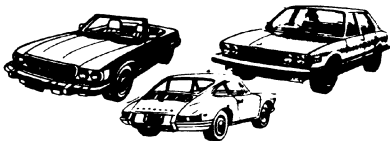
Alois worked at International Harvester for 36 years.

He married Eleonore and lived a long life with her. Together they raised three children: two girls named Eleonore and Anna and one boy named Gert. Alois is a happy Grandfather to Mark, Amanda, Heather and Sabrina.

We wish Alois and his Family a happy, wonderful retirement.

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Chor Bericht

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Ein Neues Jahr hat begonnen und ich
glaube wir alle haben es
feuchtfröhlich im Kreise unserer
Lieben begonnen bei guter
Gesundheit hoffentlich?

In meiner letzten Ausgabe habe ich
einen Geburtstag vergessen; es war
aktiver Sänger Karl Leitner's
Ehrentag. Bitte entschuldige viel
mals. Ich hoffe jedoch Du hast ihn
gebührend gefeiert im Kreise Deiner
Lieben.

Die Chöre brachten ihr alljährliches
Weihnachtsständchen für die
Anwesenden im Altersheim Macassa
Lodge zum Vortrag mit altbekannten
Weihnachtsliedern in Deutsch und
Englisch was alle den Umständen
entsprechend rührend aufgenommen
wurde; einige sangen auch mit soweit
die Worte in Erinnerung noch waren.
Folgende Woche darauf fuhren wir
nach Brantford zum Deutsch-
Canadischen Klub Sonnenhof, wo
wir dessen Weihnachtsfeier mit
unseren altbekannten
Weihnachtsliedern zum Vortrag
brachten und als Abschluss sangen
wir alle "Stille Nacht" und als Zugabe
ein neues Weihnachtslied "Weiße
Weihnacht". Als Dank bekamen wir
Kaffee, Kuchen und Torte sowie feine
Käse und Wurst platen und auch

alkoholische Getränke. Bei der
anschließenden Tombola nahmen wir
wieder viele schöne Preise mit nach
Hause. Ein hervorragend gelungener
Abend ging zu Ende. Unsere eigne
Chorweihnachtsfeier am 15. Dez.
bildete den Abschluss unserer
vorweihnachtlichen Veranstaltungen.
Nachdem wir alle ein schmackhaftes
Festessen verzehrt hatten kam der
Nikolaus und brachte wieder schöne
Geschenke für unsere Sänger-und
innen. Chorleiter Linus Press ehrte
auch wieder einige Sannerinnen mit
seinem selbst gebastelten
Schönheiten aus seiner
Hobbywerkstatt. Einige
Vorstandsmitglieder wurden geehrt
mit einem Geschenkkorb von
Denningers Delikatessen. Auch das
Tanzbein wurde kräftig
geschwungen. Unsere Ein-Mann-
Kapelle spielte zum Tanz auf. So
verging wieder ein unvergesslicher
schöner Abend.

Am Sylfestertanz nahmen auch viele
Sänger-und innen teil als
Jahresabschluss des Klubs. Mit beginn
des neuen Jahres proben wir wieder
fest für unser nächstes Sängerfest
"All Choirs Night" am 16. Feb. 08
Geburstag feiern im Monat Februar
Elfriede Lammert, Anneliese
Walthers, und Erika Mildenberger.
Ich wünsche allen beste Gesundheit
und die herzlichsten Glückwünsche
zu ihrem Ehrentag. Für unsere
kranken Sänger- und innen wünsche
ich baldige Genesung.
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Fischer & Jäger

Hello fellow members and friends!

Welcome to February, Christmas and New Years are all but a memory. Life is getting back to normal and our routine begins again. Our year end meeting and elections are now over, with this said lets start the year off with a bang. Let us all participate and support not only the Fisher and Hunters but also the Germania Club

Our first function will be our Schlachtfest on May 03, 2008. We are holding this event in the large hall at the Germania Club. Come on out and show your support. On May 04, 2008 we hold our Maifest for all the kids, grandchildren and friends. Please come out to the park at 1p.m.

With this being a short report I will leave you with these words of wisdom.

Respect your elders and thank them.

Help your elders and teach them. Learn all you can from each other when all else fails, dance like nobody is watching.

*Petri Heil,
Richard Kramolowsky*



Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"

Helau!

Karneval is sure a fun time of the year! We had a great time at the GAMGA costume party and the Gala the next night. With 15 people in our own little group, (with four people from Kitchener) the Narrhalla joined in the larger events with the 2500+ Karnevalists in Vegas. We will probably go again next year, same week of January, why not plan now to come along and have a real good time?

All things must come to an end and we will celebrate our Ash Wednesday Heringessen on February 6th. We have our tradition Hering or for you non-fish lovers there will be sausages available. There is no entrance charge, just the low cost of the meal. We will be holding this in the small hall so that we can use the club's big screen TV to show some films from the years past.

Jack Schnitzer celebrates his birthday on February 9th. Congratulations to you and good luck for the New Year!

*With Helau, Alaaf und Ahoi
David Simon*

The Campers' Report



We have survived Christmas and New Years Eve. We've survived a big snow storm and a total melt down.

What is next?

I'll tell you what comes next: Camping Season! Only a few more months and we'll be opening our trailers/RVs and also have our traditional spring campers' meeting.

Joan and I took a drive out to the park in the dying days of 2007. Everything looked beautiful and serene: lots of animal tracks in the snow throughout the campground. We took a hike past all the campsites to have a look see and, I'm happy to report, nothing was amiss. In another vein.

It looks like there will be more changes than usual for the next season. Some trailers are for sale, some will or have moved within

the campground and we still have vacant campsites. We also have some new members join our little group. I hope to have an updated camper directory ready for the spring meeting.

Oh yes, the spring meeting, originally slated for April 19th at 2:00 pm, will be postponed to some date in May. The exact time and date will be posted in the Germania Post.

Last, but not least:

If you have anything, you would like to see included in this article, anything to do with camping, the park, campground or campers' social functions, please contact me. I will be pleased to talk to you and, if suitable, put it in print.


Now, back to shoveling snow.

*For Karl Heidt, Camper Chairman
Egon Roesslein, Camper.
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Note from Editor:


Campers fees are due by February 28th, and every camper must be a member, Thanks!



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It is just the beginning of 2008 and we look forward to another good year at the Germania Club.

As both Nina and Geroge have been telling us all, we do have a need for volunteers to run the Sunday Night Social dance. Please call Nina if you can help.

I read an article in the Concordia Clubs newsletter, which made me say "ain't it the truth" The article had to do with the running of the club and the way that money is made, it was entitled "How does the club pay it's bills?"

The article pointed out that the only way the club pays its bills is from the sale of food and beverages, rentals and membership fees. When members bring in their own drinks, snacks, foods etc. they are not contributing to the club, in fact they are lessening the ability to

pay the bills. Every bottle of water counts!

We too have posted the "no outside food or drink allowed". Not only do people bring in outside drinks, but they leave the garbage for us to clean up! We don't make money and it costs us to clean up.

If you have read this far, Thank You!

You can do one other thing to help the Germania Club, your Germania Club, and that is to put in a good word for us. When you hear of someone wanting to hold a party, a meeting, a wedding or any function, please, please mention the club. Give them the telephone number and they'll be in good hands.

We wish you a wonderful 2008 and hope to see you soon down at the club.

*David Simon
Wirtschaftsleiter*

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE

Hi

My father came to Canada in 1952 with a woman. They resided in Hamilton, Ontario and attended the German Club there. They had an illegitimate daughter and then separated. My father then moved to Toronto and I have heard that the lady married a Polish man and went on to have more children. My father's name was Otto Bolter.

I am trying to locate my half-sister. Would there be any club records which might help me find the lady OR would any of the club's older members perhaps, remember my father? Any information that might help me find my sister would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to pass this information along or publish it in the club paper.

*Thank you, Joanne Bolter
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