

June 27 - July 1	It's Your Festival in Gage Park	
July 13	11:00	Germania Club Picnic
July 19&20		Youth fishing at Lake Dalrymple
July 26		Campers' Picnic in the Park

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Aug 24	Fischer & Jäger Picnic in the Park
Sep 5,6,7	Prize Fishing at Lake Dalrymple
Sep 20	Germania Club Oktoberfest with the Nu-tones

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*Restaurant closed for the summer reopening in September
Germania Choirs on summer vacation see you in September
Skat Saturday in the Rathskeller starting at 12:30 p.m.*

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



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tells us there are 2 camp sites
available.

Richard also has some dates in
July and August where the park
is available for functions.

Call Richard directly or Lori in
the office and they can give you
the dates.

Wir gratulieren.

**Herman
Denninger
zum 70.**

**Karl-Heinz
Neuenhagen
zum 75.**

**Irmgard Roediger
zum 85.**

**Karl Simon
zum 90.**

**Emmy
Waldecker
zum 95.**

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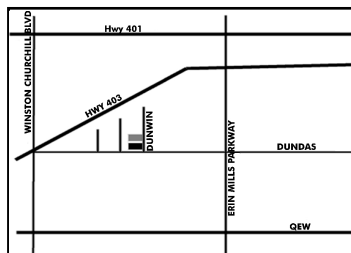
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Annual Membership Fees are
due by the end of February.

*The Germania Club
Welcomes new members*

*Margitta Dodds
Annemarie Kiss
Ana-Juliana Kun
Frank and Elizabeth Poyton*

The New Rathskeller Stammtisch was built by Gunter Melms and Ted Dodds, the finish was done by Mark Spica. Materials were paid by donations from the people listed on the Urkunde prepared and donated by Ted Dodds. The club thanks you all for this wonderful addition!



The President's Corner



The Germania Club is a wonderful place! When everyone works together pulling on the same string, and thinks of the club and fellow members, the club is what it was intended to be, great!

Take for example the generosity of members. Members love to have the Germania Club looked after, as is shown by the many members and friends stepping up to donate for driveway sealer. \$20 a pail as Eckert and Arthur say.

A huge thank you to Heinz Ollesch! Heinz came to me after last month's members meeting and made a pledge to pay the monthly costs of the Germania Post. This is a great gift from a long time member who loves this club and wants to help. Heinz has always helped, whether it be financially, or as a board member, and social director.. Thank you Heinz!

Gary Albrecht also needs our thanks for arranging the jumbo screen to watch Germany and Austria in the EURO2008 cup challenge. Gary will have it there for each game Germany or Austria plays. Lets hope its all of them. GO GERMANY! GO AUSTRIA!

Thank you to members who generously donate towards the club and park in memory of loved ones, or just in support as many do. And thank you to those who support the club by helping with clean up of the parking lot, and park and offer help where ever needed.

Thanks to the Board members who volunteer their time for their posts. Without them we wouldn't have our building kept up, our park in glorious shape, our advertising done, our social activities, we wouldn't have our bills paid and reports, our monthly minutes and correspondence.

Thanks to the expanded board, which includes all the sub-group chairs, the Ältestenrat, and the auditors. This group plus other interested members met in a long session to plan for Gage Park and the Germania Club Picnic. Not only plan but also take on most of the volunteer work required.

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THE OVER SIXTY GROUP



For our July birthdays we congratulate Erika Wegner on her 76th birthday on July 13th and Irmgard Roediger who turns 85 on July 23rd. May you both have a great birthday!

We also hope to see Katharina Baumgartner soon. She had her surgery and is on her way to recovery.

We are now on our summer break and I hope that everyone has a wonderful time. See you all in September.

Your Linda Wanner

From the Editor in the Know:

By the time you read this Germania Post, the Gage Park Festival will be history. Yes, that means I am late producing the club newsletter once again. I won't bore you with my long list of excuses, since in the end the result is the same, suffice it to say, I'm sorry, and its not intentional.

I would like to express a sincere thank you to Carol Albrecht, who has been working the shifts mostly by herself in the Restaurant. Sometimes Carol says it's a lonely place to be on Saturday from 2pm to 8pm. A few times when Carol wasn't able to be there, Katrina Kramolowsky was willing and able to fill.

Katrina, like most her age, goes to school, in fact University in Windsor. I'm so happy to see her in our club, one that her grand parents, and parents are super supportive members of. A few months ago, I suggested that we had jobs available and I hoped that children and grandchildren of members would come forward. Some have and we are better off for it. Maybe someone you are close to and proud of needs a job?

For the months of July and August the Restaurant will be closed. Come visit us in the Rathskeller. And of course see you in September back in the Restaurant.

David



Chor Bericht

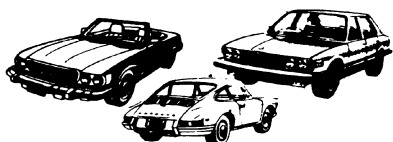
Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde des Chorgesanges!

Wir haben unsere lang ersehnte Sommerpause angetreten. Aber bevor mir dies taten, haben wir eine wunderschöne Reise nach Ottawa gemacht zum Bundessängerfest und Jubiläumfeier des Mannerchores Ottawa und des DKSB deren 50 jähriges Bestehen wir feierten. Es war ein grossartiger Erfolg für alle teilnehmenden Chöre, deren Chorvortrag mit viel Applaus endete, ganz besonders die Vorträge der Massenchöre brachten einen stehenden Applaus; eine gesängliche Wucht! Es ist immer ein gewaltiges Erlebnis, wenn hunderte von Sänger-und Sangerinnen gemeinsam singen; Einigkeit macht stark! Von unserem Chor wurden einige Sänger und Sängerinnen geehrt für langjährige Mitgliedschaft: Erika Mildnerberger 50 Jahre; Gertrud Press; 50 Jahre; Willi Schäfer; 50 Jahre; Linus Press 40 Jahre Dirigent; Brigitte Müssner 40 Jahre. Unsere Busfahrt von und nach Ottawa war wieder einmahlig schon mit viel Spass, Gesang und Witzvorträge und reichlich

"Kühlwasser" und das "Schwarzbrot" fehlte auch nicht. Eine Stadtrundfahrt durch Ottawa gab uns viel zu sehen und unser Reiseleiter Hans Foerstel erklärte uns ausführlich bis ins Detail was in Ottawa alles sehenswert war, auch der Anblick des Parlamentsgebäude. Einen Abstecher nach Hull (Gatineau) Quebec zu einem bekannten grossen Restaurant mit viel Unterhaltungs-musik und Showtänzerinnen war einmalig grandios. Für das leibliche Wohl war auch bestens gesorgt! Alles in Allem, unsere Reise war wieder ein einmaliges Erlebnis und alle kamen wieder gesund nach Hause. Geburtstag feiern im Monat July: Heinz Mildnerberger, Brigitte Mussner, Hannelore Simon, Eva Kolves, Harold Simon, Lore Schäfer, und Gertrud Press. Ich wünsche allen beste Gesundheit und die herzlichsten Glückwünsche zu ihrem Ehrentag.

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Hello folks, Welcome to July 2008

I truly believe this will be a great month, guess why?- no forecast of snow! Short report this month, the third weekend of July is our Junior Prize Fishing- call Mike to reserve a spot. In August we have our picnic, and the second weekend of September we have Adult Prize Fishing- call Willi or Rosi to reserve.

As always, come on out to the meetings. Any questions or concerns will be addressed at our meetings.

Please remember to support our club and play safe.

Final thought: Due to the rising cost of electricity, the light at the end of the tunnel will be shut off until further notice.

We at the club have no worries; with your help we will never shut off the lights.

*Petri Heil and Play Safe
Richard*

The Ladies Auxiliary are doing fine and Hegla Laqua is away, so no report for this month.

Check back next month when I'm sure there will be lots to report.

If in the meantime you can bake a cake for the ladies to sell at the Germania Picnic, please call Rosi and I'm sure she will be happy to hear from you!

*Keep smiling!
Editor*



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Remember When?



Does this picture look familiar? It should, it appeared in the Germania Post previous when it was freshly taken in 1989. In the centre of the photo you will recognize Ann and Gary Sellyeh as Ann begun to teach dancing at the Germania Club. The picture is thanks to Dietrich Eckert.

On June 20, 2008 at the Friday Night Mohawk Ballroom Dance Club's dance Ann entered officially into retirement. As an appreciation for all those years as a dance teacher at the club the Germania Club presented Ann with a plaqued copy of this picture. Dietrich Eckert did the honours. Ann also received flowers from Mohawk and there was a nice celebration cake on hand courtesy of the club. Ann invited many students and the atmosphere was nice.

Congratulations and Thank You Ann!



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GERMANIA SKAT CLUB

It has been a few months since I have reported for the Germania Skat Club, but that does not mean that we have not been busy. We welcome our new members Wally Herling, Robert Cubrt, Rolf Fischer and Chad Debellis, all who have joined ISPA since January 2008.

Our little club welcomes between 10 and 20 players every week, come on down and join us on a Saturday, start time is 12:30 am and entrance is \$10.00.

The Hamilton Skat Club has been on the traveling through Canada over the last two months, and I am pleased to report there has been some success.



The North American and Canadian Championship took place in Montreal mid April, and our club was well represented. In fact there were 11 members present at the

Canadian Championship in the Laurentians. In this prestigious tournament, I am happy to report that the new Canadian Ladies Champion is none other than our Barbara Eggers, whose proud parents, Gertie and Juergen Eggers will be more than happy to show you the many newspaper clippings they carry around with pride. There was a moment of absolute shock in the air, when it was announced that the Hamilton Team, placed 3rd in the Canadian Championship, and it was with pride that our team Consisting of Barb, Heidi, Hans and Horst collected our trophies to commemorate our 3rd place win.



It is with modesty, that I also include a picture of the Challenge Cup which took place before the North American Championship. This tournament is by invitation for the 40 top players in North America based on an average score for the previous year. It was an honour to be invited to this tournament, and no one was more shocked than I to hear my name announced as placing 10th.



Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather Mother Nature has blessed us with.

At the time of writing this article we have not yet had our 15th annual "Fun in the Sun". Our picnic is being held on Sunday, June 22nd at the Germania Park. The picnic is held rain or shine and we have put in our order for the sun to shine on us that day. We hope to see everyone there and join us for a day filled with fun and laughter.

Our members have taken the Friday night shift at Gage Park for It's Your Festival we always are glad to help the club whenever we can. Don't forget that this year the festival runs for 5 days so come out and visit the Germania Tent.

Next is the Germania Club Picnic where we have the pleasure of running the children's games. Then we have some down time before we start up again with our first event being the Steel City Oktoberfest which is on October 4, 2008.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Margitta Dodds to our family of Karnevalists. We

send birthday greetings to our president Hugh Turner on July 2nd congratulations and best wishes Hugh.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the summer at our picnics

*Until then
Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary*

Sunday Dances in your club.....

A nice group of people, we call them our regulars, show up at around 7:00 p.m. and enjoy some nice dance music presented by rotating D.Js. These dances are presented and staffed by members of your club and I would like to see more of our members to join the fun. It would be nice to see some new faces at these dances. Besides good company and music we have a one time special treat for you: Show up at the door with the original copy of this article and two people will be admitted for the price of one. It should not be a problem to come dancing on a Sunday night now that you and your friends are retired. So why not make up a table and join the crowd?

Dietrich Eckert

The Campers' Report



Our camping season has finally arrived. Campers are busy cleaning, painting, landscaping and whatever else has to be done to enjoy our camping days.

A warm welcome to our newest campers namely Hank & Jeannie Hope, Frank & Liz Poyton, and Stefan & Ana Kun.

When you come to the park and arrive at the pavilion you will notice a beautiful walkway of slabs & cement leading up to the front door. Who else would do this, but Richard Lutz our park Manager and Karl Heidt, camper chair? Thank You.

Also 11 new trees were planted by Richard & Karl. It was a lot of work as the ground is mostly clay, but they look beautiful. Some individual campers donated 9 of these 11 trees. A big thank you to the individual campers.

Some of the taps on the water lines had to be replaced. Richard was kind enough to do this work, but again some campers paid for all the new parts that were required. We could not afford to pay Richard working as a plumber though.

I would just like to mention how

very fortunate we are at the park to have a park manager & other campers that have so many different trades and doing it all voluntarily. The park looks absolutely beautiful.

Last but not least the campers are having their annual picnic. It will be "Bavarian Night". The campers & friends that have been to our picnic in the past know that there will be plenty of food & lots of fun. We will have Cyril and his electric orchestra playing for us. It will be on Saturday July 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the Germania Park Pavilion. If you would like some tickets please call Harry at 905-389-8950. The dead line for tickets is July 22nd.

Our thoughts are with Rose Marie Lutz, Mario Succi and Agnes Szabo who are dealing with difficult health problems.

Ute Perl
Campers' Vice Chairman

**Germania Club
PICNIC
in the Germania Park
July 13**

**Everyone Welcome
Bring your friends!**

Onwards Skat travels out west in June to the one week tournament in Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton. Mandi Schmitz was able to participate at all tournaments, and I was lucky to be able to participate in the Calgary tournament, where I placed 5th, and best lady.

We will welcome all to our one week Southern Ontario Skat Week, the Germania Club will host from August 16 to August 17, Hansa Haus in Brampton hosts from August 11 to August 12, and Kitchener will host August 12 and August 13. Full details are available online at www.ispaworld.org and follow the Canadian Web Page. Of course, no one wants to miss the special picnic Skat at Bert Penzendorfer's farm on August 14th.



I will end my report, with our clubs experience in participating in a tournament in Northern Ontario at Lake Kapigog. Six of our members enjoyed this experience, one I will not forget in a long, long time. It was decided to save help the environment and use less gas, that our little team from Hamilton would head out after playing Skat in Mississauga on June 5th. This

journey included a drive to Go Home Lake, and a boat trip across the lake to Horst's cottage (which he has owned for 50 years and it is reported that the boat knows the way). Needless to say as we arrived at 1:30 in the morning the lake was covered in fog, and we valiantly followed our captain who was confident in finding the way. Captain Horst led us around in the fog for just under 2 hours when the crew decided to mutiny and abandon the mission and head to the resort, only to wake the hosts of the tournament up at 4:30 am to provide us shelter. A picture of Horst as captain during a more confident time (the sun is shining)



is included, so if when you see him in the club, take a moment to ask him where he leaves his compass! Once we had this interesting start to our weekend, the tournament went well and all players were well fed and watered by the host. We do congratulate Thomas Rausch, who placed 4th in this tournament.

As I have not reported in a few months, my report is a bit longer, as you can see we certainly are an active little group. Hope to see you one Saturday, and wish you Gut Blatt!
Heidi Frank

Early Summer Cleanup:

Choir Members got together on May 29 and did a major cleanup at the Germania Parking Lot on 863 King Street. Over 40 wheelbarrows of junk were removed, loaded in a container, and trucked to the City Dump.



*Here are the brave volunteers:
In front from left Monika Heitland, and Christine Eastwood.
Back row from left Günter Heitland, Karl Uschold, Arnold Schäfer, Eckhard Kries, Willy Schäfer and Arthur Wagenblast.*



Here is Willy Schäfer, our wheelbarrow and truck driver for today.



*Are we done yet?
Monika, Christine, Arnold and Willy*



The next two Days Arthur and Eckhard applied Driveway Sealer on the asphalt.



The finishing touch, just a little "Art work".



*Here is a Classic.
During the painting of the driveway this lady was visiting the neighbor next door 865-1/2, King Street but with the still wet, black sealer on the driveway, there was only one way to get over to the other side.*

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*From the left
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Chef Ray
Katrina Kramolowsky
Carol Albrecht*

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