

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

### VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

April 19	8:00 a.m.	Germania Choirs Garage Sale
April 19	7:00 p.m.	Club Dance with the Swingmasters
May 3	1:00 p.m.	Fischer & Jäger Schlachtfest in the Large hall of the club
May 4	1:00 p.m.	Fischer & Jäger Maifest Breakfast in the Germania park
May 11	12:00 p.m.	Mother's Day Dinner in the Large Hall

*Restaurant open Saturdays 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm starting March 1*  
*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 ..March 25 at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 25. März um 20.00 Uhr**  
*Any members meeting or function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.*



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# Der Frauenverein

des Germania Club's



## Ladies Auxiliary



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March 16 2008

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## Christian Kusch

born January 15, 1939; died January 28, 2008

Germania Club's Easter bunny for many years. Our sincere sympathies go out to his wife, Ilse, and family.  
We will all miss him!

## Please plan to attend the Annual General Meeting

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

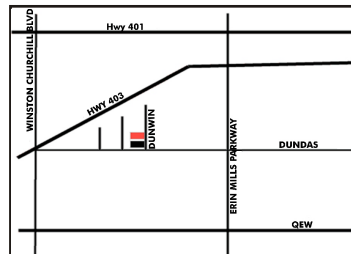
Lunch available at 12 Noon.

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

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Hannelore Simon	\$20
Dieter and Bruni Cawi	\$250
Anonymous	\$150

### Germania Park

Owen & Doris Buchan \$100  
for supplies

### Emergency Fund

Emil and Ursula Serkerak \$21

### Donations to the Memorial and Park Fund

Max & Sigrid Selmayer \$63

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Zum 75.  
Edith Kruck und  
Alois Sonser  
Zum 80.  
Thea Koenig  
Zum 85.  
Geburtstag**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Hank and Jeannie Hope

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

To all who made the Kale Dinner event such a wonderful evening! The food was absolutely delicious!

Thank you to  
Hannelore Simon,  
Elfriede Lammert and  
Jeanet Schäfer  
for cooking the meal.  
The service was friendly and efficient! The Great Hall looked great.

## Starting March 1st Germania Club RESTAURANT >>> OPEN <<<

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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

Our February meeting had to be cancelled due to the snowstorm so my report will be short. As you know, our 100 year Anniversary celebration will be on the 16th of March, 2008. If anybody likes to celebrate with us please call Rosi Kramolowsky at 905-662-7602 or the Germania Club at 905-549-0513. It would make our day so much better!

We only have one birthday: on March 28 Edith Kruck will celebrate her 80th birthday. We congratulate her and send her our best wishes for her health. We all think of her and hope she has a full recovery after her stroke. It is always sad to hear that somebody had to suffer so much.

## Sunday Dances in your club.....

Seem to be a well-kept secret and we would like to make you aware of them. 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

As you can see, my Report is very short but I hope next time it will be longer and all our members can come to our March 5th, 2008 meeting.

Before I say "so long" here is my little tidbit for the month.

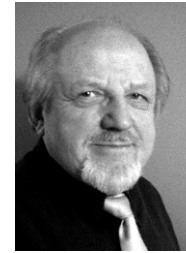
Something to remember:  
The past is history,  
The future is a mystery,  
But today is a Gift,  
That's why we call it the: "Present".

Stay healthy and keep smiling!

Your, Helga Laqua  
Secretary.

**Note from Editor:** The Ladies Auxiliary 100th Anniversary meal is \$25.00 not what was in last month's report in error. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## The President's Corner



March 9th is approaching quickly, and I hope the new Board of Directors will bring a new vision for the Club and the required energy to carry out the dreams. At our most recent Board meeting we could not help but reminisce a little. In general, we feel good about our past labours and the support we have had from you, the members. Many precious memories will stay with us forever. As for the next Board members, we wish them all the best in their endeavours.

In preparation for the election day, please note the following items:

- The agenda for the Annual General Members' Meeting is prescribed in the Club's Constitution and By-laws (see Article V, Item 4). Ask our secretary, Lori Kramolowsky, for a recent copy if you have misplaced yours
- Your membership fee for the year 2008 must be paid up
- You must be present to participate, nominate and vote for anybody
- You must be a member for at least 6 months to be eligible to vote
- A candidate for a position on the Board must be a member of the

Club for at least one year

- You should be present to run for any position
- If you cannot be present but are willing to stand for a position on the Board, you must leave a proxy with the Nominations Committee (Carol Albrecht), stating your willingness to do so
- Some nominations have been made to the Nominations Committee, but more nominations from the floor can be made
- If all but one person decline the nomination, that one person wins by acclamation
- Before a victory by acclamation is accepted, members can demand a vote by secret ballot to confirm the acclamation
- Some members have the mistaken belief that present directors (and the President) can be compelled to serve another term if nobody else is willing to accept such a position. The general principle holds: a volunteer cannot be compelled to do anything except that which he/she volunteers for
- A nice lunch (roast beef/ red cabbage) will be available for \$10.

As we approach the day of the Annual General Members' Meeting, remember that the Board members are elected to serve the Club. Being able to get along and work with others is very important, and so is the ability to follow correct procedure. The Club's Constitution and By-laws as well as Robert's Rules provide useful guidelines for good procedure.



## President's Corner...continued

As this is my last official report, I would like to express my thanks to everyone who in the past has supported the outgoing Board members and me. Your praise and criticism have been helpful, as well as your support through your participation and donations. Keep up your enthusiasm and support. The next Board will appreciate your involvement too, so let us work together for a better future!

George Fischer

## THE OVER SIXTY GROUP



Hi everyone.

Hope you all had a terrific holiday and are slowly getting ready for our monthly meeting. Since I don't have much to write about I will be looking forward to seeing all of you on March 19th at 1:00 p.m.

Until then

Your  
Linda Wanner



## Chor Bericht

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde des Chorgesanges!

Mit Sehnsucht hoffen wir auf ein baldiges Ende des altbekannten schneereichen harten Winters. Irgendwie schlägt der General Winter auch auf den Mut der Sänger zu. Trotzdem lesen wir es uns nicht nehmen im Altersheim "Highgate" in Ancaster die Anwesenden dort mit fröhlichen Melodien{liedern} teils in Deutsch und English, zu erfreuen. Einige Anwesende sangen sogar mit in beiden Sprachen, was immer noch in Erinnerung war. So verging wieder ein gelungener Konzertabend. Als Dank bekamen wir auch noch Kaffee und Cookies sowie Käseschnitten und Fruchtsäfte.

Das wär's für diese Ausgabe.  
Geburtstag feiern im Monat März:

Paul Jäckle, Netty DeWit und Inge Leitner. Ich wünsche allen beste Gesundheit und die herzlichen Glückwünsche zu ihrem Ehrentag!

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Frühlingsschmücke,  
Wie winkt des Stromes  
Silberband!  
Da steh ich auf des Berges  
Gipfel  
Und schau auf dich in süßer  
Ruh,  
Und jubelnd rufts in meinem  
Herzen:  
"O Pfälzer Land, wie schön bist  
du!"*

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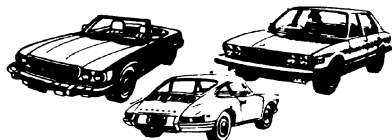
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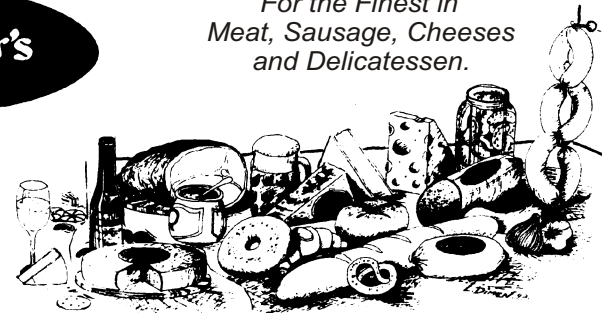
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## Fischer & Jäger

Well, here we go. It is the start of another year of thrills, chills, and excitement. Our year end meeting and elections brought to us, guess what, a full Executive Committee. It is my pleasure to introduce to you our new committee. Some of us are returning volunteers and some are new.

Obmann:  
Gary Albrecht  
2nd Obmann:  
Rosi Kramolowsky  
1st Secretary:  
Desi Szabo  
2nd Secretary:  
Richard Kramolowsky  
1st Treasurer:  
Derek Halbig  
2nd Treasurer:  
Carol Albrecht  
Cottage Manager:  
Willi Kramolowsky  
Range Manager:  
Goran Predojevic  
Fisher & Hunter Hall Manager:  
Willi Kramolowsky  
Entertainment:  
Rob Cubrt  
Youth Manager:  
Mike Kirchhoefel  
Grill Master:  
George Kiss

We would like to thank our

Election Committee that brought us to this point, Alex Ewinger, Karl Heidt and Mike Goldenberg.

I must say that this year's elections were both exciting and filled with several votes. Thank you to all that attended and ran for our posts.

The new Executive Committee has their work cut out for them, however we cannot do it alone. Come on out on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and support us with your ideas at 8:00 pm in the Germania Club. Just a reminder any new pictures are always welcome.

Until we meet again

Thoughts for the month are always welcome, bring them to the meeting or contact me at 905-719-4491. This month is mine,

We are only as good as someone else says and even then are we sure?

Petri Heil

Richard Kramolowsky



## Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"

Dear Karnevalists,

Thank you to everyone who came to our Prinzenball with the Golden Keys. Past Karneval Prince and Princesses were Erwin and Uschi Schien, Sigrid Whelan and husband Terry, and Hugh and Monika Turner, as well as many other couples from clubs from the area. Everyone enjoyed the dancing to the Golden Keys and a fun skit from the Narrhalla men.

Kindermaskenball, what can I say? It was not so well attended this year, with about 25 children in attendance having a great time. We chose a new KinderPrinz and Kinder Prinzessin. Thank you to Albert and Stefan Kergl from Beverage World for the generous donation of juices for the kids. Thanks to Richard Kramolowsky our in house DJ for keeping the crowd hopping, a job well done, including introducing more German Karneval songs. A special addition from the past was bologna sandwiches, which were a big hit! Thanks to Chef Ray for good food both days and for slicing the bologna. A great big thank you to the decorating crew

and to Harry Rischke for being our honorary treasurer and selling the tickets at the door, and to Josie Rischke who handed out the donuts and drinks for the children.

The next week we headed to Crazy Ladies Night in Kitchener, the men dressed as women and visa versa. Just that alone sets the night for fun, and the entertainment of the garde girls and the band "Variation" topped the evening. The following week a few of the Narrhalla went down the 401 to the costume ball of Loreley in Oshawa. A nice evening was enjoyed in Mardi Gras style.

Ash Wednesday unfortunately had to be canceled because of "old man winter" and his snow-storm. Hopefully everyone had their Hering in the safety of their own home. Maybe we can try to have a nostalgia evening, and we'll keep you informed.

We congratulate Frank Swider for his birthday on March 28. Honorary member Dick Altermann of the Echo Germanica also celebrates his birthday in March on the 27th. Congratulations and best wishes gentlemen!

With Helau, Alaaf and Ahoi  
Tired and broke after the 5th season!

David Simon,  
Council of 11 President



**Alex Wegner**

by Uschi Schien

Alex Wegner was born June 6, 1926 in the town of Dahmken in West Preussen. At the age of 14 he began a three year apprenticeship and trade school program as an engine mechanic and diesel technician. At 17, he joined the Armed Forces heavy anti Aircraft, was captured on September 9, 1944 and became a Prisoner of War in Belgium. He was then shipped to Dieppe, France. In December 1944, he was transferred to a P.O.W. camp in England until 1948 when he was finally discharged. Back home, he worked on maintenance of the cars and trucks in a glass wholesale company until 1952

During 1952, Alex immigrated to Canada with his mother and after establishing himself as a qualified mechanic at Stelco. He married the love of his life Erika, on October 25, 1952. In 1958 he successfully obtained his Ontario Diesel Mechanics license. While

at Stelco, he established a very successful career as a qualified Diesel Mechanic. He received many accolades of achievement for outstanding work. In 1988, when Alex retired, his supervisor wrote the following "Alex has always been a highly respected technician in his line of work because of his extremely efficient use of working hours. He has set high standards of perfection and has been a model and inspiration to his fellow workers. Alex leaves behind a long list of excellent achievements, which will benefit all of us for many years to come. He has reasons to look back at those accomplishments with justifiable pride and a lot of satisfaction. It has been a real joy to work with him all these years."

In 1988, and after 36 years at Stelco, Alex retired and actively began building his cottage at Pickerel Lake, Burks Falls with his sons, Robert, Alfred and daughter Linda, so that he could spend enjoyable moments with all his children and their families. He is the proud Opa of six grandchildren.

Alex became a Member of the Germania Club on May 24, 1957. He has been a very active member of the Club and also the Fisher and Hunters. On March 11, 1979 Alex was elected as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Germania Club and became Property Manager. He is responsible for the daily maintenance of

## **Nominating Committee Report**

*Carol Albrecht reports that the following members were nominated for the positions indicated. These members have either accepted nomination or are unknown at the time of publishing as indicated with a (U).*

### **President:**

*David Simon*

### **Vice President:**

*Carol Albrecht*

### **First Secretary:**

*Lori Kramolowsky*

### **Second Secretary:**

*Barbara Haybarger  
Sandra Creechan (U)  
Margaret Keegan (U)*

### **Treasurer:**

*Carol Albrecht*

### **Second Treasurer:**

*Lori Kramolowsky,  
Gerry Schuster Jr. (U)  
Ute Perl (U)*

### **Business Administrator:**

*Nominations not accepted*

### **Property Manager:**

*Arthur Wagneblast/Eckhard Kries.  
George Apostel (U)*

### **Park Manager:**

*Richard Lutz*

### **Social Director:**

*Violette Rocheleau (U)*

### **Second Social Dir:**

*Owen Buchan (U)*

### **PR Director:**

*Susan Butz  
Gabriela Apostel (U)*

### **Youth Co-ordinator:**

*Nominations not accepted*

*Of course on election day, nominations are accepted from the floor for all positions.*

*The annual General meeting will be on March 9th, beginning at 10:00am. There will be a delicious lunch available at break time.*



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## The Campers' Report



*If I was writing this article for the Snow Bird Magazine, I would have plenty of material to pick from. I could write about sea, sand and sunshine, cheap gas, cheap food and friendly people.*

*But I am writing this for the campers of the Germania Park and, in the middle of winter, there is none of the above and truly, precious little else to report.*

*Perhaps, I should go down to the Stammtisch on Saturdays, just to catch a little gossip that would make this article more meaningful. However.*

*Our fearless leader Karl and his sidekick Ute are still having discussions about the date of the spring campers' meeting. This will happen sometime in the middle of May, I was told. The exact date and time I'll report next time.*

*If you haven't paid your camping and membership fees yet, they were due by the end of February. The park still has one campsite that is up for grabs.*

*I told you, this would be a short report. Till next time.*

*For Karl Heidt, (Camper Chairman).*

*Egon Roesslein, (Camper).*

## ANNOUNCING

Starting March 1st the Restaurant will be open from 2pm to 8pm every Saturday.

We have prepared a good menu of German meals, from simple items to full dinners. They will be available weekly in the restaurant at a reasonable price. The chef will also prepare a weekly special.

Food menu will also be available to the guests in the Rathskeller.

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the Club buildings and it is unbelievable how much time Alex has to spend keeping everything in working order. I believe there is nothing he can't do and he has been doing this for 30 years without a break. This is a tremendous deed he is doing for the Club. Alex, the Club can't thank you enough and we hope we have you around for a long time to come.

Alex is 81 years old so by all means no spring rooster anymore. What he is doing is a full-time job and the Club thanks him, and his wife, Erika for putting up with Alex being away from home so much and for spending so much time fixing things. Believe you me, there is always something broken in the Club. In Alex's own words,

**der Club dankt dir.**



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<b>Germania Club Annual General Meeting</b> March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m. <b>Yearly reports, Elections for all positions</b> Lunch will be available at 12:00 noon Come meet other members and make a difference in your club!			<b>Ladies Auxiliary 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 beginning at 1:00 p.m. <i>Tickets in advance only by calling Rosi Kramolowsky 905-662-7602</i> <i>Or the Germania Club 905-549-0513</i> <i>Deadline for tickets March 9<sup>th</sup>.</i>			1 12:30pm SKAT <u>Restaurant open 2-8pm</u>
2     7pm Social Dance	3 Club Closed	4	5 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	6 7:30 Germania Choir Practice	7 8pm Mohawk Ballroom Dancing 8pm lesson 9pm dancing	8 12:30pm SKAT <u>Restaurant open 2-8pm</u>
9 10:00am Germania Club Annual General Meeting with elections  7pm Social Dance	10 Club Closed	11 8pm Germania Club Obmänner Meeting	12 7:30pm Narrhalla 58 meeting	13 7:30 Germania Choir Practice	14 8pm Mohawk Ballroom Dancing 8pm lesson 9pm dancing	15 12:30pm SKAT <u>Restaurant open 2-8pm</u>
16 1:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary celebrate their 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.  **Social Dance Canceled**	17 Club Closed	18 8pm Germania Club Board Meeting	19 1:00pm Over 60 Group Meeting 8:00pm Fischer & Jäger member's meeting	20 7:30 Germania Choir Practice	21 8pm Mohawk Ballroom Dancing 8pm lesson 9pm dancing	22 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt in the Germania Park 12:30pm SKAT <u>Restaurant open 2-8pm</u>
23 Easter Sunday 7pm Social Dance	24 Club Closed	25 8pm Germania Club Members Meeting	26	27 7:30 Germania Choir Practice	28 8pm Mohawk Ballroom Dancing 8pm lesson 9pm dancing	29 12:30pm SKAT <u>Restaurant open 2-8pm</u>
30 7pm Social Dance	31 Club Closed					

*Germania Club Rathskeller open Wednesday, Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Come and enjoy!*