

●●● VERANSTALTUNGEN ● SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ●●●

April 4	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
April 10	3pm-8pm	Good Friday Fish Dinner
April 11	12:00	Easter Egg Hunt in the Park
April 18	8am-2pm	Germania Choir Garage Sale
April 18	20:00	Germania Club Dinner and Dance
April 19	14:00	Filmnachmittag "Der Kleine Lord"

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

May 2		Maifest in the Park - Fischer & Jäger
May 2		Schlachtfest in the Park - Fischer & Jäger
May 2	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
May 3	14:00	Campers' Meeting in the Park
May 10	13:00	Mothers Day Dinner in the Large Hall
May 30		145th Anniversary Concert - Germania Chor

Restaurant open Friday 3-8:00pm and Saturday 1-7:00 pm

Germania Choirs rehearsal Thursday at 7:30pm

Skat Saturday in the Rathskeller starting at 12:30 p.m.

Next monthly membership meeting ... April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 28. April um 19.30 Uhr

Any members meeting or function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.



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Germania Post

**THE GERMANIA CLUB
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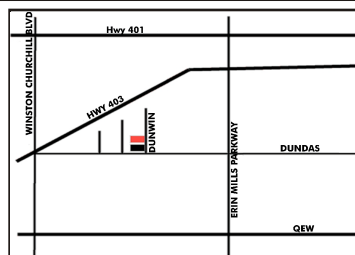


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Werner Arnold	\$20

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Alois Sonser	\$50
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welcomes new members

Kevin Pyett
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zum 80.**

Geburtstag

Choral Notes *Continued*

all went well except that we are in dire need of a secretary, and, so far, nobody has stepped up to volunteer for this position. No doubt, our president Hedda Wagenblast, is overworked, and it would be of great help if somebody took on this task. In the mean time, we are practicing for the upcoming events, one on April 3rd at the Brantford Sonnenhof and the other on April 4th in Kitchener.

Our birthday celebrants for April are Andreas Remisch, Ulla Binka, Franz Bittner, and Anita Jaeckle. Enjoy your special day and celebrate! Happy Birthday to all!

George Fischer

**The Germania Choir
will celebrate its
145th anniversary
with a concert on
May 30, 2009**

**Performing will be the
Germania Choir and
choirs from the
Deutsch-Kanadischer
Sängerbund.**

Eisstockschießen



Erich Butz smiles as he lets go of his Eisstock. The German games with similarities to Curling is enjoyed by many club members in the Winter. Also in the background are Klaus Freudenreich, Paul Jaeckle and Karl Uschold. The photo was published in the Spectator.

**GERMANIA CHOIR
GARAGE SALE
APRIL 18, 2009
8AM TO 2PM**

The President's Corner



By the time you read this Spring will have officially arrived. At our home we already have the birds singing a spring tune and happy fluttering all around, although still depending on us to feed them. Our fish in the pond are starting to stir and coming slowly out of hibernation.

Spring is a time when everything looks a bit better, to me at least. Things that seeming dreary just a month ago, have a different glimmer and look altogether better. As an example in January the business management committee was looking at its booking calendar and seeing lots of empty space. The recession is hitting us too, was the thought. Fast forward and now the bookings are coming in quickly taking almost all of our open dates, giving us more bookings then last year.

Springtime for the Germania Club means that we hold our annual general meeting, this year on March 8th. This is a chance for all members to attend and hear the reports from the directors including the full financial statements for the previous year. In my report I expressed my appreciation to the board for their fine work and support. The board is a working board, planning for functions and

events for the club and then making the work. When it comes to those functions the board is deeply interested in all the details to make sure people attending have a good time and enjoy what is being put on in the club. Basic planning for each event is already completed all the way to the New Years Eve Party. Tickets for all events in the fall will be available as early as the Club Picnic.

Christina Albrecht our new youth coordinator has volunteered to design the flyers and posters for all occasions, the first one being the cover for this months Germania Post. Christina will also be taking

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The Campers' Report



The long, awaited event has almost arrived: "Opening Day." The water and hydro will be turned back on, the dock will go into the water and we will have our spring campers' meeting on Sunday, **May 3rd, at 1:00 PM in the park, at the Pavilion.**

This meeting will not be the usual casual affair that we are used to. This time we, the campers, will have to elect a new committee: Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Secretary, the Keeper of the Purse and last, but not least, a Social Committee.

For those, who were not present at the last fall meeting, we had a very sparse attendance and consequently decided to have the usual fall elections the following spring; meaning this May. So ask yourself, could you help in any of these positions.

As usual, before the meeting starts, Karl will cook us some Leberkäse)meat loaf(on a bun for lunch. Bring your own cutlery,)paper(plates and whatever you need to wash this down. The cost will be somewhere around \$ 5.00 a plate.

In a different vein: The new dock, that was built last year is, to me at least, one of the best things that

happened in the park in a long time. A lot of people will make use of it: the anglers, the boaters and the swimmers. Now, I don't want to create a problem where none exists, however, those of you that have a line in the water should be aware that the rest of us, especially those that like to go swimming or canoeing will feel awkward navigating around fishing poles, hooks, lines and sinkers. Also, with our splashing, driving away the very fish you are trying to catch, is not going to make us very popular.

Perhaps, none of this will ever happen, however, we could talk about it at the meeting. Seeing, we are going to have a new camper committee with a new chairman, this should be my last article. I'm sure the new chairman would like to put his own pen to paper.

See you all at the park.
For Karl Heidt (Chairman)
Egon Roesslein (Camper)



Choral Notes

The Germania Choir held its first concert of the year on February 28th together with the Hamilton Ladies' Police Choir and the Ladies' Barbershop choir called Classic Blend. The Ladies' Police Choir, conducted by Tanya Vranhoven, was accompanied by Megan Lehman. The choir sang relatively recent songs, such as Fleetwood Mac's 'Yesterday's Song' and the song 'Fare Thee Well Love', popularized by the Rankin Family, but also a playful medley of operatic songs. Youthful, they looked sharp in their uniforms, sang from memory, and obviously enjoyed performing. For an encore they sang the ever-popular 'Amazing Grace'.

This was the 9th performance of Classic Blend at the Germania Club. While many of their songs hail from the 1940's, such as 'Sentimental Journey', they also focused on Gospel songs and ended on Judy Garland's signature song 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'. For their encore they sang the Rankin Family's song 'We Rise Again'. The way Dennis Adams, the conductor, controlled the dynamics was impressive. The Classic Blend is

preparing for a competition with 25 other choirs, so we wish them all the best especially since our own Betty Boerkamp sings with them too!

Our choir was in good shape. We sang a popular potpourri of Wanderlieder, the song 'An der Weser', a selection of Lieder zum Verlieben by Otto Groll, and several other catchy tunes. Larisa Gulenco, our accompanist, put her heart into the music and added energy to the performance. To add to the thrill of our English speaking audience we performed 'Carry Me Home' and 'They All Call It Canada'. Asked for an encore, we sang two Schunkellieder, and the audience could not help but participate in the schunkeln.

Much work goes into such a performance, and 'we' thank all those who set up the piano and the rafters, tables, and chairs; also those who put on the tablecloths and decorated the tables. The food was tasty as always. The proceeds from the concert went to the Agnew family. The participating choirs agreed that this was a worthy cause. One of our pleasant surprises occurred on the following Thursday during our Annual General meeting when Ludwig Mavis presented the Choir with another contribution of \$ 500 from the Dofasco Male Choir.

At the above-mentioned meeting,

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Aus unserem
Frauenverein

Our meeting was better attended since the weather was better. We are preparing for our 101st Anniversary discussing attendance, the meal and guests.

Rosi Kramolowsky reminded the ladies that Sunday, March 22, 2009 the movie "Der Hauptmann von Köpenick" is playing and of Casino Night March 28, 2009 which will be a great event.

Different topics and ideas were discussed. Our birthday ladies for April are:

*Heidi Frank April 5
Monica Turner April 12
Rosi Kramolowsky April 13*

Congratulations to all of you ladies.

After the meeting we socialized and had great sandwiches and cake.

That's all the news for this month and here is my little poem for the month.

*Till the next time
Stay Healthy and keep smiling*

*Your
Helga Laqua*

Kindness

*Kindness isn't sacrifice
or giving alms, my lad,
It's simple sharing happiness
with someone who is sad.
Kindness is a soothing light
that seeks out darkened hearts,
And makes them flame with new
found hope,
new joy, then departs.
Kindness is a merry song
turned loose upon the air,
a musical guardian of our joy,
a form in despair.
Kindness is unselfish thoughts
unselfish friendly deed,
inspired by the wish to aid
some brother who is in need.
Kindness is forgetfulness of our
own wordly aims,
forgetfulness of all but this
our needy neighbours claims.
Kindness is a loving guide
that shows us how to live,
a treasure which, the more we spend,
the more we have to give.*

Author Unknown

The Germania Club



*wishes you a
Happy Easter
Frohe Ostern*



Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"

Hello Friends

The month of February saw the end of Karneval Season. On February 14th a small group attended Narragonia Brantford's Costume Ball and on February 21st our Pirate Ship set a sail and headed to Narrenzunft Kitchener for their Crazy Ladies Night. We received a prize for best group costume. Although the event was poorly attended because of the weather we had a great time with our friends from Treuer Husar Mississauga joining us.

On Wednesday, February 25th we ended the season with our Herringessen which was well attended. A special thank you to John Kreuzer for giving us Karneval DVD's from Germany to show during the evening.

We are now on break for the month before we gear up and prepare for our Fun in the Sun Picnic on June 20th at the Germania Park.

That is all for now hope to see you all at our picnic.

*Until then
Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary*

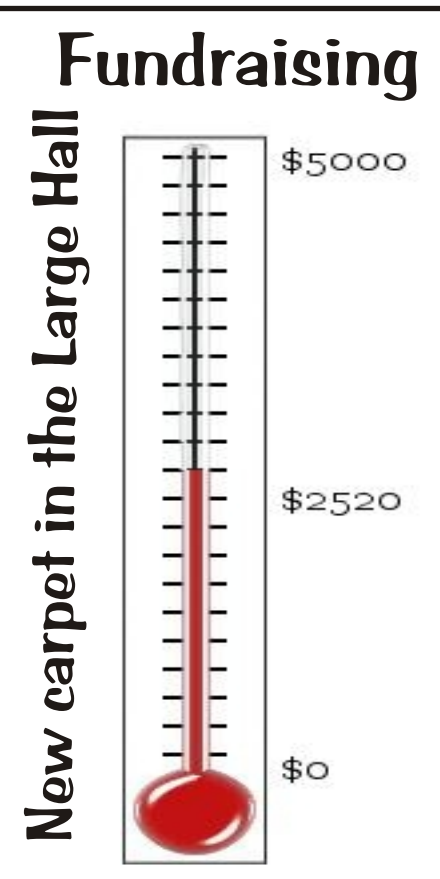
THE OVER SIXTY GROUP



On April 1st Rolf Fischer will turn 72 years young. I hope you have a happy birthday and a great day.

I wish that all of our members have a very Happy Easter and a wonderful weekend.

*Your
Linda Wanner*



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April 3,4

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April 10,11

Soup or Salad, Apricot Glazed Ham
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April 17,18

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May 2nd, 2009

In the Germania Park

Presidents Report

Continued

on the job of preparing and editing
the Germania Post making it ready
for printing and distributing. As you
may know this is a job that I have
been doing for the last few years.

Richard Lutz let me know that
there will be some Improvements
in the park this year. The addition
of two new camping spots is
underway. New hydro lines will
have to be buried to the new
sites. Everybody is just waiting for
the camping season to begin as
well as the picnic season. The
Germania Park is a beautiful
benefit of being a club member.

Please plan to come to our Good
Friday (Karfreitag) Fish dinner in
the restaurant. Our Mothers day
dinner will be on May 10th in the
large hall. Please be sure to call
the office and reserve for either
dinner.

I wish you all a Happy Easter, and
a rejuvenating Spring!

David Simon, President

Good Friday Karfreitag Dinner

April 10th
3pm - 8pm

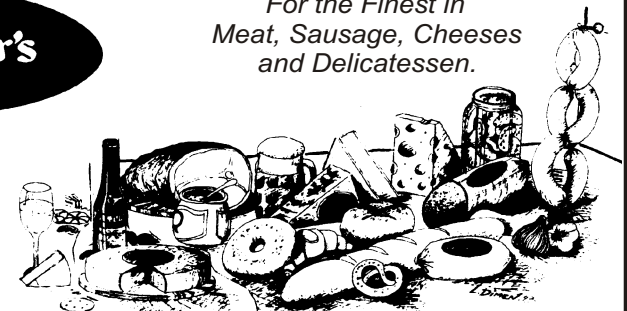
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\$14.95 per person (plus tax)

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FILMNACHMITTAG

Jeden dritten Sonntag
des Monats im grossen Saal

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19. April 2009

14:00 Uhr

Der Kleine Lord

Kuchen und kleine Gerichte erhältlich

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11, 2009



Picture from last years Easter Egg Hunt in the Park

The Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday April 11th, in the Germania Park. There will be fun and food for the whole family at the Easter Egg Hunt. There is of course the all important egg hunt, along with craft tables for the children to participate with. Sausages fresh off the BBQ will be available as well as coffee and cake. The bar will be open for refreshments. The Germania Club house band will play for your sing-a-long pleasure. Please make sure to register all children with the office by April 2nd. The cost per child is \$3.00





*A handshake after a neck and neck run between **Ben Johnson** and **Eckhard Kries** at York University in Toronto last month.*

I like to encourage our Members to join with me, and others, to participate for the yearly Deutsche Goldene Sportabzeichen. In 2007, Canada had 69 successful athletes, 56 of them from the Hamilton-Toronto region. Worldwide, for 2007, 947,535 Sportabzeichen were handed out. Participants are between 15 and 90 years of age, Male & Female. Next time you see me in the Club ask me about it.

In 1976, Benjamin Sinclair Johnson was just a skinny immigrant kid struggling to make his high school track team. A decade later, he was a destroyer of world records, the "world's fastest man." Ben set a world record (9.83 seconds) in the 100-metre sprint at the 1987 world championships in Rome. He smashed the old record by a tenth of a second, a feat so dramatic it fueled speculation about drug use. Johnson received the Order of Canada and was named Canada's athlete of the year.

Is that enough? You can't go far talking about Ben Johnson without mentioning that his Gold Medal was taken back!

Eckhard Kries



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