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Jan 17		Narrhalla 58 Prinzenball
Jan 18	2:00 p.m.	Movie Afternoon Filmnachmittag mit Kafee und Kuchen
Jan 25	1:00 p.m.	Children's Mardi Gras Narrhalla 58 Kindermaskenball
Jan 27	7:00 p.m.	Germania Club Budget meeting

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Feb 01	2:00 p.m.	Fischer & Jäger General meeting
Feb 25	7:00 p.m.	Narrhalla Ash Wednesday Heringessen
Feb 26	7:30 p.m.	Germania Choirs annual meeting
Mar 08	10:00 a.m.	Germania Club Annual General Meeting

*Restaurant open Friday 3-8:00 p.m. & 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 ... January 27 at 8:00 p.m.
Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 27. Januar um 20.00 Uhr
Any members meeting or function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.



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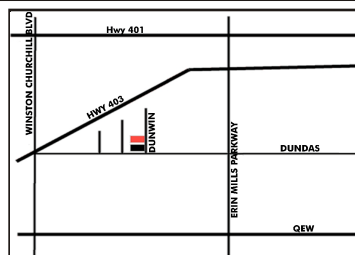
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Eckhard Kries	\$38
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Carpet Fund:

Anonymous	\$50
Anonymous	\$500
Dieter & Bruni Cawi	\$400

Memorial and Park Fund:

Alex, Erika Wegner & Family \$150

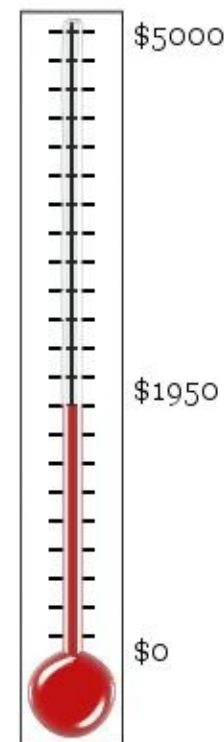
Thank you to the following members for donations collected for the Track Lighting over the display cases in the hallway. The total amount collected was \$250.

Gary Albrecht, Dan Copeland, George Fischer, Leonard Folkens, Hans Kreuzer, Eckhard Kries, Hilde Mastalka, Frank Poyton, Jeff Schall, Uschi Schien, Jackie Schnitzer, David Simon, Hedda Wagenblast and Alex Wegner.

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Fundraising

New carpet in the Large Hall



The Campers' Report



Looking out my window today, at that wet, cold and barren landscape, it is hard for me to imagine that we are starting another year, soon another summer and another camping season. But cheer up my fellow campers, we have turned the corner. Before you can say, "Opening Day," the grass will be green again and the dock will be back in the water.

Right now though, the park belongs to the deer and raccoons. Their tracks are everywhere. Animals, from raccoons to the smallest critters are looking for food wherever they can find it. Invasion of our trailers and motor homes occurs every year. Any food, even birdseed left behind over the winter, will draw mice and raccoons. The damage they do and the mess they leave behind is not what you like to discover on

spring opening day.

There is, however, one way of dealing with this dilemma, besides laying down dryer sheets or smelly mothballs. Hook up and go south. A few of us have done exactly that. Florida, Arizona or Texas sound pretty inviting. Yes, I do envy all those snowbirds, sitting on a balmy beach and sipping cocktails right now. Well, maybe next year.....?

Rumor has it, there will be one or two camping lots available next season. If you know someone interested, let them know so they may put their name on the waiting list. We'll know more toward the end of February.

That's about all for this season. Back to shoveling snow and taking down the Christmas tree.

For Karl Heidt, Camper Chairman and Ute Perl, Snowbird.

Egon Roesslein, Camper.

The President's Corner



As the 2008 comes to a close, I look forward to 2009. For me personally, 2008 hasn't been a banner year health-wise. Thank you to Carol Albrecht for picking me up and taking me home for the board meetings. Thank you to Hedda Wagenblast for picking me up and taking home as well. And especially thank you to my mother Hannelore for driving me here, there and everywhere. Without those ladies this year would have been impossible.

During our memorial in the Germania Park on November 9th we remembered all those



members who passed away in the last year. It is our tradition to recognize only members of the Club in the Germania Post and at the Stiftungsfest and then again at the memorial. This year however for me was different, we had two people pass away that were both young and vibrant, both were

family of members of the Germania Club. Their passing grieves us and our Club greatly and we share in the sorrow of their beloved family and friends. Mary Wegner, wife of Fred and daughter-in-law of Alex and Erika, and Belinda Murray Denninger, daughter of Austin and Herta, will be remembered forever. The Wegner family has planted a tree in the park in memory of Mary, and a plaque will be placed remembering Belinda.

As I am writing this article I am saddened to hear that Harry Rischke's son Steven has passed away from tragic car accident. Our thoughts are with Harry and Josie for their sudden loss of a loved one.

We are looking forward to 2009 and beyond. 2009 of course starts with the Germania Club's annual New Years Eve Party, this year with the Swingmasters band. At the stroke of midnight and the pop of the champagne cork we will slip ourselves into a new year.

Planned for the year 2009 is the new "Filmmachmittag bei Kaffee und Kuchen." We will be showing films in the large hall and will have coffee and cake available if you wish. Our first film afternoon will be Sunday January 18th, 2009 starting at 2:00pm. We will be watching "So weit die Füße tragen", which is an adventure-drama about a German soldier's amazing 14,200km escape from

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Choir Notes

Advent is a time for hope, a feeling of awe and joy, and for renewal, and there is no better way to express this expectancy and the emotions than through music. Once again, the Germania Choirs presented a program of Christmas songs that spanned several centuries in a number of genres, from folk songs to classical works.



The mixed choir learned three new songs for this occasion, including the beautiful 'Coventry Carol'. The men's choir sang two traditional standbys, 'Süsser die Glocken' and 'Weihnachtsglocken', while the ladies came up with five fine songs; the score thus stood at 5:2 for the ladies! Are our ladies more gifted? No doubt, and we are lucky to have them with us! If there is any competition between the two sections, both were upstaged by

the Little Angels, Erika, Monika, Juliana, and Jessica, the grand children of Ingrid Oppermann, who herself proved to be a magnificent coach!



The choirs ended the first part of the program with the well-known 'Gloria in Excelsis' by Mozart, which the audience really appreciated. Kudos to our conductors (Gertrude Press conducted the ladies' choir) and to all our singers, especially to Christine Eastwood, Gertrude Press, Betty Boerkamp. Ingrid Oppermann, Brigitte Muessner, and Hedda Wagenblast who delighted the audience, and us, with solo parts, duets, and quartets.

This was the fortieth Christmas Concert prepared by our conductor Linus Press. It turned out to be a challenging time for practicing because more than a quarter of our members were ailing at various times, and, furthermore, we could not find an accompanist. We thank Gertrude Press for substituting as a pianist on numerous occasions, and Chris Hunt, organist at the First-Pilgrim United Church, who came to our help in the final hour. We also thank Linus

THE OVER SIXTY GROUP



On December 31st our Liselotte Heuck celebrates her 77th birthday and on January 10th Liesel Graeser celebrates her 83rd birthday. Many happy returns to the both of you. Martha Fenske will celebrating her 91st Birthday on January 20th and we all wish you the best. We are now on our winter break until we return in March. Hopefully you all have a good winter and looking forward to seeing you all again on March 18th at 1:00pm.

*Happy New Year,
Linda Wanner*

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Fischer & Jäger

Happy New year to all, we at the executive committee hope the new year came in with the success that we all would like. Safe, happy and sound.

Our latest adventure was our turkey shoot with a sharp shooting competition on the side. First thanks goes to mother nature, she brought out sunny skies and cool temperatures. The ground was covered with a nice layer of snow (beats mud) although when she sneezed (wind) it knocked our targets over. The executive committee would like to thank all the people that volunteered their time. These people range from our ladies behind the coffee and food counter, our folks who helped us buy the tickets and cooked and all those who froze to make this a successful event. As you all know I don't name anyone for the fear of forgetfulness. The people I speak of know who you are so thank you very much from the Vorstand. Our guests we'll thank you for your support. Congratulations to all our successful shooters. Our Christmas party has not as of yet happened, more on that later. Please note we are having our awards banquet at the same time. Not much until the year-end

meeting and elections. We need all of you. If you are reading this, then you are the one we need. Come out and show your support we have had many good times and as well some sad times. Please remember the good times and our thoughts are with all of you for the sad.

Petri Heil
Richard Kramolowsky

My thought for the month is not one of my own and on a lighter note truly agree with this one. I will quote the great author Mark Twain. I find this especially true due to an incident I myself personal had thinking back. Mr. Mark Twain had it correct.

Quote, " Never argue with a fool, someone watching may not be able to tell the difference." Thank you Mark Twain.

May you all be safe,
Richard Kramolowsky

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for his optimism, patience, endurance, and courage: imagine, on at least one occasion during the practice sessions, we even sang the Halleluja Chorus a capella!

Following the concert, we enjoyed delicious cookies and coffee in the church hall, to which the whole audience was invited. Thanks, once again, to our ladies for preparing the treats! Shortly thereafter, Günter Heitland had arranged a meal for the choristers at a restaurant. Thanks, Günter and Monika, for doing the 'research'. Obviously, we have entered the season of celebrations! While the concert represented a highlight in the life of the Germania Choirs, the fun is not over yet. We will sing at the Macassa Lodge and at the Sonnenhof in Brantford in the weeks following the concert, and our season will not be over until we will have our Christmas Party on December 20th at the Club.



L-R Anneliese Walthers, Eva Kolwes, Christa Kries, Brigitte Müssner, Netty DeWit, Christine Eastwood.

Ah, the New Year is dawning, and come January the following choristers will celebrate their

birthdays: Susan Butz, George Fischer, Monika Heitland, Ingrid Oppermann, Willy Schäfer, David Simon, and Christel Strassguertl. A Happy Birthday to all of us!

Let me close this article on a note of hope, awe, and joy: starting in January, we will have a new pianist at our practices, Larisa Gulenco. Larisa is an accomplished pianist and we look forward to working and singing together!

A Happy New Year to all our members and friends!

George Fischer



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Aus unserem Frauenverein

We were holding our last meeting for this year. It was our shortest meeting for the end of 2008.

Presidentin Rosi Kramolowsky welcomed all attending members and guests. We all were happy to see Marguerite Platz, she is a long time member who lives in Georgia, USA.

Rosi thanked all members and non-members who baked, donated, helped, booking tables, setting and cleaning up tables and chairs, and made the music. I did not thank everybody by name, it is so easy to forget someone. Congratulations to our December Birthday ladies and January 2009 were given.

*January 2009 Birthdays are:
Rose Strinich January 6
Liesel Graeser January 10
Ina Reile January 17
Trudel Mueller January 29*

To come back to our Bazaar: it was well attended and to the help of everyone a great success.

We ended our meeting and started our Christmas Party. We sang "Jingle Bells" to welcome Santa Claus ---- but to our surprise!!!! No jolly old St. Nick, a slimmed down Santa arrived. He had a sack of special goodies for the Board

Members, which were welcomed with a lot of laughter, than the gifts were given to the members.

Hilde Platz gave little packages of goodies to everyone. Rosi made candy cane reindeers for every member and guest. Our Santa Ute Perl had to leave to visit some more people. Thank you Ute for a great job! We thank Hilde and Rosi for everything and Alex Wegner for the music. A big thank you goes to the ladies who brought the delicious food.

We enjoyed ourselves tremendously and ended the year smiling.

January 2009 there will be no meeting

For the New Year a few quotations out of the book "Daily Splashes of Joy" by Barbara Johnson.

Speak a healing word to a broken heart.

Extend a hand to one who has fallen.

Give a smile to those whose laughter has been lost.

Encourage a dreamer who has given up.

Ease the burden of one bent low beneath a thankless task.

That's all for now, keep healthy and smiling in 2009.

*Your
Helga Laqua*



Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"

Helau and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Narrhalla held their annual Kappenabend which was a really fun evening. Fun was had by all who came our fellow Karnevelisten as well as a few members from the Club. The night was filled with many good jokes even some naughty ones, music and singing. The next day saw us heading to Kitchener for their opening and always we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

Mark down January 17th on your calendar we are holding our Prinzenball so put your dancing shoes on and come enjoy the music of the Golden Keys. The Children's Mardi Gras will be on January 25th, so have your children dress in their favourite costume and come enjoy an afternoon of family fun.

Well that is all for now, we look forward to seeing you at our functions.

*Until then
Helau, Alaaf und Ahoi
Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary*

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Michael Lochner

By Uschi Schien

Michael Lochner was born on the 11th of October 1921 in Metersdorf, in Siebenbürgen.

At the age of 14, he began a three year apprenticeship, as a "Zimmermann". He worked in his trade until 1942, then he graduated as Master. That same year he was drafted. He served in the army for three years and he was wounded three times, but he was a lucky man, and survived this ordeal.

In 1945 he was captured in Austria by the Americans and became a Prisoner of war, but was discharged in 1946.

In the mean time his family and neighbours, in fact the whole Village, had to leave their homeland with only a horse and a buggy. But they found accommodation in Austria.

There Michael was lucky and was rejoined with his family and friends again. He found his girlfriend Sofia again, and they got married in -10-

1946. In 1948 their daughter Margaret was born. And another daughter came along in 1950 and they called her Erika.

In 1953 the family of four immigrated to Canada. After trying several Jobs, Michael started working at Kupper Construction in 1956 and worked there for 30 years until his retirement in 1986.

Michael became an active Member of the Germania Club on the 7th of October 1958 and that was, can you believe it 50 years ago.

Now Michael and Sofia are blessed with two Grandchildren and three Great-Grandchildren to love and to cherish.

The Germania Club wishes you and your family a happy and wonderful Retirement...

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Life Quotes:

When a generation talks just to itself, it becomes more filled with folly than it might have otherwise.

The only nice thing about being imperfect is the joy it brings to others.

Ten most important 2 letter words.

IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!

PRESIDENT's CORNER

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prison in Siberia. We will be showing this film on a jumbo screen, nearly the size of the stage in the large hall. We hope you can attend for the viewing, we are sure you will enjoy the show.

There will be several more film afternoons to follow, and we will keep you up to date with those in plenty of time so that you can plan to attend.

*Also new for 2009 by popular request the restaurant will be opening Fridays from 3pm to 8pm and Saturdays from 1pm until 7pm. Along with the regular menu of schnitzels, rouladen, cabbage rolls, wieners, etc, there will be weekly specials for you to enjoy. New for the restaurant we offer a **10% discount for members** on meals in the restaurant - excluding the specials and beverages. Please show your membership card when placing your order so that we can give you the discount.*

Included in this month's Germania Post is the yearly calendar of events to post in a handy location. Please make a special note of January 27th. First we will have our budget meeting at 7pm and then our regular members meeting following that.

As of January 1st, we have decided to suspend the Sunday Night Dances. After many years of

dancing on Sunday nights, the turnout for the evening dance has dropped. It was a difficult decision to make, but we felt we can rent the large hall on Sundays. We encourage the dancers to try out the Friday Night Mohawk Ballroom Dance Club dance. There you will also get a free lesson at the beginning and then dance to some wonderful music.

Our hopes this coming year is to create a few dance events that will attract the somewhat younger crowd. We also plan to have a entertainer or two directly from Germany or Austria. The old saying goes that you can't make all the people happy all the time.

All in all we enter the year 2009 with a renewed optimism and hope. The year will be bright and filled with interesting things to do in the club. The club was formed in 1864 and officially registered as a Corporation in 1871 that makes us 145 years old in 2009. With all that experience behind us, how can our future not be bright? In those 145 years the club has surely seen ups and downs and somehow has shown the members the way to survive, and achieve. The past paved the way for the present, and we must make sure to pave the way for the future.

*On behalf of the board I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.
David Simon*

On the Lighter Side....

Why is a hospital gown like an old house?

No matter where you stand, you always feel a draft.

The doctor's office was crowded as always, but the doctor was moving at his usual snail's pace. After waiting two hours, an old man slowly stood up and started walking towards the door.

"Where are you going?" Asked the receptionist

"Well." The man said, "I figure I'd going home and die a natural death"

God is talking to an angel about creating the world. "I just made a 24-hour period," God explains, "it will be half light and half dark, and it will keep repeating itself until the end of all time."

"Wow," says the angel, "what are you going to do next?"

"Well, I think I'll call it a day."

Our friend hates to work-out, which means the treadmill in her bedroom barely gets used. Nevertheless, she swears by it. "It really works," she told me. "I just throw my jeans over it and they get smaller."

GERMANIA CLUB

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Sonntag, 18. Januar, 2009

Beginn am 14:00 uhr

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"So weit die Füße tragen"

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Proposed change to the Constitution for the Annual General Meeting in March.

The intent of the motion is to change the beginning time of the board, expanded board, and members meetings from the current 8:00 pm to 7:30pm.

The motion is as follows:

It was moved by Eckhard Kries and seconded by Barbara Haybarger: that changes be made to constitution as follows:

Replace:

6.1. The membership meeting will take place on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Clubhouse at 8:00 pm, unless a change was approved at a previous membership meeting.

With new Wording:

6.1. The membership meeting will take place on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Clubhouse at 7:30 pm, unless a change was approved at a previous membership meeting.

Replace:

7.3 The meetings will take place on the 1st, 3rd, and possibly 5th Tuesday of every month in the Clubhouse at 8:00 pm (unless decided otherwise by the Board of Directors.)

With new wording:

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Replace:

8.2. The Expanded Board of Directors Meeting will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 8:00 pm unless decided otherwise at the previous meeting.

With new wording

8.2. The Expanded Board of Directors Meeting will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm unless decided otherwise at the previous meeting.

This motion will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting of the Germania Club of Hamilton, Ontario.



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