

February 6	20:00	1st Saturday of the month dance
February 7	10:00	Fisher and Hunters Elections
February 14	11am-3pm	Valentines Brunch
February 17	19:00	Herring Essen
February 20	18:00	Kale Dinner
February 21	14:00	Filmnachmittag - Das Wunder Von Bern und Sissi Teil 1 (details on pg. 9)
February 27	17:00	All Choirs Night

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

March 4		Choir Elections
March 7		Germania Club Annual General Meeting
March 13		Ladies Auxiliary Stiftungsfest
March 14	14:00	Filmnachmittag - Fortsetzungen

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

Next monthly membership meeting ...February 23, at 7:30 p.m.
Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 23. Februar um 19:30 Uhr
Any members meeting or function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.



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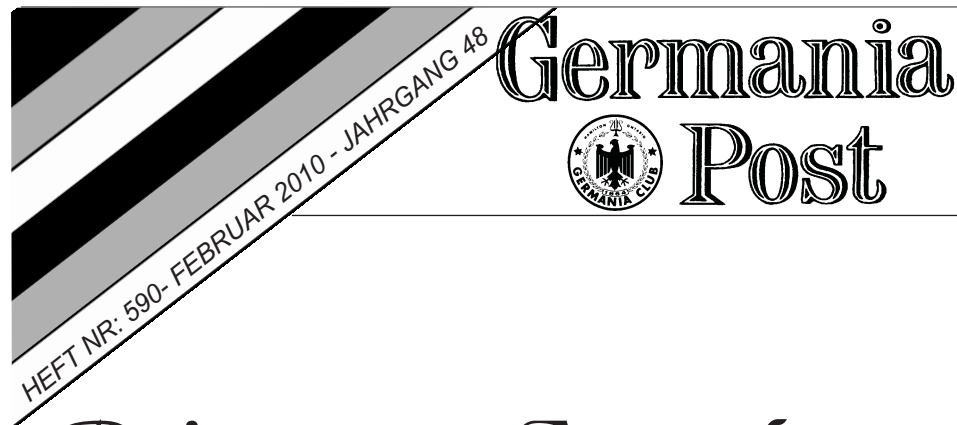
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Paul Karl Biegger

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Paul was a member and one time President of the Narrhalla 58 and an Ehrenmitglied since 1990.



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The President Corner



of weeks it has come to the attention of the board that rumours are being spread about the club. Funny thing about rumours is that most of them are not true, and most are not pleasant. We've heard that the club is going bankrupt, that we are going to be swamped with a large invoice that we can't pay, that our New Year's Eve tickets were \$120 each. All of this is NOT TRUE. The large invoice referred to by the rumourmongers is the insurance, but those of you who attend members' meetings should know that last year Eckhard Kries negotiated with a different insurance company and reduced our total insurance bill to less than half of what it used to be SAVING us \$15,000. New Year's Eve tickets of course were only \$80 each (for a member). Good news is with the installation of the ceiling fans in the large hall we have already saved money on our gas bill. Please if you are going to spread a rumour, think of something positive! I hope you plan to come and enjoy brunch on Valentine's Day, remember to reserve if you are coming with a group.

David Simon

Hello Everyone

Believe it or not the ending of the Mardi Gras season is already here. At the time of writing this article our Kappensitzung and Children's Mardi Gras are still coming up and I will be able to give you a full report in my next report.

This month to formally close the season we will have our traditional Herring Essen on February 17 at 7:00 PM., everyone is welcome so come and join us for the evening.

That is all for now and look forward to seeing you soon.

Until then

Lori Kramolowsky
Secretary

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We hope everyone has started the New Year off very well and good.

Our 2nd Birthday in the new year is Eberhard Wanner. He celebrates on February 22nd. Happy Birthday to you on your 66th year.

Take care everyone.

Linda Wanner

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We started the New Year off with a 'bang' at the Germania club. Those who could attend this year's bash enjoyed a wonderful spread of tasty food including the Prime Rib carved for you and the Porchetta. The magnificent feast was prepared by our Chef Jennifer, thank you Jennifer from all those who attended. Service of the food and cleanup afterward was fast and efficient, thanks to the staff and the guidance of Carol Albrecht. Thank you Carol for all that you do on an ongoing basis, including looking after the increasing banquet business of the club. Our band this year was called Europa. This year the band was two piece, and were awesome. The band leader, Steve, is a well noted professional musician who recently returned from a long term 'gig' playing in Florida. His skills as a musician playing the accordion and trumpet as well as his singing voice were excellent. Steve together with his band partner Milan kept the dance floor full most of the evening. If they didn't play live, they performed a sort of Karaoke. They are very good, and the people were happy!

Rumours abound! In the last couple -3-



Germania Club's -Grünkohlessen- German Kale Dinner

February 20th, 2010
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Choral Notes

Anybody who has heard or read the collected fairytales of the Grimm brothers will remember the stories about Frau Holle, who makes the snowflakes tumble down while shaking out her pillows. Did you know that Frau Holle is the almost forgotten image of one of the oldest Germanic goddesses, older than the horde of male warrior gods surrounding Wotan? Frau Holle was a multitasking goddess who looked after the weather, the welfare of plants and animals, and the upbringing of girls, rewarding those who were kind, helpful, and usefully occupied. As men became dominant in a patriarchal society, Frau Holle's independence and power could not be tolerated, and she was married, and thus subjugated, in folklore to Wotan. She was celebrated in Germanic society on January 6th until the Germanic people were Christianized. Her day was then replaced with the Christian holiday of Epiphany. Quietly and patiently she continues to fluff her pillows, regardless of what religious changes occur; and following each snowstorm, the sirens of emergency vehicles are heard picking up more men who have suffered a heart stroke after shoveling the snow. Is there a message in all of this?

The Germania Choirs began their new season with a dub-dub-du-bi-du-bi-dub in tribute to the grand master of music, Mr. J.S. Bach.

Everybody seemed to be refreshed after the winter break and sang with that energy that makes singing a joyful experience. Hedda Wagenblast distributed an updated calendar of events for the year 2010 and it looks like we will be busy once again. We expect to have two concerts at our club – one in February and one in May - and we intend to visit three other clubs this spring. Aside from a quick visit at Highgate Residence in Ancaster on January 21st, we are getting ready for our first concert of this season on February 27th. It will be an All Choirs' Night, meaning that we invite local choirs to share an evening of song with us. Among the choirs we expect to hear are the Police choirs, the Ladies' Classic Blend, and the Loreley Singers. Don't let winter be an excuse for shutting yourself out of enjoying life, but rather, come out and enjoy this evening of good entertainment with us!

On April 24th the Germania Choirs hold their annual Garage Sale. If you would like to contribute any salable items and thereby help the Choirs raise funds to cover their expenses, please get in touch with Hedda. Any support is welcome!

Our birthday celebrants in February are Elfriede Lammert, Anneliese Walters, and Erika Mildenberger. Happy Birthday to you, ladies!

Enjoy the season, enjoy some music, and come to our concerts.

George Fischer

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Fischer & Jäger

Hello all and welcome to the month of Love. Yes, it's Valentine's Day and also Family Day, all in the same month. Let's all enjoy our families and love the ones we are with.

The elections are on February 7 at the Germania Club, so hopefully we will see you there.

Our memberships are coming up, so please make sure you remain a good standing member. If you choose to pay at the Club Office please put it in an envelope marked Fisher & Hunter so that the Club Secretary knows who it is for.

The spring fishing is soon upon us, just a gentle reminder about the required licenses and such.

Our Schlachtfest is on April 17th, 2010 please call Gary, Rob, or Rosi for tickets, come on out you will have a great time, I am sure of this.

That's it for now, until we meet again

Petri Heil
Richard Kramolowsky

My thought for the month, I believe this applies to us in the respect of needing support and help from all of our members, new and old. A quote from Oprah Winfrey, "We can't become what we need to be, by remaining what we are", take care

all and see you soon.

Richard

Phantom Fish

A man was stopped by a game-warden in Northern Algonquin Park recently with two buckets of fish leaving a lake well known for its fishing. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish." "Pet fish?!" the warden replied. "Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take em home." "That's a bunch of hooey! Fish can't do that!" The man looked at the game warden for a moment, and then said, "Here, I'll show you. It really works." "O.K. I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious. The man poured the fish in to the river and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said, "Well?" "Well, what?" the man responded. "When are you going to call them back?" the game warden prompted. "Call who back?" the man asked. "The FISH." "What fish?" the man asked.

We would like to wish
Willi Kramolowsky
a speedy recovery.

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doing masonry jobs and whatever else needs doing in the Germania Park.

Thank you Karl for everything you have done as a volunteer for our Club. Your work will never be forgotten!!! Karl we wish you and your family a happy retirement! And we hope that you stay with our Club for many more years....

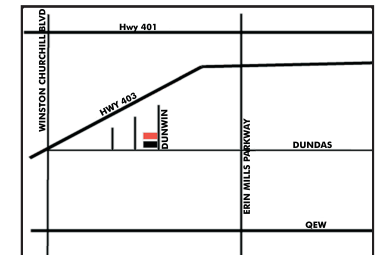
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*A Loyal Member of the Germania Club
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Karl Heidt*

Karl was born in 1934 in the town of Breshka which was formerly Yugoslavia. Karl's sisters name was Erna.

Karl had a happy childhood, he enjoyed helping his dad doing the farm work.

In 1944, after the 2nd World War, his family was evacuated to a concentration camp which was run by the Partisans in Yugoslavia.

These were very hard times for Karl and his family. They remained there for three years. In 1947, the Heidt family escaped Austria and settled in the city of Wels.

Karl finished his schooling and started as an apprentice to become a brick layer which took an additional 3 years. He was hired by a large company and worked there until 1953.

In 1953, Karl immigrated to Canada,

but before he left for his journey to Canada he had met his beautiful wife to be in Wels.

He could not forget Eva and knew that he would send for her as soon as possible. They were reunited and shortly after that they got married and settled in Hamilton.

Karl and Eva had three daughters and one son. And what a joyful event, they recently became Great Grandparents to Bianca, a beautiful little girl.

Karl accelerated very fast in his trade as a Brick Layer in Hamilton and became well known as an expert in his field because of his skills, fairness and dependability.

Karl became a member of the Germania Club in 1959. Shortly after that, he joined the Fisher and Hunter Group. Karl is also a happy camper at the Germania Park.

Whenever help was needed, Karl was there. Thanks to Karl we can all enjoy the Germania Park.

All of the masonry work was done by Karl and his helpers voluntarily. We also know Karl as a Chief Barbequer. Everyone who came to the annual picnics enjoyed the roasted pigs and chicken for which he received amazing compliments over and over.

At the moment, Karl is still very active as a camper, being the present Chairman, planting trees,

The Campers Report



There will be no article from the campers for the February Germania Post.

With a little luck I'll be able to scrape something together for the month of March.

*So sorry,
Egon.*

On December 13, 2009 we held our annual Club Christmas Party. Forty children attended and they all had a great time and were very happy with their gifts.

I would also like to thank all the helpers, especially "Santa Claus". He is really "a good old jolly fellow". We all hope to see him at our next Christmas Party in 2010.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that brought their children.

*Yours truly,
Susan Butz
Public Relations Director*



Aus unserem
Frauenverein

I hope you all had a great holiday season and the New Year will be great. Since we have no meeting in January and February this will be a very short report.

Birthdays for February
Sieglinde Seiler Feb. 1
Rita Jansen Feb. 15 75 yrs
Gerda Frank Feb. 22 87 yrs
Helga Laqua Feb. 26 76 yrs
Congratulations to all the Ladies.

*Before I forget;
Our anniversary will be on Saturday March 13, 2010. Time 1:00 PM. The 14th of March 2010 was not suitable since the Club needs this date. I hope everybody will be able to attend.*

*Till next time
Stay healthy and keep smiling.*

*Here's my saying for the month
A merry heart is like a medicine -
It's soothing for your sadness, gives you joy;
So lift your voice and let your spirit soar—
True Happiness is yours without alloy.*

*Yours truly
Helga Laqua*

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Das Wunder Von Bern und Sissi Teil 1 Sonntag 21 Feb. um 14:00 Uhr

Der erste große deutsche Filmhit im Herbst ist ein Glückfall für die hiesige Kinolandschaft: Mit *Das Wunder von Bern* ist Regisseur Sönke Wortmann nämlich das seltene Kunststück gelungen, ein generationenübergreifendes Publikum zu begeistern - und das auf den ersten Blick mit einem eher Männer ansprechenden Thema, nämlich dem historischen 3:2-Überraschungssieg der deutschen Nationalelf am 6. Juli 1954 gegen Ungarn im Finale der Fußballweltmeisterschaft in der Schweiz. Der Sieg ist längst Legende - Sepp Herberger, Fritz Walter und Helmut Rahn die unvergessenen Helden von Bern.



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Germania Club Annual
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March 7th, 2010
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Germania Choir
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Concert begins at 7:00 PM

In the Large Hall

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