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Sunday Brunch

Sunday, January 27, 2013
Open from 11:00am - 3:00pm

Come and enjoy a delicious hot and cold buffet
style brunch in the Germania Club.

\$14.99 plus tax per person.
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FILM AFTERNOON

Es spielt *“Lebe dein Leben”*



Film starts at 3:15pm

Familiendrama aus 2012 mit Howard und Wayne Carpendale.

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.

EGON UEBERHOLZ – BIOGRAPHY



Egon Richard Ueberholz was born in 1933, in Stoeffin, Germany, son of Emma and Friederich. The family wandered to Northern Germany, namely Stade, where Egon met his sweetheart Magdalena Ohle, and in 1955 they were married. In 1956, Egon and Leni were blessed with their daughter, Heidi, and it was not long before Egon was looking for opportunity in his field, which brought him to Canada as an immigrant. Egon immigrated to Hamilton, Ontario in 1958, and was followed by his family in 1959 when he was established in his field, plumbing and pipe fitting. Egon worked hard to look after his family, and he soon became a foreman, member of UA Local 67.

The desire for the family to value German Heritage brought Egon to the Germania Club of Hamilton in 1962. This way he could keep his German ties, and his daughter could attend German School and ballet. In 1966 the family became complete, Thomas was born, and the family became four.

Egon and Magdalena were frequent visitors at the club, they loved to dance and sing. It was not long before Heidi joined the Garde, so dancing and singing became a regular occurrence, and Egon and Leni frequently attended dances and the “Ein Prosit“ show. It was great to be a part of the German Community, enjoy the German Culture, and Egon did work very hard to encourage friends of German descent to become members. Egon enjoyed chess and became an active member of the chess club.

Egon and Magdalena became part of the choir family in 1982. They were dedicated choir members, rarely missing a practice, and enjoying the company and “Kameradschaft” among the choir members.

The Ueberholz family grew when Heidi and Paul Frank were married and Tom and Jeannette Brown were married. Egon is proud Opa to Richard and wife Colleen, Rhiannon, Bronwyn and Jacob, and Uropa to Magdalena, Hannibal and Remington. The family continues to support and be active in the Germania Club, currently there are four generations of the family as members, Egon, his daughter, grandson and great grandchildren. In fact currently Egon’s granddaughter Magdalena is going to German School, the same school that his daughter attended so many years ago.

Egon and Magdalena moved to British Columbia in 1993 to retire, but have made frequent trips to Ontario to visit the family. Egon and Leni always make a point of visiting the club and their choir friends when they visit. Congratulations on becoming a 50 year member, Egon, the club appreciates your continued support.



The President's Corner



Please plan to attend our the Special Meeting the has been called by the board for the discussion and approval of a business plan for the Germania Club's future. We encourage all members to attend, come with an open mind on behalf of the club. The meeting will be on January 22nd at 7:00pm.

On behalf of the board of directors, I wish all members and supporters of the Germania Club a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Finally something cute (but accurate);

We need people to help row, not just be passengers!

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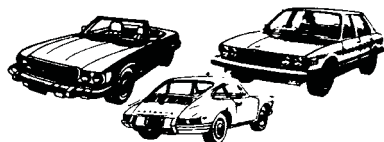
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Membership Fees 2013

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*It was decided to raise the
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Fischer & Jäger

Happy holidays everyone!

I would like to begin my report this month by thanking all the people who attended



our Turkey Shoot at the Germania Club Park. We had a great turn out and fun



was had by all! Thank you to our members who provided great food, great service, and a whole lot of fun at the shooting range.

On December 1st the Fischer & Jäger held our annual Awards Banquet/ Christmas Party at the Germania Club. The Hall was beautifully decorated in the spirit of the season. The event was well



attended and our guests were treated to a delicious meal put out with great service. Kudos



to Jennifer and her staff! A fantastic time was had by all, especially the kids, who

over...

were treated to a visit from Santa Claus. During the



Awards portion of our dinner our Obman Paul Parzen presented Bob Mulhall with the Man of the Year Trophy.



Bob was more than worthy of this honour. As our Director of Youth Affairs, Bob made sure that the kids had fun at many different events throughout the year. He didn't stop there either, as he lent his time, talent and effort towards many of the

Clubs functions and needs this year. Congratulations Bob for setting an example we can all follow in 2013!

Just a reminder that there will be an executive meeting, but no general meeting for the Fischer& Jäger in the month of January.

Until next time

Ich wünsche Euch allen eine Fröhliche Weihnacht und ein glückliches Neues Jahr.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Peter McCormick

The Camper's Report



On October 2nd, Frank Poyton, our esteemed Chairman, and I were summoned to the Germania Clubhouse to negotiate the camping fees for 2013 with the Germania Club's Executive Board.

This proved to be a lengthy and difficult undertaking. The Club asked for the sky (well, almost) and we humbly suggested a more modest increase. After nearly three hours of negotiation, we came to a compromise: an increase of fifty dollars across the board. At the time Frank and I thought, that under the circumstances, this was fair and equitable. But, my fellow campers, we all know: "the devil is in the details."

If you are a seasonal camper, on a regular site, you will actually pay, for the site alone, \$ 55.74 more (taxes included), for your second fridge \$ 7.96 more and for air conditioning \$7.96 more. Of course, the Club membership has also gone up: another \$10.00 per family. So add all this up, you will be shelling out \$81.66 more than last year.

Now, in all fairness, some charges have been reduced and some were eliminated. Electric lawnmowers attract no extra charges anymore and overnight guests can stay with us on our campsites for free.

So, without further ado, here is the campground fee schedule for 2013 in its entirety:

Regular, seasonal, serviced site: \$ 560.00

Oversized, seasonal, serviced site: \$ 590.00

Lot # 18 through #35 are deemed oversized lots, but not # 32 and # 33. (#32 and #33 have no service.)

Campers with RVs 27 feet long or shorter, now occupying these sites, are grandfathered in as "regular." Any change in owner or RV will trigger, on these sites, the "oversized lot" fee.

Extra fridge: \$ 40.00

Air conditioning: \$ 40.00

Non-serviced sites:

Tent site per season: \$ 420.00

Tent site per month: \$ 70.00

Tent site per week: \$ 40.00

Tent site per weekend (two nights): \$ 25.00

Tent site per day: \$ 15.00

Before you write that cheque, please remember that the Club's membership fees have

also changed. So while I'm at it, here are the new Germania Club membership fees for 2013:

Adult: \$ 70.00

Family: \$ 120.00

Senior (65+): \$ 50.00

Student: \$ 17.00

All payments should be made before March 1st. 2013.

Enough already! On a more pleasant note:

Our Park Manager, Kevin, informed me that he is still removing dead or dying trees, especially along the driveway into the Park. Also, the playground equipment will be moved to higher ground, beside

the playhouse. That should get it out of the mud, once and for all. Thank you, Kevin.

Our spring campers' meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5th, at 1:00 PM at the Pavilion. Once Frank gets back from Texas we may be able to organize a little get together at the same time. I'll get back to that in our April issue.

In closing, Joan and I wish every one a happy and healthy New Year, and lots of sunshine for the 2013 camping season.

For Frank Poyton, Chairman
Egon Roesslein, Vice
Chairman

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

This year we will begin Oktoberfest planning in January and I am looking to establish a planning committee for the 2013 Oktoberfest Celebration. The first meeting will be on January 29th at 7:30pm in the club. I will be the chair person of the committee but need volunteers who are interested helping plan. For the first few months I anticipate we will meet about once a month and then in the spring we will increase the meetings as we need to with weekly meetings in the summer. The exact date has yet to be determined but it will fall on a weekend mid - late September.

If you're interested in volunteering please contact
Tanya at 905-407-2960 or tanyamolnar@me.com.

Looking forward to working with everyone
Tanya Molnar



Dear Visitor

Welcome! You are standing in front of 187 graves of German prisoners of war who died in Canada in thirty-six internment camps during the first and second World Wars. These men were taken prisoners in Europe and shipped to Canada. Some were teenagers and others middle-aged men. They died far away from their homeland, far away from their families and friends. Since they were buried in different locations across Canada, a decision was made to transfer the remains to this location, the Woodland Cemetery in Kitchener, to give the deceased a common resting place. The burial site was dedicated on May 23, 1971 by Professor Willi Thiele and consecrated By Rev. Helmut Pfruefer of the Bethel Lutheran Church and Rev. J. Schmalz. Representatives of the Canadian and German Government, the VDK (Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V.), 126 Relatives of the dead soldiers, representatives of many German-Canadian Clubs and individuals from all walks of life attended the inauguration. Since the inauguration, a commemorative service of reflection has taken place annually at this location on the German Day of Remembrance. And as we, the representatives of the German community do on Canadian Remembrance Day, so do representatives of the Canadian Armed Forces place wreaths to pay their last respect and salute the dead German soldiers. No longer as enemies, but as men who lost their life fighting for their country. A noble gesture indeed.

In preparation for the 40th anniversary of the dedication of this Woodland Cemetery site, members and friends of the German Canadian Remembrance Society replaced the wooden crosses after they were damaged by vandalism, poured new footings under the entrance wall, trimmed the trees, cleaned and re-pointed the walkway, cleaned all crosses and repainted all the names and placed wreaths at all the crosses.

E.F.

Lieber Freund

Willkommen! Vor Dir liegen die Gräber von 187 deutschen Soldaten die in sechsunddreißig kanadischen Lagern als Kriegsgefangene des ersten und zweiten Weltkriegs ihr Leben ließen. Sie gerieten in Europa in Gefangenschaft und wurden nach Kanada abtransportiert. Manche waren noch sehr jung und andere waren Männer im mittleren Alter. Sie starben weit entfernt von ihrer Heimat, von ihren Familien und Freunden. Da sie in verschiedenen Orten begraben waren, entschied man sich ihre sterblichen Überreste an einen gemeinsamen Ort zu bringen um ihnen dort die letzte Ruhe zu gewähren. Als Platz wurde der Woodland Friedhof in Kitchener gewählt. Diese Stätte wurde am 23. Mai 1971 von Professor Willi Thiele eingeweiht und von den Pastoren Helmut Pruefer und J. Schmalz gesegnet. Vertreter der kanadischen und der deutschen Regierung sowie Repräsentanten des VDK (Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V.) nahmen an der Feier teil. Weiter waren Vertreter von vielen Deutschkanadischen Vereinen zugegen und auch 126 Angehörige der Verstorbenen und viele Personen, etwa 2000, die zu diesem Ereignis nach Kitchener kamen. Jedes Jahr findet seitdem eine Feier statt an der auch Angehörige des kanadischen Heeres, der Marine und der Luftwaffe teilnehmen. Und so wie wir, als Vertreter unserer deutschen Gemeinde am kanadischen Remembrance Day, legen auch sie Kränze nieder und gebieten den toten deutschen Soldaten die letzte Ehre. Nicht länger als ehemalige Gegner, sondern als Soldaten die für ihr Land ihr Leben ließen. In der Tat eine edle Geste.

In Vorbereitung auf das 40. Jubiläum der Einweihung dieser Grabstätte haben Mitglieder und Freunde der Deutsch-Kanadischen Gedächtnisstiftung die Holzkreuze ersetzt, nachdem sie durch Brandstiftung geschädigt wurden, ein neues Fundament unter der Mauer am Eingang gegossen, die Bäume beschnitten, den Steinweg gesäubert und verfugt, alle Kreuze gereinigt und alle Namen neu ausgemalt und Kränze an alle Kreuze gelegt.

E.F.



***Volkstrauertag (Memorial Day)
in Kitchener, at the Woodland Cemetary***





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DIETER WOHRLE – BIOGRAPHY

Dieter Woehrle a loyal member of the Germania Club for 50 years

Dieter was born the 29th of June 1936 in Schordorf, Wuerttemberg (the birthplace of Gottlieb Daimler). He immigrated to Hamilton, Canada in 1957 together with his brother Hans.

Dieter is a fine carpenter by trade, and he worked as inside builder and renovator, and was a member of the Carpenters Union Local 18 of Hamilton for 30 years. Dieter has been a member of the Gymnastics group from the beginning there is where he met his wife Eleonore Sonser, they married and have two children and four grandchildren. The “Turner” group is not here anymore but Dieter remembers it fondly.

We wish Dieter many more happy and healthy years with his family and as a member of the Germania Club.

Jeanet Schaefer



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SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting is called by the board of directors for Tuesday January 22nd, 2013 beginning at 7:00pm

Agenda:

Discussion and approval of a business plan for the Germania Club

All members are invited to attend – quorum for the meeting is 25 members.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting is called by the board of directors for Tuesday February 26th, 2013 beginning at 7:00pm

Agenda:

Presentation and approval of the 2013 yearly budget.

All members are incited to attend – quorum for the meeting is 25 members

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Choral Notes

How time flies, we often say, and it is true, time passes by very fast and the year 2012 has passed with many events in the Choir. We participated in different concerts and had 2 successful Garage sales, and of course a good time every Thursday night at practice.

On Sunday afternoon Dec. 2 we had our annual Christmas concert in the First-Pilgrim United church, this is always on the first Advent Sunday. and it was a full church, to start the Christmas season. Afterwards there was coffee and cookies arranged and baked by our talented ladies. Talking about talent, I would like to mention one lady in our choir who informs the German communities in Ontario about our events by writing for the Deutsche Presse, and she plays accordion in the band, and for her grandchildren when they sing at the Christmas concert. Thank you Ingrid

Oppermann for a job well done.

Also a big Thank You to Linus and Gertrud who always guide us with patience at every practice. Sadly some of our members have retired or moved away or have been sick. We do need more men in our Choir, for balance, So if you like to sing, please come and join us, age is no barrier and you will make many new friends.

A new year is before us, and I hope it will be a good one! May we all stay Healthy and fit and keep singing. A Happy New Year to all, and support your club!

Birthdays this month are: Ingrid Opperman, Willy Schaefer, Susan Butz, Arnold Schaefer, David Simon, Christel Strassguertl, George Fischer, Monika Heitland, and Karl Leitner. We wish you all a very Happy Birthday

Greetings,
Jeanet Schaefer.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



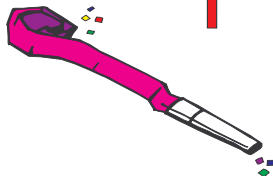
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Stefan Kun

70 Years
Margitta Dodds
Manfred Pierlorz
Maria Schattauer

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Ernst Danmann
Arnold Schaefer

85 Years
Alois Link

90 Years
August Ernst



Happy Birthday

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Jan 22	7:00pm	Special Meeting
Jan 22	7:30pm	Members Meeting (may be late starting)
Jan 27	11am-3pm	Sunday Brunch
Jan 27	3:15pm	Film Afternoon "Lebe dein Leben"
Jan 29	7:30pm	Oktoberfest Meeting (all welcome)

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Feb 02	7:30pm	Narrhalla 58 Costume Ball
Feb 03	1-4:00pm	Children's Mardi Gras
Feb 13	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Herringessen
Feb 24	11am-3pm	Sunday Brunch
Feb 24	3:15pm	Film Afternoon
Feb 26	7:00pm	Special Meeting – Budget
Feb 26	7:30pm	Members Meeting (may be late starting)
Mar 10	10:00am	Annual General Meeting



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



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