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# Germania Post



Ring in the

## New Year 2025

at the Old Country time

December 31, 2024  
doors open 1:30pm

Cocktail hour 2-3pm with Hor d'oeuvres

Buffet dinner 3:30pm

*A buffet of Carved bone-in Ham, Salmon, lemon dill caper sauce, roasted potatoes, Cauliflower w/cheese sauce and bread crumbs, mashed sweet potato, buttered green beans with almonds, Herbed Rice, Cheese Tortellini with rose sauce, Greek pasta salad, Garden Salad, dinner rolls and butter. Coffee and cake for dessert.*

Dancing to the Golden Keys band.

We will ring in the new year at 6pm!

Followed by a charcuterie table

Tickets \$75 members, \$85 guests (HST included)

Purchase tickets by December 21 from the office

Germania Club of Hamilton

863 King Street East, Hamilton, ON

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## Sigfrid BARTA

**August 30, 19410 - November 2024**

*Siggy recently joined the Germania Club. He was a member of the SKAT Club. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and his friends of the SKAT Club..*



## Helga RAUSCH

**September 1, 1940 - November 14, 2024**

*Helga became a member of the Germania Club in 2022 but previously would attend many club functions with her husband Lifelong Member Thomas. Our sincere condolences to her husband Thomas, daughters Kirn-Karin, Shelley, their families and their friends of the Germania Club.*

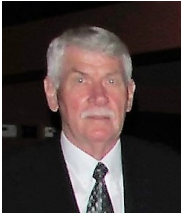


## Richard LUTZ

**April 20, 1933 - November 14, 2024**

*Richard was a member of the Germania Club for over 60 years. He was an active member over the years with Narrhalla '58 and the Campers. Our sincere condolences to his daughters Rosemarie, Linda, son Rick and their families and his many friends of the Germania Club.*





## The President's Message

*Looking back to our Stiftungsfest celebrations on the 6th of October, invited guests and group leaders expressed their congratulations on our success in the past, but also provided hope and encouragement for the future. If the Germania Choirs Weinfest, is any indication of what is to come, I believe we are well on our way. I am sure you will read all the details in the choirs report, but what I will say, judging by the atmosphere and the responses from everyone present, there has not been a celebration like this in years. What really was the icing on the cake for the, when Hedda said , Ulli I thought this would be the last Weinfest, but I am going to plan the next one now.*

*The Memorial service was held on the first Sunday in November at the Germania Park memorial garden . On this day, club members, their families and friends gather at the memorial site to honour and remember those members passed during the last year.*

*It was my honour to read out the names of the deceased club members. The Germania Choirs*

*really made this memorial service very special with their selection of songs.*

*The beautiful Germania Park is now closed for the season. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and a big thank you, to the campers and volunteers, helping to keep the park in great shape and for helping organizing and hosting a number of events for everyone to enjoy . A special thank you to David Blosser, the park manager, who has now resigned his position. Dave, your efforts and dedication to the park will be missed and very much appreciated.*

*November is also the beginning of wonderful Christmas season with the annual Christmas Bazaar presented by the Ladies Auxiliary, the Turkey Shoot in the park, the Christmas Singalong and many other Christmas celebrations to follow. It's really the festive season of the year.*

*On behalf of my wife Ingrid and myself, I wish all members and friends of the Germania Club, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Hope to see you soon in good health.*

*Your  
Ulrich Venohr,  
President*





## Choral Notes

When the other DKSB Choirs were unable to join us for our annual Weinfest, the choir's enthusiasm for this fall event waned considerably. Helga Voss, one of our newer members, however, decided that we needed to add a bit of oomph to our old tradition. She hired a peppy band, the Golden Keys, and encouraged old friends and supporters from her years of living in Toronto, including radio host Ulli Jeschke from CHIN, to join in the fun. Our own Helmut Gschoesser also promoted our Weinfest on his Sunday Morning broadcast, and the event became an instant success. The wine, as always, donated by Reif Winery, was excellent, the food was good, and the "Stimmung" was as it should be for a Weinfest.

Eventually, encouraged and prodded by Helga to participate, almost everybody in the Hall ended up on the dance floor, doing the macarena, the waltz, the polka, the Polonaise, and, of course, a wild Rock 'N Roll, as we had danced it in our youth, German style, eons of years ago. Erich Butz, like most of us no longer a spring chicken, is still champion, when it comes to doing an Elvis dance impersonation.

Much of the Memorial Service in the Germania Park was orchestrated by the choir. We said our final good-byes to Evelyn Crawford, Paul Jaeckle, Anneliese Walters, and Alex Wegner. There was a new memorial plaque, mounted in memory of our generous choir patron, Heinz Ollesch, at the entrance to the pavilion. Ulli hosted our little Remembrance Ceremony, the choir sang, and Karl Uschold did a nostalgic rendition of "Ich hatt' einen Kameraden" on the harmonica .... Hedda read

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a moving poem to commemorate our departed friends. Food and drink, including Gluehwein, Gulaschsuppe, coffee and cake, were available in the pavilion, which was spruced up by Drew, Sheri, Julia, and Vladimir, a team that is always available to help out where help is needed at the various functions in the Park.

Presently, the choir is getting ready for the Advent and Christmas season, starting with a concert at Highgate Retirement Home, on November 22, a Choir Singalong at the Germania Club on December 1st, and a concert at Wentworth Lodge on December 6th, where we will sing for our former conductor Linus. We will be taking

part in a Church Service, followed by a Christmas Concert at Pilgrim United Church on December 8th, and the Choir's Christmas Party will take place on December 20th.

Both Christine Eastwood and Eckhard Kries are celebrating a birthday on December 22. We wish each of you a Happy Birthday, followed by a year filled with many occasions that bring you joy!

A Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year to the Germania Club Members and their Families and Friends!

Mit frohem Sangergruss,  
Gudrun



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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

*Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be behind us as you read this article; hopefully it will have been as successful as previously.*

*Our ladies are now ready to reap the rewards as we look forward to our trip to Casa Loma*

*A lot of preparation and hard work always goes into our Bazaar, but our members are a very resilient group and never fail to surprise us.*

*Our special thanks go out to a few donors; namely, first of all, to the Germania Club for donating delicious cakes for our Coffee and Cake table; secondly, to one of our previous vendors who donated 150 gift bags to the first 150 visitors of the event; thirdly, to an old friend and member of the Germania Club, Gertrude Taunton, who donated a few boxes of special beer steins and glasses for Tombola prizes. Thank you all so very much!*

*In December we celebrate Christine's birthday- we wish you many more, Christine, in good health and happiness!*

*In November our birthday children, Annemarie, Dorothea and Gudrun treated us to enough wine to ele-*

*vate our spirits enough to complicate Annemarie's efforts to conduct the meeting.*

*We were very sorry to hear that our special guest in October, Helga Rausch, is very ill, and our thoughts and prayers are with her and her husband, Thomas!*

*Waltraud will continue to be in our thoughts as we missed her at the Bazaar seeing how helpful she had been in previous years.*

*Before closing, on behalf of our President, Annemarie, the Frauenverein wishes you and yours a Blessed Christmas Season and may the New Year bring you good health and happiness!*

*Your Frauenverein Connection,  
Brigitte Parzen*

*And now, my few words of wisdom*

**May you have Enough.....**

**Enough happiness  
to keep you sweet,**

**Enough trials,  
to keep you strong,**

**Enough sorrow,  
to keep you human,**

**Enough hope,  
to keep you happy,**

**And...Enough courage,  
to keep you going.**



# The Germania Choirs

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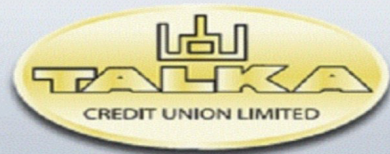
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## Fischer & Jäger

*Our Annual Turkey Shoot is behind us, but, as of the time of writing this report, it is still ahead of us, so I won't be able to report on the Winners of the event.*

*I am writing on behalf of Maggie today, as she has just moved into a new apartment and has no internet available as yet.*

*We're all very happy that her residence will be in Hamilton for now so that she will be able to attend our meetings and events. We wish her all the best in her new home! We're really looking forward to our big 70- Year Reunion on December 21. We hope that many of our old and previous members will take us up on our invitation to attend the event and share old stories and pictures from the past years.*

*During Happy Hour with Appetizers, everyone will have lots of time reliving the events from the past by going over all the many pictures gathered together by some of us depicting the growth of our group and how instrumental the mem-*

*bers of the Fishers and Hunters were in the development of the Germania Club and the Germania Park.*

*If anyone has any contact with previous members, please ask them to consider joining us on that special evening.*

*In December we will be celebrating our Chairman, Richard Grobauer's birthday on December 18; as well as Honourary Member, Joe Khes' special day on December 15th. May you both have a wonderful day and a happy, healthy year! In closing, the Fishers and Hunters wish all members, friends and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*P.S. we will not have a meeting in December nor will we have any meetings in January or February. Maggie will be back to update you in January.*

*Brigitte Parzen  
Treasurer*







# NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

With important roles like President; 1st Secretary; 1st Treasurer; 1st Business Administrator; Property Manager; 1st Social Director; Chair of Internal Auditors; 1st Member of Internal Auditors, up for election, this is your chance to lend your talents and help shape the future of our beloved club.

The annual general meeting is just around the corner in March 2025, so don't delay - reach out to the Nominations Committee today. Committee Chair Vladimir Khayutin and members Hedda Wagenblast and Annemarie Kiss are eager to hear from you.

You can contact the committee

by email at [nominations@germaniaclub.ca](mailto:nominations@germaniaclub.ca)

or by calling the Germania Club office at 905-549-0513. They'll make sure your message gets to the right people.

The Germania Club needs a diverse array of skills on the Board. Whether your forte is finance, events planning, property management, or something else entirely, please consider putting your name forward. Or if you know someone with the right expertise, nominate them!

This is an opportunity to get more involved and make a real difference in our community. Don't miss out - connect with the **Nominations Committee today.**



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# 70th anniversary celebration of the Germania Club Fischer & Jäger

Dear members and former members/friends,

we are thrilled to invite you to a special event marking the 70th anniversary of our beloved Fischer & Jäger. This milestone represents 7 decades of shared adventures, cherished memories, and a deep bond with nature.

**Date:** Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 PM cocktails, 7:00 PM dinner

**Location:** Germania club, restaurant

**Cost:** \$45.00

join us as we celebrate our history, honour the members who have been part of our journey, and look forward to many more years of camaraderie and outdoor pursuits. There will be plenty of stories, laughter, and of course, some great food and drink to enjoy. Bring along any pictures or memorabilia that you may have to share.

Please RSVP by December 14th to Brigitte  
[parzenbrigitte@gmail.com](mailto:parzenbrigitte@gmail.com) or (905) 730-6447.

Current Fisher and Jäger members receive a complimentary dinner.

We hope to see you there and share in this incredible celebration!

**Rick Grobauer  
Obmann**



The Germania Choirs  
invite you to an afternoon

# CHRISTMAS *Sing-Along*

of traditional German and English Christmas carols

## December 1, 2024

starting at 2pm

## at the Germania Club

Come and participate in an afternoon of singing favourite German and English Christmas carols, with special narration and readings. We will break mid-way for Christmas treats and coffee or tea. The choir will also sing a few selections. Admission is free, we ask that you please bring a non-perishable food donation.

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Enjoy a choice of, Wiener - Jäger or  
Zigeuner-Schnitzel, with spätzle,  
zucchini, squash and carrot medley.  
Followed by dessert and coffee/tea.

\$22.00 + Tax

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*Fridays > English-style or Pan-fried Fish & Chips*

## ***Weekly Specials:***

*Dec 5+6 - Liver and Onions*

*Dec 12+13 - Goulash w/noodles*

*Dec 19 - Jägerschnitzel*

*Restaurant closed Dec 20 and 26*

*Dec 27 - Fish&Chips - please reserve by 3pm*

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Waldemar Herling	Stefany Santos
Helga Hillyard	Gordon Schien
Pavel Ilkanaev	Trish Woehrle

## Happy Birthday

### 2025 Membership Fees

Student	\$42
Single Adult (18 years)	\$95
Family	\$150
Senior (65 years)	\$75
Honorary Member	Fees Waived
Life Long Member	Fees Waived



**Membership fees are due by January 31**

## Thank You!

Andrew Eckert - **\$132** *New flags for the front of the building*  
 Harry Rischke - **\$250** *in memory of his wife Josephine*  
 Fritz & Anneliese Rudzick - **\$100**



## VERANSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Dec 1	2:00pm	Christmas Sing-along with the Germania Choirs
Dec 5+6	4pm-8pm	Restaurant open - Liver & Onions
Dec 8	10:30am	Advent Church Service - Choirs
Dec 9	2:00pm	German-Canadian Benevolent Society Christmas Party
Dec 9		Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Casa Loma
Dec 12+13	4pm-8pm	Restaurant open - Goulash w/noodles
Dec 13	7pm-12am	Rathskeller PUB Night
Dec 15	1pm	Children's Christmas Party
Dec 19	4pm-8pm	Restaurant open - Jägerschnitzel
Dec 20	3:00pm	Germania Choir Christmas Party
Dec 21	6pm	70th Anniversary - Fischer&Jäger
Dec 27	4pm-8pm	Restaurant open - Fish&Chips
Dec 31	1:30pm	New Years Eve Party - Golden Keys



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