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Sunday Lunch

February 23, 2025 12-2pm

Start with a garden salad,
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Roasted potato, and seasonal vegetables.
Lemon parfait dessert.

\$20.95 plus tax per person.
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Vorfilm - **"Germany today"**
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Alto
MUHLHUBER

May 16, 1932 - November 22, 2024

Alto was a Lifelong member of the Germania Club. Our sincere condolences go out to his daughter Liselotte and her family and his friends of the Germania Club.



Werner
ANDERS

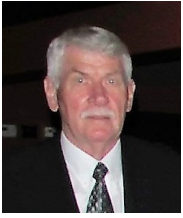
March 22, 1941 - December 19, 2024

Werner was a Lifelong member of the Germania Club and the Fisher & Hunters. Our sincere condolences to his wife Maria, children Werner, Monika and their families and his friends of the Germania Club.



*We do not
remember days,
we remember
moments.*





The President's Message

As I am writing this article everyone is still preparing to celebrate the wonderful time of Christmas, with their families and friends. The Christmas Sing-Along with the Germania Choirs was certainly a great way to start the Christmas celebrations. The Ladies Auxiliary celebrated their Christmas with an outing to Casa Loma. The Germania Choirs will hold their Christmas Party on December 20th. The Fisher and Hunters combining their Christmas celebrations with their 70th Anniversary on December 21st. On behalf of the board of directors, I wish to thank the Fisher and Hunters for their support and congratulate them on reaching this milestone in their history as members of the Germania Club. was unfortunate, that do to lack of registrations we had to cancel the Children's Christmas Party, it certainly was not an easy decision to make. Thank you very much Gabi for your generous donation of cookies and support.

I also appreciated to be able to join the German - Canadian Benevolent Society's Christmas Party, which took place on December 9th in the large hall at the Club. I

believe about a hundred German speaking guests, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon, celebrating the spirit of Christmas and it was my pleasure to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year and to thank them for continuing support of the Germania Club. Maybe in the coming years if could be possible to have us all celebrate Christmas together including the Children and Santa Claus.

December for me is really all about the Christmas season, but it is also about closing the Year of 2024 and I am sure everyone is aware that a lot of planning and preparations are going on for the big "New Year's Eve Party German Style". A party where club members, their families, friends and supporters of the Germania Club celebrate the end of 2024 and ring in the new Year 2025.

Looking back on the Year 2024, and what a great year it has been. I really believe that all Club Members have good reasons to be encouraged, proud and happy with what we have been able to achieve and accomplish as a club for more than one hundred sixty years with last year being no exception. I would recommend, to better understand and appreciate my comments, to really take some time and review our own Germania Post month by month for the last year. It will clearly show the

events and functions we provide, not only for our members but also for the community. In addition, the club also is relying on many non club related activities. At this point I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to all board members, all Staff, Volunteers, club members, friends, and supporters of the Germania Club for your hard work, efforts, determination, and for participating in activities the club offers.

The new year will present a number of unresolved and certainly a number of new challenges for the board of directors to deal with. I am confident that by all of us working together and with everyone's continued support, there will be a Germania Club of Hamilton for years to come. Thank you, very much.

Ingrid and I wish everyone a Prosperous and Happy New Year. I hope to see you soon in good Health.

Ulrich Venohr, President
Germania Club of Hamilton



Choral Notes

" 't is the season to be jolly...", indeed!

We gave enjoyable Christmas Concerts at three Seniors' Residences this December, and I believe that all were well-received. The one that brought most Joy to our hearts, and, hopefully, Peace and Good-will to our audience, took place at Wentworth Lodge in Dundas, where we sang to celebrate our former Choir Director, Linus Press. Indeed, it was very heart-warming to see Linus' face light up, sometimes his lips moving, and his hands ever so slightly twitching in unison with our songs. I do believe that Linus was feeling the love and warmth that we brought to him with our little concert.

We were honoured when asked to sing in German what might be one of the last Advent services at Pilgrim United Church. This is a House of Worship at which the

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Germania Choir has performed numerous times in the past to a mostly German-speaking congregation. But now David Simon is the sole member left, who is fluent in that language...

We have been supporting Pilgrim's in the past in their efforts to give food and clothing to the less fortunate in downtown Hamilton, and we are saddened by the fact that the church is in the process of closing their doors for good.

As always, we are very grateful for seeing our supporting members come to our concerts: Monika, Erika Mildenberger, Erika and Hans Renz, Lore Uschold, Ulli, and Franz, we truly appreciate seeing you among the audience and participants at our various functions.

The Germania Choir Christmas Sing-along on the First of Advent was well-attended and enjoyed by members and guests alike. After the choir had performed a few carols, Hedda, mingling with the audience, microphone in hand, took random requests from the booklet, which, several years ago, she and Waltraud Schork had put together with just such a Christmas sing-along in mind.. With our most accomplished Clement at the piano, everybody participated in singing our old "Advents- und "Weihnachtslieder". Ultimately, we all ended up singing by request, all the songs in the booklet, just not in the order listed in our little publication.

On December 20th, we will be having our Choir Christmas party with dinner, and on December 31, 2024, most of us will be helping to ring in the New Year German Time in the large Hall of the Club.

Ingrid Oppermann is the first choir member to celebrate a birthday on January 4th in the New Year 2025. Next is Willy Schaefer on January 6th, to be followed by Susan Butz and Helmut Gschoesser, on January 12th, Roland Fix on January 17th, David Simon and Helga Voss on January 18th.

**may YOUR days BE
MERRY and YOUR
TROUBLES BE FEW!**

**may all GOD'S BLESSINGS
DESCEND upon you may
PEACE BE WITHIN YOU**

**\may YOUR hearts
BE STRONG**

**\may you find what
you'RE seeking,
WHEREVER you roam!**

(Irish Proverb)

Happy Birthday Ingrid O., Willy, Susan, Helmut, Roland, David, and Helga!

*Mit frohem Sangergruss,
Gudrun*





Aus unserem Frauenverein

A New Year has begun, and, I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays with family and good friends. Perhaps some of you even rang in the New Year right here at the Germania Club, old country-style, along with all your buddies.

The ladies have had good reason to celebrate since our Annual Christmas Bazaar was an absolute success, breaking all kinds of records. All our hard work is reaping big benefits; although, our Ingrid had to be submitted to the hospital just the day before. I am hoping that Ingrid is now recuperating at home with her family. All the very best to you, dear Ingrid, you are in our thoughts and prayers!

Yes, the Bazaar was wonderful. The atmosphere alone is always exceptional, enough to get everyone into the spirit of Christmas. Our Tombola superseded all previous expectations. So, ladies, keep on rolling them little goodies!

It's also nice to know that the Germania Club kitchen totally sold out of all food items. The Bazaar has become a popular and financially productive event for all con-

cerned.

The ladies then proceeded to reward themselves with the Casa Loma experience.

Now, that it is behind them; and I hear the event was lovely – so many beautifully decorated Christmas trees, talking elves and even Mrs. Claus to greet our excited little group.

It was a little different Christmas celebration for the Frauenverein, but well worth it!

In January, we celebrate two ladies' birthdays; namely myself on January 7th and Susie on January 12th. All the best to both of us!

In January and February, the ladies will be hibernating; we will meet again in March 2025.

*Now, I remain,
Your Frauenverein Connection
Brigitte Parzen*

And now for my little words of inspiration:

*Life is an Echo
What you send out – comes back,
What you sow – you reap,
What you give – you get,
What you see in others – exists in you. Do not judge, so you will not be judged, Radiate and give love*

And love will come back to you!



The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

of the Germania Club is scheduled to be held on March 23, 2024 at the starting time of 11:30 AM. The AGM allows members to hear reports from the Directors. This meeting may be attended by all members in good standing and who have paid their membership for the year 2025. This year is an election year, the positions available for selection are President, 1st Secretary, 1st Treasurer, 1st Business Administrator, Property Manager, 1st Social Director, Chair, Internal Auditors and one Member of the Internal Auditors. In order to maintain this Club it is important to have a full board, so please think about what you could do for the Club. If you are unwilling or unable to step forward at this time, please think of someone who you could approach and ask them for that commitment; then forward the name to the nominations committee by calling the office.

It is best to attend the AGM in person, but a Zoom link will be provided for those who cannot attend in person. Details to follow.



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Fischer & Jäger

A New Year is here and we sure hope it starts better than the last one ended.

Our poor Maggie has had a very poor beginning in her new home in Hamilton. In early December, she had a heart attack with stents being put in and is now slowly recovering. Dear Maggie, we wish you the very best and the speediest recovery – we miss you!

My husband and I had a very serious bout of Covid starting with the Membership meeting in November.

Anyway, right now, we are still waiting for Christmas Blessings to come!

Now, to backtrack a little to our Annual Turkey Shoot. We had a very successful day. The weather was great, the crowd was cheerful. We ran out of all foods. Six rounds were shot, and the lucky winners were:

Brian Felgner,

Adrian Junker,

Adrian's brother-in-law

(sorry, couldn't read his name)

Matt (Diana's friend)

Deb (Dave Kiss' girlfriend)

Ken Foebel

Congratulations to all the winners! A big "Thank you" goes to all the volunteers:

George Kiss, who ran the shooting event so efficiently, including the evaluation of the results.

Annemarie, who cooked and donated the chili, and single-handedly manned the food counter.

Diana, who did all the arranging and pick-ups as directed by her boss "Rick".

Joe, our firemaster.

Werner, who managed the food ticket sales.

Brigitte, who cooked and donated the Gulasch, handled all sales and shooting set-ups.

We welcomed a new member to our group, namely, Drew Chamberlain. Welcome Drew to our happy little group! I hope you will find some fun and enjoyment with us.

In January, we have several birthdays: namely, myself, Maggie, Helmut Hentschel and our new member, Drew. A very happy and healthy year to all!

At the present time, we are all still



looking forward to our special event on December 21st – our 70th reunion. Hopefully we will see many of you there!

the Fisher & Hunters take a break until March of 2025.

On behalf of Maggie, Brigitte Parzen, Treasurer.

Looking forward to the New Year,



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Submitted changes to the Constitution

The following amendments to the constitution of the Germania club of Hamilton, Ontario (last amended on March 22nd 2022), will be presented to the annual general meeting (AGM) of the Germania club for a vote. The annual general meeting is scheduled for March 23rd 2025. All proposed amendments were submitted to the board secretary before the 31st of December 2024.

The following amendments are proposed by Vladimir Khayutin, 2nd Business Administrator of the Germania Club:

ARTICLE IV Board of Directors, Youth Coordinator, & Internal Auditors.

1.Election of the Board of Directors

Current version, 1.1 Eligibility: ... Members of the Board of Directors of the Germania Club may not be commercially involved with the Germania Club...

Proposed version, 1.1 Eligibility: .., Members of the Board of Directors shall not be paid employees of the Germania Club, nor engage in commercial dealings with the Club, except when the price for goods or services provided is demonstrably more favourable than

at least two other competitive offers. Directors and officers must disclose any personal interest in a material contract or transaction with the corporation. They can disclose in writing or request that the meeting minutes include the disclosure. Directors cannot vote on matters in which they have a conflict of interest...

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS and their AGENDAS

6. The Membership Meeting

Current version: 6.1. The membership meeting will take place four times a year on the fourth Tuesday of February, May, September, and November

Proposed version: 6.1. The membership meeting will be held bi-annually (Spring and Fall). Spring meeting includes the Annual General Meeting. Provision for emergency meetings as needed. Minutes to be distributed alongside meeting announcements in advance.

7. The Board of Directors Meeting

Current version: 7.3.: The meetings will take place on the 1st, 3rd, and possibly 5th Tuesday of ev-

ery month

Proposed version: 7.3.: Held monthly. Provision for emergency meetings as needed. Minutes to be distributed alongside meeting announcements in advance.

8. The Meeting of the Expanded Board of Directors:

Current version: 8.2. The Expanded Board of Directors Meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of January, March, June, and September

Proposed version: 8.2. Add: Provision for emergency meetings as needed. Minutes to be distributed alongside meeting announcements in advance.

Implement a hybrid approach allowing both in-person and online participation.

The following amendments are proposed by Sheri Crawford:

Article IV Board of Directors, Youth Coordinator & Internal Auditors

1. Election of the Board of Directors

1.1 Eligibility

I propose the following addition to be added to paragraph 1.1 following the first sentence:

"No more than two (2) family members are able to serve on the board within the same term(s), whether concurrent or overlap-

ping."

Article V - Meetings and Agendas,

Sentence 2. The Nominations Committee.

I propose the following addition to paragraph 2, to follow Sentence 2.

"Nomination Committee Members must ensure that nominations do not allow more than two (2) family members to serve on the board within the same term(s), whether concurrent or overlapping."

In addition:

There should be a definition of what the club constitutes as a "family member". The club may wish to reference the Ontario Human Rights Commission which states that "Family status" is defined as the status of being in a child and parent relationship. With the current membership made up of generations of families, I am suggesting that "family member" be defined as, parent, child, sibling, or spouse.



Choral

Notes *February*

Our Choir Christmas party was a happy family affair with the traditional festive dinner. Among others, it was attended by Knecht Ruprecht. Only this time he did not quite seem to remember the text of the traditional poem: Eckhard rendered his own version, which was humorous, indeed.

We were very happy to meet our pianist Clement's mom at this party. Now we had a chance to tell her (an accomplished soprano in her own right) how much we valued her son's tremendous contribution to our choir.

The majority of choir members were planning to attend the Germania Club's New Year's celebration, Old Country Time. Unfortunately, a number of people had to forego the party because of ill-

ness, a possible variant of Covid. Those of us who were there, very much enjoyed the Fest: The band, the food, the drinks and the general atmosphere.

Choir practice was to resume on Friday, the 10th of January, but too many choristers called in sick, and the rehearsal was cancelled.

By January 17th, we are hoping that all choir members will be back to enjoying good health, and our supportive member, Erika Mildenberger, who is having a birthday on February 26th, will be able to celebrate in style:

Remember, we're a noisy and sometimes complicated Family. Goodness knows, we can get a bit crazy, but we sure do love each other, and we wouldn't trade that for the world! Have a HAPPY BIRTHDAY, dear Erika!

Mit frohem Sangergruss,
Gudrun



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Feb 6+7 - Liver & Onions

Feb 13+14  - Garlic Shrimp Penne

Feb 20+21 - Reuben Sandwich w/fries

Feb 27+28 - Frikadellen

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January & February Birthdays



January Birthdays

- Susan Butz
- Andrew Chamberlain
- Ricardo Costa
- Ernst Dammann
- Jeanette Foebel
- Ken Foebel
- Else Fodor
- Rainer Frank
- Helmut Gschoesser
- Monika Heitland
- Helmut Hentschel
- Vladimir Khayutin
- George Kiss
- Stefan Kun
- Wolfgang Mielitz
- Ingrid Oppermann
- Brigitte Parzen
- Willy Schaefer
- Kris Schmidt
- Alexandre Silva
- David Simon
- Michael Studholme
- Margitta Untch
- Helga Voss
- Mark Woehrl

February Birthdays

- Hans Bastel
- Andrea Baumgartner
- Chelsea Cox
- Rita Dudek
- Claudia Eckert
- Eduardus Heijm
- Wilma Held
- Martha Herres
- Helga Hillje
- Olga Jokuthitis
- Adrian Junker
- Horst Kurtz
- Waltraut Lauff
- Erika Mildenerger
- Joe Parzen
- Thomas Rausch
- Grant Studholme



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**



VERANSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Feb 6+7	4pm-8pm	Restaurant open - Liver & Onions
Feb 13+14	4pm-8pm	Restaurant open - Garlic Shrimp Penne
Feb 14	7pm-12am	Rathskeller PUB Night
Feb 20+21	4pm-8pm	Restaurant open - Reuben w/Fries
Feb 23	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch - Stuffed Pork
Feb 23	2:30pm	Film - Andre Rieu in Wonderland
Feb 25	7:30pm	Quarterly Member's Meeting
Feb 27+28	4pm-8pm	Restaurant open - Frikadellen
Feb 28	7pm-12am	Rathskeller PUB Night
Mar 4	3-8pm	Potato Pancakes - FAT Tuesday
Mar 5	7:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary meeting
Mar 10	2:00pm	GHerman Canadian Benvolent Society
Mar 23	11:30am	Annual General Meeting



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