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## Mark your Calendar

Aug 11, 2024 - Germania Club PICNIC September 21, 2024 - Steel City Oktobefest October 5, 2024 - 160th Stiftungsfest October 13, 2024 - Thanksgiving Lunch October 26, 2024 - Choir Weinfest November 3, 2024 - Memorial in the Park November 13, 2024 - Kappenabend afternoon November 16, 2024 - Schlachtfest December 8, 2024 - Christmas Sing-along December 17, 2024 - Children's Cristmas Party December 31, 2024 - New Years Eve Germany time and many more events are planned.







# The President's Message

The Summer is in full swing, and I hope everyone is enjoying whatever this time of the year brings, including a lot of outdoor activities with their families and friends. I am also happy that many club members and friends of the Germania Club, took part in some of the events that the club offered. The Euro Cup did not have the outcome everyone had hoped for, but the games we showed on the big screen in the club were very well attended and provided a lot of excitement, fun and a lot of noise, supporting the great effort by the German Team.

The very well planned and organized "Strawberry Festival" provided the opportunity for more than one hundred guests, to come out to our beautiful Germania Park, to enjoy good food, a cold drink / beer and of course the strawberry des*sert*. *All this would not be the same* without the House Band providing the entertainment and the right atmosphere. The summer is not over and plans are underway for the Germania Club annual picnic, which will be held at the Germania Park on August 11 2024, so please mark your calendar and come and join us for great afternoon of fun

in the Sun, for the young and not so young. This time outside in the park is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of other club members and to say hello to guests from other clubs and friends of the Germania Club.

Organizers are hoping to make this a really great event and it goes without saying that it is the volunteers who make these events possible. As the President of the club, I have many opportunities to express my appreciation and thank you's for their efforts, time, talent and hard work, but the encouragement to continue volunteering for functions at Park or at the Club House, comes from the support and good participation by club members and supporters showing that their work is not in vain. Thank you very much and let us all continue doing what is best for the good of the Germania Club.

Have a great rest of the Summer Hope to see you soon in good health.

Ulrich Venohr President Germania Club of Hamilton







Following our very successful 160th Choir Anniversary Celebration, and just prior to taking our summer break, we had a happy picknick at our beautiful Germania Park, organized by Susan Butz and Eckhard Kries. The weather was great, the food and drink were excellent, and we all enjoyed the relaxed camaraderie following our huge festivities at the Club.

In the meantime, we have started to miss our regular Friday practices during the summer months, but most of us have kept up the Germania Club connection with all the activities currently taking place at the King Street facility, as well as at our beautiful Park on Lake Niapenco.

Germany's initial success at the European Championship Soccer Tournament provided a great opportunity and scenario to band together to cheer on our team. It was so good to see Klaus recovered, back to look after the technics of the televised game projected on the big screen.... And those games were nailbiters! Of course we could have watched them on our own television sets at home, but it was more fun to celebrate the successes, and

to ultimately accept the loss of our team, while in the company of our fellow choir and club members.

Since most games took place around the Ontario noon hour, we appreciated the nice lunches available for keeping up our cheer-leading stamina. And speaking of cheering, Ulli was our best cheerleader throughout the tournament: Not bad at all for a stoic North German Prussian! Generally, our northern compatriots are not so very much given to emotional outbursts. Then again, the Swabians and Badener weren't bad cheering and ultimately lamenting in their corner either. Without a doubt, our soccer fan Hans Renz had the biggest flag to swing whenever the German team scored a goal. Similarly, the Bavarians valiantly kept up the noise in support of the Schwarz-Rot- Gold team, and Roland, with his ever-present handy - and he is a whiz at speedily accessing facts kept us informed of the team statistics. Erich was our expert as far as the rules and regulations of the European Soccer League are concerned.

Without a doubt, our choir and supporting members were part of an outstanding Germania Club cheering squad for Team Deutschland during this year's UEFA EURO.

In early July, many of us had a great time at the Strawberry Festival at the beautifully groomed Germania Park. Many thanks to Dave Blosser and the campers for taking such good care of the idyllic surroundings, along with the buildings, such as the Pavilion, the Fisher and Hunter Place, and the washrooms. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

For our Sunday afternoon "Erdbeerfest", Hilde, Erika Eigen, Hedda, Barbara, and Sheri looked after the cake, strawberries and the freshly- whipped cream and coffee.

Drew did a super job on the BBQ, and, along with Vladimir and other campers, he looked after outdoor seating arrangements for those who wanted to take advantage of the beautiful summer day under the trees, rather than inside the pavilion.

Meanwhile, Lori efficiently handled the various ticket requests - and believe me, the job requires patience... Ulli, our official host, looked after welcoming the guests and the bar, and our house band provided the toe-tapping atmosphere for an ideal strawberry festival. Best wishes for band accordion player, Fred Macht for his 90th birthday!

For the Choir's final festivity in July, we will be celebrating Gertrud Press' 90th Birthday at the Dundas Drive-In Park. It will be a most joyous

occasion! Over a period of several decades, Gertrud has contributed tremendously to the choir, both vocally, and in support of our various choir activities. She certainly is a most adorable "Christkindl" accompanying Knecht Ruprecht at our annual Christmas parties! For many years, she was a steady assistant to her husband Linus during his tenure as director of the choir, and she briefly took on the conducting duties when he became increasingly incapacitated. Thank you. Gertrud for your loyal dedication to, and support of, the Germania Choir!



There are two August Birthday celebrants in our choir: Both Hilde Bittner and Clement Ng will be celebrating on the 27th of the month. We wish each of you an amazing day, followed by a year filled with many moments that bring you joy!

ous Mit frohem Sängergruss, Gudrun





# Aus unserem Frauenverein

Our ladies are enjoying their welldeserved summer vacation. Many of us enjoyed cheering on the German National Soccer team; unfortunately, they are no longer in the race.

On the other hand, our Canadian team has done quite well at the Copa America Tournament.

Our help was not requested at the Strawberry Festival this year; so the ladies were able to enjoy the event as well.

The weather co-operated and food, drinks and the music created a lovely, successful event at our beautiful Germania Park under the direction of Drew, our Social Director!

One of our ladies is celebrating her birthday on August 27<sup>th</sup>; all our best wishes to you, dear Hilde!

Unfortunately, Hilde will also be undergoing back surgery in August; our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery will be accompanying you, dear Hilde!

Our dear Waltraud is also in our prayers as she is dealing with many

#### health issues.

Ellen is slowly recovering from her carpal tunnel surgery, which is really impeding her style.

Our next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at which plans for our **EPICURE COOKING DEMON-STRATION** will be discussed.

The event will take place on Wednesday, October  $2^{nd}$ , beginning at 6:30 P.M. Ellen will be preparing a special meal for us with our guests helping with the preparation and service of the meal. Of course, the best part will be the partaking of the results of this.

Please bring your friends and anyone who may be interested to join us; admission is free; and, I can assure you, you'll enjoy the experience!

November 17<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled. The ladies are already making some of the preparations for that event.

That's it for today; enjoy the rest of the summer! Your Frauenverein Connection,

Brigitte Parzen

And here are my little words of wisdom for the month:



No matter where life leads you, Be good and grateful to the people around you. Every single person has been strategically placed in your life At the perfect moment for a reason. Perhaps you are to learn a lesson, Or help someone along, Or strengthen your courage, Or come to grips with your emotions. Whatever it may be, Even if only for a moment, You can be certain, There is a reason!





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Fischer & Jäger

Moin Fischer and Hunter Members and Friends.

Well, we're finally into Summer and the HEAT is on. Nothing special has happened since my last report. I'm sure many of us are looking forward to our Prize Fishing on July 19th, so this report is short. Our meeting will be held at Moon Basin and also Family Weekend on August 23rd. If you couldn't make it to Prize Fishing, please consider joining us at Family Weekend.

I do not have Birthdays for August, so, to all who are celebrating some special event, we wish you Good Health and Happiness.

Until next time stay Happy and Healthy Tschüss Maggie

Natural selection The scent of fresh herbs such as basil mint, rosemary and thyme growing in your garden repels mosquitoes.

Transfer some into containers to hang from your fence or set by your outdoor dining set, patio chairs and / or hammock.

Margitta Untch

Auf Wiedersehn

### Canada Day in the Park



July 1st was no ordinary day at Germania Park. The usually serene park was buzzing with excitement as campers and their friends gathered to celebrate Canada Day in grand style. The celebration was spectacular as our community honoured our beloved nation.

The day was blessed with perfect weather, setting the stage for an unforgettable event. The highlight of the celebration was undoubtedly the delicious lasagna dinner, which brought smiles and full bellies to everyone present. The lasagna was such a hit that some came back for seconds (and even thirds).

But it wasn't just the food that made the day special. The company was delightful, as friends, family, and new acquaintances mingled, shared stories, and laughed together. The sense of camaraderie and shared Canadian spirit was palpable, making the celebration truly memorable.

In the end, the melodious voices of our choir filled the air, leading everyone in a heartfelt rendition of "O Canada." This beautiful moment of unity and pride was the perfect conclusion to our day of festivities.

A huge thank you goes out to our incredible social organizers, Sheri Crawford and Julia Khayutin, who



orchestrated this successful event. Their hard work and dedication ensured that every detail was perfect, and their efforts did not go unnoticed.



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Albert Kergl for helping with the food delivery and sponsoring drinks, and to Drew Chamberlain, our always helpful master of all trades, who offered his assistance wherever needed, proving once again that he truly is indispensable.

This Canada Day celebration at Germania Park was a shining example of what makes our community so special. It was a day filled with laughter, joy, and pride in being Canadian. We look forward to many more such gatherings in the future as we continue to celebrate our nation and the wonderful community we have built together.

We hope to see you all at the Annual Campers' Pig Roast at the Park on August 24 (Saturday).

*All details at <u>https://germaniapark.</u> <u>ca/annual-campers-pig-and-chick-</u> <u>en-roast/</u>* 

Vladimir Khayutin Vice-Chair Campers' Group

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#### Hello everyone!

What a beautiful summer it has been so far!

Let me apologize for not having your Camper's Corner in recent editions of the Germania Post, we have a new Camper's Committee and it took some time to make the transition.

First, I want to thank the outgoing Camper's Committee for all their hard work and dedication to our park and its events. Second, I'd like to introduce myself, Janet Feduszczak as the new Camper's Chariman and welcome in the new Camper's Committee:

Vladimir KhayutinVice ChairTeresa FeduszczakTreasurerHeather ArbuckleSecretarySheri and JuliaSocial ChairsOur Park Manager and Camper'shave been very busy keeping the

warm, and we have celebrated a number of events to date with great enjoyment had by all. I look forward to the relaxing days of August spent with family and friends enjoying our park, and as always encourage all club members to spend a day with us picnicking and enjoying all the wonderful things our park has to offer.

park beautiful and operational through May, June, and July. The

lake has been cool, the sun has been

Since I'm very behind, let me wish everyone a; Happy Victoria Day, Happy Canada Day, Happy Civic Holiday! I'm so looking forward to seeing you all at the club picnic this month.

s Warmest regards, Janet Feduszczak















FISHER'S & HUNTER'S HALL AT 1:00PM PIG AND CHICKEN BUNS AND BUTTER

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#### Grab Tickets by August 17th

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### Weekly Specials:

Aug 1+2 - Liver and Onions Aug 8+9 - Roast Chicken dinner Aug 15+16 - Waldorf dinner salad Aug 22+23 - Cabbage casserole Aug 29+30 - Cordon Bleu Reservations are encouraged

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## August Birthdays

Happy Birthday

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### Membership Fees

Student\$32Single Adult (18 years)\$85Family\$140Senior (65 years)\$65Honorary MemberFees WaivedLife Long MemberFees Waived



# Thank You!

Thank you to all members and friends who share their valuable time to volunteer at the club and in the Park! We all notice, and appreciate you!





### **VERANSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Aug 1+2	Th 4-8pm Fr 5-8pm	Restaurant open - Liver&onions
Aug 8+9	Th 4-8pm Fr 5-8pm	Restaurant open - Roast Chicken
Aug 9	7pm 12am	Rathskeller PUB Night
Aug 11	Gate open 11am	Germania Club PICNIC in th Park
Aug 15+16	Th 4-8pm Fr 5-8pm	Restaurant open - Waldorf Salad
Aug 22+23	Th 4-8pm Fr 5-8pm	Restaurant open - Cabbage Casserole
Aug 23	7pm-12am	Rathskeller PUB NIGHT
Aug 23-25		F+H family weekend at Moon Basin
Aug 24	1pm	Camper Pig Roast/Chicken
Aug 29+30	Th 4-8pm Fr 5-8pm	Restaurant open - Cordon Bleu
Sep 4 Sep 7	7:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary meeting Campers Hungarian Food festival
Sep 21	3pm-12am	Steel City Oktoberfest

