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The President's Corner



Hello Dear Members!

The summer is here and the living is supposed to be easy! But I wonder what is easy? It is easy to complain, you should know better that there is no easy way for better idea. It is not easy to be perfect or even good at all times!

It is not easy to please everyone! It is not easy to get everyone on the same page! It is not easy to get everyone to pull on the same wagon, or in the same direction!

Here are a few 'easy' things;

it is easy to sit back and do nothing! It is easy to say it is not my problem! It is easy to say I've done my job, before! It is also easy to say I'm willing to help what I can do!

It is easy to dream, it is not easy to make those dreams come true without your help I reported previously and asked for volunteers for the events, Gage Park, and our picnic. Lori is willing to put your name down if you call, or you simply put your name down at the next meeting. It is never too late to say yes and give a helping hand, it is that easy!

Thank you for your support
Rosi Kramolowsky
President

OBITUARY

Jack Schnitzer
February 9, 1922 – May 31, 2013

Jack was a long time member of the Germania Club. We extend our condolences to his children Barbara Haybarger and Joseph. He will be missed by his many friends here at the Germania Club.





Fischer & Jäger

Greetings everyone!

I hope you are all as excited as I am that summer is finally here! It's a great time to get outside and take advantage of the nice weather. One way you could do this would be to book a spot for you and your kids at the cottage for our Junior Prize Fishing weekend. This Fischer & Jäger event will take place July 20-21 at Lake Dalrymple.

The Fischer & Jäger would like to thank Werner Grote for his generous donation

of \$50.00. With this money we were able to buy a new toaster and a toaster oven for the cottage.

On August 24 we will be holding our annual Corn Roast at the Germania Club Park. This event begins at 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Please be advised that the date for Adult Prize Fishing at the cottage has been changed from September 7-8 to August 31-September 2. Please mark this change on your annual calendar so you don't miss this great event.

Until next time
Take care
Peter McCormick

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Choral Notes

Here we are, it is summer and the living is easy. But I will miss the Thursday night Choir practice.

We had a busy last month, on May 23 we went to Highgate seniors home in Ancaster, we do that once every year and it is always very much appreciated by the residents and staff. Three days later on Sunday the 26th of May we celebrated the 90th birthday of Karin Platz, she has been a choir member for over 21 years. She now lives in Heidehof in St. Catharines, and is still a passive member of the Choir. All of Karin's family and friends were there to help her celebrate, there was a birthday cake and lots of homemade cakes made by the ladies from the choir. Our Germania band was also there to play some music, it was a very nice party and we wish Karin many more happy years in good health. Our last outing for the season was on Saturday the first of June, we were invited by the Teutonia Choir of Stratford for an

afternoon of singing and Gemütlichkeit. Their Choir director is Marianne Kelly, and it is so nice to see quite a few young people there.

Some of their members, Gerhard Wiedman and their President Hans Schieb did a funny solo, and our bass Erich Puppa told some funny jokes in between the Choirs singing. We all had a good time, The Teutonia ladies made many sandwiches and cakes for everyone to enjoy so no one was hungry when we left for home at 5 o'clock. On the 15th of June we will have our picnic. I would like to mention our band who faithfully play for every occasion: Ingrid on the accordion Karl on guitar and Arthur on the drums, a big THANKYOU from all of us. *This month's Birthday people are: Heinz Mildenberger, Brigitte Müssner, Hannelore Simon, Eva Kolwes, Magda Ruff, Lore Schaefer, Harold Simon and Gertrud Press.* A very Happy Birthday and many more in good Health.

Greetings,
Jeanet Schaefer.



The Camper's Report



Where do I start? So much has happened since the beginning of this season.

Kevin, our Parkmeister, Frank, our Camper Chairman and I took our annual walk-about. We were basically checking for water leaking from faucets or hoses, dead trees or branches too low and the general neatness of the campground. This gives us always a good idea of the work to be done by our volunteers and the campers themselves on their camp sites. (Here I remember the old saying: "One man's junk is another man's treasure.") We did find some minor problems, but nothing major. Lots of dead trees though, that have to be cut down.

Although still early, Sharon, our Entertainment Gal, is preparing for the campers' annual picnic bash. Hawaiian Luau is the theme. For \$12.50, (\$15.00 at the door if there are any tickets left), we

will serve Barbecued Pork, Hula Green Salad, Waikiki Rice, Grilled Pineapple, coffee and dessert. Gus, the Big Kahuna, will supply the music. Bring your friends, bring your family. The date is the 10th of August at 5:00 pm in the Park's Pavilion. Harry, our money manager, Lori, the Club's secretary and Sharon are selling tickets.

In another vein: At the request of our president Rosi, we have made one small change in our "Park and Campers' Rules". On page one, paragraph 1.9, second sentence, it should now read: "Short term campers need not be members of the Germania Club, but must be sponsored by a member who must be present and responsible for the actions and behaviour of such camper." These rules are still posted on the bulletin boards and have been changed accordingly.

Even though finances are tight, the Club generously approved the expense for a new sit-down lawn mower. Both Frank and Kevin are putting it to good use. I know it can do 0 to 60 in 8 seconds,

but can it do wheelies? Just kidding, the Park never looked better.

It always gives me great pleasure to introduce a new camper. Dave and Patti Van Stroe will be camping with their motorhome at site #4. We all wish you the best weather, find us good company and hopefully you will see our resident geese only from a distance.

Finally, I would like to thank Richard Lutz for all the work he did last month: mowing our hiking trail, fixing our electrical post, cutting the lawn for Sigrid among other jobs. We are very grateful, thank you.

When our park was first established, lots of trees were planted that grew fast and furious but had a very short life-span. Now they are dead and have to be cut down because they are a hazard.

Frank Poyton, tree cutter extraordinaire and Kevin took care of some of them. Lots more to do. If you see someone cutting, or you hear the chainsaw buzzing, help is always welcome.

Your Happy Camper,
Egon Roesslein,
(Vice Chairman.)

For Sale

Due to illness.

We have decided to offer for sale our ..2006 Wildwood by Forest river trailer, stone patio and the shed.

We are asking ...\$12,500 for the package complete. I will separate if someone wants.

The trailer is priced at \$10,000.or Best offer.

Anyone interested in the shed or Patio stones please call me and we can come to some agreement. They will have to be removed by the buyer.

Thank You
Harald Matthiessen
905 338 0125



June 2013



Dear Dancers,

I have offered to write a letter of Recommendation for the Germania Club in Hamilton. I have done this because they are very nice people with a delightful Sunday night Social Dance, that is under attended. There is a nice nucleus of pairs and singles, but it is ripe for greater success.

I dance on all three weekend evenings, but until recently I was stuck at home on Sunday evening.

They have a splendidly high quality Dance floor, that is large. They have a D.J. who never plays anything that I am not smitten by. The people who work the door and bar are always friendly and accommodating. The parking lot is large and the access in and out of Hamilton is highlighted by wonderfully synchronized stop lights. I essentially never complain, and I highly recommend it as a lifestyle to embrace and be embraced by, but there simply is nothing to complain about.

People who research the aging process have concluded that the two best activities to help ward off natural attrition are social dancing and table tennis. They also conclude that some people encourage aging by staying home and retarding the joys of Socialization. Dancing, conversation, hugging, sincerity, new challenges ... all keep a healthy mind propelling a healthy body. Rome can't be built in an instant, but if you come out and reach out, only pleasant results can ensue. Patience is like faith in that it is always rewarded.

I come out every Sunday at 6:50 p.m. I hand out candies to the ladies and hug a large number of people. I dance and I chat in very good company. Near eleven p.m., I depart on an agreeable endorphin high and the universe is in balance. I sleep well and deeply and Mondays always are rosy and bright.

I sincerely and unconditionally encourage you to come join us for a pleasurable evening. Bring no agendas, no expectations, no negativity and no pre-conceptions and you are destined to find a healthy haven. Every day is a good day to tackle something new and positive and rewarding.

Tom McLaughlin

(Burlington)



As I've aged, I've become kinder to, and less critical of, myself. I've become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer, until 4 AM, or sleep until noon?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s, 60s & 70s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten.

And, eventually, I remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken.

How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old.

It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be.

And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).



Aus unserem Frauenverein

July is coming. Eins, zwei, drei im Sauseschritt – eilt die Zeit, wir eilen mit.. said Wilhelm Busch. Computers are terrific! You put in a few key words and Google finds for you who said that.

At our June meeting we had President Annemarie and 12 members (sounds better than 13). The Club's Roster for 'Help wanted for Gage Park' was displayed and I am sure a few more people signed up. Looking at the numbers on our July birthday list below, though, one can see that mobility and getting there becomes a problem.

Our Ladies will also be there for the July 14 Club Picnic at the Park; a helper and cake donation list was circulated. (You do not even have to bake - butter and eggs are expensive nowadays - so it can be bought and I'll gladly pick up any donations!)

I forgot to mention last month that Annemarie had brought in photos of the Ladies attending our 105th Stiftungsfest on March 17.

We mailed a copy to those who could not attend. If I missed anyone, please let me know.

There is one more meeting on July 3; we take a rest in August and start up again in September. That should give us time to gather ideas for the Club's Anniversary next year. Rosi Kramolowsky suggested that also former sub-groups should be contacted: Ballet, Gymnasts and others. Oh my - now vs. then. Since the Ladies Auxiliary was formed in 1908 we should have some material also in those archives. Where are those kept?? What did people wear 105 years ago? I bet a lot of Ladies still wore hats?? And I think the Germania Club was a match-maker, too. I know of a few people who said they met at the Club about 50 years ago. But I get off track.

We will take over Lake Dalrymple most likely on the weekend of August 16. A few people from the Choir even joined us last year. Start saving your nickels for the Casino! Do they still have penny machines?

Birthdays in July

Irmgard Roediger July 3, 91

Edeltraud Cihlar July 4, 85

Hilde Albrecht July 10,83

Emmi Waldecker July 10, 100

Charlotte Voronoff July 12 ,88

Erika Wegner July 13, 81

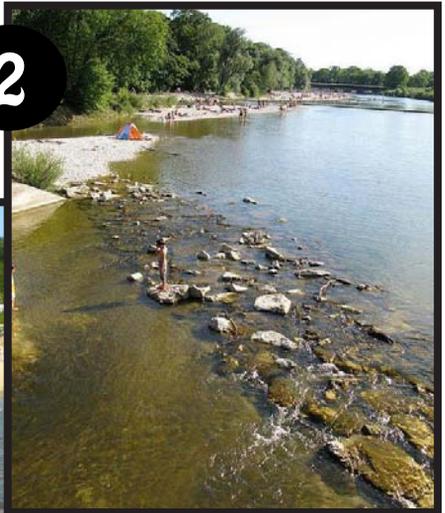
Quite a few! Could the
Octoberfest here or in Germany
have had something to with that
surge?

'till next month!

Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary

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Guess where this
photo is taken?

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Answers on page 13

Film Afternoon

July 28
3:00pm



Movie: Engel der Gerechtigkeit

Dr. Patricia Engel ist im Arztkittel ebenso souverän wie in der schwarzen Robe. Sie ist im OP-Saal genauso zuhause wie im Gericht. Sie ist Tochter, Mutter, Ehefrau, Ärztin und Anwältin zugleich.

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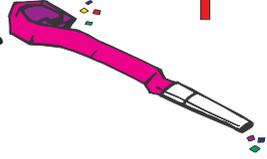


65 Years
Mike Goldenberg

75 Years
Hermann Denninger

90 Years
Irmgard Roediger

100 Years
Emmy Waldecker



Happy Birthday

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Germania Club

Owen & Doris Buchan - \$50 in memory of Max Selmayer

Rose Barth - \$100 in memory of Jack Schnitzer

Tony Grenc - \$30

St. John's Lutheran Church - \$80

Arnold Schaefer – potato salad banquet centre

Park & Memorial Fund

Arnold & Jeanet Schaefer - \$50 in memory of Max Selmayer

Egon Roesslein & Joan Trotman - \$50 in memory of Max Selmayer

Campers Group - \$50 in memory of Max Selmayer

Chris & Ryan Gesse, Sharon & Mike Tapuska, and Walt & Irene

Teufel - \$120 in memory of Jack Schnitzer

Wilhelm Vordenbaumen - \$50 in memory of Jack Schnitzer

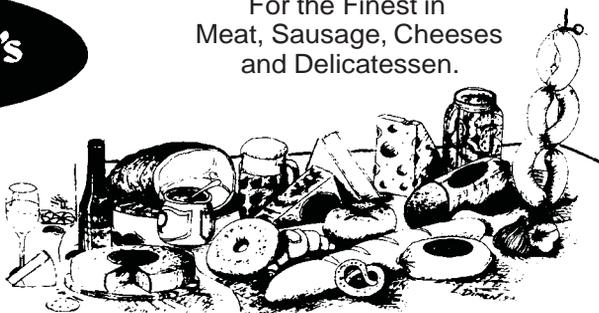
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July 14	11:00am	Germania Club Picnic
July 20-21		Junior Prize Fishing – Lake Dalrymple
July 23	7:30pm	Members Meeting

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Aug 10	5:00pm	Camper's Picnic "Hawaiian Luau" in the Park Pavilion
Aug 24	2:00pm	Fisher and Hunter CORN Roast in the Park
Aug 31-Sep2		Fisher and Hunter Adult prize fishing at Lake Dalrymple
Sep 20-21		OKTOBERFEST at the club

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



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