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## Sunday Lunch

Sunday, February 23, 2014  
Open from 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Come and enjoy a delicious Gulasch Dinner  
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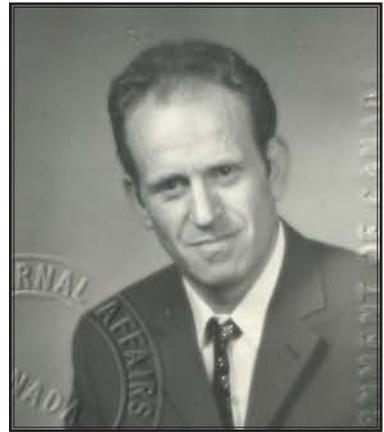
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**A loyal member for 50 years... Ernst Viebke, 1931 in Ueckermuende (Vorpommern) geboren und aufgewachsen.**



Nach Abschluss seiner Lehre als Elektromaschinenbauer arbeitete er einige Jahre auf der Schiffswerft in Wismar. Das war zu DDR-Zeiten und viele junge Leute gingen damals nach dem Westen fuer einen besseren Lebensstandard. So fuhr er damals mit der S-Bahn nach West-Berlin, wo er in einem Auffangslager landete. Das war im Sommer 1954. Von dort fuehrte ihn sein Weg nach Stuttgart-Untertuerkheim, wo er in einem kleinen Betrieb in seinem Beruf arbeitete. Die Ironie wollte es, dass er einen Kollegen ersetzte, der nach Canada auswanderte. Er arbeitete dort ungefaehr ein Jahr, um dann ebenfalls nach Canada auszuwandern, (1955). Einen Tag nach seiner Ankunft in Hamilton hatte er seine erste Arbeit in der Hamilton Press Brick Co, (Ziegelei). Nach ein paar Monaten bekam er Arbeit im Westinghouse. Einige Jahre folgten in Elliot Lake in der Can-Met Mine, wo er als Elektriker beschaefigt war. Auf einer seiner Deutschland Reisen lernte er seine Frau Ruth kennen. 1959 heirateten sie in Hamilton. Die Familie vergroesserte sich um drei Soehne. Sie besuchten die Deutsche Sprachschule. Ernst arbeitete in den 1960er Jahren als Bartender im Deutschen Club, er gehoerte der Schach-Untergruppe an. Waehrend eines laengeren "Lay-Off-s" von International Harvester verkaufte er sein Haus und ging mit Sack und Pack zurueck nach Deutschland, wo er prompt einen Bauplatz kaufte, 9 Monate spaeter wieder verkaufte u. zurueck nach dem guten alten Hamilton ging. Das Glueck wollte es, dass Westinghouse eine offene Stelle fuer einen Elektromaschinenbauer hatte. Ernst arbeitete dort fuer ueber 25 Jahre. Auch nach seinem Retirement hatte er noch Assignments fuer Siemens - Westinghouse In Nord- u. Sued-Afrika sowie in Brasilien, Californien und Nevada.

## The President's Corner



Hello Dear Members!

2014 did not have the best beginning. Our New Year's Eve Party was very disappointing. I missed a lot of our Members, but the good supporters and I had lots of fun and a very good time.

I also have to say "Thank You" to Ray our cook, he did a

fantastic job and I learned a lot of new "hors d'ouerves". The Entertainment Chairs hired a good band and the volunteers did a very good job on decorating the hall. Thank you all for your hard work and also thank you to Lori and her staff for the good service.

I wish you all the very best and I wish and hope for your support in 2014 our 150th Anniversary.

### 150 YEAR BOOK GERMANIA CLUB

Dear members,

Once again just as in the 125 year book, you can support the printing of the 150. Anniversary Issue. For a contribution of \$30.00 your name will appear in print under ["Greetings from our members"] as a supporter of your club. We will also show your place of birth or former home in the "old country" if so desired.

It would be much appreciated if you could participate, as many members did in 1989. At that time, people wished the club eine erfolgreiche Zukunft [a successful future].

A donation from you for the above project would be gladly accepted by the Club's secretary.



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Germania Club of Hamilton, Ontario will be held on March 23, 2014 starting at 10:00am. At the Annual General Meeting we will receive the annual reports from the President and board of directors. There will be lunch served around the noon hour. All members are invited to attend this yearly membership meeting.





## Choral Notes

Welcome to 2014, a celebration year for the Choir and the Germania Club.

Lots of things happened over the last 150 years, and if you have some fond memories or nice pictures, please send them to the office c/o the Choir.

I hope the New Year started good for everyone. Our first Choir practice was on January 9th. The Christmas party was postponed from Saturday, December 14th to Thursday 19th because of a bad snowstorm that weekend. A big thank you goes to our crazy Santa and his helper the Christmas Angel, who brought us lots of nice presents and it was very nice that Ray the cook could change his schedule to cook us a nice Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Our scheduled Christmas Party Concert in Brantford on December 15th was cancelled.

I hope Inge Michaelis is recuperated from her stay in the hospital and that all other Choir members are in good voice.

This month's birthdays are: Helmut Bock and Erika Mildenberger. Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday and many more years in good health.

Greetings  
Jeanet Schaefer



# The Camper's & Park Report



For better or worse, we all survived the ice storm of the century followed by the coldest temperatures ever recorded in our area. Kevin, our Park Manager, reported that there was no power for four days. However, as they say: "Every cloud has a silver lining." Though the ice storm did some damage to the trees, there is no apparent damage to our trailers. Also, the subsequent extremely cold weather should have killed all those pesky, hibernating insects, that normally come out at the first sign of warm weather to make our life miserable. As well, so Kevin tells me, the lake is frozen over solid. So if you feel you need a winter challenge, bundle up, put some cleats on your boots and hike across to find out what is happening on the other side.

It is in the January issue of the Germania Post that, according to the campers' rules, our camping fee should

be posted. Well, I had jumped the gun a bit and did it in December. However, here is a reminder.

The fees for the 2014 camping season;

Basic fee for a regular site, (sites 1 to 17, plus 34 to 35, plus C3 to C7) is \$560.00 Basic fee for a large site, (sites 18 to 31) is \$590.00. Trailers, less than 27 feet long, that sat on these large sites before 2011, with the same occupant, are grandfathered in at \$ 560:00. Air conditioner and extra fridge are \$ 40:00 each. Also, we are charged an extra levy of \$30.00 per campsite. This fee is designated for a special fund to be deposited into a separate account. This money is to be used only for major upgrades in the campground, most likely electrical. Now, remember, these are only the camping fees. Club membership fees are on top of it. Also, this \$30.00 levy should be paid separately; (a separate cheque perhaps). All prices include HST and should be paid before the end of February.

Only three months to go.  
Egon Roesslein.



## Entertaining Quotes:

The only nice thing about being imperfect is the joy it brings to others.

- Doug Larson

Trust changes people. They become what you tell them you expect.

-Scott Adams

When a generation talks just to itself, it becomes more filled with folly than it might have otherwise.

-Stewart Brand

## Jokes:

My husband went to the florist to pick up flowers and was greeted by a sign 'back in 30 minutes'. Later that day, my husband returned and politely chastised the shopkeeper for not writing the time on the sign so people know when she had left and when she'd return.

"You're right, that is confusing" she admitted "I should have posted my usual note: 'be right back.'"

Even at age 88, my mother was being about her looks. At a party and old friend explained "Edith, you haven't changed in 20 years."

"Oh!" Said mom, horrified. "I hope I didn't look like this 20 years ago."

When my friend from the tax office, he prefaced his comments by stating, "I'm calling with the stupid question of the day."

The tired sounding agent replied, "Too late."



# NEW YEARS EVE 2013





## Aus unserem Frauenverein

Tja, what to report on if nothing, or rather not much of an official nature, has happened in January?? Nature, of course, did happen, very much so. Icy roads, no power, worse so on the mountain, than in our area in East Hamilton. One visit to family in Toronto, actually east yet of Oshawa was cancelled before Christmas and rescheduled for January 5, due to bad weather. January 5 was not much better, with 20 cm snow forecast, but at least we were back home before the snow really started. Christmas Eve we were in Toronto – no power, no heat. Fireplace worked, but the fan did not. Instead of rouladen we had cold cuts. Hot water for tea and coffee from a camping stove in the garage. Flashlight to go to the bathroom. They did have a generator, but the man of the house was more concerned about the pump in the hot tub freezing up (which would have been a major expense), so that's what was connected

to the generator!! Another aunt lives on the 8th floor in a condo in Scarborough. They did have generator power for emergencies and elevators, but the fuel supplier did not show up. No elevators, no light in the hallways, etc. At over 80 she walked down, but no way she would walk back up again. The turkey spent the holidays solidly frozen on the patio. But somehow it still was fun!! Except when our poor niece after five days finally had power back and did the laundry that had piled up, the water pipes to the laundry room (in an outside wall) were frozen... Everybody probably has a story to tell about Christmas 2013.

Maybe this could be a lead-in to our 150th anniversary. The early years could still be compared to pioneer times. Grandma or grandpa might have told a story of how one coped in 1914 and before, or how the first world war affected Germans that were already in Canada. I only came in 1967, full of enthusiasm about this new country. The war was only over for a bit more than 20 years, and we did not realize

how much resentment still existed by Canadians vs. Germans... Thank God, time heals many wounds.

Our birthdays in February are:

Sieglinde Seiler Feb. 1

Rita Jansen Feb. 15

Gerda Frank Feb. 22 91

Helga Laqua Feb. 26 80

Talking to Liesel Graeser on her 89th birthday January 10 she told me that for health reasons she has decided to take up residence in an Extendicare home. Actually the same one where Lieselotte Heuck is. If son Peter can't make it, we get her to the monthly meetings. Promise!! Go easy on the chocolates on Valentines!

Sieglinde Seiler,  
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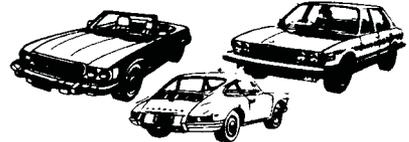
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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Membership: Single ; Family

For Family: Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than two children please list on reverse side of this form.)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable with application. Please add \$5 for first time processing costs and attach full payment to this form.

Which Subgroup or special interest Group would you like to join? Please note some subgroups have their own additional application forms and fees.

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| Ladies Auxiliary.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Choirs.....                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Skat Players.....       | <input type="checkbox"/> | .....                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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# February Birthdays



**Agnes Racz, Anneliese Walthers,  
Claudia Eckert, Eduardus Heijm,  
Elfriede Lammert, Erika Bastel,  
Erika Mildenberger, Gerda Frank,  
Goran Predojevic, Grace Schieber,  
Hans Bastel, Hans Dietl, Hans  
Kreuzer, Helga Hillje, Helga Laqua,  
Helmut Bock, Hugh Turner, Hugo  
Kirchhoefel, Joe Parzen, Josephine  
Rischke, Manfred Platz**



## DONATIONS

### **Germania Club**

- Herbie Herma - \$80
- Leonard Folkens - \$200
- August Ernst - \$100
- Gunther Weiss - \$50

## OBITUARY

### **Benno Kruck:**

**April 2, 1924 – December 28, 2013**

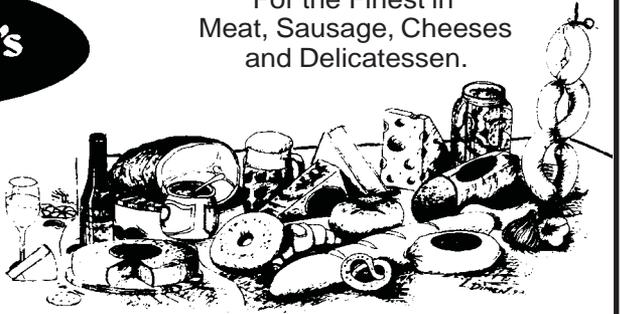
Our sincere condolences to his wife Edith, their children Peter, Brigitta and their families. Benno was a member of the Germania Club for over 50 years and was President from 1990 to 1994.

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Feb 7	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Feb 21	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Feb 23	12pm-3pm	Sunday Lunch – Gulasch
Feb 23	3:00pm	Film – “Wer zuletzt lacht, lacht am Besten!”
Feb 25	7:30pm	Members Meeting

## VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Mar 5	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Herringessen
Mar 7	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Mar 16	1:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary
Mar 19	8:00pm	Fisher&Hunter Members Meeting
Mar 21	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Mar 23	10:00am	Germania Club Annual General Meeting

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



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