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Germania Club
FRIDAY
NIGHT
DANCE

Dancing with
DJ STAN VANDERMOLLEN

APRIL 10, APRIL 24

8:00pm

Admission \$10.00

Everyone is Welcome!

OBITUARY

Karl (Charly) Leitner

January 24, 1927 – February 24, 2015

Karl was a long time member of the Germania Club and Germania Choirs. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Inge and his children Ralf, Richard, their families and his friends.

FOR SALE

2 upright pianos, in good condition. One Yamaha and one Baldwin. Both pianos belong to the Germania Choirs. Please call Hedda Wagenblast 905-385-0273 for more information.

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Solid oak desk. 60X34 inch top in fair condition., Please call the club office for more information.



The President's Corner



Hello Dear Members!

I hope by the time you read this report that Spring is here and you have finally defrosted.

February was a very cold and hideous month, not only did we have a water pipe break in the club, and I would like to thank Uli, Arthur, Alex, Dieter and Richard for working the whole day and fixing the problem. We lost long time member Karl (Charly) Leitner on February 24th.

We had two functions Heringsessen on Ash Wednesday and our monthly Sunday Luncheon which were a success, thank you for the support. I cannot report on our Annual General Meeting and Election, but I hope we had a full house, a good meeting and a new Executive Board in place. I decided not to run again. I do know we did not solve all the problems, but I know the whole Board tried their best.

I would like to thank all

the members and the whole Board for their support and trust. I know that the new Board will try to do their very best and I wish them all the best and all the good luck.

The Germania Club is close to my heart and always will be, and I promise to be a good, supporting member and a volunteer when needed.

Thank you again for your support.

Stay healthy and happy,

Rosi Kramolowsky
President

A word to think about:
“Be civil to all, sociable to many, familiar with few, friend to one, enemy to none.”

Benjamin Franklin





Choral Notes

It is with great sadness, that all of us in the Germania Choirs have to share with you, the devastating news of the sudden and unexpected passing of one of the Choirs' most beloved members, Karl Leitner. To us he was simply Charlie.



He and his devoted and loving wife Inge, have been valued, long-time members of the Germania Choirs and Germania Club. We extend

our heart-felt condolences to his wife Inge, their two sons, Ralf and Richard, and all of their extended family and friends.

The Choirs were in attendance at the funeral mass at St. Boniface Church, and in keeping with the wishes of the family, they performed four selections: Mozart's solemn, "Ave verum corpus"; followed by the joyous, "Gloria", from Haydn's, "Mariazeller Messe"; Schubert's moving, "Sanctus"; and concluding with Sibelius' passionate hymn for universal peace, "Song of peace".

After the funeral service, a celebration of Charlie's life was held at the Germania Club. Both Ralf and Richard, eloquently and lovingly shared many memories of their Dad, with a deeply moved and, at the same time, appreciative audience. There emerged a vivid picture of a loving husband and father, who was unwavering in passing on the values he cherished to his children. We also learned that Charlie was notoriously lucky when it came to playing dominoes. We all chuckled with Richard, when

he recalled that, after winning a recent game, he exclaimed, “thanks Dad, for letting me finally kick your butt”. Charlie did not forget to nurture his own passions. He was an avid skier, golf enthusiast and loved the winter sport of “Eisstockschiessen”.

Erich Butz, Hedda Wagenblast and Ulli Venohr, on behalf of the Germania Club, added their own moving testimonials. Erich stressed the value of his deep friendship with Charlie and the good times they shared together. Ulli reminded us, that Charlie and Inge have been committed members of the Germania Choirs and Club for many years. They have been worthy cultural ambassadors for their German heritage, and always lent a helping hand when needed. It was Hedda who cheerfully raised a glass to Charlie, the ‘bon vivant’, who loved to socialize, whirl his Inge around the dance floor, and entertain friends. We all joined in a cheer to Charlie, and a life well lived.

Germania Choirs’ spring events; Choirs’ annual meeting and elections (March 12)
All Choirs’ Night (March 21)
Highgate Seniors’ Residence Spring Concert (April 9)

Birthday celebration for Michael and Amelia Press in Brantford Apr 12
London Tag des Liedes Apr 19
Choirs’ Garage Sale Apr 25
Choirs’ Annual Picnic June 20

Happy birthday wishes go out to the following supporting members: Rosi Kramalowsky, Hans Renz (April 13), Franz Bittner (April 18), Richard Lutz (April 20).

Until next time, I leave you with this quote by Jean Baptiste Rousseau, “Nicht der Mensch hat am meisten gelebt, welcher die höchsten Jahre zählt, sondern derjenige, welcher sein Leben am meisten empfunden hat” (Not he has lived the most, who has lived the longest. It is he who has experienced his life most profoundly).

Waltraud Schork



The Camper's & Park Report



Let's all look at the bright side. We know it was a super cold February. Everybody is complaining. But as campers we should rejoice. Most of the mosquitoes and black flies will not have been able to survive. So when, in the coming season, we entertain ourselves and our guests on our deck with food and drink, there will be no need for "OFF" or "AFTERBITE"..... I know, I'm being a bit optimistic.

Before starting this article I gave Kevin, our Park Meister, a call. I had planned to drive out to the campground to have a look around. Not a good idea, according to Kevin. Two to three feet of snow everywhere and my snowshoeing is a bit rusty.

He did tell me however that, at the start of the season May first, he will install a different lock at the gate. So the present keys for the gate-lock will no longer fit. He will exchange

the old with the new on our arrival, at his abode, the Park-House. To make sure he is there, call him first at 905 929-6744. Now, May the first is a Friday. Kevin will, during the day, leave the gate open that whole weekend, including Friday. He told me he will also be available to switch keys that weekend.

Our Camper meeting is still scheduled for Sunday, May the 17th at 1:00 pm in the Pavilion. This is the get-together where the campers elect their representatives: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Committee. Lately, I've had a few campers approach me to voice dissatisfaction on how things are being run. Well, to make changes, this is the time to step forward and run for a position. Normally, we would have some sort of repast before this spring meeting, but so far it hasn't been organized yet. Most likely, we will plaster some announcements on the bulletin board a week beforehand.

By the time you read this, hopefully, much of the snow

will have melted and we will only be weeks away from the start of another camping season. There should be several empty campsites available starting in June.

For Frank Poyton, who went back to Texas for the rest of the winter.

Your happy camper,
Egon Roesslein.

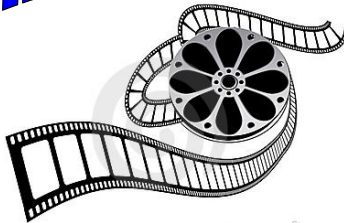
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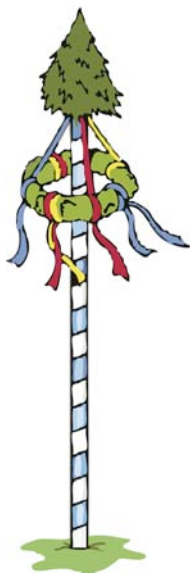
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Wie jedes Jahr oder sogar noch mehr in diesem kalten Winter geht eine Gruppe deutscher Maenner zum Eisstockschiessen auf eine kleine Bucht am Ende des Spring Gardens Road in Burlington.

Derjenige, der sich um die Organisation und die Zusammenbringung dieser Gruppe von jeher gekuemmert hatte, war stets unser lieber Karl Leitner gewesen, der auf so tragische Weise von uns gegangen war. Als sich die Maenner nach Karl's Memorial zum ersten Mal wieder auf dem Eis versammelten, legten sie eine Schweigeminute zu Ehren ihres treuen Landsmannes und Sportskameraden ein. Es war bitter kalt und ein eisiger Wind fegte ueber die Eisflaeche, waehren aller Gedanken an Karl gerichtet waren.

Dann, am letzten Sonntag half die Sonne schon, die Luft zu erwaermen. Karl, Susi's Bruder, hatte mit seinem snowblower eine herrliche Flaeche vom Schnee befreit und einen Weg geschaffen, der vom Parkplatz bis hin zur Eisflaeche fuehrte. Auf den ersten Blick war es unmoeglich, die Gestalten zu identifizieren, die sich da auf der Eisflaeche hin und her bewegte, da jeder bis zum Mund und um den Hals herum eingemummt war.

Wenn man das Spiel verfolgte und die Regeln, wenn auch vage, beruecksichtigte, lernte man zu verstehen, wie spannend das Schiessen ist und welcher Wettbewerb dahinter steckt (und auch ein bisschen Kleingeld)! Es wird nicht nur viel geschossen, sondern auch viel gelaufen. Details darueber hatte ich im letzten Jahr in der "Deutschen Presse" genauer beschrieben.

Es wurde also geschossen, gelaufen, sich innerlich warmgehalten und herrliche Kameradschaft geuebt!!!







Fischer & Jäger

Grüße Members & Friends,

After a long, cold winter, we are ready and eager to get into our spring & summer activities. Our first event, Maifest, will be held at the Germania Park on May 3rd. We hope to see many new and old faces, it's an enjoyable day for the whole family. We especially look forward to the return of our members, fortunate enough to spend their winter in Florida.

We held our Annual General Meeting on February 1st, there were no elections this year. Luckily no changes to our executive board, although we do need a 2nd Auditor for Martin. During the meeting we discussed our plans for the coming year and remembered our members that passed away, most recently Siegfried (Siggie) Schreiber. Siggie was a long time, dedicated member who will be missed. We welcomed our newest member, Peter Werheid. He experienced how much fun we have at our

“Day at the Cottage” in August and decided he wanted to join us. We are offering a special price to new members that are new to the Germania Club, come to our meeting for more information.

Our first regular meeting for 2015 was on March 18th and we will continue with our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 (executive meeting at 7:30). There are plans to change the cottage rental rates and add a family plan, which we will have confirmed at the March meeting. Paul is ready to accept your booking, the cottage opens in May.

There are a couple of options for you to contact us:

1) email at dalrymplecottage@hotmail.com, 2) via our Facebook page “Dalrymple Cottage” 3) call or text message 905-339-8305

Here's a little thought for you to ponder,

“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start...Anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending...”

Until next time,

Petri Heil

Annemarie Kiss





Aus unserem Frauenverein

The saying goes: What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. I wish, I could have left my cold behind. It started here before the end of February but I hoped the dry desert air might cure it. No such thing. Sniff, sneeze, hack, gasp for air nearly 24/7 in a full plane overnight. A bus driver gave me cough candies. And you have to walk so far in airports!! Back in Canada antibiotics. I don't know what takes more out of you. And it seems to be coming back... Unfortunately I missed our March 5 meeting. We were just flying back that evening. But Sigrid Whelan kindly took the minutes – in beautiful handwriting!! The meeting mostly dealt with the upcoming 107th Stiftungsfest on March 15. Now, that was a feast. Rosi Kramolowsky with her two volunteer helpers from the choir (and Lori of course, plus a charming waiter) outdid herself. Salad with oranges, green leaf and radicchio and toasted almonds and nuts. Rouladen, pork roast, red cab-

bage (Blaukraut) and Spaetzle. Dessert: Hazelnut Torte or Black Forest Cake. That menu alone makes it worthwhile to come out during the year. Helga Laqua and a few helpers had lovingly decorated the tables, Annemarie Kiss (and Rosi) had brought flowers. As Rosi always says – it is amazing what you can accomplish when you work together. Many, many thanks!! We started with a silence of respect for the members we lost during the past year, and thought of those who cannot come out anymore. These, too, become more and more each year. I talked to Hilde Platz in Kitchener – she could not get a ride. Liesel Graeser cannot walk very well anymore and does get a bit confused at times. Peter has his own health problems; and so it goes. Linda Wanner was not able to come, but she has spent a few hours on Sundays at her house. The discussion then turned briefly to the new business year and our future endeavours. We **DO NEED MORE PEOPLE!!** Our aim is to assist the Club, even if it is only financially, which I think we have been able in a small way the past

years. Our woman power is pretty well depleted. This will be a theme for the new/old(?) Vorstand which will/might? be elected at the April 1 Meeting. Hopefully a few people could come out to the All Choirs Night and, of course, the Club Annual Meeting on March 22. On April 4 is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt; just make sure the little ones are dressed warmly and wear rubber boots. The Choir Garage Sale is always fun and on May 3 is the Fisher and Hunter Maifest. Mai!!! Sun-

shine, warmth!! Bockbier..?? Birthdays in April:
 Rosi Kramolowsky April 13 a bit over 70, as most of us are.
 Keep planning, let us know your ideas!!
 'till next month!
 Sieglinde Seiler, Secretary
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And my apologies to my friends that I usually drive, but could not while I was away and/or sick. I felt I let you down. Sorry.

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Rolf Fischer
Steve Fori
Heidi Frank
Carl Geerts
Karla Grauf
Helmut Hoyer
Harold Kannenberg
Judy Keller
Ana-Juliana Kun
Helen Lutz
Eric Melms
Rudi Oster

John Parti
Christopher Parzen
Elizabeth Poyton
Frank Poyton
Hans Renz
Alfred (Fred) Wegner
Guenter Weiss
Angela Wilson
Rosi Kramolowsky
Richard Lutz
Oskar Bauerle



DONATIONS

Germania Club

The following people made donations to the Germania Club in memory of Karl (Charly) Leitner.

Arnold & Jeanet Schaefer, Helmut & Ursula Kannenberg, Uschi Schien, Waltraud Schork, Brigitte Muessner, Alex Wegner, Ewald Zielke, Christian Schramp, Karl Gross, Dieter Woehrl, Hans & Erika Renz, Hart & Hilde Hennig, Arthur & Hedda Wagenblast, Ulrich & Ingrid Venohr, Josef & Christel Strassguertl, Franz & Hildegard Bittner, Karl & Lore Uschold, Joseph & Gisela Harwood, Erich & Susan Butz, Anonymous. Karen Platz
A total donation of \$965 was made to the Germania Club.

Owen & Doris Buchan donated \$40 towards Postage for the Germania Post.

Kevin Pyett donated new lock and keys for the Germania Park Gate.

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Apr 4	12:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt – Germania Park
Apr 10	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Apr 15	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter members meeting
Apr 24	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Apr 25	8:00am	Choir garage sale
Apr 26	1:30pm	Film ‘Der Mann mit dem Fagott’
Apr 28	7:30pm	Members Meeting

VORSCHAU

May 3	11:00am	Fisher & Hunter MAIFEST
May 8	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
May 17	1:00pm	Campers meeting in the Pavilion
May 20	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter member meeting
May 22	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
May 26	7:30pm	Members meeting
May 30	10:00am	Germania Park – Spring clean-up



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