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GERMANIA CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday, April 3, 2016
starting at 10:00am**

**All members are encouraged to
attend the annual general meeting.
A hot lunch will be available during
the break. (approx. Noon)**

**(cancellation due to
bad weather will be on the voicemail)**

OBITUARY



Elfriede Lammert

February 3, 1933 – February 17, 2016

Elfriede was a member of the Germania Club and Choir for the past 15 years. We extend our sincere condolences to her son Thomas and his family.



The President's Corner



Dear Members,
The month of March has once again been very busy with activities at the Club and for the Board of Directors. Our last two Sunday lunches and Film afternoons were very well attended, and I hope this will continue. It is certainly a big morale booster for all those involved, who make it happen month after month. I believe, for our Members it is more than just going out for lunch. It is a time to be with other Club members and catch up on old times with friends. These are the very reasons we joined the Club in the first place. I encourage you to mark April 24 on your calendar, and come join us for a delicious lunch and movie.

The Friday night dances are doing very well. In fact, we have now added a Saturday night dance once a month, on a trial basis, and if they prove to be successful, we will continue them. The Board of Di-

rectors has also arranged for a buffet dinner dance, "Spring Fling" to take place April 30, 2016, with live music by "Europa". Club Members are invited to take part in all our dances, and we are hoping for a big turnout. Tickets will go on sale shortly. The cost will be \$30.00 for Members and \$35.00 for Non-members.

Over the last year we have also been involved with promoting the Germania Club within our own community. We hosted a community breakfast at the request of Matthew Green, City Councillor for Ward 3. This event is held once a month in different locales in Hamilton, for community group leaders. As a result of this meeting, we received a request to host a Ward 3 Fun Night, an event that also happens once a month within the community. So on Friday night March 11th, we showed off our beautiful Rathskeller, served German food, German beer, and German music, as requested. About thirty of our community neighbours had a great time and are looking forward to doing it again. The music was provided by our own House band the "Alpen Trio". In the big Hall, we had the Fri-



day Night Dance at the same time. So it goes without saying, a big thank you has to go to the many Members who helped to make this Friday Night a big success.

Our cleanup up day was supported by a small group of Members, but they nevertheless deserve a big thank you. The group concentrated on the Rathskeller, and cleaned the place from top to bottom, but also tended to other areas of the Club.

In closing, the Board of Directors also received an official letter of resignation

from Waltraud Schork, our Board Secretary, citing personal reasons. The Board of Directors did not accept Waltraud's resignation lightly, because Waltraud has been a very valuable Board member and will be greatly missed by myself, the Board members and the Membership. Waltraud has indicated in her letter, that she will remain a friend of the Germania Club. Our best wishes go to Waltraud and her family.

Best wishes until next time
Ulrich Venohr



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Fischer & Jäger

Moin Fisher and Hunters Members and Friends,
My report this month will be short and sweet, but I'll make up for it next Month. Our next meeting will be on Thurs. April 21st, so we hope to see many of you. We do have a few Birthday People this

Month. Chris Parzen, Harold Kannenberg, Eric Melms, Oskar Bauerle and Richard Lutz. Happy Birthday to all of you and anyone else that I missed. I hope Dorothea and Eric had a good time in Las Vegas. So, until we see you all at our Meeting, take care and stay well.

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Aus unserem Frauenverein

Hah – computer in the shop again. I just got it back. This time something electrical: Power unit or some such. I thought it was the mouse because it kept freezing up in the middle of a project and that little arrow did not move anymore. New mouse did not solve the problem...

Not much happened in March so far anyway. Our meeting on March 2 was cancelled due to the winter storm warning. When I called our Ladies to advise them of the cancellation, quite a few had not yet managed to dig out their car or the driveway. Except poor Trudel Mueller had already baked a cheese cake...

We'll have our 108th Stiftungsfest on March 13 and the turnout seems to be pretty promising. The menu sounds good too. The preparations included checking the length of membership of some Ladies who are still able to come out. To name only a few: Trudel Mueller 57 years, Dorothea Melms 35 years, Uschi Schien 32 years. Some also were members years ago, then moved away, came back

and started again. I will have more on the Stiftungsfest next month. Early in April, on Wednesday the 6th, at our regular meeting we will then (re)-elect the new Board – hopefully?! We would really need a miracle to get new and different people to volunteer for the positions. We'll see!! Easter this year is already early at the end of March. I am sure a few Ladies will try to come to the Easter egg hunt on March 26th, even if only as spectators. It's fun every year. Hopefully our snow-birds are back, too, by then. On April 2 the All Choirs Night is always a treat. Please try to come out in support of the Choir. If you do not get the Germania Post, please ask for it at the monthly meetings. Lori always has a few extra copies and you do not have to be a member of the Club to attend the functions. Doing this report in a hurry I may have missed a few things?? If so, we'll catch up. Birthdays in April
Rosi Kramolowsky April 13
Until next month!
Sieglinde Seiler,
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Sunday Lunch

Sunday, April 24, 2016
Open from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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>> Film starts at 2:30pm <<

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.



Spring Fling

Dinner & Dance

April 30, 2016

*Come and enjoy a beautiful night starting
with a delicious buffet dinner and then
dance to live music of
Steve Angel the "music of Europa".*

Doors open at 5:30pm

Tickets for Dinner and Dance:

\$30.00 for members

\$35.00 for non-members

Taxes included

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Biography: Willy Heinz Schaefer

I am certain that Willy is known to most of you. Willy has been a Member of the Germania Club for 50 years. He first joined in 1965, as a member of the Germania Club male choir and later joined the mixed choirs. He is known for his fun-loving and easy-going nature. His wife Lore is the first one to agree with that assessment.

Willy was born on the 6th of January, 1936 in Mühlhausen near Wiesloch in the Heidelberg region. His father was a painter, his Mom a cigar maker. They stayed one year in Mühlhausen, then the family moved to Stuttgart, where employment could be found. There he attended a Waldorf school, when he had to make a decision, whether or not to continue with the school or learn a trade. He opted for the latter and became a painter. Until 1953, starting at the tender age of 14, Willy was employed in a variety of jobs: road construction, book binding, and scaffolding. Then on November 23rd of that year, he was only 17 years old, he and his father immigrated to Canada.

For Willy this was an adventure, for his Dad a disappointment, since it was difficult to find a job at the beginning. Eventually Willy found work, first in a chocolate factory and then painting 28 houses in a subdivision in Fort Erie. They lived in a trailer but after 3 months were able to buy two cars, one for driving and the other, as Willy pointed out with a chuckle, “the bad deal”, for pushing. They decided to move back to Hamilton where he landed a job at Stelco Reinforcing in 1955, and where he worked until his retirement 41 years later.

In 1978 he met Eleanore (Lore to most of us). Willy and Lore's family have grown into somewhat of a far-flung clan, spread all over the United States and Canada. They have 3 kids, 6 grandkids and 2 great-grandkids.

Willy's passion is singing bass in the Germania Choirs, but he also enjoys fixing things and puttering around the garden. He has many interests, is a nature lover and enjoys the time spent with Lore at the cottage.

Willy, we wish you and Lore many more happy and healthy years together.



The Campers' & Park Report



No need to bore you any more with idyllic settings of white snow and winter wildlife in our park. Spring has sprung (officially) and most of us are chomping at the bit to air out our RVs and embrace another season of friendship, camaraderie and camping. The crazy weather we had this winter, plus that strong snowstorm on March 1st, left much debris behind and knocked down some dead trees in the back forties. Kevin, our Park Meister, is trying his best to have much of it cleaned up for the Easter Egg Hunt. Everything else we will have to do on Clean-Up day. Kevin also informed me that some campers have, or are, departing for greener pastures, consequently we will have up to five vacant campsites. So, if you are not happy with your present lot and you like to play musical chairs, check the bulletin board in the Pavilion. These sites will be posted the beginning of May. One of the changes that have been made to the Campers' Rules is, that in order to reserve our campsites for the

next season, we are now required to put a \$200.00 deposit down before October 31st, (at the end of the season). This deposit will be credited toward next year's camping fee. All the details will be presented at our spring meeting on the 22nd of May. At that time, you will also receive your very own set of revised (2016) Camper Rules.

Now, all we can do is wait for our snow-birds to return; (are you reading this Chairman Frank?) and let the good times begin.

Your Happy Camper,
Egon Roesslein.





Choral Notes

Dear Choristers,

When you read this it will be spring, and I hope that all the snow has melted. The Choir is busy with preparation for our, "All Choirs Night" on the second of April. Almost everybody is back from their winter vacation and ready to sing.

Some of our Choristers were sick, Best wishes go to Gisela Harwood, Heinz Mildenberger and Waltraud's mother. Our youngest soprano Cindy Heuck went on a cruise and ran a marathon in Florida. We welcome a new soprano Gudrun Bouhman Johnson. So glad to have you Gudrun! All of us were very saddened by the news that our Choir friend Elfriede Lammert passed away on Feb.17. A Celebration of Life was held at the Germania Club on the 27th, where we could honour Elfriede with a few songs. El-

friede was a long time member and very much liked by everyone. Our condolences go out to her family.

On a lighter note: Our conductor Linus and his wife Gertrude Press celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 10th of March. We would like to wish you both many more years of health and happiness together. No birthdays to report this month, so we all stay young.

Greetings
Jeanet Schaefer

Germania Choirs
Annual

**Saturday
April 2**

**Doors open
4:30pm**

**Food available
5:00pm**

PROGRAM

Begins 7:00pm

6 Local choirs

Hamilton Male Police Chorus,
Kaleidoscope Singers, Duet Club
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All Choirs Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Birthdays



Alfred (Fred) Wegner
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Angela Wilson
Anna Atkinson
Carl Geerts
Christopher Bulmer
Christopher Parzen
Doris Buchan
Elizabeth Poyton
Frank Bittner
Frank Poyton
Guenter Weiss
Hans Renz
Harold Kannenberg
Heidi Frank

Helen Lutz
Helmut Hoyer
Ilse Folkens
John Parti
Judy Keller
Karla Grauf
Oskar Bauerle
Richard Lutz
Rolf Fischer
Rosi Kramolowsky
Rudi Oster
Steve Fori
Susan Parzen
Sylvia Dietrich
Warren Billyard

DONATIONS

Germania Club

Gertrud Taunton - \$45

Richard Lutz - \$100

Joseph & Gisela Harwood – \$50 in memory of Harold Simon

Dennis & Karrla Fletcher – \$75 for permit for Easter Egg Hunt

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April 2	7:00pm	Germania Choirs 'All Choirs Night'
April 3	10:00am	Germania Club Annual Gen. Meeting
April 8	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
April 16	8:00pm	Saturday Dance
April 21	8:00pm	Fisher and Hunter member's meeting
April 22	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
April 24	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch Rouladen & dumplings
April 24	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag "Die Herren mit der weissen Weste"
April 26	7:30pm	Membership meeting
April 30	8:00am	Choir Spring Garage Sale
April 30	5:30pm	"Spring Fling" Dinner & Dance

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

May 1	11:00am	F&H MAIFEST in the Park
May 8	12-2pm	Mother's Day Dinner
May 13	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
May 19	8:00pm	Fisher & Hunter members meeting
May 22	1:00pm	Campers Spring meeting – Park
May 24-25		Great Lakes Skat Tournament
May 24	7:30pm	Members Meeting
May 27	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
May 29	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
May 29	2:30pm	Film – 'Kohlhiesels Töchter'



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