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New Year's Eve

at the Germania Club

- * Dinner Buffet
- * Dessert Table
- * Party favours
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Champagne



Dance to the music of DJ Stan Vandermolen

Saturday, December 31st 2016

Doors open 6:30pm



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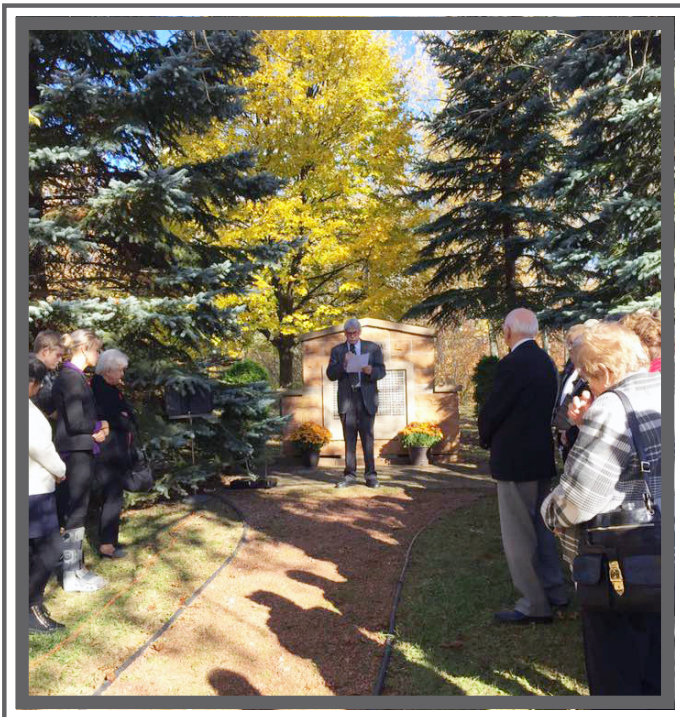
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Tues, Wed & Fri 11am-2pm Thurs 7pm-10pm or Saturday 11am-2:00pm

OBITUARY

Werner Heimes

May 4, 1936 – October 14, 2106

Werner was a member of the Germania Club for 33 years. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Eva, children Sean, Sarah and their families.



Remembering departed Club Members in the park on a beautiful November afternoon.



The President's Corner



Dear Members,
October is the month when we celebrate Winefest at the Germania Club. Once again, the Germania Choirs need to be commended for organizing a fantastic event. More than 170 guests enjoyed a variety of meals, coffee and cake. Not only was everyone treated to one hour of winetasting, compliments of the Reif Estate Winery, but we were also royally entertained, not only by our own Germania Choirs, but also by the wonderful performances of the invited guest choirs. I am sure you will read more about it in the Choral notes. All this was followed by a lively night of dancing.

Every year, as we prepare for our annual Memorial Day service, the first question we ask is whether or not the weather will be favourable. This year on Sunday, November 6th, we could not

have asked for better weather. We assembled on a warm, pristine and sunny afternoon at Memorial Garden in the Germania Park, to remember those members who have passed on in the past year.

The Germania Choirs opened the service with the solemn, "Wohin soll ich mich wenden", under the direction of Linus Press. I was honoured to read out the names of those members who passed away, while Erich Puppa played the "Zapfenstreich". After observing a moment of silence, I shared the following poem with all those assembled. I would also like to share it with you:

"Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same,
We have to hide our heartaches,
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent the tears that fall,
Living our hearts without you
Is the hardest part of all.
You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you.
The special years will not return
When we were all together,
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever".

The Germania Choirs closed the service with the deeply moving hymn, "Sanctus". Afterwards, everyone gathered once again at the pavilion to enjoy coffee, cake, refreshments, and a hearty goulash soup.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Germania Choirs and all those who helped to make this day spe-

cial for us. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a happy, successful New Year, health above all. This is a special time of year. Let's all celebrate it together at the Germania Club.

Ulrich Venohr



**Christmas Bazaar
2016**





Fischer & Jäger

Moin Dear Fisher and Hunter
Members and Friends

The Christmas Season is upon us and I can't believe how Time flies. But first I must apologize for missing the Nov. Report. I was not well, therefore it slipped my mind. But then again, I did not have much to say. As I'm writing this, I'm looking forward to our Turkey Shoot which I'll report on next Month Our Christmas Dinner (Party) is on Dec. 17th. Please check your Post for starting time. And may I remind all our Jr. Prize Fishing Participants to join us and to receive their Trophy/Medals.

I'm sure Santa will make an appearance too.

And as another Year closes, we would like to Thank all our lovely Folks, our Dear Volunteers, our F. & H. Board that worked so hard all Year, to make all our Functions a success. What would we do without them. A HUGE THANK YOU. Our Meetings are still held every 3rd Thurs. of each Month. We hope to see some of you there. And please remember, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". Merry Christmas to ALL of you, Frohe Weinachten und einen Guten Rutsch ins Neue Jahr 2017 Tschuess until next Month,

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SKAT REPORT

Greetings from the Germania Club Skat Group. As we near our year end, we look forward to our Christmas Skat, which this year will be scheduled a little differently, to accommodate other Christmas Parties in the club.

Our Christmas Party will take place on Saturday, December 17, registration at 10:00 AM, and we will start the first round at 10:30 AM, after the first round lunch will be served, and the second round will start around 1:30 when lunch is complete.

After the second round we will have our coffee and stolen while the scores are tallied, and then the winners will be announced. Admission is \$10.00 for the game, bump money will be \$1.00. We look forward to welcoming our friends from Ohio, and any other neighbouring clubs, this year we will also welcome our Past President of ISPA Canada Hans Juergen Steinmetz who will be visiting from British Columbia.

Hope to see you there, and in closing the we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and of course "Gut Blatt".

Heidi Frank
Chair

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Choral Notes

Dear Choristers,

First I would like to welcome Rita Dudek as a new choir member, and also welcome back Waltraud Schork after a long absence.

On Oct.22 we enjoyed a very nice Winefest. After dinner there was free winetasting thanks to the generosity of Reif Estate Winery. This year no one from the Winery attended the event, since it is their harvest season and they are very busy.

However, we all enjoyed a glass (or2). Our choir opened the singing with some wine drinking songs. We were followed by the Transylvania Choir from Kitchener and the male choir Harfentöne. However, the best part was the male mass choir. They performed, "Von der Traube in die Tonne", "Morgenrot" and "Heimat". The performance gave everyone goosebumps. Afterwards there was dancing to the sound of the Great Vibes Band. It was a very enjoyable evening.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6, the Club held its annual Memorial Service at Germania Park. The Club President read out the names of the Club members who passed away in the past 12 months. The Germania Choirs remembered them with 2 songs, "Wohin soll ich mich wenden", and "Sanctus".

On Friday Dec.2 we will perform at the Christkindl Market in Kitchener. This will be our third time performing there. This celebration is always very much enjoyed by all.

Our Christmas concert will be held on Sunday, Dec 4 at 2pm. at First Pilgrim United Church with refreshments being served afterwards.

Our Christmas party will be held on Dec. 17 with a visit from Santa, bringing gifts.

This month's only birthday is Christine Eastwood. We wish you a very Happy Birthday, and to everyone a Merry Christmas.

Greetings
Jeanet Schaefer



An alle fruerehen Leser meiner Artikel in der "Deutsche Presse"

Leider gibt es diese Zeitung nun schon lange nicht mehr, da sie auf tragische Weise und kaum merkbar vom Erdboden verschwunden ist. Lebenswerk von Rosemarie und Rolf Meyer. Eine woechentliche deutsche Zeitung, steht uns nicht mehr zur Verfuegung. Es war unser Sprachrohr und die Verknuepfung zu anderen deutschen Clubs.

In dieser Zeitung lebte unser Germania Club als unaufhoerlich aktive Organisation der deutschen Gemeinschaft. Kaum eine Woche, wo man nicht etwas ueber diesen deutschen Club in Hamilton lesen konnte, und es war mir ein Vergnuegen, regelmaessig darueber in dieser Zeitung zu berichten.

Da nun aber als einzige Zeitung das "Echo Germanica" einmal im Monat besteht, und zwar deutsch-englisch gemischt, ist der Germania Club so gut wie ins Vergessen geraten, was aber

nichts mit meinen Reportagen zu tun hat.

Der Grund dafuer ist ein anderer, naemlich ein rein geschaeftlicher. Da wir (Germania Club) keine Anzeigen ins Echo setzen, ist die Verwaltung auch nicht gewillt, von uns Reportagen zu veroeffentlichen.

Das wollte ich hier stark betonen und herausheben, dass meine ehemalige Leserschaft nicht denkt, ich bin ploetzlich zu bequem zum Schreiben geworden. Es tut mir leid, wenn ich sie alle enttaeuschen musste. Es liegt nicht in meiner Macht, dieses zu berichtigen und so hoffe ich, meine lieben Leser und Anhaenger sind mir trotzdem noch gut gesinnt und verurteilen mich nicht falscher Weise.

In der Hoffnung, dass Sie meine bescheidenen Reportagen und Beitrage in der "Echo Germanica" lesen, verbleibe ich mit Dank und herzlichen Gruessen

Ihre
Ingrid Oppermann



Join us at the

Germania Club Christmas Party

December 11, 2016
Doors open at 12:30pm
Begins at 1:00pm

Bring your Children and
Grandchildren (up to age 12)
to the club to see Santa.



Admission is \$10.00 per child
(includes a Hot Dog, cookie and drink)

Please register your child or grandchild with the
Club Secretary before **December 4th.**

Santa Claus is coming to town bring your children and grandchildren to visit Santa at the Germania Club Christmas Party. As this is Santa's busy time, please make it easy for us and give us the names and ages of the children you will bring.

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

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Registration Deadline is December 4th, 2016





Aus unserem Frauenverein

Well, another year has come and gone. The older we get, the faster the time passes and in a couple of weeks we will be ringing in the new year 2017.

Our annual bazaar was held on November 20th, we will report on that next month, hopefully it was successful. At the time of writing we have rented all the tables and were discussing our options for cakes. One of the many bylaws enforced by the Health Department have forced us to sell only store bought cakes this year which we've heard complaints about. Please don't shoot the messengers. Us women and the Germania Club executive didn't make the rules; we just have to abide by them.

The ladies will be celebrating Christmas together at our last meeting for the year, on December 7th. Rosi and Helga have graciously offered to treat us with food and dessert, and our kitty will take care of the drinks. We decided against a gift exchange this year but all the ladies will be presented with a poinsettia so as not to go home empty handed.

There are only a handful of women that are able to attend our meetings every month. It has been very challenging for us to support the Germania Club in the same way we have in the past, without the help of the other sub-groups, our families and friends - you know who you are. I would like to thank all of you that have supported us throughout the year with donations of cakes and items for our bazaar. We also appre-

ciate your helping hands, especially at the bazaar - we couldn't have done it without you.

Our dear secretary Sieglinde has been recuperating after surgery in October and hasn't been able to attend a meeting since September. Sieglinde is always so thoughtful with telephoning our ladies who are housebound and sending cards for those that are sick or just to let them know that we are thinking about them. Well Sigi, we want you to know that we are all thinking of you and miss seeing your face. We hope to have you back among us very soon...so feel better! Thank you to Dorothea, for filling in and taking minutes in Sigi's absence.

Our December birthdays are Erna Melloh on December 2nd, Hilde Platz on December 8th, and Marguerite Platz on December 20th. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag ladies.

If you're a woman (sorry gentlemen), and would like to join us...please do. Our meetings start at 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month. We will take January and February off and will meet back on March 1st in the restaurant.

On behalf of the ladies of our Frauenverein, we would like to wish you a "Frohe Weihnachten und ein gesundes, zufriedenes und erfolgreiches neues Jahr!"

May your homes be filled with the magic and joy of Christmas and may your hearts be filled with love and warmth. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Annemarie Kiss
President, Germania Club Ladies
Auxiliary



Annual

Weihnachtskonzert
Christmas Concert
of the
Germania Choirs

Sunday, December 4th, 2016
at 2pm

First Pilgrim United Church
200 Main St. E. Hamilton

*Traditional German and
English Christmas Music*

*A free will offering will be collected.
Refreshments will be served after the performance.*





Germania Club of Hamilton

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street: _____ Apt. No.: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code _____

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: _____

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

From our constitution:

As the oldest German club in Canada, the Germania Club looks back on a rich history. The purpose of the club is to provide all members with the opportunity to cultivate the German language and customs, to promote German cultural values through social interaction and song, and to take part in the cultural development of Canada. As a member I will help the club with its purpose, and pledge to volunteer help for club functions.

Signature(s) of Applicant(s): _____

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Membership Card Number: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Date of Application: _____

Comments: _____



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December Birthdays



Margarete Beermann
Evelyn Chacinski
Christine Eastwood
Barbara Eggers
Janet Feduszcak
Dennis Fletcher
Ewald Gollan
Richard Grobauer
Sonya Haase
Waldemar Herling
Helmut Kannenberg
Joe Khes
Helmut Koziol

Eckhard Kries
Celine Link
Dr. Robert Logel
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Siegfried Schwerinski
Annon Vanono
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Dec 4	2:00pm	Germania Choirs Christmas Concert
Dec 7		Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party
Dec 9	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Dec 11	1:00pm	Germania Club Christmas Party
Dec 17	10:00am	Skat Christmas Rounds and Party
Dec 17	5:00pm	Germania Choir Christmas Party
Dec 17	6:00pm	F&H 62nd Anniv/Christmas Party
Dec 31	6:30pm	New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Jan 22	TBA	Volunteer Recognition
Jan 24	7:30pm	Member's Meeting
Jan 29	12-2pm	Sunday Lunch
Jan 29	2:30pm	Filmnachmittag
Mar 19	10:00am	Annual General Meeting



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