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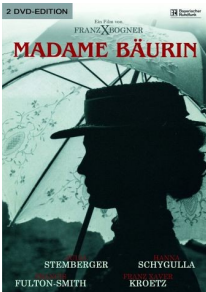


Sunday Lunch

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

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\$15.95 plus tax per person.
Children ages 5- 12 years 1/2 price



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Der Spreewald

>> **Film starts at 2:30pm** <<

Free Admission / Coffee and Cake available.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting will be on April 3rd 2016. The meeting is open to all members in good standing. If you remember last year we were not able to fill all of the board of director positions, this is putting an enormous strain on those who stepped forward last year, and are filling in the gaps. Luckily members jump in and volunteer to help. The open positions are: 2nd Secretary, 1st and 2nd Social director (don't forget the Germania Club is a social club!), Business director, and Public Relations Director.

Please think about what YOU could do as a member of the club, the board does need some help and support. Maybe you could step forward to become a board member, this is your opportunity. Maybe you know someone who you think would be perfect for a position, talk to them and ask them to step forward for a board position.



The President's Corner



Dear Members,
It is hard to believe, that as I am writing this article, everyone is preparing once again for the wonderful time of Christmas, which means of course spending time with our families and friends. Therefore, first of all, may I extend the warmest of Christmas wishes to all of you on behalf of the Germania Club, Board of Directors, and of course, at the same time, we wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Christmas spirit can also be felt at the Germania Club. Most of our functions in December are related to the coming holiday season. We have the Children's Christmas Party on December 13th. The various groups of the Germania Club are also preparing to celebrate the season, and then there is of course the New Year's Eve celebration.

Looking back at 2015, I can honestly say that it was an

extremely busy and challenging year, at the very least. It seemed that every time one stepped over the threshold of the Germania Club premises, there was another event that needed to be planned, and other issues requiring our immediate attention presented themselves. There are still many new and unresolved matters that we will have to deal with in the coming year. Be assured that the Board of Directors will do its utmost for the Club and its membership. We are planning ahead and hope to be able to present you with many opportunities to support your Germania Club in 2016.

After all the Christmas parties in December by the various interest groups, I have to reflect on how we define ourselves as a Club, and what our priorities are. Are we six separate groups within the framework of the Club, or are we one Germania Club? As your President, I hope that in 2016 we find a way to celebrate Christmas and other functions together as one group, simply as members of the Germania Club.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who came



out and took part in making 2015 a good year. Thank you for all your hard work, dedication and support. I hope we can continue to count on you in the future, and I will request others to do the same. I believe that the support you provide is part of the commitment you make when you become a Germania Club member.

Happy New Year!
Ulrich Venohr, President

Biography: Waldemar Herling.

Waldemar was born Dec. 15, 1933 in Wartegau, Germany. After graduating from school he learned the trade of car mechanic. Because of health concerns with regards to diesel motors, he changed several years later to installation, until he left for Canada.

In July of 1953, he boarded the, “Anna Zalaine”, and came by boat to Canada, arriving in Montreal, and continuing on to Owen Sound. There he was hired by the farming family Lennox, with whom he maintains contact to this day. After a year in the Ottawa area, he finally joined Proctor & Gamble in Advertising and Sales in Toronto. In 1998, he retired from Westinghouse, where he worked in maintenance for 25 years. In 1958, Waldemar bought land on Riley Lake, in the Muskokas, and started building a cottage, where he spent many happy years. His nephew is taking care of it now.

While still in Toronto, Waldemar was a member of the Harmony Club for 10 years. In 1965, Waldemar moved to Hamilton and joined the Germania Club. There he met Katharine Wahrlich in 2002. Together they became involved in Club activities, and looked after the Sunday night dances for 2 years, starting around 2006. Waldemar has travelled all over Canada, but now lives a quiet life together with Katharine. He looks back at a very full and interesting life. Waldemar, we wish that your journey and Katherine’s continues to be an interesting and fulfilling one. All the best.



SKAT REPORT



On behalf of the Skat Club, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year and if you are a Skat Player, we also wish "Gut Blatt" Heidi Frank



Fischer & Jäger

On behalf of the F & H Board and myself , I would like to wish Everyone a Healthy , Happy and Prosperous New Year. First I would like to report on our Turkey Shoot. We had a Happy turnout. The weather was a bit on the cool side but the Sun warmed things up a bit . 31 hopefulls tried to get their Christmas Turkey , with Goran and Zoe landing in the shoot off and Zoe coming out as Winner. Congratulations Zoe. A Huge Thank You to all who helped and contributed to make this a wonderful day. Thank You Goran for a great job organizing the Shoot. Thank You Brigitte for donating the de-

licious Goulash Soup and thank you Jan for helping Brigitte. Thank You Annemarie for the delicious Chilli. Goulash Soup and Chilli are always welcome on cold days. And lets not forget our Desserts. Doughnuts, cupcakes and Black Forest Squares were enjoyed with a good cup of hot coffee and hot chocolate. Thank You Dorothy and Maggie. Our annual Meeting will be on Feb. 07,2016. Wir wuenschen zum Jahreswech -sel einen Gluecklichen Anfang und weiterhin alles Liebe und Gute in 2016.

Until next Year,
Moin, Maggie



The Camper's & Park Report



It just doesn't seem fair that so soon after Christmas we are being reminded that our camping fees are coming due. But rules are rules and section 6.2 in our book of "Rules and Regulations," does stipulate: "The fees for the coming season are to be published in the January edition of the Germania Post." They are due before the first of March. So here, my fellow campers, are the numbers for the 2016 season:

A regular RV site: \$635.00.

Large RV site: \$665.00

Air Conditioning: \$40.00

Second Refrigerator: \$40.00

Any battery powered vehicle: \$40.00

Campground improvement fee: \$30.00 (to be paid with cash or by cheque separately). Club membership fees, which are due at the end of January:

Student: \$22.00,

Adult: \$75.00

Senior: \$55.00

Family: \$130.00

The following have no water or electrical services.

Daily camping: \$15.00

Weekend camping: \$25.00

Weekly camping: \$40.00

Monthly camping: \$70.00

Seasonal camping: \$420.00

Overnight guests: the charge is \$5.00 per night per guest, but the first one is free.

Daily, up to eight daytime visitors are free. Any more, the charge is \$2.00 per person per day.

Please, also be reminded that the lock on the main gate has been changed. If you feel you have to check on your RV during the winter, you will have to park on the street and walk in. Also, after talking to Kevin, sites C 2 to C 7, as well as sites #9 to #14 are now deemed large sites and charged accordingly. Any new trailers will be parked parallel to each other on these sites, (not in a row). Present campers are grandfathered in.

Our next camper's meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 22nd of May in the Pavilion, at 1:00 pm.

Your Camper's board wishes everyone a happy New Year with lots of sunshine and relaxing, peaceful times in our Park for 2016.

Your Happy Camper,
Egon Roesslein.



Germania Club

151st Stiftungsfest,

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015.

“Stiftungsfest”: the annual observance of our anniversary celebrations is without question the Germania Club’s most measured and formal celebration. At this time each year, we honour those Germania Club members who have passed away since the previous, “Stiftungsfest”, many of whom were familiar to most of us, many were lifelong friends. We knew of the high points in their lives and their low points, as well. As members of the Germania Club community, we are also a family, and share both joy and grief.

We also celebrate and reward the milestone anniversaries of our members. Our subgroups and interested parties are invited to make presentations to the Club. In short, we remember, celebrate, and honour our own, and in doing so, show our support for the Germania Club.

Dietrich Eckert was chosen to act as this year’s Master of Ceremony. He fulfilled his duties admirably indeed, and with the grace and dignity appropriate to the occasion.

As is the custom every year, we begin with the “In Memoriam”. The Germania Choirs, under the direction of Linus Press took to the stage and sang the national anthems of Canada, Germany and Austria. The names of those who passed away were read, while the Choirs sang the quiet



and deeply moving “Sanctus”. The Choirs then completed their presentation with, “Lobt den Herrn der Welt”, and “Freunde lasst uns singen”.

Hannelore Simon rose to lead the assembly in offering Grace, before the formal sit-down dinner. Everyone lingered over dinner somewhat longer than the program anticipated. However, Chef Ray Osborne appeared and accepted the applause for the excellent entrée of Rouladen, chicken breast, mixed vegetables and mashed potatoes that had been served. Once the coffee and a delicious Torten dessert had been served, the proceedings continued.

After the introduction of the new Board of Directors, and supporting groups, the subgroups one by one, rose to make their presentations. These usually take the form of a donation and symbolize the allegiance and support of the subgroups to the umbrella organization, the Germania Club.

Bob Mulhall of the Fishers and Hunters, Hedda Wagenblast of the Germania Choirs, Fred Poyton of the Campers, and Annemarie Kiss of the Ladies’ Auxiliary all made their presentations and received thanks from our President, Ulrich Venohr. Thomas Rausch, a generous Club member rose to present his donation to the President. The Board thanks all of you, once again, for your generosity.

This year we welcomed 20 new members into our Germania Club family. As is the custom, their names were read. To those present, who had not yet received one, a pin was awarded.



The proceedings then moved on to the presentation of certificates (Urkunden) for long-term membership. The membership range this year spanned an impressive 10-60 years.

It was a memorable and moving moment for all of us, when Oskar Bäuerle and Hermann Denninger received their 55 and 60 year membership certificates. The Germania Club and the Denningers have shared not only their love for German culture in the past. Ours was, and still is, a symbiotic business relationship that has worked well over the years. To this day, Denningers supplies us with schnitzels, sausages, sauerkraut and more for our many events. They are and remain a part of what we try to share with the larger community, a part of what it means to be German.

In total, 36 long term membership certificates were awarded. Six of those were for the 50th anniversary celebrations. These were (in alphabetical order) Waldemar Herling, Erwin Hiller, Eduard Keller, Manfred Platz, Heinz Punko and Willi Schaefer. Their biographies were sprinkled throughout the proceedings, and presented the kaleidoscope that is life: its victories and defeats, its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and regrets. In short, they presented a cross-section of our humanity, they presented lives lived and shared with the rest of this Club family. Over the next few months, these biographies will be shared one by one, with all of you in the Germania Post. Unfortunately we were not able to contact Manfred Platz. We will attempt further inquiries and will share any forthcoming biographical information with you. Manfred if you read this, we wish you well.



After receiving their pins and certificates, each membership group posed with the Club President and the Board Secretary for a photo, before rejoining the audience.

Our President, Ulrich Venohr then rose, to share his thoughts with all those present. He praised the work of the new Board and thanked them for their efforts during the Club's present mandate. He encouraged those present, in particular the subgroups, to support the Club, not only by volunteering, but also by celebrating their private functions, such as birthdays, weddings, celebrations of life on Club premises. He stressed the fact that membership also means partnership, by belonging to a larger family, who take care of one another and share a common culture, values or interests.

The President also announced, that instead of the Member of the Year award, he would like us to celebrate, "Volunteer Recognition Day", to thank all of those, too numerous to mention, who spend so much time and effort in furthering the interests of the Germania Club.

He concluded by thanking Dietrich Eckert for his outstanding job as the MC of the proceedings.

Presently, the Alpen Trio took to the stage and everyone had a chance to mingle, reconnect with old friends, or dance, before they went their separate ways.

Oh yes, there was a table of die-hards. They were still sitting when the Hall emptied. Uncomfortable shoes were



kicked off. Some reminiscing was inevitable as they lingered over a glass of this and that. A certain melancholy settled over the proceedings, but then that is German too as the hour gets late.

Good night, see you all next year again.

Waltraud Schork, Secretary
Germania Club, Board of Directors





Aus unserem Frauenverein

Just a bit of Trivia: If I counted correctly, there are 16 'o's in Glo o o o o o, o o o etc. 'ria in Excelsis Deo... but don't forget to breathe in between. This of course refers to the beautiful concert that the Choir put on at First Pilgrim United Church. The Choir will report on it themselves, but on behalf of First Pilgrim a sincere, heartfelt 'Thank You' for the donation of clothes blankets, hats etc. (even 2 sleeping bags), the abundance of groceries, and on top of it all a generous cash donation. Even Hannelore and Harry Simon were there, not David, unfortunately. Our own Christmas Bazar was again well attended; the proceeds were a bit down from last year, but only a bit (do they always have to have a football game at 1.00 p.m. that Sunday??) Thank you to Annemarie Kiss, Helga Laqua, Rosi Kramolowsky and all their elves, and everyone who donated, baked, shopped, cooked, bagged cookies, helped out in every which way. Uschi Schien again did a beautiful job decorating

the tree. And we had tons of prizes to give out for the Tombola. Beautiful afghans some donated, some handmade by Rosi Kramolowsky and the other ladies. A special Thank You to Richard Lutz for his generous cash donation.

To reward ourselves for our efforts during the year, we had a nice Christmas Party. Rosi Kramolowsky and Helga Laqua had made a variety of appetizers and sandwiches, Sigrid Whelan brought a cake – we even had leftovers. Dorothea Melms brought in small gifts and with less gifts than winners we could 'steal' gifts from earlier winners. But nobody minded, that was all in good fun. There will be no meetings in January and February.

Birthdays in January:

Rose Strinich January 6, 86

Ina Reile January 17, 89

(has resigned for health reasons but still comes out to some functions)

Trudel Mueller January 29

So, 'Guten Rutsch ins Neue Jahr' (but don't fall)!!Happy New Year.

Till next month:

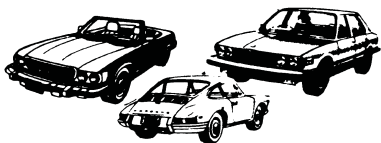
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January Birthdays



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Peter Werheid
Mark Woehrle
David Simon

DONATIONS

Germania Club

Linus & Gertrud Press

– \$150 in memory of Michael Press

Sofia Lochner

– \$50 in memory of her husband Michael Lochner



At the end of 2015 we had a surprise repair that was necessary. The roof on the original club house purchased in 1953, before the Large and small halls were added, sprung a leak and needed replacing. Before any real damage was made inside the clubhouse, the board approved the replacement of the roof and decking. The total cost of the replacement was \$10,100.00. If you were looking for something to donate to, the roof would be much appreciated. The club is making a profit this year, and we were easily able to pay for the repair, however the board had earmarked the money to go to paying down the line of credit. Life's like that.



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Jan 1		Club Office Closed
Jan 8	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jan 22	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Jan 24	12-2:00pm	Sunday Lunch
Jan 24	2:30pm	German Film "Madame Bäurin"
Jan 26	7:30pm	Member's Meeting
Jan 31		Club Volunteer recognition dinner

VORSCHAU/PREVIEW

Feb 7	10:00am	Fisher & Hunter Annual Meeting
Feb 10	5:30pm	Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner
Feb 12	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Feb 23	7:30pm	Member's Meeting
Feb 26	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance

Germania Choirs rehearsal Thursday at 7:30pm

Skat Saturday in the Rathskellar starting at 12:30pm



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