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- April 19 8:00 a.m. Germania Choirs Garage Sale  
 April 19 7:00 p.m. Club Dance with the Swingmasters

**VORSCHAU - PREVIEW**

- May 3 5:30 p.m. Fischer & Jäger Schlachtfest  
 in the Large hall of the club  
 May 4 1:00 p.m. Fischer & Jäger Maifest Breakfast  
 in the Germania park *gates open 11:30am*  
 May 11 12:00 p.m. Mother's Day Dinner in the Large Hall  
 June 14 12:00 p.m. Fun in the Sun PICNIC - Narrhalla 58  
 June 21 3:00 p.m. Germania Choir Picnic  
 June 27 Begin of It's Your Festival in Gage Park  
 June 28  
 June 29  
 June 30  
 July 1 Last Day of It's Your Festival in Gage Park

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 Germania Choirs rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.  
 Skat Saturday in the Rathskeller starting at 12:30 p.m.*

**Next monthly membership meeting ..April 22 at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 22. April um 20.00 Uhr**  
*Any members meeting or function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.*



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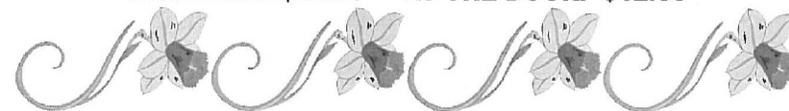
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*Fritzchen fragt sein Vater:  
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Zweitens: Wieso nicht?"*

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
MEMBER:**

**Kenneth Johnson**



Aus unserem  
Frauenverein

*It seems the winter never stops I am so tired of the snow and ice. But we all hope that it will be over soon.*

*We finally could hold our first meeting of the year. It was well attended. Our birthday ladies had to wait 3 months for their congratulations. But better late than never.*

*As you can imagine our main concern was the 100 year anniversary on March 16, 2008. By the time you read this, it will be all over and a milestone has passed. Our President, Rosi Kramolowsky, did a great job of organizing and paper work with help from Uschi Schien. It is impossible to know ahead what work is involved in such a special day. But we all hope it will be a wonderful, memorable experience.*

*Our menu was discussed, table decorations, etc. Our Germania Choirs will sing for us and David Simon will be our Emcee. I look forward to a wonderful day. Hopefully the weatherman will be on our side.*

*Our birthday ladies for the month of April are Monika Turner and Rosi Kramolowsky. Rosi will celebrate her 70th birthday. Congratulations to both ladies.*

*I hope I did not forget anything.*

*Til next month, keep healthy and smiling.*

*Here is my little saying for the month:*

*A sense of humor is like a needle and thread:*

*It will patch up so many things.*

*Your, Helga Laqua  
Secretary*

*On the lighter side...*

*Doctor! I have a serious problem, I can never remember what i just said.*

*When did you first notice this problem?*

*What problem?*

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*How many politicians does it take to change a lightbulb ?*

*Two. One to change it, and another one to change it back again.*

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*Why don't oysters give to charity?*

*Because they're shellfish.*

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*f it weren't for electricity we would all be watching television by candlelight.*

## The President's Corner



*It is a day after the Annual General Meeting, and it is now my privilege to report as President. Nina Fischer was kind enough to make a report for this issue outlining the election results for the club. Thank you Nina!*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the previous board members for their hard work and dedication to the Germania Club. Three people not returning to the board and who will be greatly missed are George and Nina Fischer and Alex Wegner. I hope you enjoy your newfound free time!*

*During my term as President I plan, with the board, to explore increasing membership of the club and to plan for the future. As I see It with the Germania Club being 144 years old, it surely has had to adapt several times through-out the years and we should be able to do so now. In those 144 years, the club was lucky enough to have two noticeable surges in membership, the second one being in the 1950's. But what kept the club going the rest of the time?*

*George Fischer said it very well at the annual general meeting, those*

*who look only to the past, cannot survive. We need to have dreams for the future, and follow those dreams. Maybe not word for word what George relayed to us, but that is what I heard.*

*I would add that we need to dare, and that we need to create excitement. We need to dare to do the things we would dream about, dare to discuss and plan for the future. Once we have a plan, we need to make it exciting for our members and prospective members. Even though it is for the members that the clubs exists, the club does not only serve its members. Instead the community at large deserves to have a German presence. It is our duty to extol the German culture, after all "Made in Germany" is a great trademark!*

*I hope to be able to greet you at our Spring dance on April 19th, with the fabulous SwingMasters Band.*

*Take Care,  
David Simon*



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*A very happy Birthday to Lydia Hill who celebrated on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Hope your 78th birthday was a good one. To Rolf Fischer who celebrates his 71st birthday on April Fool's Day, the 1st of April. Hope you also have a great day.*

*Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 16th at 1:00pm.*

*Until then*

*Your*

*Linda Wanner*

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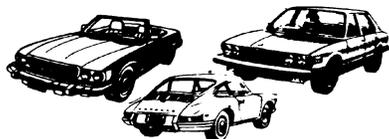
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Die Chöre haben Neuwahlen gehabt am 14. Feb. und folgende Personen wurden gewählt, beziehungsweise wiedergewählt: Obmann: Hedda Wagenblast, Vizeobmann: David Simon, 1, Sekretär: Arnold Schäfer, 2, Sekretär: Christel Strassgürtl, 1, Kassierer: Betty Boerkamp, 2, Kassierer: Inge Leitner, Vergnügungsleiter: Hildegard Bittner, Notenward: Hannelore Simon, Krankenkommitee: Susanne Butz, Alfred Michaelis, Evelyn Crawford, Christine Eastwood, Christa Kries und Elfriede Lammert. Vermögensverwalter: Arnold Schäfer, Buchprüfer: Edith Behnke u. Günter Heitland. Vertrauensperson für jede Stimme: Ludwig Meevis.

Am 16. Feb. veranstalteten wir unser jährliches "All Choirs Night". Es war ein grossartiger Erfolg für alle unsere Teilnehmer. Wir, der Veranstalter, eröffneten das Chorkonzert mit der kanadischen Nationalhymne; anschliessend brachten wir altbekannte Chorlieder zum Vortrag. Es folgten dann der Hamilton Police Female Chorus, der Police Male Chorus,

the Classic Blend Ladies Barbershop Chorus, the Haldimand Choralairs and the Dofasco Male Chorus. Alle brachten wunderbare Chorweisen zum Vortrag. Zum Abschluss brachten wir noch einige bekannte "Schunkellieder" und so verging wieder ein wunderschöner Liederabend zu ende. Den Spendenbetrag von rund \$1000.- stifteten wir dem Camp Trillium.

Am 24. Februar waren wir eingeladen bei unserem Senioren Sänger Michael und Amalia Press zu deren 60. Ehejubiläum, die diamantene Hochzeit. Wir brachten ein Ständchen mit bekannten Chorweisen. Für reichlich schmackhaftem Essen und Trinken war bestens gesorgt und alle erfreuten sich an diesem Ehrentag. Leide konnte meine Wenigkeit und meine Frau nicht teilnehmen, da wir auf einer Seereise durch den Panamakanal unterwegs waren, aber wir wünschten dem Jubelpaar im Vorraus unsere Glückwünsche zu.

Geburtstag feiern im Monat April: Andreas Remisch und Ulla Binka. Ich wünsche beiden beste Gesundheit und die herzlichsten Glückwünsche zu ihrem Ehrentag. Mit freundlichem Sängergruss! Euer Sängerbruder Arnold Schäfer, Schriftführer.

*Two members are currently in our thoughts. Hannelore Simon and Karl Leitner. We hope you both return to full health soon.*



## Fischer & Jäger

Welcome all to April. At this time it is still very white, cold, and not so spring like. Due to very terrible weather, our meetings have not been on schedule. However, the plans are still in the works. We have Schlachtfest at the Germania Club in the big hall. We should all do our part and support our Club. It is up to all of us to come to the meetings and give our thoughts and advice. Our meetings are every third Wednesday of each month or call Gary or Rosi for details. While you are there buy some tickets and convince family and friends to come on out. The date is May 03, 2008. May 04, 2008 is our Maifest at the park. Bring your kids, grand kids, and friends. As always the parking is free and we will have refreshments for the young and not-so-young. We are also serving breakfast for the early birds. The traditional Maibaum is waiting.

The cottage opens on Mother's Day for the pike and pickerel season. We do have a full house this weekend but reservations are always welcome. Call Willi or Rosi Kramolowsky @ 905-662-7602. Pick a day, weekend, or longer. That's all for now, may I leave you with this thought, - we are longer gone than here, live life like its your last day, teach what you know, learn what you can. And when all else fails, dance like no one is watching.  
PS Whether they laugh at you or with you, laughter is the best.  
Petri Heil  
Richard Kramolowsky.

PSS Vorstand meeting 1st Tuesday each month.  
The membership meetings are 3rd Wednesday each month. Bring some picture pictures for the club to show; big fish, little fish, good times, bring them on. At this time as second secretary I would like to thank Emily Kramolowsky for making sure this report going into the email world. Thanks Emily.



## Mardi Gras Society "NARRHALLA 58"

Hello All! Or should I say Helau!?

Where has the time gone? It was a very short Mardi Gras season this year with Easter coming so early this year.

There is not too much to report at this time of the year as we are resting a bit after our 50th anniversary year. We hope that everyone who took part enjoyed themselves.

Upcoming, but months off is our "Fun in the Sun" which is on June 21st this year. We will try something a little different this year and we hope you can make it.

April must be a good month! Celebrating their birthdays are Rosi Kramolowsky, Monika Turner, Ted Dodds and Eric Melms all between the 10th and 14th, and Richard Lutz who celebrates on the 20th! I wish you all the best for the future.

Next month you are going to hear from our new Narrhalla secretary Lori Kramolowsky!

Until then,  
David Simon  
Elferrats President

## RESTAURANT

The Germania Club Restaurant is open from 2pm to 8pm every Saturday.

We have prepared a good menu of German meals, from simple items to full dinners. They will be available weekly in the restaurant at a reasonable price. The chef will also prepare a weekly special.

Food menu will also be available to the guests in the Rathskeller.

### Sunday Dances in your club.....

A nice group of people, we call them our regulars, show up at around 7:00 p.m. and enjoy some nice dance music presented by rotating D.Js. These dances are presented and staffed by members of your club and I would like to see more of our members to join the fun. It would be nice to see some new faces at these dances. Besides good company and music we have a one time special treat for you: Show up at the door with the original copy of this article and two people will be admitted for the price of one. It should not be a problem to come dancing on a Sunday night now that you and your friends are retired. So why not make up a table and join the crowd?

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## HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY!!

Michael and Amalia Press

Mike and Amalia celebrated their 60th in the Germania Club with the family, friends and the Germania Choir, where Michael sang for many years

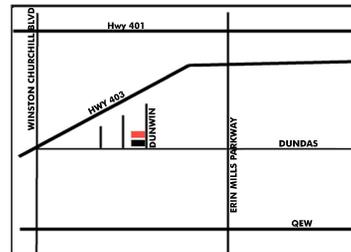
## THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Arthur Wagenblast and Eckhard Kries for installing those fabulous hand rails between the balcony and the small hall!

Alex Wegner for donating and installing a beautiful light fixture in the ladies washroom in the small hall!

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## Notes from the Past First Secretary, Nina Fischer

That was a record snowstorm that started Friday and continued into the wee hours of March 9, 2008! That, however, did not deter 61 members from shoveling enough snow to get to the Germania Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Two Motions refining our Constitution were dealt with. Volunteers were elected to Board positions as follows:

**President:** David Simon  
**Vice President and First Treasurer:** Carol Albrecht  
**First Secretary and Second Treasurer:** Lori Kramolowsky  
**Second Secretary:** Barbara (Schnitzer) Haybarger  
**Business Administrator:** Vacancy exists  
**Property Manager:** Arthur Wagenblast and Eckhard Kries  
**Park Manager:** Richard Lutz  
**First Social Director and Youth Co-ordinator:** Violette Rocheleau  
**Second Social Director:** Vacancy exists  
**Public Relations:** Susan Butz

Our new Auditors are Rosi Kramolowsky, Chair; Ted Dodds, and Eva Kolwes.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Lori Kramolowsky. You are a wonderful Office Secretary, Second Treasurer, and member of the Germania Banquet

Centre Committee. I wish you much happiness in carrying out your additional duties as First Secretary.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their kind cards and calls during my recovery from surgery and complications of the wonderful bug I caught in the hospital.

I'm feeling better and hopefully will return to normal soon.

Hannelore Simon



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Egon Roesslein, Camper

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It has finally been decided.

We will have our spring camper meeting on Saturday, May 17th, at 1:00 pm at the Pavilion in the park. Karl the Mighty\* will cook us some Leberkaese (meat loaf) and serve it with a bun and some sort of a salad. We will share the cost. So, at the beginning of the meeting, we will enjoy this little repast with whatever we brought in with our coolers. Also, please supply your own plates, knives and forks unless you like to eat with your fingers off the table. Should you forget, just ask me. Joan can help out.

The work on our dock, on Lake Niapenco, had been suspended for the winter. Richard assured me that, by the time you read this, we should again be making progress. With a little luck and a lot of hard labour from our Parkmeister and his helper, we should be able to fish off it this summer.

It has been a quiet winter in the park this year and we like it that way. News from the campground, in the off-season, is usually bad news.

So everyone, buck up! Winter is over and the camping season only

# Mother's Day Dinner

*Bring the whole family to our annual Mother's Day Dinner on May 11th, in the large hall of the Germania Club. You will enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by our chef Ray.*

### The Menu:

*your choice of soup or salad, chicken cordon-bleu or choice of schnitzel with rice, spätzle, or potatoes, Cake for dessert and tea and coffee.*

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<p><i>Spring Dance</i>                      With the Swingmasters Band                      April 19, 2008                      Doors open 7pm Dancing starts 8pm                      Restaurant open for Dinner after 2pm</p>		<p><b>1</b> 8:00pm Germania Club Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b> 8:00pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7:30pm Germania Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8pm Mohawk Ballroom Dancing                      8pm lesson 9pm dancing</p>	<p><b>5</b> 12:30pm SKAT                      2 - 8pm Restaurant OPEN</p>
<p><b>6</b>                      You are invited to the Sunday Social Dance at 7pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> Club Closed</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:00pm Germania Club Obmänner meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:30pm Germania Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8pm Mohawk Ballroom Dancing                      8pm lesson 9pm dancing</p>	<p><b>12</b> 12:30pm SKAT                      2 - 8pm Restaurant OPEN</p>
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<p><b>20</b>                      You are invited to the Sunday Social Dance at 7pm</p>	<p><b>21</b> Club Closed</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:00pm Germania Club members meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b> 8:00pm Narrhalla 58 meeting</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:30pm Germania Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>25</b> 8pm Mohawk Ballroom Dancing                      8pm lesson 9pm dancing</p>	<p><b>26</b> 12:30pm SKAT                      2 - 8pm Restaurant OPEN</p>
<p><b>27</b>                      You are invited to the Sunday Social Dance at 7pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> Club Closed</p>	<p><b>29</b> 8pm Germania Club Board meeting</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>Come and enjoy a meal in the restaurant. Saturdays from 2pm until 8pm. Please reserve for larger groups</b></p>	<p>Fisher and Hunters  <b>SCHLACHTFEST</b>                      In the large hall of the club                      May 3, 2008 Doors open 5:30                      Tickets: advance \$15, at the door \$20                      Dance to George Backus Band</p>	

*Germania Club Rathskeller open Wednesday, Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Come and enjoy!*