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March 5	20:00	1st Saturday of the Month Dance
March 8	19:30	Extended Board Meeting
March 9	19:00	Ash Wednesday Herringessen - Restaurant
March 13	13:00	Ladies Stiftungsfest
March 16	19:00	Fisher and Hunter Membership Meeting
March 27	10:00	Annual General Meeting

**VORSCHAU - PREVIEW**

April 2	20:00	1st Saturday of the Month Dance (Club Members Free Admission)
April 9	08:00	Choir Garage Sale
April 12	19:30	Extended Board Meeting
April 16	17:00	Fisher and Hunter Schlachtfest - Club
April 23	12:00	Easter Egg Hunt - Park

*Any function cancellation will be on the club's voice mail.*

**Next monthly membership meeting ...June 28, at 7:30 p.m.  
Nächste monatliche Versammlung ... Am 28. juni um 19:30 Uhr**

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



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# Annual General Meeting

**March 27th, 2011  
Starting at 10 am**

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

(Cancellation due to bad weather will be on the voicemail)



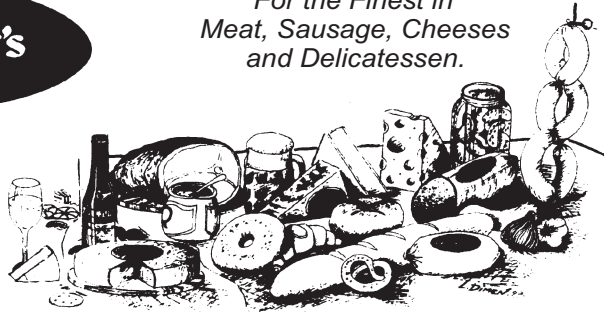
Paul Richard Frank  
May 20, 1953 - January 26, 2011

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of Paul Frank. We extend our condolences to the Frank family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May those around you help you through the days ahead.

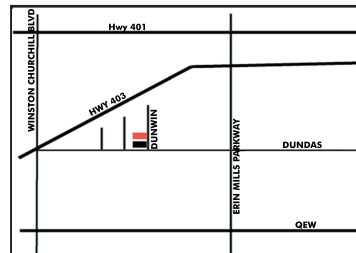


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### Donations to Park and Memorial

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Heijm - in memory of Karl Heidt

### Emergency Fund

Werner & Karla Grauf \$100  
Karl Leitner \$45

### Donations

Horst & Irmgard Rewald \$55

### A Friendly Reminder

Membership fees are now  
due.

### Membership Fees

\$12 for student  
\$65 for regular  
\$110 for family  
\$45 for seniors

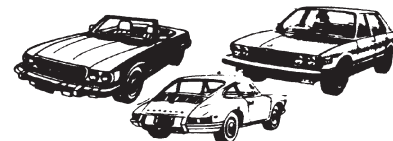
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Werner Anders  
Jane (Netty) De Wit  
zum 70.

Inge Leitner  
Alois Reissler  
zum 75.

Geburtstag

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## Mother's Day Brunch Sunday May 8th, 2011

11 am to 2 pm

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Cost 21.99 (includes tax)

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Children under 4 free



## 1st Saturday of the Month Dance Beginning

March 5, 2011 8:00pm

We are changing our format

### *The Germania Club*

will be changing the style of music played effective  
March 5th, 2011.

*Come join us and dance to the music from the 50's to the 90's.*

*Singles and Couples Always Welcome!*

*Watch for the exciting changes.*

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Cover charge \$8.00 - Door prizes each week

## The President's Corner



*I am a little late with my column as today is Valentine's day. Yesterday we enjoyed the Valentine's buffet brunch in the club with the many people who reserved their spot. Carol did a wonderful job of setting the hall just right, it looked beautiful and cozy. Thank you to Jennifer who prepared a delicious brunch menu for us with plenty of selections. The seating was by reservation only which worked out fairly well. Unfortunately Carol had to turn a few people away at the door that hadn't reserved, offering a later seating time to enjoy the brunch. Hats off and thank you to Carol and staff.*

*The liquor licence renewal has come in and will be filled out for the deadline of the end of February. The form is a smallish 30 pages, with questions about our club and its directors. Of course there is a fee to be paid to keep up the licence. Alcohol sales are lower than what they used to be in days past because of the new drinking and driving laws, but they still form a significant income for our club's banquet activities.*

*The Hamilton Spectator has had a few of our members spotlighted in the paper lately. First Hans (John) -3-*

*Kreuzer was in the paper for his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. The notice was put in the paper by his grand and great-grand children. As the notice says Opa is 91 and still having fun. Happy birthday from all of us.*

*Others in the newspaper recently were the group of guys who meet weekly in the winter (when the ice is safe) to play the German form of curling called Eistockschiessen. The Spectator reporter found them playing what they enjoy out in Hendry Valley. It sure looked like the group was having fun and enjoying the winter.*

*Finally a word about our park rental house. At our last members meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, we discussed the park house and it was recommended from Hans Bastel that we explore renovating the house for rental once again. Everyone was in agreement, so that is the plan as soon as the weather permits. If you are interested in offering help in anyway, please contact the office and let us know. We need help first off to decide what to do, and then probably to actually do the work.*

*Hoping Spring will soon be here,*

*David Simon*





A loyal member of the Germania Club  
For 50 Years  
Alois Reissler

Alois Reissler was born on March 25, 1936, close to Augsburg, Germany. He arrived in Canada in 1958. He came to Hamilton and joined the Germania Club in 1960 and is now a 50 year member.

During his time with the Club, he was 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary of the Board of Directors and then moved to 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary.

Alois was a member of the Committee who handled the Hundert Jahrfeier Festschrift in 1964/65.

Alois was a member of the Narrhalla 58 and became Prince Alois the 1<sup>st</sup>. His Princess was Erika Kretschmann.

At present Alois lives in Clarksburg, Ontario. He owns a lot of land there but he is trying to sell it because he would like to live closer to us.

He has already bought a house in Oakville, where he is planning to live once he sells his property in

Clarksburg.

Alois, we wish you good luck and we hope that you are a member of our Club for a long time to come.

Prepared and read by Uschi Schien at the Stiftungsfest.



Please take pictures at all of your events! And send them to [info@germaniaclub.ca](mailto:info@germaniaclub.ca)



Thanks.



Have a special announcement you would like to make? Let us know. If there is room we will put it in the Germania Post for **free**. You can call the club at 905-549-0513 or email the editor at [info@germaniaclub.ca](mailto:info@germaniaclub.ca).

### Attention Members:

To help keep rising costs down, how would you like to receive the Germania Post by email?

There are advantages in receiving your Germania Post this way.....

- a) No waiting time. Once the Germania Post is ready for print it still takes a few days to a week to print and distribute.
- b) You will receive it in colour.
- c) If you are interested in a particular article or picture, it can be emailed separately.
- d) Forms for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Children's Christmas party can be filled out and sent by email.
- e) Did I mention colour??

Please let us know what your email address is so we can start immediately. You can email [info@germaniaclub.ca](mailto:info@germaniaclub.ca) and in the subject line insert "Attention Germania Post Editor" along with your name or you can call the Club at 905-549-0513 and give Lori your email address. We can start this as early as the next issue.

Thank-you



Our sincerest condolences to Rosemarie Meyer - the Managing Editor of the Deutsche Presse who passed away on February 6, 2011.



Mardi Gras Society  
"NARRHALLA 58"

Wednesday March 9  
at 7 pm

Herringessen in the  
Restaurant



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Which Subgroup or special interest Group would you like to join? Please note some subgroups have their own additional application forms and fees.

Fisher and Hunters..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Mardi Gras Society Narrhalla 58..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Ladies Auxiliary..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Choirs..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Seniors Group..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Chessplayers..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Campers..... <input type="checkbox"/>	G.T.E.V. Alpenland..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Skat Players..... <input type="checkbox"/>	..... <input type="checkbox"/>

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Membership Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



## Fischer & Jäger

*Can you feel this folks? The feeling of spring to come. I hope everyone survived the winter and hopefully it's over.*

*Well our next event is our annual Schlachtfest and it will be held at the Germania Club. We are offering pork roast, sausage, lebercase, dumplings and dessert. We will be having a DJ for dancing and of course the standard beverages are always available. We will be having the flower shooting and imagine this, as a special treat we are giving away Free Parking. You can enjoy the dinner and the dance for a mere \$20.00 and if you bring your kids; they are half price. Almost forgot, the date is April 16 at 6 pm. Please call Gary or Harold for tickets.*

*As far as the cottage goes we are planning to build a fish cleaning hut so we don't get eaten by the bugs of summer while we are cleaning the catch of the day. If anyone would like to help out with materials or a donation of some sort; please call George or Harold.*

*That's about it for now folks. So stay safe, until we meet again.*

*P.S. Just a gentle reminder that membership dues are....well now due.*

Petri Heil  
Richard

*My quote for the month comes from a recent experience and I thank Malcom Forbes.*

*"Being right half the time beats being half-right all the time"*

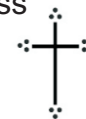
*Take care my friends.*

Wir nehmen Abschied von  
unserem Freund

**Franz "Kurti" Gulla**

Wir sind dankbar für die  
gemeinsame Zeit und  
werden uns wiedersehen!

Dorothea & Eric Melms,  
George, Annemarie  
Tyler, Adam &  
Samantha Kiss



**What 5 letter word is spelled wrong by over 99% of college graduates?**

The word 'Wrong'.

**Forward** I am heavy, but  
backward I am not. What am I?

Ton. Ton spelled backwards is  
Not.



## Choral Notes

*While we were practicing the arrangement of Bach's Menuett, I noticed that it was written in the key of E-flat major (the key with three flats). There is nothing unusual about this key in our time, but it was unusual before the time of Mr. Bach. Let me explain.*

*Before the time of Bach, tuners and musicians had problems with tuning the semitones and avoided playing pieces with more than two flats or sharps. In harmony with other notes, these semitones often produced wolf sounds.*

*The problem of tuning was an old one. Within any octave of a major scale there are five full-step notes and two half-step notes, i.e. there are six full steps for eight notes! To avoid the complications in tuning, musicians in ancient times limited themselves to the five full-step notes and considered the others as unmusical. Thus evolved the pentatonic scales. These scales were used globally for thousands of years and are still in use in some modern music.*

*In the sixth century B.C., the Greek philosopher and mathematician Pythagoras discovered that the*

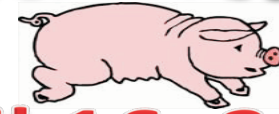
*pitch emitted by a vibrating string was related to its length. From then on, tuning was not only a matter for the ear; it also had to satisfy principles of science. The ideal tones were pure tones that vibrated without distortions or overtones.*

*By the Middle Ages musicians discovered the other five semitones within the octave (the black keys on a piano), and tuning became ever more complex. In the year 1482 Ramos de Pareja, yet another musician and mathematician, proposed to divide the octave into twelve equal semitones, all of them tuned at one-half interval higher than its lower neighbour. This fixed the semitones in such a way that C sharp and D flat sounded alike, and so did F sharp become equal to G flat, etc. The cost of this mathematical solution was that the Pythagorean pure notes had to be sacrificed.*

*Purists rejected Pareja's proposal, and it took another 240 years before Bach demonstrated the usefulness of the equal tempered scales. Beginning with the note C, he wrote a piece in C major and then a piece in C minor. The next two pieces began one-half note higher, C sharp, and again he showed that the harmonies held firm even though all five black keys on the clavier had to be engaged. He wrote a total of 24 such pieces, using each of the 12 notes as the first note of a scale and*

Fisher and Hunter  
Annual

# Schlachtfest



## April 16, 2011

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Tickets - \$20.00

Children 1/2 price

(Ticket price includes meal)

at the *Germania Club* in the Large Hall  
863 King Street East, Hamilton

The menu is pork, schnitzel, sausage  
meatloaf, dumplings, red cabbage  
& dessert

Everyone is Welcome

Remember  
Spring Forward,  
Fall Back



Clocks go forward in Spring and backward in  
Fall.

Don't forget to change your clocks ahead 1  
hour on March 13th.





## Aus unserem Frauenverein

There is not much new for this report. As everybody knows, we take January and February off. A lot of members find it hard to come during the winter. Our next meeting will be March 2, 2011 and our anniversary is on March 13, 2011. By that time we will be close to spring and everything will look more friendly and inviting. I, myself don't like winter.

My apologies for missing last month's report but health reason's kept me from writing it. So here are February's Birthday Ladies.

Sieglinde Seiler	Feb 1
Rita Jansen	Feb 15
Gerda Frank	Feb 22
Helga Laqua	Feb 26

Here are March's Birthday Ladies  
Edith Kruck Mar 7  
Congratulations to all of them.

Well that is all for now,  
Stay healthy and keep smiling.

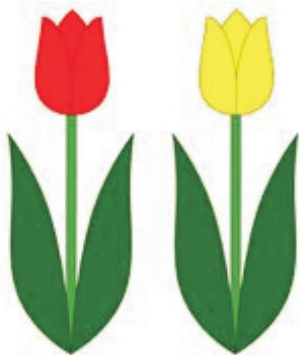
Here is my poem for the month.

### Sowing Blessings

If you want to make a difference  
in other people's lives  
Be thoughtful and considerate  
be slow to criticize.  
Be helpful when you're needed  
let others know you care  
Be patient and forgiving  
when hurts are hard to bare.  
Do always unto others  
as you'd have done to you

For when you sow blessings  
you reap the harvest too.  
-Vib. Chevalier

Till next time,  
Yours Helga Laqua



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published the pieces under the title 'The Well-Tempered Clavier'. That was in the year 1722, the same year in which he wrote the Menuett! It no longer mattered how many semitones were needed – the wolves had left!

Our birthday celebrants in March are: Waltraud Schork, Erika Eigen, Netty DeWitt, Paul Jaeckle, Gisela Harwood, and Inge Leitner. Happy Birthday!

On the horizon are the 'All Choirs' Night' on February 26th and the Choirs' Annual Meeting on March 3rd. Thereafter the robins and the crocuses will announce the advent of spring. Whoopee!

George Fischer

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## Congratulations!



February 8th, 1920

Hans Kreuzer

Count your life by smiles, not tears.  
Count your age by friends, not years.

Happy Birthday!!



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## The Campers' Report



Hello Campers

Hopefully by now everyone has their club dues and camper fees paid.

Soon it will be spring and we will finally have an end to this very cold and snowy winter. I hope everyone was able to stay healthy this winter. Those who were able to go south this year were very fortunate. Myself, I am already looking forward to the camping season.

Buddy update... Buddy is doing very well and loves to play in the snow. He did give us a bit of a scare. We think our cat Louie bit him under his chin. (Buddy's definition of play and Louie's definition of play are not quite the same) Buddy developed an abscess the size of a grapefruit within 12 hours. We were amazed. Of course it was after 4 pm on a Saturday and our vet was closed. We were able to take him to a vet hospital in Brantford that is open 24/7. Great place called Beatties. They gave him a shot of penicillin and the next day he was so much better.

Karen and I are looking forward to going to the Valentines brunch with Paul and Sandra at the Club.

Keep warm and safe and we will talk to you soon.

Your Chairman  
Kevin Pyett

Don't let weeds grow around your dreams.



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Germania Club

# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday. April 23rd, 2011 at 12:00 Noon

Enjoy refreshments, lunch and an egg-cellent afternoon!  
Germania Club Park on Lake Niapenko, Binbrook

Please register by April 16th, 2011  
Cost: \$3.00 per child (includes hotdog and a drink)  
To be paid at entrance

For info call the club at 905-549-0513 & leave a message for Susan Butz.  
Leave the form in the club office or email to:  
germaniaclub@bellnet.ca



Directions to Germania Park:  
Exit Lincoln Alexander Parkway at Dartnall  
Turn left at second set of lights - Rymal Road East  
Turn right after approx. 1.2 km on Trinity Church Road  
Follow to end (approx 8.5 km) and turn right into Germania Park

## Registration form for the Easter Egg Hunt

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child(ren)    Age    Sex

_____	_____	_____
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