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Children's Mardi Gras, Sunday, February 3, 2013 1-4pm

OBITUARY

Eduard Hakenberg: January 1, 1925 – December 15, 2012. Eduard was a Life Long Member of the club. Our condolences to his wife of 63 years Erika and his children, Ralf and Karin and their families.

Tax time is coming



The club has invited a specialist
with knowledge of the
German Pension Taxes to hold a
FREE German Pension Presentation
on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013 At 3pm
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The President's Corner



We are standing at the beginning of a New Year and I hope it will be a healthy year for all our members and also for the club. I know that can only happen if we all work together and support each other and all the functions in the club. The Board tries and works hard to make the club a fun place for all the members and sub-groups, but first of all we are all members of the Club. I know many of our members are getting older and don't like driving at night anymore, so I'm wondering if a meeting on Saturday or Sunday afternoon would be more convenient? Let us know what you think.

You all know that 2014 is a very big year for the club as we celebrate our 150th anniversary, so if you have

a good story or article to share, please send it to our secretary.

Have a good month, and don't shovel too much snow!

Rosi Kramolowsky
President

Membership Fees 2013

Student	\$17
Adult	\$70
Senior	\$50
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It was decided to raise the Membership Fees for 2013 at the Annual General Meeting held in March of last year.

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Fischer & Jäger

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a chance to get together with family and friends to share good food and good times over the holidays. As there is not much to report for the Fischer & Jäger this month I thought I would share some words of wisdom I came upon recently. I'm not sure who the original author was but I found them in the postscript of Angelo Mosca's book Tell Me To My Face.

"Every day is a gift as long as I open my eyes."

Old age is like a bank account--You withdraw in later life what you have deposited along the way.

So my advice is to deposit all the happiness you can in your bank account of memories, which I continue to fill.

My simple guidelines to happiness:

- 1)Free your heart from hate
- 2)Free your mind from wrong
- 3)Live simple
- 4)Give more
- 5)Expect less"

Angelo Mosca

I encourage all of our members to come to the Fischer & Jäger annual general meeting on February 3, 2013 at 11:00 am.

Until next time

Take care

Peter McCormick

Reminder

Special Meeting
February 26, 2013

7:00pm

Presentation and
approval of the
Yearly budget
for the Germania Club
Members meeting
to follow



Sunday Brunch

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The Camper's Report



Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas and an enjoyable New Year with family and friends. The campers are currently hibernating, some of us enjoying the warmth of our homes in Ontario, and some of us enjoying the sun down south.

Wherever you are spending your winter, February brings a gentle reminder that the camping fees are due by February 28th.

During the winter months, the lock on the gate for the park has changed to try and reduce damage on the path, so it is quite a hike out to the trailers, but if you dress warm enough, and the sun is shining the walk can be invigorating.

The last time, I ventured out to the park was the end of December, and I am pleased to report that there was no visible damage to any trailer or property.

Since our temperatures have declined and there is snow on the ground, I believe I am not alone in urging May to arrive so that we can all get back out to our trailers and enjoy our beautiful park.

Until next time, writing for our Chairpersons, Frank and Egon who are in search of warm temperatures.

Heidi

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CHRISTMAS

NEW YEARS





Aus unserem Frauenverein

A sincere 'thank you' to Annemarie Kiss for providing pictures of recent events for the January Germania Post (you saved me), because my report was a bit late – I was away. A week down south in early December with the family, and daily Pina Coladas resulted in a serious, temporary memory loss. We were 19 this year, which represents three generations of one family from 7 to over 70 on one plane, and, honestly I did send a few prayers to the Man Above that all would go well – which it did.

Now we catch up! Christmas already seems so long ago, but our meeting on December 5 was also our annual Christmas Party. The official part was as short as possible, while still dealing with all necessary items (thank you, Annemarie) because everyone kept eyeing the buffet table. We had 17 members out, plus 5 invited guests – 3 gentlemen (Messrs. Graeser, Wanner and Wegner) who provide transportation and much assistance during the year, plus 2 junior members, Samantha Kiss (Annemarie's

daughter) and Jennifer Kirchhoefel (Elisabeth's granddaughter). Jennifer's (the one from the Club) buffet was yummy. Shrimps, chicken, meatballs among others, you name it. Plus desserts of cookies and cake, and a nice glass of wine with it or coffee – frankly, I was stuffed!

Then we had a little gift exchange, which is always great fun. I should especially mention Rosi Kramolowsky's artistic talents. With a bit of wool and some foam she can turn any gift into a Christmas creation. You would never guess what's in the package. There is some special thought and care involved. I think everyone was happy with their gift.

Now we hibernate for a while and think up new ideas for the New Year. What can we do to make some money (which we need to do things!) and get new supporters and participants.

On the bright side: After December 21` the days start getting longer (by minutes at first) and soon we'll have Spring. Optimistic me, especially since we survived December 21 and we are still here. I have the greens of tulips and daffodils, and a few day lilies, already poking out in my garden!!

Belated Happy Birthday wishes
to our January ladies:

Rose Strinich January 6
Liesel Graeser January 10
Ina Reile January 17
Trudel Mueller January 29
Without giving secrets away
– all these ladies are over
75; three of them over 80.
Congratulations!

In February we have

Sieglinde Seiler February 1
Rita Jansen February 15
Gerda Frank February 22
– she will be 90!!!!

And we, the rest, are over 70.

Helga Laqua February 26

Until next month – and don't
forget to hug your Valentine...

Sieglinde Seiler,

Secretary

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SKAT



Our New Year has started and players are busy trying to maintain a good average so that next year, possibly we can beat the top three who made it two years in a row. Congratulations to our 2012 Top Players

Champion - Horst Kreitzer
2nd Place - Henry Schultz
3rd Place - Hans Meiritz

The gentlemen were honoured with trophies at our annual Christmas Party. The members enjoyed a Schnitzel Dinner in the restaurant, and we were so pleased to welcome four players from Ohio to our Christmas Skat, and it was



nice surprise to welcome Agi from the Hansa Haus. We were a total of 22 players in the Winecellar and prizes were awarded to the top players as follows:

- 1 Meiritz, Hans
- 2 Schultz, Henry
- 3 Eggers, Barbara
- 4 Frank, Heidemarie
- 5 Grenc, Tony
- 6 Dietrich, Horst
- 7 Mielitz, Wolfgang
- 8 Liste, Werner

Congratulations to everyone, and thank you for attending. Just a little reminder that membership dues require to be sent in to ISPA to maintain our status by the end of February, so please remember to pay your membership fee.

Until next time, Gut Blatt
Heidi





Choral Notes

We are well into the new year and the Choir started practicing again on Jan. 10. We had a very nice Christmas party, with a beautiful dinner prepared by our club president Rosi and her helpers, Thank you very much. Also a Thank you to Santa Claus and our Christmas angel for making our party complete.

The next day Sunday afternoon we went by bus to the Sonnenhof in Brantford for their annual Christmas party and we gave almost a full concert, which was very well received. Our director Linus loves that hall because of the great accoustics.

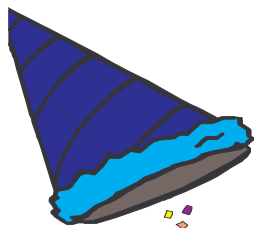
I received news that Elfriede Lammert is retiring from the choir, she always came faithfully every Thursday all the way from Oakville. We will miss you Elfriede, but we hope to see you at our garage sales, etc. don't be a stranger. On the 3rd of March

the Pilgrim United Church will hold a service celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the building and 50 year anniversary of the founding of the Deutsche Evangelische Pilgrim Kirche and our choir is invited to participate. Some of our choristers were members of this church and the Simon family still is. On the 16th of March we will have our All Choirs Night, where local choirs are invited to join us for an evening of singing, so as you can see we have a busy start for the new year.

This month's birthdays are: Elfriede Lammert, Anneliese Walthers, Helmut Bock and Erika Mildenerger. We wish you all a very Happy Birthday in good health.

Greetings,
Jeanet Schaefer

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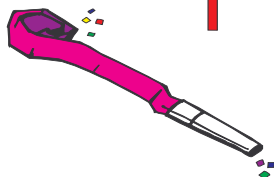
**70 Years
Erika Bastel**

**75 Years
Hans Bastel**

**80 Years
Helmut Bock
Elfriede Lammert
Waltraut Lauff**

**85 Years
Manfred Platz**

**90 Years
Gerda Frank**



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Feb 3	11:00am	Fisher & Hunter Annual General Meeting
Feb 3	1pm-4pm	Children's Mardi Gras
Feb 13	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Heringessen
Feb 20	3:00 pm	German Tax Presentation
Feb 24	11am-3pm	Sunday brunch
Feb 24	3:15pm	Movie Afternoon "Liebe für Fortgeschrittene"
Feb 26	7:00pm	Special Meeting Budget
Feb 26	7:30pm	Members Meeting (follows Special Meeting)

VORSCHAU - PREVIEW

Mar 10	10:00am	Annual General Meeting
Mar 16	7:00pm	All Choirs Night
Mar 17	1:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary
Mar 24	11am-3pm	Easter Brunch (Palm Sunday)
Mar 24	3:15pm	Movie Afternoon
Mar 30	12:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt in the Germania Park



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



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