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# *Waldemar (Wally) Held*

February 22, 1937 – June 30, 2014

Wally was a long time member of the Germania Club and the Fisher & Hunters. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Wilma and daughters Angela and Michelle.

Hello fellow members,

A family in Germany is looking to re-establish contact with former family members that made their home [1980?] here in Hamilton.

Please leave word at the office should you recognize the picture and have additional information.



# The President's Corner



Hello Dear Members!

First of all I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard at Gage Park at "It's Your Festival". The weather was very hot and the crowds were big, but at the end it was a very good event and successful. Again! Thank you very much for your support.

I cannot report on our Picnic, but I hope we will all have some fun and a good turnout.

Oh! I almost forgot about the soccer games we showed on the big screen in our Club House. They were very well

attended, by a very big and sometimes very loud crowd when they missed the big goal. I think the goal posts should be painted in "bright red" so that the players can see them.

Again I would like to thank the volunteers and supporters for having the club still in their hearts.

Rosi Kramolowsky  
President



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## Choral Notes

The last official engagement for the Germania Choirs before summer recess, was a performance for the seniors at Highgate, on Thursday, June 5th, in the evening. After the hour-long concert, that found an appreciative audience, the Choirs were treated by our hosts to refreshments, and a selection of sweets and savouries.

The traditional annual Germania Choirs' picnic took place June 14th in the Germania Park. This year, the proceedings moved to the front pavilion, overlooking Lake Niapenco, with lush greenery all around. The day was gloriously sunny, a cool breeze coming off the lake, all afternoon and evening.

On this occasion, Hedda Wagenblast shared a letter with us, that she received from Walter Stechel, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany. He thanked us for the invitation to the 150th anniversary celebrations, and encouraged us, to

continue to promote German culture in our new homeland. He also graciously offered his assistance for any future cultural endeavours.

Members started to arrive in the park between 1 and 2 pm, and the kitchen was abuzz with activity. The bar was open, and a small welcome brandy was offered to those who chose to accept. Appetizing hors d'oeuvres were marched out, to tempt any palate. The sumptuous salad bar stretched over 2 tables and the barbecued meats were grilled to perfection. What else? "Ohne Kaffee und Kuchen geht es nicht". That also was a delectable affair.

With Helmut Bock on keyboard, some of us suddenly found our dancing legs. Ingrid Oppermann, Arthur Wagenblast and Karl Uschold delighted with their numbers as well. Linus put the Choirs through their paces, with some spirited offerings. Both the mixed and male choirs performed. In addition, the Ladies' Choir dedicated, "Wie lieblich schallt", to the men for Father's Day. This was followed by a sing-along, led by Brigitte Muessner, on her

guitar. Christine Eastwood offered an inspiring solo, "Die Glocken von Santa Maria". We were happy to welcome Brigitte's charming sisters, Inge and Helga, who were visiting from Germany. Christa and Eckhard Kries also enjoyed the afternoon with their visitors from overseas. I was told that in the past, the picnic was a boisterous affair that easily went on until midnight or beyond. Not any more, by 9 pm everyone started saying their good-byes, to enjoy the rest of the summer, each in their own way. Does this mean we are getting older? Nevertheless, a great time was had by all. From June 28th-July 1st, the 45th annual, "It's Your Festival", took place in Gage Park. Since the festival nurtures heritage and cultural awareness, the Germania Club participates each year, by operating a concession stand, featuring German food. The schnitzel, sausages, sauerkraut and potatoe salad were once again a big hit with the attendees of the festival. The Choirs committed volunteers to help out on June 30th. We were

there along with a contingent of volunteers from different branches of the Germania Club, serving the goodies during a sweltering heat-wave. However, we felt royally entertained by the lively bands featured in the band-shell across from us.

To boot, we met and mingled with several of the hard-working volunteers from the Germania Park campers. There were of course also the faces, familiar to choir members, who are willing to give 150 percent to help make special events a success. Special mentions go to Ulli Venohr, Eva Kolwes and Arthur Wagenblast. I understand Jeanet and Arnold Schaefer were preparing mega amounts of potatoe salad for the event. Thank you! Last, but not least, birthday wishes go to Hildegard Bittner, and supporting member Bob Walthers, both of whom are celebrating their birthday on August 27th.

As always, make your day a little brighter, with a song on your lips, and in your heart.

Waltraud Schork



# The Camper's & Park Report



Unfortunately, some of the first dozen or so Germania Posts, last month, went out with some articles missing, including ours. So, if you would like to read our posting, I could snail mail or e-mail it, if you are interested. June and July are always the liveliest times in our campground. The weather is mostly still moderate without the oppressing August/September heat and humidity, and we still feel that newness and enthusiasm that only the start of the season can bring. Friends and relatives get invited to share a meal and a drink and we feel blessed. Joan and I have been at this now for 19 years and we have seen changes, especially over the last few years. New campers tend to be younger. They bring their children and grand-kids. And we make them feel welcome. I know, not everyone is thrilled when trying to have a siesta at noon and some pre-teens

are racing their bicycles at full speed and full volume past the campsites. Or some teenage girls are still up at 10 pm giggling around a campfire. But that is life! We, that are somewhat older but not necessarily more mature, too, have our parties and some conversations (laughter) I can hear, late in the evening, from three campsites away. Why not?

Every new camping season comes with not only the run of the mill problems but often with pleasant surprises. For all these years, after watching canoes and kayaks maybe the odd windsurfer or sailboat drifting by, we now have a brave camper doing the S.U.P..... No, S.U.P. does not stand for supmarine (error intentional) it stands for Stand Up Paddleboard. Debbie, I got woozy just watching you and your friend paddling standing up. Do these boards have cup holders?

While I'm on the subject of boating, of course, this includes the use of the dock. The dock was originally built for swimmers and boaters. Unfortunately, we have watched swimmers clambering over

the rocks at the old dock site, to get into and out of the water because the anglers were crowding the dock and nobody wants to get tangled up in fishing lines. I'm sure we can accommodate everybody. Climbing over those rocks is extremely dangerous.

Did you know that our subgroup has it's own subgroup? At the last weekend of June, the Simpson's sponsored their friend and a gaggle of grade 12 girls to camp in a pop-up trailer in our park. From what I heard, these girls had a ball swimming, boating and whatever girls do when they finish school for the summer and are off the leash. They gave themselves a moniker: "Homey G's". G stands for Germania. As long as it lasts: girls got to have fun!

Writing about more fun: One last minute reminder: We have our annual Camper's Picnic on Saturday, the 16, of August at 5:00 pm in the Pavilion. The theme is Western/Cowboy. \$ 13.50 will get you roast beef on a bun with various salads and desserts. Bring your own refreshments if you wish. Friends and fam-

ily are welcome. Josie and Harry have tickets, also Lori at the Club.

We have new campers in site #20. I'd like to introduce Chris and Melissa Bulmer and their children, Alexander and Kate. We hope you enjoy camping in our park and your children connect with others quickly.

For some reason, I always give my thank you's at the the end of the article. Maybe that way, they are better remembered:

Debbie Hough, for donating two big planters for the Memorial Garden. A wonderful gift! Hedda and Arthur Wagenblast for bringing us two big slices of cake from their 25th wedding anniversary party. Dennis and Karrla Fletcher for surprising Joan and me, on our 30th wedding anniversary, with a present and a card. All unexpected and thoughtful. We thank you from all our hearts.

Your Happy Camper,  
Egon Roesslein.



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## Fischer & Jäger

Grüße to our members & friends,

First we have some sad news to report. On June 30, Wally Held, passed away, after a courageous battle with cancer. Wally was a steadfast member of the Fischer and Jäger, who could always be relied on to support our events. He will truly be missed. Our hearts go out to his wife Wilma and daughters Angela and Michelle.

Due to the stepping down of our spirited Obmann, Paul Parzen, some changes were necessary on the Vorstand. Bob Mulhall was nominated to take his place, to which he willingly accepted and Paul agreed to take over the position of Cottage Manager. We were also fortunate to have Joe Parzen accept the position of Vice Obmann. Welcome to the team Joe! We honestly feel blessed to have you on the board. Thank you, Paul, for your tireless commitment to our group during your post.

Mark your calendars and

keep August 12 open for the Special Meeting called by the Germania Club Vorstand. This meeting is all about the sale of our beloved cottage. It is imperative that everyone attends and has an opportunity to express their opinions and vote on the agenda items.

The busy summer season is winding down. Behind us are the FIFA World Cup Fußball games, It's Your Festival at Gage Park, Germania Club Picnic and Junior Preisfischen. Thank you to those who volunteered and/or supported any of these events.

It's time to enjoy a break before the leaves begin to fall and Oktoberfest is upon us! What better way to relax than a visit to the cottage on Lake Dalrymple? Everyone is welcome to visit the cottage on August 23rd for a free celebration of the Germania Clubs 150th year and over 50 years of enjoyment at Lake Dalrymple. Please see the ad in the Post for more information. Also, there are still spots available, if you are interested in renting the cottage or just a room in August, September or October. There are a couple of options



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Until next time. Petri Heil,  
Annemarie

Here is my thought for the month "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose." — Lyndon B. Johnson

Annemarie Kiss  
Secretary,  
Germania Club  
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## Aus unserem Frauenverein

Summertime, and the living is easy - well, if breathing was just as easy, especially on a smoggy day here in Hamilton..

We were a few people less at the July meeting, probably due to health reasons, or because those Ladies had left Hamilton for healthier and greener regions in the Summer. But as usual, we winged our way through the meeting. Firstly my apologies for my non-attendance at Gage Park. I had signed up with other friends, then those hours were changed and I learned about it only at the very last minute, not feeling very well on that day. 4 days is a lot: A big thank you to all those who attended, cooked and fried, made the potato salad, served, organized, built up and took down .THANK YOU!!

Our next project is the Club Picnic on July 13 where we look after the coffee and cake station. That all we have down pat by now, but who could have known that on this date would also be the fi-

nal WM soccer game between Germany and Argentina with the game being televised at the Club. Hopefully someone has a TV up in the Park.

At the end of July the Ladies will have again a few days at Lake Dalrymple (and go to the Casino, of course). Whoever was there before is looking forward to it again. Just chill out, watch the loons, talk, plan future events, have a few glasses of wine and a nice meal.

There is no meeting in August; in September we'll prepare for the Oktoberfest (could we borrow the Pony from the picnic to pull a beer keg into the parking lot??), Applemania and our Christmas Bazaar. And that means, another year is winding down - but not yet, we still have 6 months left. The glass is still half full.

Birthdays in August:

Anni Schaible August 21 80. What a year Anni is having: 60th Wedding Anniversary, 80th Birthday, and a trip along the Danube. Take lots of pictures, please, then we can have a video evening of your trip. Anni's wedding was the first function in the 'old' Club. No air condition-

ing, no restaurant, the Ladies Auxiliary catered. Anni, your life could only improve after that!!

I read somewhere that the Germans do not play Scrabble..?? For Donaudampferschiffahrtskapitaen they would need a tennis court to play..

Oh, congratulations to Edeltraud Cihlar: She can continue driving, she passed her exam again at 86!!

Enjoy the rest of the Summer, stay healthy!

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# August Birthdays

Shawn Simpson, Eva Fori, Bob Mulhall, Ilse Kastrau, Paul Petroski, Barbara Schuster, Anna Schaible, Glenn Ward, Michael Keller, Werner Liste, Derek Halbig, Barbara Haybarger, Hildegard Bittner, Hans Herres, Horst Kaufeld, Siegfried Schreiber, Theo Nermerich



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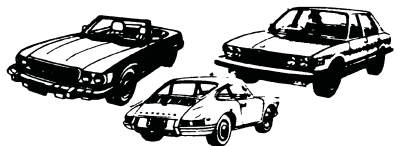
**A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated towards the Pony Rides for our children and grand-children to enjoy at the Picnic.**

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Aug 15	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Aug 16	5:00pm	Camper's Picnic WESTERN – Park Pavilion
Aug 20	8:00pm	Fisher and Hunter Members Meeting
Aug 26	7:30pm	Member's Meeting
Aug 29	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance

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Sep 5	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Sep 12	5pm-12am	Steel City Oktoberfest in the Club
Sep 13	12pm-12am	Steel City Oktoberfest in the Club
Sep 17	7:00m	Applemania
Sep 17	8:00pm	Fisher and Hunter Members Meeting
Sep 19	8:00pm	Friday Night Dance
Sep 23	7:30pm	Member's Meeting



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