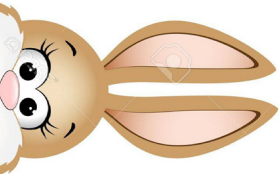




Germania Post



Easter Egg Hunt issue. How many eggs can you find?
Look carefully the Easter Bunny has been hard at work!



*Spring is in sight! Hang on, we will get there.
1 year anniversary of the start of CoVID-19*

Obituaries

Irmgard Roediger

July 23, 1923 – January 5, 2021

We would like to send our sincere condolences to Irmgard's family and friends. She was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary.



Werner Liste

August 30, 1939 – February 20, 2021

Werner was a member of the Germania Club for 30 years. He was a member of the SKAT Club. We would like to send our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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The President's Message



Well, we have made it thru another lockdown period and are now in the red zone. The gathering limit for all organized public events and social gatherings is five people indoors and twenty-five outdoors. Indoor dining is allowed but is limited to a maximum of ten patrons with a maximum of four to a table. Anyone seated must give their contact information. Still prohibited are dancing, singing and the live performances of brass and wind instruments. As you can see, we are still restricted in the activities that can take place at our facility on King Street and in our Park. The club is therefore still closed for indoor events and activities. Who knows how long these restrictions will be in place but we will still continue the vigilance in protecting our members and our staff.

I know that being cooped up for this long is extremely trying on all of us. This past Saturday, my wife and I had the privilege of having our four young grandchildren spend the day with us. What a

challenge, trying to keep four kids between 3 and 9 busy. Grandma was more up to the challenge, than I was but my granddaughter and I were able to grab an afternoon nap, for an hour while the three boys kept grandma busy. It would have been a lot easier if we were in our fifties and not our seventies. But oh, how rewarding the day was!

The news this morning is once again very concerning when they talk about these new variants that are circulating in and around us. The challenge is people coming in from other areas that are still locked down, who are disregarding the rules. We all must stay the course when possible and stay at home keeping our visits to a minimum. I will take this opportunity to remind all of you, of the necessity to wear a mask or face covering, to social distance and to wash your hands often. This is not only to protect ourselves but our families and friends.

Hopefully, all of this will be over soon and we can get back to normal. I hope this short message finds all in good health, Happy Easter and remember to stay safe.

Garry Bulmer
President





Fischer & Jäger

Happy Birthday to you and everyone celebrating something or other. Best wishes to you too. Tschuess for now Maggi 519.746.2619



Moin Fisher & Hunter and Friends, On March 07, 2021 we had our annual Meeting via Zoom. It was nice to see those smiling familiar faces again. We welcome Diana and Paul to our group. We decided on some TENTATIVE dates for events: Maifest on May 30 in the Park, our Prize Fishing July 17 to 18, and our Family weekend on August 20 to 22 at Moon Basin Marina. Hopefully Covid 19 will be kind to us and allow us to be together again.

Our next Zoom Meeting will be on Wed. April 21st at 7:30 PM. And please remember to pay your Club Membership plus \$5.00 for the F&H Membership. I don't have any March Birthdays but for April we have Chris Parzen and of course Rosi Kramolowsky

One fella was bragging to his buddy about how good a hunter he was. Just as they arrived at their cabin he said: "You get the fire started, and I'll go shoot us something for supper." He was only walking for two minutes when he met a bear. Dropping his gun, he booted it back to the cabin as fast as he could go, with the bear right behind him. Just as he reached the cabin, he slipped and fell. The bear was going too fast to stop and skidded right in through the cabin door. The fella got up and closed the door, and from outside he shouted to his buddy, "Skin that one now and I'll go get us another." Smile and be happy

We wish you a Happy Easter

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Aus unserem Frauenverein

A ray of hope is on the horizon as the government has lifted us from total lockdown into the red zone. The gate has slightly opened and we can again get out of our cages. It's a beginning. We just hope that all the different variants do not throw a wrench into our plans for the near future!

We would love to start planning our Annual Stiftungsfest from the Frauenverein. I'm not even sure whether it will be the 112th or the 113th, since it had to be cancelled in its entirety last year.

Spring is also not far away, and it shall bring hope for the signs of outdoor activities to begin. The days are already getting longer with a lot of sunshine brightening our days. Birds singing, the spring flowers slowly coming alive, the trees budding --- all signs that should lighten our outlook and lift up our spirits.

Since I reported all the March birthdays last month already, I have none for April, but let's toast again our March "babies"! May they all have an enjoyable day and

stay healthy and happy!

Below I have a few suggestions that have been very helpful to me:

I've learned that I have never been bored in the presence of a cheerful person.

I've learned that you must fight for the things you believe in.

I've learned that joy is often the ability to be happy in small ways.

I've learned that it is impossible to accomplish anything worthwhile without the help of other people.

I've learned that you always find time to do the things you really want to do.

I've learned that if you depend on others to make you happy, you'll be endlessly disappointed.

I've learned that a fulfilled life is not possible without friends.

I've learned that going the extra mile puts you miles ahead of your competition.

Staying very hopeful for better days ahead, I remain,

Your Frauenverein Connection

Brigitte Parzen



MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Germania Club membership fees are now due. Membership renewal is due by January 31st

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Choral Notes



Our choir virtual meetings are becoming increasingly frustrating! We are all so very anxious to get together and sing, but currently there is just no potential date in sight.

There will not be an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones, as arranged mostly by the choir members in previous years, and for the second year in a row, there will not be the traditional DKSB spring concert - last year's was to be hosted by the Transylvania Choir in Kitchener.

At the urging of Clement, our pianist, we tried to do a bit of singing during our last virtual meeting, but, of course, it isn't easy to blend our individual voices via the internet.

Hedda, our president, has not yet given up hope for a picnic in the Park, even if we must wait till the late summer or early fall. We will then have to sing a very belated "Ständchen" for Waltraud Schork, who is celebrating a birthday on March 5th, to Erika Eigen, whose birthday is on March 15th, to Netty DeWit and Paul Jäckle, on March 18th, and to Inge Leitner, on March 25th. A second belated "Ständchen" will be sung for Hans Renz,

whose birthday is on April 13th, to Franz Bittner, on April 18th and to Richard Lutz, on April 20th. In the meantime: Many happy returns to the March and April celebrants!

Both David Simon and Hedda continue to be involved in the Outreach Program at Pilgrim United Church, and members of the Germania Club are encouraged to help with this worthy cause. If you would like to donate food and/or clothing, please leave them at the Club on Tuesdays or Thursdays during office hours.

The choir also extends a great big Thank You to Betty Boerkamp, our treasurer. For many years now, she has been working quietly, conscientiously, and diplomatically behind the scenes to look after the various financial issues of the choir, not always an easy task. Even while the rest of us have been taking a break, she has continued to look after our finances, and we are incredibly grateful for that. On behalf of the choir: Many thanks for your work and dedication, dear Betty.

A very Happy Easter to all our friends and their families,

Mit frohem Sangergruss,
Gudrun



TREASURER'S UPDATE.....

Dear members,

As we are starting in our 2nd year of the coronavirus pandemic, I thought I should give you a bit of a report of how we are doing financially. Since we will most likely not have an annual general meeting anytime soon, the board will be preparing a report to send to all members. This of course will contain the year end financial statements for you to review.

In the meantime, as you can imagine our income was dramatically reduced but our expenses, at least many of them continued. Expenses such as insurance, taxes, maintenance, heat and hydro, some wages, all normal park expenses and many day-to-day expenses at the club house. This left us with the deficit for the year. To combat that, I applied for and we received the \$40,000 CEBA (Canada emergency bank account), which we need to pay back by December 31st 2022. If we pay the loan back by this date, \$10,000 of the loan is forgivable. I have set it so that we make monthly payments, that will pay off the \$30,000 by December 31st 2022.

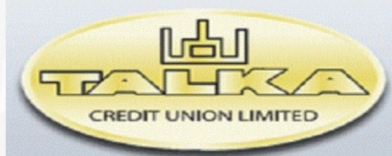
The next item we applied for was

the Ontario small business grant, which could have given us between \$10,000 and \$20,000. In the end we received \$14,996, and this amount does not need to be repaid it is a grant. Both the federal and provincial monies in this case can only be used for non deferrable expenses, and not elective purchases.

Finally I also applied for the Canada emergency wage subsidy CEWS, and we are receiving that percentage of wages which we have paid starting in August. The amount for 2020 is approximately \$3400.

David Simon
Treasurer





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CAMPERS KORNER



Hello fellow Campers,



Soon it will be spring and with the recent provincial lockdown many campers must be looking forward to the upcoming camping season!

Our Park Manager Ken Foebel has been to the park over the winter to survey the park & sites for any damages.

One important note to mention is the Board of the Germania Club has approved the new 2021 rules and regulations of the campgrounds. These new rules will be handed out at the annual May Campers meeting and Campers Executive board election.

Further, all campers will now be required to have a honey wagon for all wastewater (sewer & grey water). Despite anything a previous Chairman or Park Manager may have indicated in the past, it is an offense to the Conservation Authority rules to discharge any wastewater onto the ground. In addition,

Provincial guidelines may order any beach or park to lock wash-room facilities at any given time in 2021. Therefore it is imperative that all campers have honey wagons.

The annual May Campers meeting, and Campers Board Election will be held on Saturday May 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm in the Fisher & Hunter building if provincial guidelines permit. If provincial guidelines do not permit, we may need to schedule a zoom meeting at a later date.

Wishing everyone good health and please remember to stay safe for the benefit of all.

Yours truly,

Albert Kergl
Campers Chairman





Volunteer opportunity

The Germania Club of Hamilton is looking to fill the position of Property Manager on its Board of Directors.

The Property manager is responsible for the maintenance of the Club building and the property at 863 King St. East in Hamilton. The Property manager also bears responsibility for all club assets other than the

Germania Park. He/She maintains an inventory list of Club assets and is responsible for insuring all physical assets of the Germania Club.

If you are interested, please contact the Board Secretary, Waltraud Schork at 289-389-1423 or e-mail walt.schork@gmail.com



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March Birthdays

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 Linda Bulmer
 Jane (Netty) De Wit
 Erika Eigen
 Joe Feduszczyk
 Brian Felgner

Jean (Jeanie) Hope
 Paul Jaeckle
 Hans Knoedler
 Inge Leitner
 Stefan Muensterteicher
 Waltraud Schork
 Gerry Schuster



April Birthdays



Anna Atkinson
 Frank Bittner
 Doris Buchan
 Teresa Feduszczyk
 Ilse Folkens
 Steve Fori
 Heidi Frank
 Karla Grauf
 David Johnstone

Rosi Kramolowsky
 Ana-Juliana Kun
 Helen Lutz
 Richard Lutz
 Rudi Oster
 Hans Renz
 Gunther Weiss

Germania Club Donations

Theo Nemerich - \$150
 Frank Bittner - \$35
 Hans Bastel - \$65
 Arthur & Hedda Wagenblast - \$130





VERANGSTALTUNGEN - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Due to restrictions because of the Corona-virus pandemic the Germania Club has needed to halt all in building events. We will keep you informed as soon as we are able to re-sume events. Information will come in the Germania Post, and on our website.

Until that point we will continue to have weekly board meetings, and our monthly members meeting via Zoom.

Mar 23 - 7:30pm Virtual Members Meeting via Zoom

Apr 21 - 7:30pm Fisher&Hunter members meeting via Zoom

Apr 27 - 7:30pm Virtual Members Meeting via Zoom

May 5 - 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary meeting via Zoom

May 8 - 1:00pm Campers' meeting with elections

May 30 - MAIFEST in the Park - Tentative



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