



## THE GERMAN-CANADIAN CLUB LONDON

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members and Friends

After seven years as president of the German Canadian Club, Bob Walters did not want to stand for re-election. We had become used to persuading him to run for another term but this time we weren't successful and we can't blame him.

My name is Hans Sandker. I have been elected for the next two years to be president of the German-Canadian Club. I want to thank you all for the trust in me and I promise to do everything in my power to be a good president for the members and the club. In the name of all of us, I would like to thank Bob Walters for the excellent job he has done over the past years.

All directors, except Helga Bell, were re-elected. Helga decided to step down. Thanks to her for her time on the board. We also have two new directors in the committee, Doreen Creutz and Dr. Burkhard Spangenberg. I wish to thank all re-elected and elected members of the committee for their willingness and dedication to work for the wellbeing of our club.

I hope for good cooperation and good connection between our subgroups and the German Language School specifically.

Best Regards

Hans Sandker


### Donations

Every Spring, beside voluntary work and financing the purchase of articles, the **Seniors Group** and the **Tennis Club** donate quite a large sum of money to the club. The income from the **Special Event Group** goes entirely to the Club.

The **Lyra Choir** organizes **Christkindelmarkt** and the **Day Of Song**, and the income from these events is for the club's benefit.

Many Thanks to All

### APRIL EVENTS

Sunday 1	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm
Friday 6	Skat card game	7 pm
<b>Saturday 7</b>	<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b>	<b>2-4 pm</b>
Thursday 12	Handcraft	1 pm
Sunday 15	Special Event Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm
Wednesday 18	Bingo	2 pm
<b>Sunday April 22nd</b>	 <b>Day of Song</b>	<b>2 pm</b>

### MAY EVENTS

Friday 2	Skat, Card play	7 pm
<b>Sunday May 5</b>	<b>Mothers Day Dinner</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Thursday 15	Handcraft	1 pm
<b>Saturday 12</b>	<b>Theater &amp; Springfest</b>	<b>2-4 pm</b>
Wednesday 23	Bingo	2 pm
Sunday 27	Special Event Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm
Thursday 31	Handcraft	1 pm

Everyone is welcome to all Seniors' events  
Every Monday at 8 pm: Lyra Choir Practice



### Congratulations

Born in April and May  
Enjoy the outdoors  
& nature



### Membership

**Michele Heidekamp and Karl Ludwig Ossenkopp** have applied for a Membership in our club.  
Congratulations and welcome!

**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Dear Members,

The elections of the Club are over. Hans Sandker will be our president for the next 2 years.

The coming years will not be easy for our club. In particular, we do not have enough young people and young adults who are interested in our club.

We should put our efforts into the creation of events for children and young people. There are already some good examples, especially for children. 80 children had fun at the Children's Carnival. I think it would be good to establish a weekly playgroup for children. It would be great to make the club to a meeting point for young people.

Do you have any ideas about how to lure teenagers away from their computers? The Club is thankful for every idea.

The rooms and facilities of the German Club are excellent for your private parties. Help to put life and prosperity into club.

The management and the committee are working to solve the dilemma with the kitchen so we can serve you in a satisfying way, when you and your friends come down to the cove.

I hope that spring will continue for us all now and that we will have a joyful (snow-free) Easter celebration. Come to the Easter Egg Hunt on the 7th of April with your children or grand children. On the 22nd of April the Choir Lyra is celebrating its spring concert the Day of Song. They will host other German choirs. Come and enjoy German spring songs.

Burkhard Spangenberg

**Election General Meeting  
German Canadian Club March 4<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Position	Name	
1. President	Hans Sandker	elected for 2 years
2. President	Erich Kutzner	reelected
1. Secretary	Dr. Robert Mackenzie	reelected
2. Secretary	Ryan Gauss	reelected
1. Financial secretary	Ingeborg Schirmer	one more year
2. Financial secretary	Narine Seerattan	reelected
Treasurer	Karin Reinhardt	reelected
Director	Dieter Marienwald	reelected
Director	Manfred Sommerfeld	reelected
Director	Doreen Creutz	new
Director	Dr. Burkhard Spangenberg	new
1. Auditor	Ellen Hobyen	reelected
2. Auditor	Anita Logie	new
Director	Hans Reiling	deceased
Director	Helga Bell	stepped down

**Election Choir Lyra  
General meeting March 4th 2012**

Hans Sandker	President	reelected
Ingeborg Schirmer	Vice - President	reelected
Narine Seerattan.	Financial secretary	reelected
Annett Filler	1. Secretary	reelected
Karin Reinhardt	2. Secretary	reelected
Guido de Kerpel	Public Relation	reelected
Anne Power	Note keeper	reelected



**Report from the Seniors Group 2011**

All committee from 2010 were reelected in 2011. On the 1st of May we celebrated Mothers Day. The entertainment, the tombola and the meal were good, and every lady took flowers home after this lovely afternoon.

In June it was the men's turn to celebrate. Fathers Day took place with a potluck dinner and barbequing. But we were not able to use our brand new club barbeque. It had been used by someone and was completely filthy. At our next meeting, the barbeque was clean but the new propane tank had disappeared and

was not returned until today.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated our 30 Year Anniversary, starting with a free meal for the seniors and lots of entertainment. That celebration was followed by our Christmas party on 27<sup>th</sup> of November. The meal was good and Santa Class came with lots of surprises.

Our financial situation is good and we were able to help financially and buy various things for the club. As in every year, we are proud again to help the club with another money donation.

Gerd Kaltenecker

## Deutsch macht Spass! (German is fun!)

So claimed the brightly lettered posters arranged throughout the **Deutsche Sprachschule London (DSS)**. From about the age of seven, right into the tumultuous teen years, I had the pleasure of attending the DSS. I can remember, like it was yesterday, the cries of protest every Saturday morning as my younger brother and I were cajoled, forced, even bribed into the car to make our way to German School. *It wasn't fair*, we would repeat during this weekly ritual, "none of the other kids have to go to stupid German School". And not on that holiest of days – Saturday!

Having grown a little older and wiser, I can now happily report that I am very grateful that my parents (specifically my mother!) were so cruel as to force me to go to German School. I've realized that, quite simply, without German School, I would not be able to read or write German at all, or speak German nearly so well. And that would have been a great personal loss. Without German School, I would not have the close relationship I have with my aunts, uncles, cousins, brother and family friends that I have today. These are people that I cherish, despite the thousands of kilometres that separate us, and I simply would not have that connection with any of them if I didn't speak German. More so than the professional advantages that come with speaking another language fluently, it's the personal relationships with Germans, here and there, that have been so important to me. "German-ness" is a big part of my life, in an overarching if not always daily sense, and to be rendered mute in that sphere is unimaginable to me today. I have German School and the dedicated teachers there (and my mother, it's true!) to thank for the fact that I can interact with that other world so well.

There is another aspect with regards to the merits of

German School that I feel is worth mentioning. Having lived in Toronto for the past five years, I've realized that in the face of the myriad cultures and communities that are so visible in this city, the German one seems to be missing somehow. Various cultural groups, from Italians to Jamaicans, Chinese to Latinos, seem to stick together, based on shared culture, language and experience. The German community, if such a thing exists at all, is vague by comparison. According to recent statistics, there are some 40,000 people living in Toronto whose mother tongue is German. That figure is roughly comparable to the numbers of Greek, Vietnamese and Ukrainian speakers, all of whom form distinct communities and neighbourhoods within Toronto. In these neighbourhoods, the streets are lined with restaurants, supermarkets, and cultural centres that root expats together. There isn't any German neighbourhood to speak of, as Germans seem to be dispersed throughout the city. And so, looking back, German School formed probably one of the only opportunities to feel as part of an expatriate community, especially from a young age.

So, in spite of my constant protests, I am very glad that my parents sent me to DSS London, and for all the advantages I gained as a result. And from all of us who feel the same way, a big thank you to the teachers there, all of whom managed to teach us a few things, despite our protests!

EVA VERRES

### **The German Language School of London**

offers instruction for

Adults, Elementary & High-School Students

For further information:

- Beate Gundert: 519-433-0766 & 519-432-8625
- Ilse Spangenberg: 519-769-2338

See our new website for complete details:

**[www.germanschoollondon.com](http://www.germanschoollondon.com)**

## German Culture in London

After the brilliant success of the Afternoon of German Operetta at the Club in January, we are inspired to introduce a new section in the Newsletter - information about upcoming cultural events that feature German and Germans here in London. Here is a sampling for April:

### **Recitals by UWO SINGERS from our afternoon at the Club, at Von Kuster Hall, UWO Music Building**

(519) 661-2043:

- **Sofia Grella:** Monday April 2 at 12:30 pm
- **Aaron Dimoff:** Tuesday April 10 at 8 pm
- **Sebastian Haboczki:** Wednesday April 11 at 8 pm

<https://events.uwo.ca>

**UWO German Film Society: *Run Lola Run***,  
Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 pm, University College at  
UWO, Room 205 (Free) <http://www.usc.uwo.ca/clubs/german/>

**NOUVEAU FLAMENCO: Ottmar Liebert, German-born composer and guitarist** will perform with his ensemble *Luna Negra* at the **Aeolian Hall**, 795 Dundas Street East on **Saturday, April 28; 7:30 pm.**

(519) 672-7950

[www.aeolianhall.ca/events/ottmar-liebert-luna-negra](http://www.aeolianhall.ca/events/ottmar-liebert-luna-negra)

**Please send us your information  
about German Cultural Events:  
(519) 657-1776 [katepartridge@execulink.com](mailto:katepartridge@execulink.com)**

OPENING TIMES		
	CLUB	RESTAURANT
Monday	Closed	The Restaurant is currently closed.
Tuesday	Closed	
Wednesday	5:30 - 10 pm	
Thursday	5:30 - 10 pm	
Friday	5:30 pm - 12 am	
Saturday	5 pm - 12 am	
Sunday	5 - 9 pm	

HALL RENTAL RATES		
RATES for	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
Ballroom	\$375.00	\$800.00
Cove Room	\$250.00	\$500.00
Dining Room	\$50.00	\$100.00
Sun Room	no charge	\$75.00

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<b>Tennis Court (Jupp Rosell)</b> • 519-472-9105 • <a href="mailto:evelynrosell@bellnet.ca">evelynrosell@bellnet.ca</a>	May to September 7 days a week 8 am to 8 pm
<b>Soccer Field (Jürgen Belle)</b> • 519-860-5502 • <a href="mailto:juergen.belle@sympatico.ca">juergen.belle@sympatico.ca</a>	For field bookings & training schedule, go to: <b>www.gcflondon.com</b>
<b>Bowling Horst Ammon</b> 519-668-6904 <a href="mailto:ammon@rogers.com">ammon@rogers.com</a>	Mondays 7 to 9 pm Bowlarama Lanes Thompson Road
<b>Choir (Hans Sandker)</b> • 519-245-1922 • <a href="mailto:hanssandker@execulink.com">hanssandker@execulink.com</a>	Monday 8 to 10 pm
<b>Seniors (Gerd Kaltenecker)</b> • 519-453-5408 • <a href="mailto:kaltenecker.gerd@gmail.com">kaltenecker.gerd@gmail.com</a>	Variable times
<b>Londoner Funken</b> • 519-520-2476 • <a href="mailto:frankgl@rogers.com">frankgl@rogers.com</a>	Carnival meetings Dance and Masquerade
<b>Special Events (Helga Bell)</b> • 519-680 -5061	Variable times Special Events

**NEWS & ACTIVITIES AT THE CLUB**

**FUN FOR CHILDREN**



Easter egg hunt at the Club on  
**Saturday April 7th 2- 4 pm**  
Information: Annett Filler **519 435 1824**

**MOTHERS DAY**

The Seniors Group will celebrate this day with a festive dinner: **Sunday May 5th 1 pm.**  
Information: Gerd Kaltenecker  
**519 453 5408**



**GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

The German Language school will present a  
**Theater & Springfest**  
**Saturday May 12th 2 - 4 pm**



The children will perform theater plays and there will be games for the young and those feeling young again! Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Information: Dr. Beate Gundert **519 433 0766**

**RUNDBRIEF EDITOR**

**Dr. Burkhard Spangenberg**  
**TEL: (519) 657 - 1776**  
**EMAIL: [drbspangenberg@gmail.com](mailto:drbspangenberg@gmail.com)**

**TENNIS**



**Our tennis season will begin May 5th.** We welcome all new players who would like to improve their skills or would like to join our teams. The youth program also **starts May 5th** and runs for 20 weeks every Saturday at 12 noon for the Munchkins and 1 pm for ages 7-18 yrs.  
Information Evelyn & Jupp Rosell: **519 472-9105** or e-mail [evelynrosell@bellnet.ca](mailto:evelynrosell@bellnet.ca)

**SOCCER**

The soccer players open their season with their first match on **Tuesday May 15th**  
Information: Jürgen Belle  
**519-860-5502**  
[juergen.belle@sympatico.ca](mailto:juergen.belle@sympatico.ca)  
[www.gcflondon.com](http://www.gcflondon.com)



**LYRA CHOIR:**

**DAY OF SONG**

**Sunday April 22, 2 pm**

This is the Spring concert of the Lyra Choir, with a number of other guest German choirs. Please see flyer at end of this newsletter.

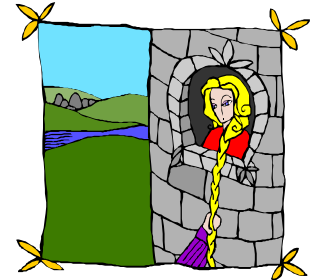


Information: **Hans Sandker 519-245-1922**  
[hanssandker@execulink.com](mailto:hanssandker@execulink.com)



**THE GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL**  
 invites all children and their family and friends to a  
**THEATRE & SPRING FESTIVAL**

**ON SATURDAY MAY 12, 2012**  
**FROM 2-5 P.M. AT THE GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB**  
**1 COVE ROAD**



**FAIRY-TALE PERFORMANCES BY OUR STUDENTS:**

**Puss in Boots, Rumpelstiltskin and Little Red Riding Hood**  
 and also:

**Fairy-tale collage Mask making Face Painting Crafts**

**Traditional German Outdoor Activities:**

**Sack Races Egg Races Topfschlagen**

**and more!**



**For more information contact Beate Gundert at 519-433-0766**  
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**JOB POSTING:**

**Sports Facility Maintenance Assistant at the German Club Football Club**

**Applicant Requirements:**

- Post secondary student: returning on Full Time basis to school in September 2012
- Start Date: May 22, 2012
- 11 weeks, 40 hours/week
- Flexible hours

**Job Duties**

- Janitorial and facility daily clean-up
- Basic carpentry
- Operation of commercial landscape equipment
- Fertilizer and organic sterilization application
- Other manual labour tasks, as required

**Send resume to [juergen.belle@sympatico.ca](mailto:juergen.belle@sympatico.ca)**

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**The Last Word**

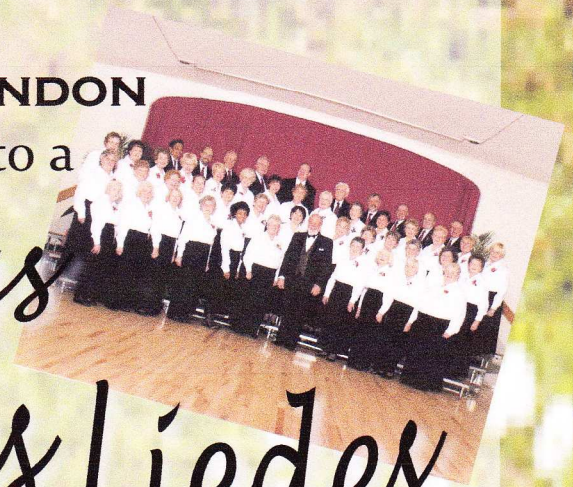
**We own up to minor failings, but only so as to convince others that we have no major ones.**

Francois duc de La Rochefoucauld  
 (1613-80)

LYRA CHOIR LONDON

invites you to a

*Day of Songs*  
*Tag des Liedes*



April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2012

**AT THE GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB LONDON,  
1 COVE ROAD**

Our guest choirs are

*Cantorion Choir*  
*Conspirato Chamber Singers*  
*Germania Hamilton Choir*  
*German Language School Choir*  
*Teutonia Stratford*  
*Transylvania Choir Kitchener*  
*Valley View Male Choir*

**Admission: \$5**

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