Newsletter

AUGUST 2011

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear members,

Without doubt you have noticed the increased number of hall rentals at the club. The credit for this must go to our management team Chris Wesley and Jody Curtis. We were able to hire both - Chris one year ago and Jody about six months ago - through the Federal-Provincial Job Creation Partnership. Until June 28th, this program paid the wages for these employees, however thereafter we are on our own and the club is entirely responsible for payment.

It may sound like I am giving you a sob story; not so, but I think it is necessary that you are informed about important matters in the day-to-day business of the club. Without the help of these employees, our all too few volunteers would be totally overwhelmed and furthermore we would be unable to book the number of rental functions required to keep the clubs doors open. With a businesslike leadership we hope to offer the club facilities, and in fact the home of German culture, to our membership for a long time into the future.

Our new restaurateur, Jennifer Caldwell not only offers a daily dinner menu, but every Sunday a delicious brunch, which I visit, among other things, for the excellent potato pancakes. Do yourself a favour and come down Sundays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm for the ALL YOU CAN EAT brunch for only $ 7.99. Bon appétit.

Bob Walters

AUGUST EVENTS		
Wed. Aug. 3	**Seniors Picnic**	**1 pm**
Thursday Aug. 11	**Craftwork**	**1 pm**
Wed. Aug. 24	**Bingo**	**2 pm**

SEPTEMBER EVENTS		
Sunday Sept. 11	**Seniors' Kaffeeklatsch**	**2 pm**
Thursday Sept. 15	**Craftwork**	**1 pm**
Sunday Sept. 18	**Special Events Kaffeeklatsch**	**2 pm**
Wed. Sept.21	**Seniors Bingo**	**2 pm**
Thursday Sept. 29	**Craftwork**	**1 pm**

- **Everyone is welcome to all Seniors' events**
- **Every Monday at 8 pm: Lyra Choir Practice**
- **Every Friday at 8 pm: dancing with DJ. John**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Friends
This holiday month, I'll keep my comments very short. I think Reibekuchen (potato pancake) is called Kartoffelpuffer in Northern Germany. It tastes very delicious. And for a very long time I haven't eaten such good bacon as at Sunday Brunch at the German Club. You should give it a try!

Burkhard Spangenberg

CLUB NEWS

German Canadian Bowling Group

The German Canadian Bowling club is in need of five committed pin bowlers, both men and women, for our next season starting in September 2011. We bowl about 35 games per season. We meet on Monday evenings from7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. at the Bowlarama Lanes on Thompson Road in London. The cost per bowling evening is $14.00, a reasonable amount if you consider that it's an evening away from daily chores and stress, amongst people who enjoy the same sport. The fee includes rental of the lanes and two fun parties: a dinner in early January, and a dinner banquet at the close of the season in May when our best bowlers receive their trophies here at the German Canadian Club. If you would like to join us, we are a diverse group of people who enjoy having fun and camaraderie. We are inviting anyone who is interested to come out and join this fun group. If you're interested, please **contact Horst 519-668 -6904 or Dieter 519-455-2339**

History of our Bowling Group

The bowling group is not a new group at the German Canadian Club! Our history goes back to the middle of the1950's with a Saturday afternoon bowl at the old Fleetway bowling lanes at the Cherryhill Plaza. Shortly after this a proper bowling league was formed by men and women members of the German Canadian Club. Many of the bowlers were newcomers to Canada who enjoyed meeting new friends in a new and strange land away from their home country. The first games were played at the Polish Club on Hill St. in London. It did not take long before bowling competitions began between teams from the Dutch, Italian and Polish clubs. At that time, the increase in bowlers made it necessary to leave the Polish Club and look for a new bowling venue. We found a new home at the newly built Rainbow Lanes located on Wharncliffe Rd in London. It did not take long before the bowling group joined the German Canadian Bowling Association and took part in tournaments and the yearly German Canadian 5 and 10 pin bowling championships. Many times our men and women's teams took the first and second place trophies home to London, both as individual and as team champions. These championship tournaments were held in Kitchener, Brantford, St.Catharines, Guelph and London. These functions were the highlights of the season where we re-connected with bowling friends from all over Ontario. During these fifty plus years we have bowled at the Arcade Eastown, Maitland Bowling, and our present location Bowlerama on Thompson Rd.

Looking back for over 50 years of bowling with the German Canadian Club, it is important to appreciate and thank the following individuals for their foresight and their time given to the bowling club: Florian Schwartz, Andy Brandt, Helmut Schulz, Ernst Marquart, John Schwartz, Hermann Belle, Irmgard Belle and Kathryn McMullen.
Since 2008 the Bowling Club has been managed by Horst Ammonn, President, and Dieter Marienwald, Treasurer.

Horst Ammonn

Donations

The club wishes to thank **Lilo and Gunter Wulff** for their generous donation of a large waterproof canopy for club use. And thanks to a generous donation of the **Seniors Group,** the club was able to purchase a large number of upholstered chairs. The Seniors Group will also renovate the flower wall in front of the restaurant.

Many thanks to all who helped!

MORE NEWS

SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP is looking for someone who is willing to help out at the Kaffeeklatsch for one Sunday a month for a few hours. Please contact:
Helga Bell: (519) 680-5061
Email: joschi@rogers.com

The **SENIORS' GROUP** will have a banquet dinner on Sunday October 2, in order to celebrate 30th Anniversary of their group.

SWEETS FOR THE FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL (ZUCKERTÜTEN)
It is an old tradition in Germany to give to children who are going to school for the first time a cone-like bag full of candies and chocolate to sweeten theif first day of school. Cones of different sizes are created out of card-board, and decorated by parents or grandparents.

If you are interested in making zuckerüten with us, on Sunday August 28, contact **Annett Filler: (519) 435 1824**; annett.filler@rogers.com (subject "Zuckertüten"). Annett will contact you a few days beforehand to tell you where and when we will be meeting. A small fee for material will be charged ($ 5.00). Bring some scissors along.

GERMAN BREAD!!!
Every Friday from 8 am – to 2 pm there is a German baker at the Farmers Market at the Masonville Market. He is selling sourdough bread, bezel and buns, baked in a stone oven. Really delicious! I am very excited about this. (from Annett Filler)

NEWS FROM GROUPS AT THE CLUB
All groups at our club have the opportunity to share their news and experiences on this page. Don't be shy! Others in the club are really interested in your group's activities.

Please send the information about your group to Burkhard:
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Student Exchange Program
***Holly Trower*, student from the German Language School, London**

In May of 2010, I went on an exchange to Germany. I learned a lot on my trip - of the German language, but also of many other things. Not everything was perfect, but almost everything was interesting.

I lived with the Schiffer family in Jülich, and soon I got to know the whole family: Fritz, Petra, Rebecca and Joshua, as well as the two cats, Einstein and Pünktchen. Rebecca was my exchange partner, and she had already visited me in London. The Catholic All-Girls School in Jülich was Rebecca's school. I also went to this school during my stay in Germany, and it was very different than my school in London. I found it less personal and also strange because there were no boys at the school. The teachers didn't know their students as well as they do in Canada, and some teachers hardly noticed me at all. What I liked, though, were the Gym and English classes because I could help the others with English, and the North American game of baseball. That was really fun. Another difference was all the religious holidays and days off in May that we don't have in Canada.

The exchange was really worthwhile for me, because I learned a lot of German, but I also learned to be independent and confident. I always had to speak in German because the parents didn't speak any English at all. That was very good for me because I realized that my German is ultimately pretty good, even if it's not always perfect. That realization was very important for me, and now I'm not so shy when I need to speak in German. It's a lot easier to talk to my German relatives and friends, too!

Happy Birthday to everyone born in August and September

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN GERMAN?

The *German Language School of London* offers instruction for Adults, Elementary and High-School Students

Classes begin on the first Saturday after Labour Day (September 10, 2011)

Where? Wheable Centre for Adult Education,
70 Jacqueline Street, London
Room A 220

When? Every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.
Registration: September 10, 2011, 9.00-10.00 a.m.
Classes start on the same day (Sept. 10) at 10.00 a.m.
School year ends on June 18, 2012

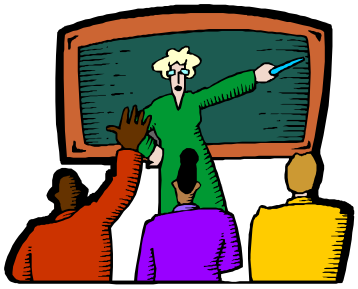
Fees: Elementary and high-school students: $95
Adults: $170
Deposit for teaching materials: $30

Credits: Grade 9-12 students receive Ontario High-school credits on successful completion of course requirements.

Exchange Program: All students have the opportunity to participate in a reciprocal student exchange program with German-speaking countries.

We offer:

- Classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Beginners‘ classes at several levels
- An advanced conversation class
- Music instruction and Children‘s Choir
- Computer-based learning
- Reciprocal exchange program with German-speaking countries
- High-school credits
- Internationally recognized language proficiency examinations
- Small classes
- Volunteer opportunities



For further information:

- **Beate Gundert: 519-433-0766 and 519-432-8625 (voice mail)**
- **Ilse Spangenberg: 519-789-2338**

See our new website for complete details:
www.germanschoollondon.com

AUGUST 2011 - German Canadian Club:MAIN FIELD BOOKINGS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CIVIC HOLIDAY	2 LAWSL GCFC BULLETS 6:30 LDYSL GC U9 girls 6:30 (mini) MMSL GCFC B 8:30	3 MMSL R. WEST 6:30 LAWSL BLAZE 8:30	4 LAWSL GCFC BULLETS 6:30 LAWSL GCFC BLAZE 8:30	5 CSL CITY 8:30	6
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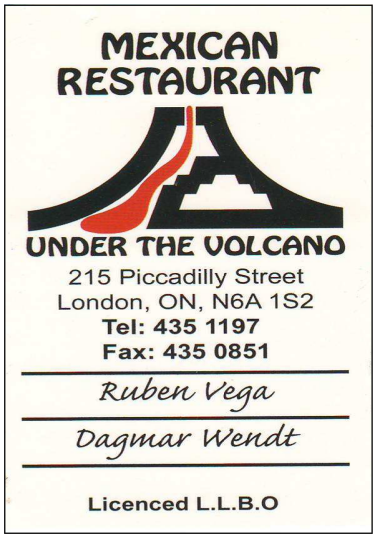

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ROOM RENTAL at the GERMAN CLUB		
Rates for	**MEMBERS**	**NON-MEMBERS**
Ball Room	$375.00	$800.00
Cove Room	$250.00	$500.00
Dining Room	$50.00	$100.00
Sun Room	no charge	$75.00

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The Last Word

Good luck comes only to people who don't count on it.
Graf Fito

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