



THE GERMAN-CANADIAN CLUB LONDON

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear members and friends,
 our wonderful fall weather is still with us, however soon enough the cold Nor-westers will remind us that we are living in Canada. The annual Oktoberfest was very well attended and the entertainment by the band as well as the dance group was fantastic. However we have to apologize to many of our members and guests for the lacking restaurant service. We know that all beginnings are difficult, which is something our restaurant tenant Dragan had to experience in very drastic form. In the meantime he has hired experienced help, so we can be assured that that things will go well in future.

Christkindl market was a resounding success. We were able to note a marked increase in attendance as well as the level of satisfaction among our vendors. This is in no small way due to the massive advertising (mostly at no cost) sent out by Jody Curtis. The popular lantern parade, which has great appeal for children and parents alike, has also grown from its meager beginnings five years ago with one child, to an approximate 75 children with lanterns they fashioned in the "Angels' Workshop". Now we can look forward to a wonderful Club Christmas celebration on December 18th, this year starting at 3:00 pm and I hope to welcome you to this beautiful afternoon in your club.

Best regards
 Bob Walters

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CLUB



SUNDAY 18. DECEMBER
3.00 PM



DECEMBER EVENTS

Friday 2.	Card play Skat	7.00 pm
Sunday 4.	Special Event Kaffeeklatsch	2.00 pm
Sunday 11.	Seniors' Kaffeeklatsch	2.00 pm
Saturday 17.	Christmas Party German Language School	9 - 11:30am
Sunday 18.	Club Christmas Party	3.00 pm
Monday 19.	Choir Christmas Party	7.00 pm
Saturday 31.	New Years Eve Party	7.00 pm



JANUARY EVENTS

Friday 6.	Skat Card paly	7.00 pm
Sunday 8.	Seniors' Kaffeeklatsch	2.00 pm
Thursday 12.	Handcrafts	1.00 pm
Sunday 15.	Spezial Event Kaffeeklatsch	2.00 pm
Thursday 18.	Bingo	2.00 pm
Sunday 22.	Operetta and Lieder Concert	3.00 pm
Thursday 26.	Handcrafts	1.00 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

MEMBERSHIP

Bernd Steinbock and Reinhard Schwarz have applied for membership in our club. A warm welcome to both!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear members and friends of the German Club, Christmas is fast approaching. Every group in the club is having a Christmas party. You will find the dates on Page 1 of this newsletter. We hope you will come and join these celebrations, and also that you will greet the New Year with us, with fun and champagne at the News Year's Eve Party at your Club in the Cove.



Tickets: \$45 per person, available only in advance. Buffet and a glass of champagne included .

But Christmas is also the festival of peace and thoughtfulness. I am thinking of the activities in the Middle East and am realizing how lucky we are living in this part of the world, having the privilege of democracy and peace.

By hoping that other countries will have peace soon, I am wishing you a blessed and peaceful, Christmas and a healthy new year.



Burkhard Spangenberg

The German Language School informs

The German Language school London will report about its work in future editions, and will influence the shape of this paper by contributing articles. We will also continue with the reports from Exchange students who have been sent to Germany through the German Language School. This month we publish the pyramid poem of Julius Mittler. Julius is in the 5th Grade of the German School London.

Pyramidengedicht



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Autor: Justus Mittler

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

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See our new website for complete details:
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Something to look forward to in the depths of winter!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 3 PM,
 The club will present an
AFTERNOON OF PASSION, COMEDY & EXCITEMENT

Arias and scenes from
DIE FLEDERMAUS
& OTHER LIEDER & CABARET WORKS

performed by brilliant young singers from the Faculty of Music, UWO

PLEASE MARK THIS IN YOUR CALENDAR!



CONGRATULATIONS

Ice and snow will not prevent you from celebrating your birthday. Don't mind the weather, just celebrate!



NEWS & ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS PARTY



AT THE GERMAN CLUB


SUNDAY DECEMBER 18
3.00 PM

OPENING TIMES		
	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>RESTAURANT</u>
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	Closed
Wednesday	5:30 - 10 pm	6 - 9 pm
Thursday	5:30 - 10 pm	6 - 9 pm
Friday	5:30 pm - 12 am	6 - 10:30 pm
Saturday	5 pm - 12 am	6 - 9 pm
Sunday	5 - 9 pm	Brunch 11am- 2 pm Dinner by Reservation Not less than 4 persons

Office (Chris and Judy) • 519-433-2901 • germanclub1@rogers.com	Monday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm
Tennis Court (Jupp Rosell) • 519-472-9105 • evelynrosell@bellnet.ca	May to September 7 days a week 8 am to 8 pm
Soccer Field (Jürgen Belle) • 519-860-550 • juergen.belle@sympatico.ca	Watch for the field bookings and training schedule in this paper and at the club
Bowling Horst Ammon 519-668-6904 ammon@rogers.com Dieter Marienwald 519-455-2339 • dgmarienwald@rogers.com	Mondays 7 to 9 pm Bowlarama Lanes Thompson Road
Choir (Hans Sandker) • 519-245-1922 • hansasandker@execulink.com	Monday 8 to 10 pm
Seniors (Gerd Kaltenecker) • 519-453-5408 • kaltenecker.gerd@gmail.com	Variable times
Londoner Funken (Audrey Glaese) • 519-520-2476 • frankgl@rogers.com	Carnival meetings Dance and Masquerade
Special Events Helga Bell) • 519-680 -5061 • joschi@rogers.com	Variable times Special Events


HALL RENTAL RATES		
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

TAXES! Many Germans in Canada who receive German Pensions or have other income in Germany got a request from the German Tax authorities to fill in tax declarations from 2005 onwards.



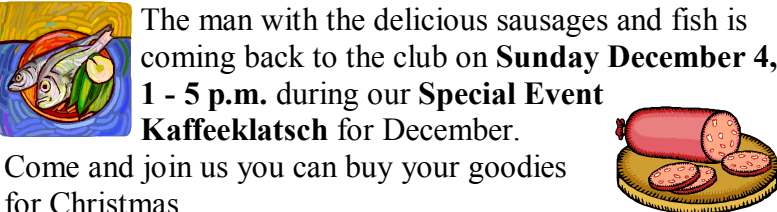
The German Canadian Congress (DKK) is exclusively offering its members a service to help. If you are a member of the DKK (\$20 for Seniors) you get will get a Tax expert in your area, recommended by the DKK, who will help you to fill out the necessary formulas, for \$75. In more complicated cases you will get help from a specialized Tax office in Germany. The service fee will be calculated according to the time involvement. For more information call **DKK (Ontario) 416 642 0955**

Kitchen service
The kitchen will be open again on **Sundays** for **Brunch from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm**
By ordering **for two adults**, children under 12years will get **1 kid's portion** for free.



Delicatessen
The man with the delicious sausages and fish is coming back to the club on **Sunday December 4, 1 - 5 p.m.** during our **Special Event Kaffeeklatsch** for December.

Come and join us you can buy your goodies for Christmas.



Apology for the death of German Soldiers

On October 31, there was a gathering in Washington DC at which, according to a press release, the head of the Association of American Soldiers, Col. Merrit Drucker (retired), apologized to German soldiers and to the German people for the mistreatment of prisoners of war in American camps shortly after World War II. The apology was accepted by the President of the Association of German Soldiers, Lt. Col. Max Klaar (Bundeswehr retired).

The events in American POW camps were documented in "Other Losses", a book by James Bacque. A major fact reported in the book is that the American commander, General Dwight Eisenhower, ordered that German civilians were forbidden, on pain of being shot, to take food to German prisoners of war in American camps. In fact, 750,000 German soldiers died in these camps. This book was translated into 13 languages and was a best seller in many countries, but it is hardly known in the United States.

Reports about the gathering in Washington on October 31 commented on the low attendance by the press and the American public. The German embassy was not represented at the meeting. Col. Drucker, who offered the apology, was not wearing a uniform because, in his words, this was a private meeting.

We have members in our club who starved in these American camps. For them, the gathering in Washington was surely of high importance. The question remains open whether justice was done by this apology. It is difficult for us children and grandchildren of the war generation to understand and deal with the history of the war and the time after it. But perhaps the event in Washington is a step in the right direction.



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by more than 300 people who
have an interest in things German.**

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The Last word

The best drug is a clear head

Harald Juhnke

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