



THE GERMAN-CANADIAN CLUB LONDON

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear members and friends,

The end of the old and arrival of the New Year was adequately celebrated at the club. The atmosphere was great and the attendance acceptable. All in all we can list this celebration among our successes.

On January 8th our annual All Members Meeting took place and was coupled this year with the awarding of honour pins for lengthy membership. Regrettably quite a number of honourees were missing, primarily due to the delay in delivery of notification letters caused by the holiday mail slowdown. I herewith offer my apologies to these long-term members in the name of the entire executive and hope that all of them can attend the annual general meeting on March 4th, to be honoured at that time.

During the business portion of the meeting a nominating committee was established under the chairmanship of Dr. Burkhard Spangenberg with members Barbara Weis and Trudy Hansch. The highpoint in this month's club life, without doubt, was the extremely well organized Operetta Afternoon. The young, enthusiastic performers presented a varied and pleasing program of beautiful music by Mozart, Mahler, Wolf and as advertised, Franz Lehar and Johann Strauss. Excerpts from 'Die Fledermaus' formed the finale and were rewarded with a long standing ovation. I want to take this opportunity thank Dr. Kate Partridge for her energy, hard work, organizational skills and stick-with-it-ness in putting this function together. There are, of course, other volunteers involved with the staging of this concert, primarily members of the German Language School and to all of them I offer my profound thanks and respect. The performance was completely sold out and that fact bears witness that functions featuring fine arts can be presented successfully at the club.

I wish you a pleasant, not too snowy February and the Carnivalists much fun at Fasching.

Bob Walters

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Friday	3.	Skat Card play	7.00 pm
Wednesday	8.	Seniors' Annual Meeting and Election	1.30 pm
Wednesday	8.	Bingo	After the Election
Sunday	12.	Special Event Kaffeeklatsch	2.00 pm
Thursday	16.	Handcraft	1.00 pm
Sunday	19.	Seniors' Kaffeeklatsch	2.00 pm
Sunday	26.	Children Carneval	2 – 4.00 pm

MARCH EVENTS

Thursday	1.	Handcraft	1.00 pm
Friday	2.	Skat, Card play	7.00 pm
Sunday	March 4th	Annual General Meeting & Election	1.00 pm
Sunday	4.	Senior's Kaffeeklatsch	After the meeting
Thursday	15.	Handcraft	1.00 pm
Sunday	18.	Special Event Kaffeeklatsch	2.00 pm
Wednesday	21.	Chor Lyra Annual meeting	7.00 pm
Wednesday	21.	Bingo	2.00 pm
Thursday	29.	Handcraft	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

CONGRATULATIONS

In February and March celebrate in Australia.
You will have summer and sun shine.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hallo dear members of the German Club

The Operetta afternoon was a great success. For an event like that, the Club needs strong management. That brings me to the **General Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 4.**

As you might know, this year I am the leader of the election committee. This committee is charged with finding club members who are willing to serve on our Executive Committee. We must also elect a new President of the Club.

If you know of someone who is willing to run for President or for one of the positions in the executive committee, please call me at: 519-657-1776

or email me at drbspangenberg@gmail.com

Burkhard Spangenberg

An Afternoon at the Operetta



It was a tremendous pleasure for me to be able to bring to birth our sold-out January 22 *Afternoon of Operetta and Lieder*. Everyone had a wonderful time and we hope very much to be able to present another such afternoon next year.

None of this could have happened without the following people:

My husband, Burkhard Spangenberg, for having the idea. Patricia Green of the Faculty of Music, UWO, for loving the idea and agreeing to direct a group of future singing stars in a programme of German music. Bob Walters and the German Club for fully supporting the idea.

Annett Filler and Ilse Spangenberg for joining me on the organizing team.

And thanks Jody Curtis, Chris Wesley, Erich Kutzner, Inge Schirmer, and the Special Events Group for their tremendous efforts and help to make this day a success.

And of course, mainly, the to group of 12 magnificent young singers and pianists who shared with us so much delightful musical joy on that fabulous January afternoon.

Kate Partridge

Memories of the German Language School London, from Juliane Hundt, a former student:

I attended the German language school of London from the ages of ten to eighteen. Each Saturday morning, my parents would drive my sister and I the seventy kilometers to London or drop us off at a restaurant near my house to make the commute with friends. It was tough to wake up at seven am and prepare for school when many of my other friends were allowed to sleep in and pursue more recreational weekend activities. I did not always appreciate my parents' reasoning, but for mom and dad it was important that my sister and I maintain our fluency in German and develop professional assets to help us build a career.

I graduated from German school in 2003 and since then, I have come to recognize many of the positive impacts a foreign language education can have on one's life. My classes not only strengthened my German grammar and vocabulary, but familiarized me with subjects many other high school students do not have the opportunity to learn. To this day, I can recite the federal states of Germany and their capital cities thanks to Mrs. Steinke and her many geography drills. Saturday mornings were also a social opportunity; a time to see my German friends and meet kids from other European and non-European countries.

Professionally, attending German school has opened up job opportunities and helped my university career. Since the high school credits I received counted towards the completion of my Ontario Secondary School Diploma, I finished high school one semester early and took the opportunity to work as a translator for a multinational company in Germany. One of the things that helped me to secure the job was my completion of German Language Diplomas I and II. The grades I received in my German classes contributed to an admission scholarship to university and played a role in landing a part-time job as a German tutor.

I would be the first to admit attending German school was not always fun however, I am happy my parents insisted and I listened. Looking back, the experience brought with it many advantages.

The German Language School of London

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NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT



**Annual General Meeting
& Elections
Sunday March 4th 1.00 pm**

DONATIONS TO THE OPERETTA AFTERNOON



The Seniors Group, the Tennis Group, Ilse Spangenberg, Annett Filler, Dr. Kate Partridge and Robert Walters financed the flowers and the dinner for the singers after the performance.



Ilse Spangenberg arranged the flower bouquets.

A great big Thank You to all of you!

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

<u>Office (Chris and Jody)</u> • 519-433-2901 • germanclub1@rogers.com	Monday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm
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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

Donations to the Club

Many members made donations to their club at the beginning of this year. Here are their names: **Magnus Schweiger, Heide Schweeney, Fritz Skeries, Dieter Klett, Kurt Scheib, Renate Feulgen, Dieter Festen, Reinhard Schwartz and Hella Guildmond.**

The Club is very glad to see so many donors and expresses a full Thank You Very Much!

Membership

Gerhard Frank has decided to change from an associate member to a full member.



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It is important that you please forward to all of your respective GCFC teams / friends / those with boys born in 2000/01.



GCFC is seeking boys born in 2000/01 for a new competitive LDYSL team!

Players are wanted for a new competitive GCFC boys U12 team for the summer of 2012. Any boy born in the year 2000 is welcome to try out. No previous experience is necessary. Players are encouraged to attend as many of the tryouts as they can.

It is anticipated that the team will play at the L6 level. The tryout fee is \$20. Players should provide advance notice of their intention to attend the tryouts.

2012 ASSESSMENT DATES

#6 February 4 2:30 -4:00 p.m.

One Goal Elite Soccer, 1490 North Routledge Park

Notices and inquiries can be directed to team manager Chris Sherrin at csherrin@uwo.ca or head coach Jens Stickling at jstickling@sympatico.ca or (519) 280-4663. Come help us expand our youth program!

The German Canadian Football Club is a multi-cultural organization that welcomes all players.

Every month, this newsletter is read by about 400 people who have an interest in things German.

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The Last word

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John Churton Collins

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