



THE GERMAN-CANADIAN CLUB LONDON

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members and friends

Spring is in the air, the weather is on our side, and we can say that we had a quite successful April program at the club.

We started off with our Easter egg hunt that was better frequented than ever! It is nice to see so many children running around our property looking for Easter eggs. A big thanks to everybody who made that happen.

The Day of Song was another highlight this month, which brought 7 choirs into our club and the number of spectators is growing.

I am delighted to see more younger people coming up with new ideas organizing events and I am encouraging everybody to get involved in our club life. It is our club and we should design it to our liking! The board and the groups are doing their best to organize events that interest a large group of our members and friends. I'm most proud of the cooperation between groups especially when it comes to events with a large number of people. Over the last month I received a lot of positive feedback from people that visited the club and enjoyed the friendly atmosphere

Best Regards

Hans Sandker

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to the Club:

Michele Heidekamp, Karl Ludwig Ossenkopp and Christine Heinemann-Gijzen

DONATIONS

Our thanks go to **Narine Seerattan** for his donation and also to the **Seniors Group** for the great job they did on our **Day of Song**. When no-one bakes cakes, no-one can sell anything! Many thanks to all of you bakers!

MAY EVENTS

Friday 4.	Skat Card Game	7.00 pm
Saturday 5.	Bowling Banquet	6.00 pm
Saturday 5	Community Day Spring Clean up 	10.00 am
Sunday 6.	Mothers Day Dinner	1.00 pm
Thursday 10.	Handcraft	1.00 pm
Saturday 12.	Theater and Springfest	2-4 pm
Saturday 12.	Soccer Annual Spring Dance	7.00 pm
Saturday 19.	Soccer Final Champions League 	2.30 pm
Wednesday 23.	Bingo	2.00 pm
Sunday 27.	Special Event Kaffeklatsch	2.00 pm
Thursday 31.	Handcraft	1.00 pm

JUNE EVENTS

Friday 1.	Skat card game	7.00 pm
Sunday 3.	Seniors Fathers Day Dinner	1.00 pm
Thursday 14.	Handcraft	1.00 pm
Wednesday 20.	Bingo	2.00 pm
Saturday 23	1980's Dance	7.00 pm
Sunday 24.	Eclipse of the Sun Celebration	3.00 pm
Thursday 28.	Handcraft	1.00 pm

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



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In this month's column I'm writing entirely about the **Special Event Group**. The members of this group are responsible for the Special Event Kaffeeklatsch every month. These afternoons always have music and dancing. This is, by the way, the only dancing event that still exists in our club.

The Special Event Group also helps with coffee and cake at other special events. Most of the cake is baked by members of this group and other members of the club. The Special Event Group gives all their income to the club. This is unique in our club and it is why I am making a special mention of it here.

Cake donors are probably the biggest donors in our club. This includes not only the members of the Special Event group but also the members of the Seniors Group and the Lyra Choir. But there is one difference - the Special Event Group gives all their earned income to the club, and that's why I'm praising them today. Very big thanks to them.

It's a shame that I cannot enjoy all these goodies because of health reasons, and I have a constant battle not to give in to my craving for cake!. But that should not stop all you bakers from being creative and producing these delicacies. German cake is for sure still the best!

And now to all of you who are able to create these pieces of culinary art - Please consider donating a home-baked cake once in a while. This is a wonderful donation and takes the burden away from the people who regularly contribute their baking skills to the club. (I was thinking of trying my luck with baking, but that would only scare people away, I am afraid, and that is what no one wants.)

Burkhard Spangenberg.

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ATTENTION SOCCER FANS!

The **European Championship** in soccer is approaching. But before that, all sport enthusiasts must see Bayern München win the **EUFA Champions League**
FC BAYERN vs CHELSEA FC



Enjoy this important soccer match on TV at the German Club, with prizes and specials:
Saturday May 19th at 2.00 pm



To all GCC members and supporters The Cove Rd. field soccer season is fast approaching and the entire German Canadian Club property needs to be prepared for the upcoming season. The GCC operates mostly on a volunteer basis. All events at Cove Rd depend on the committed volunteers who donate their precious time to keep this facility one of the best in London. Without these volunteers there would be no facility. Our facility needs its **yearly soccer field Spring cleaning.**

To ensure the deadline will be met there will be a community day on **Saturday May 5 & Saturday May 12 (rain day) from 10 am** until all projects are completed. How long this project will take depends on how many volunteers show up to help. Last year we had a good turnout but it took well into the afternoon to complete most of the work. I hope this year we will get more people out and get everything done in good time.

We will need garden rakes, leaf rakes, wheel barrows, shovels, pruning shears, lopping shears, pruning saws, strong backs and your precious time. This year we will also need a chain saw. A number of older trees have lost their limbs and we have to clean up the stumps and cut the debris up into manageable lengths.



Please make every effort to make this a day of community, club, camaraderie and friendship. BBQ will be available.

Juergen Belle,
 President GCFC
 Field Manager, Cove RD Field

CONGRATULATIONS!

There is no better time of the year for your birthday!

Enjoy your special day.



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invites all children and their family and friends to a

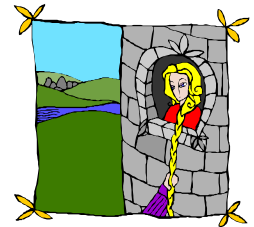
THEATRE & SPRING FESTIVAL

ON SATURDAY MAY 12, 2 - 5 PM
 AT THE GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB, 1 COVE ROAD

FAIRY-TALE PERFORMANCES BY OUR STUDENTS
Puss in Boots, Rumpelstiltskin & Little Red Riding Hood
 & also:

Fairy-tale collage Mask making Face Painting Crafts
Traditional German Outdoor Activities:
Sack Races Egg Races Topfschlagen and more!

For information contact Beate Gundert:
519-433-0766 bgundert@uwo.ca



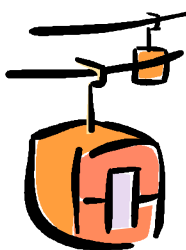
My exchange in Freiburg

By Matthew McLeod

On July 2nd, I began my six week long exchange in Freiburg. My exchange family consisted of my exchange partner, Fred, his father, Jürgen, his mother, Pia, and his older siblings, Kahle and Maria. The family was very kind and friendly to me. It was because of them that I had such a nice time in Germany. The landscape in Günterstal, where they lived, was very nice and from my window I could see the mountains and the beginning of the Black Forest which encircled Freiburg.

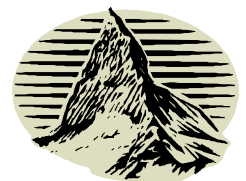
The day after I arrived, I took the tram with Fred to school. The teachers and classmates were very nice to me but it was hard for me because I had only gone to German school for two years and they all spoke so quickly and used complicated words. The first week went by quickly and on

the weekend we went to the Black Forest. We rode a cable car up 1,000 meters and then we hiked through the mountains where there were magnificent views over Freiburg and the surrounding area. In the third week I was able to understand much more German. I often travelled by tram into the old part of Freiburg. It was amazing to see buildings from the fifteenth century that were still standing. The cathedral was my favourite building in the



city and one time I climbed up to the top of the cathedral in a winding staircase. There was a great panoramic view of Freiburg from that height. Freiburg is a very beautiful city!

The fourth week of school was my last week of school and Fred and I were very happy about the beginning of the summer holidays because we were going to visit Switzerland and Italy. We camped in Interlaken, Switzerland and we had a wonderful hike in the Alps. I will never forget that experience. Then we drove through the Alps into Italy. The weather was a lot hotter in Domodossola on Lake Maggiore than it had been in Germany. It was fascinating to see the large difference between the architecture of Italy, Switzerland and Germany.



During the last week of my exchange I went with Fred and his brother, Kahle, to a youth camp deep in the Black Forest.

The whole exchange was a wonderful experience and I am very grateful I had the opportunity to live six weeks in Germany and meet my wonderful exchange family. I would like to visit Germany again soon.

OPENING TIMES		
	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>RESTAURANT & BAR</u>
Monday	Closed	
Tuesday	Closed	
Wednesday	5:30 - 10 pm	
Thursday	5:30 - 10 pm	OPEN on Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings
Friday	5:30 pm - 12 am	
Saturday	5 pm - 12 am	
Sunday	5 - 9 pm	

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

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Tennis Court (Jupp Rosell) • 519-472-9105 • evelynrosell@bellnet.ca	May to September 7 days a week 8 am to 8 pm
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Special Events (Helga Bell) • 519-680-5061 • joschi@rogers.com	Variable times Special Events

CLUB NEWS & ACTIVITIES

MOTHERS DAY

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



GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

On **Saturday May 12th, 2-4 pm**, the German Language school is presenting a **Theater & Springfest**.



The children will perform theater plays and there will be games for the young and the young-at-heart.

Information: Dr. Beate Gundert 519-433-0766

TENNIS

The **Tennis season** is opening on **Saturday May 5**. Information: Evelyn and Jupp Rosell 519-472-9105
evelynrosell@bellnet.ca



DANCE

Every **Special Events Group Kaffeek-latsch** has dancing. This is the only regular Dance event the German Club is now offering. And it is always accompanied by delicious cake.



1980's DANCE: Saturday June 23: For tickets, contact Doreen Creutz: 519-200-1466 doreen.creutz@rogers.com



SOCCER

The soccer players are opening their season with their **first game** on **Tuesday May 15th**.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Final:

Saturday May 19th, 2 pm BAYERN vs CHELSEA
on TV at the club:

Information: Jürgen Belle www.gcfc london.com
juergen.belle@sympatico.ca 519-860-5502

BOWLING

The friends of bowling will have their **Banquet on Saturday May 5th**.
Bowling is on **Mondays from 7 - 9 pm**
Information: Horst Ammon
519-668-6904 ammon@rogers.com



KITCHEN

The kitchen will be open on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings**.
The **catering service** for other events is back in the hands of **Anna Twrkiewicz**.
Information: Chris Wesley 519-433-2901

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Mark Ellyatt, Zara Kerstin and Sara Hunter have applied to become members of the Club.

German Culture in London in May

This month offers two really interesting and enjoyable musical events with strong German connections of one kind or another:



Trombone - A voice through time!

Saturday, May 5, 8 pm, Wolf Performance Hall, London Public Library. \$30, \$15 for students. Serenata Music: (519-433-8332; www.serenatamusic.com)

Maestro Alain Trudel, Musical Director, Orchestra London, will play the trombone, with friends on piano, percussion, trumpet and string quartet. “**Alain Trudell is one of Canada’s finest trombone players**”, says Dr. Henry Meredith, Professor of Music History and Brass Pedagogy at UWO.

I spoke with Dr. Meredith about the history of the trombone and was delighted to discover that, from the early 1500’s to the end of the 1700’s, Nürnberg in Germany was the head-quarters for all brass musical instruments. Almost all trombones (and *all* trumpets) were made there by skilled craftsmen using locally mined copper and tin. One reason for the great popularity of the trombone was that it was a loud instrument that could be used to signal the hours of the day from the town tower, while the trumpet, also very loud, was forbidden for use by ordinary people, being reserved only for royal events.

Alain Trudell’s program on May 5 includes works by **Beethoven**, Mr. Trudel himself, and also by **Gottfried Finger** (1660-1730). Born in Moravia, Finger was a composer of chamber music. He worked for the court of James II of England before returning to the Continent where he held posts at Breslau, Berlin, Heidelberg and Dusseldorf. In Mannheim, where he died, Finger laid the foundations for the famous Mannheim orchestra.

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

For further information:

- **Beate Gundert: 519-433-0766 and 519-432-8625 (voice mail)**
- **Ilse Spangenberg: 519-769-2338**

See our new website for complete details:
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Opera Guild Scholarship Gala Tuesday May 8, 7 pm, CentreSpace for the Arts, Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church, 442 William St., London. Suggested Donation: \$20. (519-868-4428; Christopher_Dunham@live.ca)

This benefit concert features **Marjorie Maltais** and **Christopher Dunham** (whose German grandmother insisted that he learn German as a child), two of the young singers who thrilled us at the club’s Afternoon of German Operetta in January. They are joined by two senior singers, **Theodore Baerg** and **Irena Welhasch Baerg**.

Ted Baerg, baritone, has sung with major opera companies throughout the world. He is also a professor of voice, opera and music theatre at UWO, where he produces and directs the opera and musical theatre program. I spoke with him about his Mennonite heritage.



Ted’s parents were Ukrainian Mennonites who immigrated to Manitoba after the war. His father became a Mennonite minister who preached in both English and High German, and who loved the German language and German hymns. Ted’s parents spoke High German to each other at home, so Ted and his siblings all learned to speak it too. As a result, his parents had to switch into Russian when they wanted to say something privately to each other. (Ted was delighted to be reminded that the “Ukrainian” Mennonites were originally invited to move from Germany to Russia by Catherine the Great, in 1789.)

Ted liked to speak German with his Dad as a way of being closer to him. In recent years, Ted has found a growing interest in his German heritage. He loves the old German hymns, and professionally, he frequently sings in German.

According to my husband Burkhard, **Ted has a flawless German accent. We can both vouch that he has a truly wonderful voice and dynamic stage presence.**

by Kate Partridge

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A BAKER WITH PASSION



There is a new baker in Goderich. That does not sound too exciting, until you actually taste the bread from **Red Cat Farm**. This happened to me eventually last summer when I enjoyed the first bread samples from the Burdan family. After a short chat with Sophie Burdan, she and I agreed to write about her bread and its background. In fact, Sophie and her husband Christian went through quite an Odyssey in order to bring their wonderful German bread to Canada.

Christian and Sophie were married in 1988. Sophie's home is the Alsace and Christian was born in the Pfalz region, into a family with seven generations of bakers. And it happened that baking was in his blood too. Because his older brother took over the bakery at home, it took Christian a while to buy his own bakery, in Hassloch in the neighborhood of Speyer. In 1988 he finished his education as a Master Degree baker. Always determined to bake good bread, Christian was awarded the prestigious CMA gold medal for Bread Quality.

Probably because of Sophie's origin in the Alsace and with the goal of growing grain organically mon the family moved to the Alsace in the neighborhood of Strasbourg in France .

They had a smoothly-running bakery there, but regulation of the franc made it difficult for them, since they weren't farmers, to buy land. Because Christian had dreamed of Canada all his life, and he always dreamed of baking his own home grown grain, he and Sophie made their first visit in 2004 and they immediately bought a farm in Goderich. But it took them another four years before they could sell their business in France and immigrate to Canada with their two sons and one daughter. Once in Goderich, they remodeled the farm into the Burdan family style, with the hardworking help of the whole family. In 2010, the stone baking oven was equipped with a high tech gas burner and everyone was ready to start. But again the Burdans had trouble with regulations. The state-of-the-art burner was not registered and they were



not allowed to use it. They sent the burner back to Germany and exchanged it with an older model that was registered. Finally, after waiting for one full year, the way became clear.

Today the bakery is producing delicious bread, especially all kinds of sour dough bread, and also several kinds of bread without wheat flour, as well as cakes for special needs and tastes. In 2011 the farm was organically approved and Christian finally reached his goal: to be able to keep it all in one hand, producing and controlling bread from the seed the final product.

Now Christian is able to use the knowledge developed by his family over generations of growing grain and baking it, as well as his own experience, to create his oh-so-tasty bread. One of his secrets is to blast the bread with intense heat at the beginning baking process. This keeps more moisture in the bread and creates a wonderful crust. But this is only one reason for the quality and taste of the bread. Christian will not tell us all his secrets, and that doesn't matter, because he tastes what he is producing.?????

Word went round very quickly that there was a family who is baking for us Germans our so very much missed bread. With their dough products, the Burdan family has brought back a piece of Germany for us, and it tastes like home. Germany and France lost a specialist in his trade and we are taking advantage of it in Canada.

In a very short time, the business has been running so well that Christian needs help in his bakery. He would like to employ someone for two or three days a week at the bakery in Goderich.



You can buy Red Cat Farm bread and other bakery products:

At the **farm** by appointment, OR **on Fridays, 9 am - 6 pm**
Goderich Farmers Market, Saturdays 8.00am-1.00 pm
Masonville Farmers Market, Fridays 8 am-2 pm
 (starting Friday May 18: Masonville Mall near the Bay)

Make a trip to Goderich. It's worth it!

Burdan's Red Cat Farm
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 5 km North of Goderich
 Across from Point Farms Provincial Park
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doing nothing*

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