



THE GERMAN-CANADIAN CLUB LONDON
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear members,

In the course of our club life we experience many conflicting and often disturbing events. In the last few years nothing affected me as intensely as the passing of our friend and helper Hans Reiling. Firstly, Hans died while helping with renovations in the club and also it brought home to us how sudden and cruel death can overwhelm us.

However, despite all the horror and hopelessness, we saw the bright light of hope and joy. Firstly, the great surprise in form of the overwhelming numbers of mourners at Hans's memorial service and thereafter at our visitation at the club I was very touched when I experienced the honest and heartfelt sorrow of all assembled. It showed that there is a mighty feeling of belonging to our club. Some members inquired about making donations in Hans's memory, others served and helped with needed chores.

The entire gathering was organized by club groups and our new chef Dragan, who had become fast friends with Hans, on an impromptu and voluntary basis. The most touching and enjoyable aspect for me, was the atmosphere which was created by this. It certainly spawned Gemütlichkeit, camaraderie and felt like old times in our club.

I hope and pray that this feeling will remain with us as a lasting reminder of our friendship with Hans Reiling, for nothing is more important than the close community of those in our membership who are truly interested in the welfare and continued existence of the club. We can strive ever so hard, work diligently and do our best to raise money for the club, but it will be in vain if we neglect, or much worse, lose this precious camaraderie.

Dear members, take part in this wonderful aspect of our life in Canada. I am directing this advice not only to German-Canadians, but to all our members interested in the German cultural heritage and the continued existence of our German-Canadian Club in London.

Bob Walters

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Thur. Nov. 3	Funken meeting Carneval	7 pm
Fri. Nov. 4	Card play Skat	7 pm
Sat. Nov. 5	Soccer Banquet	6 pm
Sun. Nov. 6	Seniors Kaffeklatsch	2 pm
Thur. Nov.10	Handarbeit	1 pm
Sun. Nov. 13	Special Event Kaffeklatsch	2 pm
Fri. Nov. 18	Christkindlmarkt	5 - 8 pm
Sat. Nov. 19	Christkindlmarkt 	10 am - 6 pm
Sun. Nov. 20	Christkindlmarkt	11am-5 pm
Wed. Nov. 23	Bingo	2 pm
Sat. Nov. 26	Carnival Season opening 	7 pm
Sun. Nov. 27	Seniors' Christmas Party	1 pm

DECEMBER EVENTS

Fri. Dec. 2	Card play Skat	7 pm
Sun. Dec. 4	Special Event Kaffeeklatsch	1 pm
Sun. Dec. 11	Seniors' Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm
Sat. Dec. 17	Christmas Party German Language School	9 - 11:30 am
Sun. Dec. 18	Club Christmas Party	7 pm
Mon. Dec. 19	Choir Christmas Party	7 pm
Sat. Dec. 31	New Years Eve Party	7 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

We would like to welcome **Mr. Dieter Teston** as a new member in our Club

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Members,

Autumn has come. A successful Oktoberfest is already behind us. November and December are filled with parties and other events. Come out and celebrate Carnival, Christmas parties or New years Eve with us. Come and enjoy the excellent meals of our new chef. Notice the extra article about Dragan Vojinovic

Burkhard Spangenberg

What the heck is Kaffeeklatsch?



The term '**Kaffee Klatsch**' is made up from two German words and literally translates as '**Coffee Gossip**'. As often occurs when we try to directly translate something, the true meaning gets changed. For this reason,

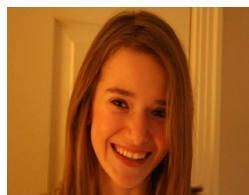
'**Coffee chat**' is a much better translation. In its truest form, a 'Kaffeeklatsch' is an informal gathering of friends to chat and enjoy home baking. This is still a very common practice in our German communities in Canada. Men are usually excluded. (*I wonder why?*) Over the years, it has been the practice for the German Club in London to expand the idea into a larger event – still called Kaffeeklatsch. The expanded Kaffeeklatsch now includes live music and an afternoon dance with of course, coffee and traditional home baked German cakes. Since this has expanded into a dance, men are obviously welcome.

In London, there is also a draw for prizes. The term 'Kaffeeklatsch' is obviously a German one but the idea of this type of social gathering is also enjoyed by other cultures. The Brits for example enjoy their 'afternoon tea and crumpets' and their larger version is known as an 'afternoon tea dance' Whatever it is called, it is an opportunity to get together with friends to have fun enjoyed some home baked goodies and catch up on 'news'



Bill Bell

Student Exchange program of the German Language School London



In the summer of 2010 I travelled to Bedburg, Germany as part of the German Canadian exchange program. I stayed with Sarah, her mother and her father for three weeks. I attended an all-girls school in Jülich.

We saw many things around the area of Bedburg. We went to the cologne dome which was very nice as I had seen it 4 years before and it was interesting to see the changes that had occurred during that time.

We went to the city of cologne to see the play Starlight Express. This is a very cool play in which the actors play trains and the skate around on roller skates. There are tracks up in the audience and throughout the auditorium. The skating was very impressive.

I especially liked one of the locations we visited. Bedburg is the home of a black coal mine. The dirt removed from the coal pit is transported to a man-made mountain. There was an outlook where one could look out into the pit where coal was being extracted.

We visited several interesting museums. We went to a Sternstunden, a planetarium. The museum was in a building like a silo.

While I was in Germany the World Cup was in progress. Everyone was very excited and we watched several soccer games. I learned much about soccer from my host family and they learned much about hockey as the Stanley Cup finals was in to its last few games at the same time. However there was no coverage of the Stanley Cup on television making it very difficult to follow.

We ate lots of bread in Germany. Much more than I did at home and I felt sick for a while. We had buns and meats for breakfast and lunch. I also discovered Sip-ahhs. They were little chocolate or vanilla chunks in a straw that you used in your milk. Then you could have chocolate milk or vanilla milk. I brought some home for my siblings and we all love them.

While in Germany my understanding of the German language quickly advanced. I was able to understand German without having to translate in my head.

Claire McCullough

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

For further information:

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- **Ilse Spangenberg: 519-789-2338**

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

CONGRATULATIONS



Born in November or December?
Don't mind the weather, just celebrate!



ACTIVITIES AT THE GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB

TENNIS

We would like to thank all our participants for a successful season! Hope to see you next May! Thanks to the newspaper for giving us such a good coverage.



Jupp and Evelyn Rosell

SENIORS

Because every 4th person has more or less problems with his sugar metabolism, the Seniors Group is now offering cake for diabetics!



CHRISTKINDL MARKT

Attention! Here's a great opportunity for getting into the Christmas mood. The Choir Lyra is hand-crafting the decorations. Everyone with time, talents and interest is welcome.

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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	Dinner by Reservation

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 • hanssandker@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

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 Something to look forward to  
 in the depths of winter!  
 ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 3 PM,  
 The club will present an  
AFTERNOON OF PASSION,  
COMEDY & EXCITEMENT  
 Arias and scenes from  
DIE FLEDERMAUS BY J. STRAUSS JR.  
 performed by brilliant young singers  
 from the Faculty of Music, UWO  
 PLEASE MARK THIS IN YOUR CALENDAR!  
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DONATIONS

Bob Walters, Jupp Rosell, Narine Seerattan and the Seniors Group financed the meal following the memorial service of Hans Reiling.

Werner Humann paid for the manufacture of pin for long time membership

Trude Hensch and her **Senior musicians** earned money withto the club.

And last but not least **Albin Kuhn** helped his club with a money donation.

Many, many thanks to all the donors for their generous donation

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

MORE NEWS

DRAGAN VOJINOVIC, CHEF DER KÜCHE



Dragan's name already introduces his Serbian origin. For a few weeks now, Dragan has been ruling over the kitchen at the German Club, and his prepared meals are superb.

Dragan was born in 1954 in Serbia and from an early age he helped out in his parents' restaurant. I think he was born with a cooking talent, and many of his present recipes are from his mother.

Dragan was educated as a veterinarian. However when the war broke out in Serbia in 1992 life became extremely difficult in Serbia, Dragan decided to emigrate to Canada. Language problems and difficulties getting his education recognized in Canada forced him to take



on other jobs. Beside his cooking talents Dragan is also a good singer and so it came naturally that he financed his life in Canada with live entertainment as well as cooking in restaurants. Important

for him was to cook in a European style. Every meal is created from scratch, by using only fresh ingredients. His passion for cooking was and is rewarded when his guests enjoy it. In his own words: "When people eat my food, they should be satisfied and happy".

Apart from his cooking, Dragan enjoys reading a good book or going on a fishing trip. He relaxes watching TV - documentaries or science if possible.

Dragan flies back to his home country on a regular basis, to visit his friends and his mother. Perhaps next time he will exchange more recipes with her, so he can surprise us with some more delicious meals in the German Club.



*Come to the German Club and get spoiled
by Dragan's culinary arts.*

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REMEMBERING GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR

On October 31, 2011, an event will take place in Washington that is very important to history. At this event, Merrit Drucker (US Army Major retired) will officially apologize to German soldiers and their relatives for the terrible treatment German prisoners of war had to go through in the so-called "Rheinwiesenlager".

As Colonel Ernest F. Fisher, a historian for the US army has written in James Bacque's book *Other Losses*, "Starting in April, 1945 the US Army and the French army casually annihilated about one million men, most of them in American camps." This was after the war had ended.

The apology will be accepted by Lt. Col. Max Klaar (Bundeswehr retired), who is the President of "Verband Deutscher Soldaten". The event has been made possible through the efforts of Merrit Drucker and Mr. Bacque. *Other Losses*, which documents the prisoners' fate, has been suppressed in the US for twenty years, but is now being re-launched in Washington.

The event has been supported by some Canadians and Americans devoted to the accurate history of Germany. Many of us have praised Mr. Bacque for what he has done for us Germans by the research he has conducted on the subject and that is good. If you want to know more or how to support this event.

For information:

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Kitchener, Ontario
Canada, N2B 2G3

Thank you very much

Ernst Friedel

(Former president of the German-Canadian Congress)

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

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