



THE GERMAN-CANADIAN CLUB LONDON

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

A very wet, rainy soccer season has come to an end and our soccer group will find it very difficult to rejuvenate the damaged field and bring it back to the beautiful condition in which we saw it in spring-time.

The club interior also suffered on account of the adverse conditions. The parquet floor in the Cove room has lifted in a number of places and the prognosis of flooring professionals is that the damage is irreversible and is due to the age of the floor and excessive moisture.

Since the installation of the eight foot diameter storm sewer tile at the south end of our property and the insulation of the flow channel into which it discharges, it appears that the rainwater from our property now has difficulty draining. Over the last two seasons it has been established that the groundwater level on our property is considerably higher than the water level in the flow channel. Jupp Rosell and Juergen Belle are gathering documentation to demonstrate this problem, so that we can make a submission to the appropriate officials and hopefully have this problem rectified as soon as possible.

I honestly regret having to report so much negativity, but I consider it my duty to keep you abreast of significant developments in the club.

Our hall rental functions are increasing very nicely, thanks to the efforts of Chris and Jody and hopefully will eventually produce enough revenue to keep the club afloat. At the moment we are still dependent on member donations, however over the last year and a half they too have slowed to a trickle.

Once again I apologize for the direct and unveiled description of the situation in which we find ourselves. I am convinced that you are seriously interested in the continued existence of our club and I herewith challenge you to support it in deed as well as financially. Your help is really needed at this time and I thank you in advance for your efforts.

Bob Walters

OCTOBER EVENTS

Sunday Oct. 2	Anniversary of Seniors group Banquet dinner	1 pm
Thursday Oct. 6	Funken meeting Carneval	7 pm
Friday Oct. 7	Cardplay Skat	7 pm
Wed. Oct. 19	Bingo	2 pm
Saturday Oct. 22	Oktoberfest 	8 pm
Sunday Oct. 23	Special Event Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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

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

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear members and friends
of the German Canadian Club

Our president has the lead in this edition, informing you about activities in the club. But I have one topic I want to pass on to you. The club will run into some narrow financial passes in the next half year. The reason for this is that since last year we have had employees whose salaries we have to pay. This is probably the right direction to go, but the next six months will be difficult.

This is why I want to beg you to do everything possible to support your Club. The least you can do is to pay your 2011 membership fee if you haven't already done so. Participating in club activities is also excellent support for the club. Please pay your membership fee today, and perhaps you could consider a donation for your club. This would be greatly appreciated. Your club needs you.

Burkhard Spangenberg



**42 Years of the Women
Auxiliary group of the
German Language
School London**

A report by
Roswitha MacKenzie

This group was formed in the 1960's by Frau Skeries under the name of the Women's Auxiliary of the German Language School. The participants were women from the German community, new to Canada, and parents involved with the German School, who wanted to preserve the German traditions of gifting hand made Christmas decorations, toys, hand knitted items and other unique items.

These women would meet once a week and their goal was to sell the items at the annual Christ-kindl Markt and to donate the money earned to the German School. (...continued in next column)

The German School would select the best students each year to participate in an exchange program with a host family in Germany. As a bonus the student would receive the money which was raised by the Craft Group.

To this day, the tradition initiated by Frau Skeries is continued by Frau Roswitha Mackenzie. She has a group of about 10 ladies between the ages of 40 and 90, mostly of German origin, but some who are of other backgrounds.

Together they glue, hammer, and paint ornament, and bake and construct gingerbread houses. All ladies participate in the sale of the items, and at the end the money is donated to the Student Exchange Program of the German School.



Over the years these ladies have become good friends and the share the joys and tragedies of their lives while working away.

So when you come to the Christkindl Markt this year, please come to our table to start your Christmas shopping. Think of all the many hours that have been donated by our volunteers to present you with handmade Christmas items. And most of all remember that these items are not made for our own benefit, but for the benefit of the German School Exchange Program.



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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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Congratulations
 To all of you who were born
 in October and November.
 The fall is nice to celebrate.

ACTIVITIES AT THE GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB

N E W S



In early September the **Lyra Choir** started rehearsing again. We meet every Monday from 20:00 – 22:00 hrs. at the German Canadian Club.

After a long summer break it's nice to see everybody again and there is a lot to talk about. For that reason we planned for our first get together, a cruise on the Grand River.

On September 8th we met at the German Canadian Club and left by bus for Caledonia. After a nice ride through the countryside, we were greeted with coffee and cookies.

During the boat tour we not only enjoyed a marvellous meal, but also learned a lot about the history of the river as well as the surrounding area. All in all we had a wonderful day ! A special thanks goes to "Take a Break Travel" who organized this trip.

Hans Sandker

Donation

Thank to Ms Erika Kinttop for her generous donation



**30th Anniversary
Congratulations
to the
Seniors Club!**

Banquet Dinner on
Sunday October 2, 2011
1 pm in the Large Hall

**Oktoberfest
at the
German Club
a g'zapft!***



Saturday the 22nd of October at 8 pm
 Tickets in advance \$12.00
 At the door \$15.00
 Full members:\$2.00 discount (\$10 or \$13)

**Live entertainment
with the Alpine Echo Band and
a traditional Bavarian folkdance group!**

("The beer is flowing!")*

BREAKING NEWS!



On October 1, the club welcomed our new and highly experienced chef, Dragan Vojinovic. Several members of the club executive are raving about his goulash and his schnitzel, and the rest of us can't wait to try it.

If you haven't made it in to the club restaurant before Oct. 22, Oktoberfest will be a great opportunity for you to taste German cooking at its best, including: Oktoberfest Sausage, Schnitzel, Goulash, Port Hocks and Cabbage Rolls, accompanied by Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, Spatzle, potatoes and vegetables.



CLUB RESTAURANT HOURS

Monday	6 to 9 pm
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	6 to 9 pm
Thursday	6 to 9 pm
Friday	6 to 10 pm
Saturday	6 to 9 pm
Sunday	BRUNCH: 10 am to 2 pm
Sunday	Dinner BY RESERVATION ONLY

MORE NEWS



The German Language School would like to thank the German Canadian Club on behalf of all parents for a wonderful handcraft afternoon of making Sugar Cones.

Sugar Cones are largely unknown in Canada, but it would be unthinkable to remove them from German culture. On the first day of school, each new little student gets a cone-shaped bag full of sweets and candies.

On August the 28th we made Sugar Cones for our school beginners, and lots of parents participated. It was great pleasure and fun at this handcraft afternoon to create this little pieces of art. Our special thanks goes to Inge Schirmer, Hans Sandker and Bob Walters who actively

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HALL RENTAL RATES for the German-Canadian 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
Everyone is getting old
who lives long enough
Groucho Marz

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