



#### **German Canadian Club**

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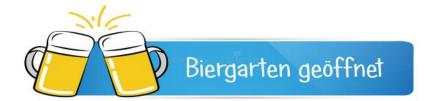
#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is with sadness that we have to report that our former President Robert Walters passed away on Sunday January 22 at the age of 86. How wonderful it was to see him in December for our Christmas Party. We will have a tribute to Bob in the newsletter and at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on March 26.

Although in winter mode, activities are ongoing. The Board is planning and preparing the budget for this year. Juergen Belle has retired as the Bar Manager in December. We welcome Hume Hope, who joined us as bartender last spring, as our new Bar Manager. We extend our gratitude to Juergen, who not only managed and tended bar, but also performed many other jobs at the Club during his time as President. He is certainly an outstanding member who has contributed so much to our Club. Thank you Juergen for all you did and do for this organization. We also will recognize his contribution at the AGM in March.

All are welcome to the upcoming events that are happening. Biergarten in the Ballroom? Have a look on the 28th!

Friedhelm Hoffmann President



Events in February		
Sundays	Collective Church	10 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Choir	7 pm
Thursday 2	Darts League	7 pm
Wednesday 15	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Thursday 16	Darts League	7 pm
Thursday 23	London Accordion Club	7 pm
Saturday 25	Biergarten in the Ballroom	5:30 pm
Sunday 26	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm

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Wednesdays	Barbershop Choir	7 pm	
Wednesday 8	Seniors Bingo	2 pm	
Thursday 16	Darts League	7 pm	
Sunday 19	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm	
Thursday 23	London Accordion Club	7 pm	
Saturday 25	Biergarten in the Ballroom	5:30 pm	
Sunday 26	Annual General Meeting	2 pm	

## In Memorium

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Bob Walters** who passed away on Sunday January 22, 2023. Bob was very involved with the Club as President from 2005 to 2011 and a member of the Lyra Choir for 40 years.

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9am-12pm
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#### Club President Friedhelm Hoffmann

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Seniors Group (Ingeborg Schirmer) 519-472-1498 (Evelyn Striegl) 519-685-6693 or (Dieter Marienwald) 519-455-2339 Events take place all year round.

Choir (Kathy Wodrich) Every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm kwodrich@gmail.com www.lyrachoir.com		
Tennis (HJ Rosell) 519-852-9933 hjrtennis@gmail.com	May to September Everyday 8 am - 8pm	
Soccer (Mark Ellyatt) 519-520-2681 ellyatt.family@outlook.com	For field bookings & training schedule visit: www.gcfclondon.com	

<u>Special Events Group</u> (Marlene Hoche-Davidson) (519) 872-3338 <u>larrydavidson516@yahoo.ca</u>

## **Hall Rental**

For information on our hall rental rates for members and non-members, please contact:

Carlene Hitchens (519) 433-2901 germanclub1@rogers.com

Please send any submissions for our newsletter by the 20th of the month to germanclub1@rogers.com or call the office at 519-433-2901.

Everyone is welcome at all events.

# Membership Reminder

It's the beginning of the new year and we would like to remind all members that memberships for 2023 are due. The fee for Full membership remains at \$100. The fee for Associate Membership is now \$75. Full membership offers you voting rights at our Annual General Meeting, reduced fees to Oktoberfest and/or free entrance to various events! Full members also benefit with reduced fees on Hall rentals or the Biergarten/Patio.

The fee can be paid by cheque, mailed to German Canadian Club, 1 Cove Rd., London ON, N6J 1H7 or by etransfer, sent to germanclub1@rogers.com.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, we would like to thank everyone for their support of the German Canadian Club and promoting German culture and traditions in London.

# Kaffeeklatsch News

# Special Events Committee

Due to poor attendance and waning interest, along with rising costs and limited volunteers, we have made the decision to suspend Kaffeeklatsch events until further notice.

We are currently reevaluating options. We graciously thank those who steadfastly supported us with attendance and cake donations and salute our small but dedicated group of volunteers.

With thanks, Marlene, Sylvia, Pam, and Lilo

## Seniors Group

The Senoirs would like to remind their members that the next Kaffeeklatsch is scheduled for February 26 at 2 pm. Due to the inclement weather on January 22, the Kaffeeklatsch was cancelled but they are looking forward to their next event in February on the 26th.

## In Memorium

We wish to send our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Anni Berghammer who passed away on January 24, 2023. She was a long time club member and member of the Lyra Choir.



A big thank you goes to the

## **Seniors Group**

For their generous donation to the Club.





# **Youth Soccer Program**

The German Canadian Football Club will be hosting our third season of youth house league for players born between 2016-2019 and will be entering recreational and competitive teams in the Elgin Middlesex District Soccer League (EMDSL) for players born between 2011-2015 this summer! Our youth house league takes place on Saturday mornings and is a fun way for young players to improve their fundamental movement skills, build confidence, and make new friends. Players participating in our EMDSL teams will attend age-appropriate sessions where they will learn soccer-specific skills in a fun, yet challenging environment and play weekly games in the London area. Please contact youth@gcfclondon.com for more information!



### A Look Back at 2022



The Tennis Club had a wonderful season. We had an increase in membership, welcoming back many familiar faces and new ones as well. Many players expressed how much they enjoyed being back on our courts. Our membership appreciation day in September was well attended. We also experienced the best weather that we can remember, enabling us to remain open until mid-October. There were some brave players out there on our last day of the season, happy to be playing outside for as long as Mother Nature would allow. Looking forward to the 2023 season!

