



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Wow, what a year for the German Canadian club!! As vice president of the Club, I would like to say thank you so much to the board of directors and all of the volunteers that have made 2022 a fantastic year for the GCC. Having previously been the vice president, it's hard to believe there was so much positive change in such a short time. In 2022, the German club elected a new board of directors, a new president, we held the biggest Oktoberfest the club has ever had, maintenance issues that the club has needed attended to completed, (with the money to do them) and so much more.

We have all worked very hard to get the club to where it is. It has been a pleasure working with such a great team of people and I very much look forward to an outstanding 2023.

Happy New Year everyone!!

Michael Marienwald
Vice President
German Canadian Club of London

Happy New Year

Events in January

Sundays	Collective Church	10 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop	7 pm
Wednesday 11	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Thursday 19	Darts League	7 pm
Sunday 22	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm
Thursday 26	London Accordion Club	7 pm

Events in February

Sundays	Collective Church	10 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop	7 pm
Thursday 2	Darts League	7 pm
Wednesday 15	Seniors Bingo	7 pm
Thursday 16	Darts League	2 pm
Thursday 23	London Accordion Club	7 pm
Sunday 26	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm

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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.



We would like to thank

Vera and Tom Sander

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For their generous donations

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 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.



Oktoberfest Tent 2022

A Look Back at 2022 Lyra Choir



May 2022—The first rehearsal of the Lyra Choir in two years due to the pandemic.



December 2022-Lyra Choir Christmas Concert



Oktoberfest 2022

Here is an overview of this past years Oktoberfest held over the weekend of October 21-23. A collective effort by many club members along with support from the South-West Ontario Tourism Board allowed for the outdoor tent and stage set-up that worked very well for the entertainment this year. Over the course of the weekend, we were able to attract almost 2000 patrons consisting of many first timers to the club or others that had not been in a while. Feedback overall was exceptionally positive and many truly enjoyed themselves commenting how they look forward to next year already. The Concordia Club dancers and The Alpine Echo trio also expressed their positive feedback in comparison to other events they had been at elsewhere. All the musical groups were fantastic and created a festive mood with the King of Polka, Walter Ostanek, being the showstopper for many. Needless to say, Mother Nature was very cooperative with the weather providing us with beautiful sunshine and mild temperatures adding to the positive Stimmung und Gemütlichkeit.

Many thanks to so many members and their families for assisting with the planning, set-up/ take-down and the successful running of the event. A very good reflection of the camaraderie that the club can provide when many work together. We must also thank the many outside suppliers and participants who contributed to the overall success of the event; from our beer and food suppliers to the tent and entertainment teams as well the background work for electrical and plumbing work that was needed.

It was a real pleasure to be able to coordinate and present an event that so many enjoyed themselves at given the past few years of restrictions. A real testament to a lot of hard work behind the scenes of many.

Fred Grossman

Oktoberfest 2022



Fearless Leaders, from left to right, Fred Grossman, Friedhelm Hoffmann, and Michael Marienwald.

Christkindl Market 2022

This year's Christmas market was a hit. We hosted 22 vendors, both returning and new. One of the new vendors was Opa's pretzels and if you managed to get one you know just how fantastic they are! Anna had her table full with the best traditional treats and of course the Ore Mountain wooden pyramids and other beautiful pieces. We also had many handcrafted items from clothing to cookies to charcuterie boards to gingerbread houses, not to forget the evergreen arrangements, ornaments, decoration, socks, and all the other amazing finds at all the booths.

A new feature this year was that we had a performance each day...they really helped to set the mood and of course, they were fantastic! The Lyra Choir performed for the opening, making us proud to call them "our own"! On Saturday, the Sweet Adelines performed and on Sunday, the barbershop group, Men of Accord, performed. We also held our tradition with the Children's Lantern Parade with the majority of the children from the German School. The Seniors hosted their coffee and cake table and Anna was in the kitchen serving the best food imaginable (at least I think so).. And of course, Jurgen at the bar serving the gluhwein!

A recap of this event is not complete without recognition of all of the volunteers who made it happen. There are so many small details that go into such events. We could not make it happen without all of the groups helping out! Thank you to all of you, you are very appreciated. We thank you for putting up the decorations, sweeping the floor, sitting at the entrance, turning on the lights, and making all of this possible.

Please remember that we are always looking for new vendors, volunteers, and ideas!



A Look Back at 2022



Our castodian Lucas Marienwald in action. Thanks for all your hard work!



GCFC Fusion-A team of incredible group of female athletes who play in Division 1 with LAWSL.

We had a good season and welcomed some new players! The team also made it to the League Cup Championship Game. Unfortunately, they lost, but had a great showing and we are very proud of the team's accomplishments.

We are looking forward to next season!

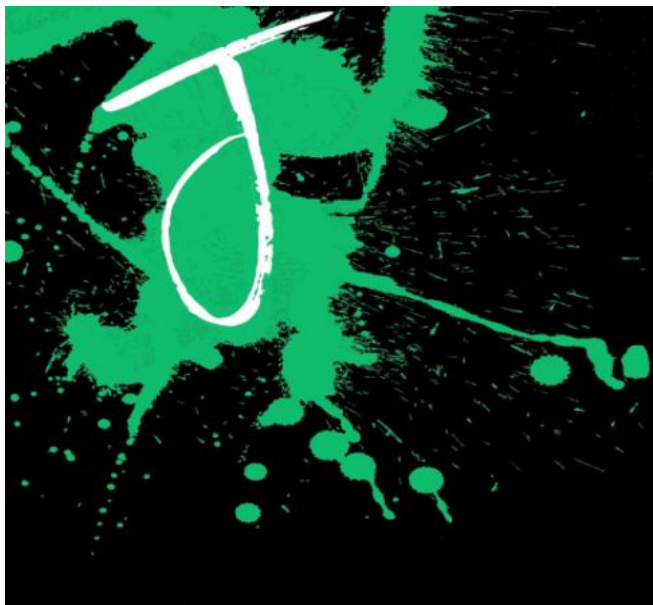
A Look Back at 2022 Masters Soccer



Masters soccer programs have developed over the past year and the GCFC A team won the 2nd division and GCFC B team won the 3rd division. Both teams were promoted to a higher division for 2023.



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