



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy New Year to all Members and Friends of our Club!

Many events have taken place in the last two months. We have never had 12 rentals in December before. Club events like the German School, Senior's Christmas, and the Club's Christmas Celebrations with our Choir were exceptionally well attended. The Choir's Christmas Celebration was sold out! Now we are looking forward to the new year and we have already scheduled many events that are open for us to attend. The most interesting events are the Stammtisch and the Kaffeeklatsch that will be happening on Sunday, February 11 that we do not want to miss. Many thanks to the Special Events committee!

The Board of Directors have some challenges ahead that need to be dealt with, mainly Insurance Rates and Government Loans that need to be paid back. Financially, the aftermath of the pandemic is catching up with us. But where there is a will, there is a way. Suggestions for rentals are always welcome! Please tell everyone that we rent out our facilities at affordable prices!

Friedhelm Hoffmann
President



| Events in January | | |
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| Sundays | Nice Church | 10 am |
| Mondays | Lyra Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 pm |
| Wednesdays | Barbershop Chorus | 7 pm |
| Wednesday 10 | Seniors Bingo | 2 pm |
| Wednesday 10 | GCC Oktoberfest Meeting | 7 pm |
| Friday 12 | Stammtisch | 7:30 pm |
| Sunday 21 | Seniors Kaffeeklatsch | 2 pm |
| Thursday 25 | Accordion Club | 7 pm |
| Saturday 27 | Euchre Night | 7 pm |
| Wednesday 31 | GCC Board of Directors Meeting | 7 pm |

| Events in February | | |
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| Sundays | Nice Church | 10 am |
| Mondays | Lyra Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 pm |
| Wednesdays | Barbershop Chorus | 7 pm |
| Wednesday 7 | Seniors Bingo | 2 pm |
| Wednesday 7 | GCC Board of Directors Budget Meeting | 7 pm |
| Friday 9 | Stammtisch | 7:30 pm |
| Sunday 11 | Cha Cha Kaffeeklatsch | 2 pm |
| Sunday 18 | Seniors Kaffeeklatsch | 2 pm |
| Thursday 22 | Accordion Club | 7 pm |

In Memoriam

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of

Maria Boczek

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or **(Evelyn Striegl) 519-685-6693**

Events take place all year round.

Choir (Kathy Wodrich)
Every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm
kwodrich@gmail.com www.lyrachoir.com

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| Tennis (HJ Rosell) 519-852-9933 hjrtennis@gmail.com | May to September Everyday 8 am - 8pm |
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| Soccer (Mark Ellyatt) 519-520-2681 ellyatt.family@outlook.com | For field bookings & training schedule visit: www.gcfc london.com |
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Special Events Group (Marlene Hoche-Davidson)
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Hall Rental

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

Membership Reminder

It's the beginning of the new year and we would like to remind all members that memberships for 2024 are due. The fee for Full membership remains at \$100. The fee for Associate Membership is \$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 e-transfer, 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.

Seniors News

A Celebration of Life for Maria Boczek took place at the Club on December 18, 2023. It was a very nice luncheon well attended by many of the Seniors.

We would like to thank all those who volunteered to help sell coffee and cake at the Christkindl Market.

A good time was had by all at our Christmas Dinner on the 10th of December.

Upcoming Events

Bingo-Wednesday, January 10 at 2 pm
Wednesday, February 7 at 2 pm

Kaffeeklatsch-Sunday, January 21 at 2 pm
Sunday, February 18 at 2 pm

A message from Special Events

As many of you are aware we made the decisions to place on hold our Sunday Kaffeeklatsch in 2023. The decision was a difficult one but due to dwindling attendance, rising costs and lack of volunteers we had very limited options. We received much feedback that many truly missed our fantastic Kaffeeklatsch and so, back by popular demand we will be hosting a Valentine's themed Kaffeeklatsch on Sunday, February 11th, 2024 from 2-5.

In order to keep this event ongoing we need to have strong attendance. If you know anyone interested in volunteering, serving coffee, clearing tables etc... please contact Marlene Hoche-Davidson 519 872 3338

Members are still free admission, non-members \$10 per person.

Coffee and cake are still \$5.00 and we will be having a raffle table.

This event is OPEN TO ALL, young, old and in-between. Bring friends, neighbours, family. It is an amazing opportunity to enjoy some live music, dancing, homemade tortes and support the club. If you belong to a social club or a neighbourhood group please pass the invitation along. Reservations for a table are available for groups of 6+. Please call ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you on February 11th 2024.

Sincerely,

Special Events

Back By Popular Demand....

Cha Cha Kaffeeklatsch

Live Music from Eric Hatzenbuehler

\$10/person - Members Free

Coffee & Cake \$5

All Welcome!!

February 11, 2024

2 - 5 PM



Thank You

The German Canadian Club would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

German Canadian Football Club
Seniors Group
German Language School
Anita Logie
Roy Leblanc
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Member Appreciation Day with Maria Boczek, front row, third from left.

Happy New Year from the Lyra Choir!

As we begin the start of a new year, and look forward to choir rehearsals and spring music, I'd like to take a step back to December, and thank everyone who attended our 'SOLD OUT' Christmas Concert on December 17. The Choir performed traditional and contemporary Christmas choral music, with many carols familiar to those in the audience, then capped off the concert with an audience sing-a-long, including O Tannenbaum and Deck the Halls. German stollen, cookies, tea and coffee as well as great conversation was served up following the concert. The atmosphere was energizing and festive, and with our musical guests, the Barclay Road Brassworks joining us again this year, the afternoon was a huge success! THANK YOU !!

We are always looking for new singers, so if you, or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the choir, drop in to a rehearsal on Monday night at 7:30 pm at the Club. We will be happy to see you! Wishing you a happy, healthy 2024!

Kathy Wodrich
Lyra Choir





Oktoberfest Reflections



Seniors Christmas Dinner-December 10, 2023



German Language School Celebration-December 16, 2023





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