



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy New Year 2025!

When I was in Germany, Switzerland, and France over the Christmas and New Years holiday to visit my Family, I realized what cold winter we have in Canada and I was wondering for just a minute on my return stepping into -12C, snow, ice, and wind 'why' I moved to Canada. The thought was dismissed when I returned to my home in Lucan, because there is always so much to do which gets me excited. One of those that keeps me and lots of our volunteers busy and excited is our growing German Club. And we are growing! Our rentals are up, bar and catering income is up, our working relationship with the Great Lakes Blues Society has been excellent exposure for the Club, and we now have another addition to the Club with the Irish Canadian Culture Club, who will be holding all of their future functions with us including fish and chip nights, dances, live music and more. They will also be bringing pub style furniture with them that can be used in our Cove Room.

As for our own past events, our Club was full of merry people throughout the holiday season including one of our own events, the Volunteer Christmas Dinner which was attended by 100 of our volunteers and employees that was full of cheer and good energy. At the event we also awarded the happy winner of beer for a year her 366 beers. The Christmas Celebration with the Choir was another great event that brings everyone in the mood of Christmas.

The good vibe and excitement of our Club is a good indication of the great community we have. And even though the Club struggles with ever higher expenses like everyone else, when we work together as community, together we can achieve great things.

Please view our upcoming events and make a point to attend our dinners and events and bring your friends and family. We will have a Superbowl Party on February 9th with outstanding food and high value door prizes (see poster). Also, please review the new membership options in this newsletter and renew your membership or join today!

Prost Neujahr!

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President

Happy New Year

Events in January

Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsals	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Sunday 19	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	1 pm
Sunday 19	GCFC AGM	1 pm
Saturday 25	President's Dinner	5 to 8 pm
Saturday 25	Great Lakes Blues Society	8 pm

Events in February

Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsals	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Wednesday 5	Seniors Bingo and Kaffeeklatsch	1 pm
Sunday 9	Superbowl Watch Party	6 pm
Thursday 13	Accordion Club	7 pm
Friday 14	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Sunday 16	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	1 pm
Saturday 22	Biergarten in the Ballroom	6 pm

German Language School London, ON

Classes from KG to Grade 12 and Adult classes.

Language Proficiency Examination
Saturday morning 9.00-12.00 pm
Montcalm Secondary high school
1350 Highbury Ave, London, N5Y 1B5

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Friedhelm Hoffmann

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Events take place all year round.

Choir (Kathy Wodrich)

Every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm

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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.gcfc london.com

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:

Carlene Hitchens

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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.

Seniors Group

The Seniors would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Due to the bad weather on Wednesday, January 8, the bingo was cancelled. We apologize for cancelling at the last minute, however, it was deemed not safe to ask people to come out.

As a reminder to members of the Seniors Group, the \$30 membership is now due.

Upcoming Events: Bingo/Kaffeeklatsch Wednesday, February 5 at 1 pm

Kaffeeklatsch	Sunday, January 19 at 1 pm
	Sunday, February 16 at 1 pm

Beginning in March, the Kaffeeklatsch on March 9 will be at 2 pm and the Bingo/Kaffeeklatsch on March 26 will be at 2 pm.



Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and made Oktoberfest and the Christkindl Market a success in 2024. We would also like to thank those who donated their tips from Oktoberfest back to the club.

Thanks also to the Seniors Group and the Special Events Committee for their generous donations.

It is difficult in the current economic climate for groups like ourselves without the help of all of you. You make a difference for the Club.

Membership

As we move into 2025, it is that time of year when Membership fees are due.

As you are aware, the Club is always in need of repairs and/or renovations. Your membership fees help us with the funding of these costs.

Last year, we implemented a multi-level membership. The basic membership (or Legacy) has increased from \$100 to \$125 (family member remains at \$60 and Associate Membership remains at \$75). Payment may be made via our new enrolment platform by following this link.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/55729a5e-20c2-434e-8455-f6e88e5e9404>

You may also make payment to the Club via cheque, cash, electronic transfer to germanclub1@rogers.com, or via credit card by calling the office at 519-433-2901.



Become a Member!

	Legacy	Premium	Platinum
Single	\$125 per year \$15 per month = \$180	\$200 per year \$20 per month = \$240	\$300 per year \$30 per month = \$360
Kaffeeeklatsch	free	free	free
Oktoberfest	30% dollars off	one free event	all free events
Biergarten	paid	50% off	free
Christkindl Market	paid	50% off	free
Christmas Celebration	paid	50% off	free
Super Bowl	paid	50% off	free
One World Cup / Eurocup event	x	one free drink	two free drinks
Egg Hunt	paid	50% off	free
Tag des Liedes	paid	50% off	free
Other club events	paid	50% off	free
Value ->	Currently \$30	Currently \$90	Currently \$179
Families 2 adults + 2 children	185 per year \$20 per month = \$240	\$300 per year \$30 per month = \$360	400 per year \$40 per month = \$480

Beer for a Year winner!

Congratulations to Karen Reynolds who was the happy prize winner of 366 beers.

Here she is receiving her prize in December at the Volunteer Christmas Dinner.

From left to right in the photo are Vice President Michael Marienwald, President Friedhelm Hoffmann, Bar Manager Hume Hope, and winner Karen Reynolds.



Happy New Year from the Lyra Choir!

Although the new year has arrived, we would be remiss if we didn't mention a few events from December of "last year".

We visited Longworth Retirement Home in early December to kick-off the Christmas season with a mini concert, attended by the residents, staff, family and friends. It's always heart-warming to see how the gift of song brings so many smiles to so many people.

Our annual Christmas concert was held on Sunday, December 15, complete with German stollen, cookies, coffee and tea. We are very thankful for the participation of the Barclay Road Brass Works at this year's concert once again, and for the support and dedication of all those who attended. A special thank you to Eleanor, Inge, Marlene, Sylvia and several others who helped with the preparations for the concert.

Although there is still snow on the ground, the Lyra Choir is looking forward to SPRING, and with that, the rehearsal of our spring repertoire. Our annual "Tag des Liedes" will be here before we know it and as they say..." there's no time like the present" to begin preparations!

Are you interested in singing or sang a few years (or quite a few :) years ago and would like to get back to singing again, the Lyra Choir is always looking for new singers to join our choir. You are welcome to come to a rehearsal to see what the choir's about or give us a call for more information. Choir rehearsals are Monday evenings, beginning at 7:30pm at the German Canadian Club, and we would love to see you!

Kathy Wodrich

President, Lyra Choir



PRESIDENT'S DINNER

**METZGER MEATS
SMOKED HAM OR
SAUSAGES WITH
SWABIAN POTATO
SALAD**

& DESSERT

German Canadian
Club, London ON
Sat Jan.25
5 to 8pm

\$15

Call for reservation

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or email

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& PAPPY JOHNS BAND**



SATURDAY, JAN 25, 2025
GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB

1 COVE ROAD, LONDON ON
GENERAL ADMISSION \$30 / GLBS MEMBERS \$25

DOORS: 7:00 PM / SHOW: 8:00 PM

Tickets available:

Ticketscene / German Canadian Club / Speed City Records / Turner Drugs / Hempire on Littlewood

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SUPER BOWL PARTY 2025

Full Watch Party Spread and
1 free Beverage \$25 all incl.
Members \$20
Platinum Members FREE!!

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FEB 9TH**

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6:30 PM**

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