



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy New Year to Everyone!

With December and all the memories of Christmas Celebrations still in our memories, we are already filled with great excitement looking into 2026 and continuing in building our Club. For many of you who have not been able to attend many of our events, and for those of you who would like to remember, we have included in this Newsletter a few pictures of the past year's Club life.

As for club life, make sure to mark your calendars for the many events we have planned for you to get you through the winter months. One of these events will be our 'Sauerbraten New Year's Dinner' that is now just a week away. Make sure to contact the office soon and sign up to get your seats. Included in this fantastic meal will be a complimentary glass of Champagne for you to make this Year start sweet. (See poster in this Newsletter). We also have another Great Lakes Blues society blues band playing in the big hall on January 17th featuring Ian Andrews and the Big Band Blues Show.

As per request, I have also included at the back of this newsletter the speech I gave at the Volunteer Christmas Dinner thanking all of our great volunteers and staff for all of their dedication and assistance throughout 2025.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers, members, and staff for a great 2025 and see you soon at the Club!

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President & Michael Marienwald, Vice-President

Events in January

Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Tuesdays	Cornhole League	6:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Wednesday 6	Seniors Bingo	1 pm
Friday 9	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Saturday 17	New Year's President's Dinner	5 to 7 pm
Saturday 17	Great Lakes Blues Society show	8 pm
Sunday 18	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	1 pm
Saturday 24	Celebration of Life Doug Gagel	1 pm
Friday 30	London Irish Folk Club Pub Ceili	7 pm

Events in February

Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Tuesdays	Cornhole League	6:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Wednesday 4	Seniors Bingo	1 pm
Saturday 7	Irish Folk Club Ceili	7 pm
Friday 13	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Sunday 15	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	1 pm
Friday 27	London Irish Folk Club Pub Ceili	7 pm
Saturday 28	German Schnitzel Night Dinner	5 to 7 pm
Saturday 28	Great Lakes Blues Society Show	8 pm

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9am-12pm

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Friedhelm Hoffmann

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(Ingeborg Schirmer) 519-472-1498**

Events take place all year round.

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Every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm

kwodrich@gmail.com

www.lyr choir.com

Tennis (Joe Rosell)

519-852-9933

hjrtennis@gmail.com

May to October

Weekdays 8 am-8 pm

Saturdays 8 am-12 noon

Soccer (Terry O'Shea)

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For field bookings &
training schedule visit:
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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:

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 News

Happy New Year to all of our members. We hope to see everyone out soon to Bingo or Kaffeeklatsch. We wish all of our members who are not well our hopes that they are feeling better soon.

We would like to remind our members that for the months of **January, February, and March, Bingo** will begin at **1 p.m.** **Kaffeeklatsch for January and February** will begin at **1 pm**, and **beginning in March, will begin at 2 pm**, as daylight savings time begins on March 8. This allows everyone to get home safely during daylight hours.

Ingeborg Schirmer has resigned her role in the Seniors group. We wish her well and we will miss her and her cherry cheesecake. Thank you, Inge, for all your hard work and contributions.

Upcoming Events: Bingo/Kaffeeklatsch Wednesday, February 4 at **1 pm**

Kaffeeklatsch

Sunday, January 18 at **1 pm**

Sunday, February 15 at **1 pm**

In Memorium

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the families of long time valued members

Wilhelm Volk
1938-2025

Kaethe (Catherine) Feth
1927-2025

Doug Gagel



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A look back at Biergarten 2025



Memories of Oktoberfest 2025



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As I have been asked several times if I would publish the President's speech from the Volunteer Christmas Dinner. It has been inserted into this news letter for all of our volunteers who could not make it to the appreciation dinner, as a recap for those who did attend, and for anyone who is interested.

'Thank you for coming tonight and I am privileged on behalf of the Board of directors to have you here for this event. It is a gathering to celebrate our German Canadian Club, that can only succeed with you. When I say 'You' it is #1 you as a volunteer members, and our employees, as you make it happen. No one else. In our own club we have untergruppen or in English language societies that are part of us. These untergruppen include the Seniors group, Evelyn and Inge are represented from them. Always hard at work and always help out wherever they can in work and financially. The Tennis represented by Joe himself. Certainly, a lot of work to keep the tennis area and courts up but very successful. The Soccer which is indeed the biggest part and there are too many of the board members sick to show up today, and Terry the president sends his greetings as he could not attend. Then there is the arts part of our organization, the Lyra choir which had a fabulous fun Christmas concert this past Sunday and there are several choir board members here and the president Kathy who also sits on the GCC board. We also have the Special Events group that looks after special occasion and organize events like the Christkindl Market which is a very important event to the club run by Marlene, Sylvia and Pam. And then there is the Bar management and Bartenders who are an imperative part of our group lead by Hume with great support by his lovely wife Jenn. Our custodians Daniel and Nicholas that do an amazing job keeping the grass cut and look after outside and inside cleaning. The kitchen in two parts, first our permanent caterer Anna, but also we do again after years our own part in the kitchen and run some events. Special thanks for all who help out in the kitchen on an ongoing pace. It is quite fun to do this work which helps the club to keep the balance sheet in better shape.

Maintenance; The building is full of maintenance as this building is older and and has its issues. Glad to have Michael Marienwald looking after things at ungodly hours and time, with the help of Scott, Larry, George and Daniel. Big thanks to you guys. We save a lot of money just having great people like yourself around.

Thanks to Anita for her bookkeeping work and she knows how we tick in an environment with many hands on lots of cash and receipts and bills to sort it out correctly

Thank you to Carlene that does a major part of administrative work, And she sends greetings as she could not join us today to attend the passing of her sister this week.

And, of course I want to thank our Board of Directors for their time and input helps and actions to look after finances, projects events and much more!

Thanks to our continuous support from Sponsors like Subaru, Drewlo Holdings and others as well for their private donations that give us financial support. Special thanks to the Partnership of Paulaner in Germany and through Rick Doyle at Premier Brands in Canada for his and their support. We thank certainly our permanent renters and partners, such as the Nice Church, the Irish connections, the Men of Accord, the Great lakes Blues Society that hold all their events here, A Royal Tribute Productions—the Roy Leblanc production that hold the Elvis concerts and other events. What great relationships we have with these groups, and we will continue to foster those relationships and expand to new ones.

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We always need to remember, that we are a not for profit organization and we are not a private sector run where one or a stock is holding the company and strive for profits, we are not. We are here for the community, to be part of the community and to work in, and for the wider community. And doing so is a very important part especially in our times. Our objective is in all respect to the Germanness's we promote is to entertain, to educate to do recreation also in tough times (I don't understand this sentence) . We do work on the part that the profitable world is not working so much on, and that is a sense (?) ("part" maybe?) of community that gives hope, and this is exactly what we are looking for today in this Christmas time and beyond. Our world is all about economy and economy. (use different word) which is all good but besides value just through the dollar there is also value in culture, in community and in being together, working side on side for a good cause and looking for reward that is not expressed in Dollar in cents but rather in empathy, compassion for our neighbour and community. That is the only reason I am here and that is the only reason I can help leading with our team of board members and executives. We are part of a big picture and that picture can only be painted because you are here and that is what we celebrate today. We wish you all a merry Christmas and good start in the new year. Froehliche Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch ins Neues Jahr.'

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President



Congratulations to Eric Macejko, the winner of the 2025 Beer for a Year! Here he is receiving his prize at the Volunteer Christmas Dinner. From left to right, the evening's MC Michael Marienwald, Rick Doyle of Premier Brands, who donated some of the prize, Hume Hope, GCC Bar Manager, Eric, and GCC President Friedhelm Hoffmann..

GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB

NEUJAHRSESSEN

New Years Dinner

Join us for dinner prepared by our President and toast the New Year with a glass of complementary Champagne!

WHEN

Saturday January 17th 5pm to 7pm.

MENU

Sauerbraten mit Kartoffelklöße und Blaukraut

Nachtsch: Apfelkühle mit Vanillesoße

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Marinated beef roast (German style) with Potato
Dumplings and red Cabbage

Dessert: Apple fritters (German style) with
Vanilla Sauce

INFO

\$30 incl.Tax.

Bar open!

1 Cove Rd. London

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

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For further information, londonirishfolkclub@hotmail.com

Sláinte

THE GERMAN CLUB VOLUNTEER KITCHEN
CREW INVITES YOU TO

GERMAN SCHNITZEL NIGHT



Saturday,
February
28th 2026
5pm to 8pm
at the Club

SCHNITZEL RED CABBAGE AND
HAUSGEMACHTE SPÄTZLE (HOMEMADE EGG
NOODLE) OR FRIES!

\$22 including Tax.
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