



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members and friends,

Summer is in full swing and so are lots of soccer games, tennis, Biergarten, and Concerts. Please join us for social time and food on July 21 at 2 pm for the Membership Appreciation afternoon on the patio. Bring your family and or friends. Most Fridays, enjoy the Biergarten with good food and live entertainment. The STEM Camp is being held all summer in our facility which is wonderful. Other events such as Weddings, Birthdays, Celebrations of Life and other rentals are keeping us busy. Our Club is for you and our community's enjoyment.

The run for the EURO Cup was amazing for the Germans. They played very well through the tournament, however, in a disappointing quarter final match, Spain got the better of them in overtime. We will be showing the final game on Sunday, July 14 at 3 pm. Thanks to all that make this happen, especially the kitchen staff and volunteers that help out. Lots of work, but also rewarding success.

Thanks to the Great Lakes Blues Society shows that fill our halls and thanks to our Bar Manager and Bar staff that work lots of hours. Carlene in the office and Nicholas, our student, help the Club run smoothly and cleanly.

Oktoberfest Tickets are now available for sale and are on the website or at the Club. The Oktoberfest will have a VIP section this year with 50 tickets only per night that includes full table service, prime seating, and many more goodies.

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President

Events in July		
Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Monday to Friday	STEM Camp	8 am to 5 pm
Friday 5	Biergarten on the Patio-Brother Leeds	6 pm
Saturday 6	Elvis Through the Years	7:30 pm
Friday 12	Biergarten on the Patio-HiLife	6 pm
Friday 12	Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Sunday 14	EURO Cup Final	3 pm
Friday 19	Biergarten on the Patio-Sonic Sinners	6 pm
Sunday 21	Member Appreciation	2 pm
Thursday 25	Accordion Club	7 pm
Friday 26	Biergarten on the Patio-Gemini Country	6 pm
Saturday 27	Hammerlock Pure Wrestling	5 pm
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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9am-12pm
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Catering available:
Anna Turkiewicz (519) 495-7753

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Seniors Group (Ingeborg Schirmer) 519-472-1498 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

Tennis (HJ Rosell) 519-852-9933 hjrtennis@gmail.com

May to September Everyday 8 am - 8pm

Soccer (Mark Ellyatt) 519-520-2681

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For field bookings & training schedule visit:

www.gcfclondon.com

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

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

Annual membership fees are now due. Your membership fee plays a crucial role in sustaining the Club operations. The fees contribute to maintaining and improving our amenities and signifies your commitment to the Club and community.

Anyone can be a member of the Club; you do not have to be German!

Full membership offers you reduced Oktoberfest ticket prices, free entrance to various Club sponsored events and voting rights at our AGM! Full members also benefit from reduced fees on Hall or Biergarten rentals.

The fee for Full membership is \$100 with a second household member being \$60. The fee for Associate Membership is \$75.

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.

Seniors News

The Seniors hope that everyone has an enjoyable month of July as there are no events planned for the month.

Bingo will resume on Wednesday, August 7 at 2 pm.

A potluck will be held on Sunday, August 18 at 1 pm. We hope to see everyone out for an afternoon of summer fun.

Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy our Christmas market and feel you can help make this year even bigger and better? We want your help! We are looking for a few people to join the Christkindl Market Committee this year. The commitment includes a few hours each month from now until November and more significant time during the week leading up to the event. Last year we had the most vendors that we have had in many years and this year we hope to accept even more! With that come some growing pains and our little committee could use some help. Please contact the office with your contact information and we will be so happy to get in touch with you.

Even if you are unable to physically help, you still are Important! A simple like and share of our posts on Social Media will help bring attention, but just talking to friends and family is important too.

With your help our club will host the best Christmas Market in London!

Thank you

The GCC Christkindl Committee

The German Canadian Club wishes to recognize our members with a Member Appreciation Barbeque to be held on Sunday July 21 at 2pm in our Biergarten. Admission is free for members and will include the barbeque meal and celebratory cake! For Non-members admission is \$15. We also wish to recognize the following members for their many years of dedication and contributions to the Club:

50+ years membership

Mrs. Elisabeth Banholzer

Mr. Günter Lipki

Mr. Herman Peters

Mr. Konrad Scheib

Mrs. Barbara Weis

Mrs. Renate Feulgen

Mrs. Frieda Heger

Mr. Theodor Reinhard

Mrs. Hella Guildemond

Mrs. Frieda Kroger

Mr. Helmut Madinger

Mr. Albin Kuhn

Mr. Gerhard Lindenblatt

Mr. Walter Weber

Mr. Hans Hoefer

Mrs. Roswitha Mackenzie

Mr. Juergen Belle

Mrs. Mary Tesiorowski

Mr. Fred Schmidt

Mr. Ulrich Schwab

60+ years membership

Mrs. Irmgard Belle

Mr. Horst Ammonn

Mrs. Marta Hesthaler

Mr. Wilhelm Volk

70+ years membership

Mrs. Kaethe Feth

Mrs. Hildegard Beisswenger

Mr. Edgar Gripp

Mrs. Frances Metz



New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Carrie Hiebert Thorston Wiegers Anneliese Prossler

MEMBER APPRECIATION BBQ

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024 2:00 PM IN THE BIERGARTEN

Full Members Free Non - members \$15 Lunch Consists of Kassler(smoked pork Chop), salad and cake

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Tennis Update

The weather has been perfect for tennis: sunny and warm. It's been great welcoming back many familiar faces this season, and we have some new members that fit in well with our friendly, family atmosphere.

Players often comment on how grateful they ae to be back outside and playing on our clay surface.

Did you know? Clay Court Fun Facts

- Clay tennis courts are the most forgiving surface on the body, providing a cushioning effect that puts less pressure on the joints.
- Rafael Nadel is considered by many to be the "ultimate clay court player"
- The French Open is the premier clay court championship in the world and the only Grand Slam tournament currently held on this surface.

Please get in touch with any questions about tennis.

Joe Rosell

Soccer News

The German Canadian 2024 soccer season is off and running.

Mother nature did delay a few games with some storms and rain but we are back on track.

We have multiple mens, womens, and youth teams playing at the club for you to come on down, enjoy a cold drink, and cheer on our athletes to victory!

Be sure to check out the Stadium Calendar and the German Canadian Club's Facebook to see when our teams will be playing!

Also, Los geht's, Deutschland!

Mark Ellyatt, GCFC President

Summer Greetings to All from the Lyra Choir!

With another joyful season of singing behind us, the Lyra Choir is now on summer vacation and looking forward to rehearsals begin-

ning again in September.

Over the last few months we've enjoyed hosting and participating in several performances. In May we hosted the annual "Tag des Liedes" or "Day of Song" at the German Canadian Club, which was met with much enthusiasm and many positive reviews. Cake and coffee were enjoyed before the concert and a delicious schnitzel dinner was provided by our caterer, Anna, following the concert. In June we travelled to Hamilton where we participated in the Germania Choir's 160th Anniversary celebrations. It was a gala event, complete with greetings from the mayor of Hamilton, Andrea Horvath, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Kristina Thony, and the Honourary Consul of the Republic of Austria, Stephen Lautens. Following the traditional "Parade of Flags" from all six choirs, a delicious rouladen dinner was served, complete with dessert!

The evening concert began with the host choir, Germania, followed by 5 guest choirs. Traditional German songs as well as English songs were performed to a full house. To complete the festivities, a "Mass Choir" (all choir voices singing together) was assembled and sang three songs, each directed by three different conductors. With well over 100 voices singing the same song, it certainly was a beautiful sound!

After a full and exciting day, we returned to London, very thankful for such a wonderful experience!

If you enjoy choral singing and would like to join the Lyra Choir, or perhaps drop in to a rehearsal in the fall, we would be happy to see you! For more information, please contact Kathy Wodrich at kwodrich@gmail.com

Wishing you an enjoyable summer! Kathy Wodrich President, Lyra Choir, London



Kaffeeklatsch is scheduled for: Sunday, September 8, 2024 Sunday, October 6, 2024 Sunday, November 10, 2024 Sunday, December 8, 2024 These will all begin at 2 pm

Oktoberfest will be held October 25 and 26, 2024.

Christkindl Market will be held November 22, 23, and 24, 2024.

More information about these events will follow.

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 Information:

Registration and School begin: Sept. 14, 2024

Principal Eva Hodgson, 519-495-6826, email: Hodgsone79@gmail.com Ilse Spangenberg, 519-769-2338, email spangenberg@sympatico.ca



EURO 2024

Germany successfully moved into the playoffs of the EURO Cup 2024 by defeating Scotland 5-1, Hungary 2-0, and drawing Switzerland 1-1. After defeating Denmark 2-0 in the opening round of the playoffs, they were beaten by Spain 2-1 in overtime of the quarter finals.

We will be showing the Final on Sunday, July 14 at 3 pm. The doors will open at 2 pm and food and beverages will be available.

Year-End Celebration of the German Language School

On Saturday, June 1, the German School celebrated the last day of school with games, singing and performances by the students for the parents, grandparents and friends.

We were pleased about the visit of the ZfA German advisor, Florian Nestmann and the attaché for culture, press and business Florian Schrieverhoff from the Consulate General Toronto.







The performances were followed by outdoor games for the children, a BBQ on the Patio and German books to take away. Overall, it was a great way to finish the school year and start our summer break.



The German Language School would like to thank the German Canadian Club for letting us use their wonderful facility.

Authentic German Biergarten Entertainment Schedule

Friday, July 5—**Brother Leeds**—Brothers, indeed. These fine lads have been rocking and often rolling for a good while now. Their sound draws influences from the Hip, the Stones, the Black Crowes and Sloan, maybe a little Slade, blurring the line between Abbey Road and abattoir. Pulse pounding, catchy-as -all-hell riffs with compelling lyrics. They sound like 1972.

Friday, July 12—**HiLife**—That's right, they are back! Big band feel, dance party favourites. These guys will have you dancing all night. Ray Charles to AC/DC, rock to funk, blues to country, they do it all.

Friday, July 19—**Sonic Sinners**—Come on down and get your rock on. Last year, these guys brought the party to the Coves at our Rockfest and we can't wait to party with them again.

Friday, July 26—**Gemini Country**—It's country night in the Biergarten! This fantastic local group will have you singing and dancing along to your favourite country hits all night long.

Friday, August 2—**The Bryan Bicknell Duo**—Bryan and Lan are back to thrill us ith thir extensive repertoire of hits covering everything from the Beatles to Blondie to the Smashing Pumpkins.

Saturday, August 10—**Sold for Sheep**—A local favourite, Kory, Mike and the guys will have you rocking the Coves all night. That's right, they are back! This band plays all your favourites from the Tragically Hip to Barenaked Ladies, from blues to rock.

Friday, August 16—**Repeat Offenders**—This local favourite will bring us the hits of Blue Rodeo, Bob Dylan, CCR, Tom Petty and more!

Friday, August 23—**The Luckiest**—Folk night in the Coves. These guys have a fantastic sound and will go far.

Friday, August 30—**Bee Composed**—This solo artist performs hits from the last 40 years but in the Jazz style of the 40's.

GET YOUR TICKETS! BEER FOR A YEAR IS BACK

You can win 366 Beers (Value of \$1000)

Tickets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10

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Must be 19 years of age or older

Draw to be held at 7pm October 31, 2024



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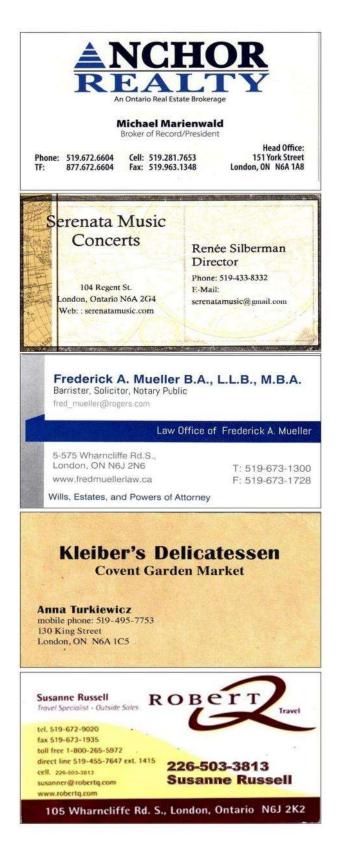








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