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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We hope all have a great summer now that the weather is favourable for so many activities. Our authentic German Biergarten every Saturday has been a tremendous success! Everyone is welcome to come out. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Anna and her staff for providing a great Biergarten Menu and everyone for supporting this event. Most importantly, on July 15th our Biergarten expands to a wonderful Member Appreciation Afternoon and Evening. We will be honouring long time members with surprises. Please see the poster in this Newsletter. We are hosting the STEM CAMP through the week through the months of July and August. Thanks to our volunteers that make so many things happen, especially the Hope and Wichmann Family. Thanks also, to our Summer Student Nicholas, who does an excellent job to keep our grounds nice and clean. Soccer and Tennis will keep us humming over the summer. Our Lyra choir looks forward to new adventures and our seniors are helping us so much to keep us going. The Oktoberfest Committee is working hard to have a great repeat of last year's new style. Should you know a potential sponsor, please let us know. A big thanks to Jack Criel for all the painting of most of the outside walls and doors to refresh the look of the building. That was a big job! We still have financial challenges ahead of us as our COVID government loan will have to be repaid at the end of the year. The funds are in our account to pay this back but we will then need to build up a new cushion in our savings account. We also mourn for members that passed; Benita Henke, former 'first Lady' of our club and a tireless volunteer creating Dance groups like the 'Frohsinn' and costumes for theater groups. Also Dieter Marienwald who was a Board member for many years and active in the club with his whole family. We remember them well and cherish their contributions to our club. People like them are responsible that we have a club today and we have the responsibility today to carry their legacy on.

Wishing all a wonderful summer.

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President



Events in July

Sundays	Collective Church	10 am
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Saturday 1	Canada Day	
Saturday 1	Biergarten-DJ Wolfeman	6 pm
Monday to Friday	STEM Camp	8 am to 5 pm
Saturday 8	Biergarten-Bryan Bicknell Duo	6 pm
Saturday 15	Biergarten-Member Appreciation Event	4 pm
Saturday 22	Biergarten-KrackerJaxs	6 pm
Saturday 29	Biergarten-Sweetwood Mac	6 pm

Events in August

Sundays	Collective Church	10 am
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Monday to Friday	STEM Camp	8 am to 5pm
Wednesday 2	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Saturday 5	Biergarten	6 pm
Saturday 12	Biergarten	6 pm
Sunday 13	Seniors Picknick	1 pm
Saturday 19	Biergarten	6 pm
Saturday 26	Biergarten	6 pm
Wednesday 30	Seniors Bingo	2 pm

In Memoriam

We wish to extend our sincerest sympathies to the families of

Ingeborg Huetter
 Benita Henke
 Dieter Marienwald
 Harry Strang

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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

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 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 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.



The 2023 soccer season is in full swing. Teams from all of our divisions have had games. Some great wins and some tough losses.

The field looks amazing. Thanks to all who help with maintenance. Nicholas, our Summer Student, has been a great addition to the team!

Come out and cheer on our teams in the new and improved Biergarten and check out our score board as it will be up and running for future games.

See you soon,

Mark Ellyatt
President, German Canadian Football Club

Seniors Events

Our last bingo on June 28 was a tremendous success. We were entertained by Peter Liston, who serenaded us with wonderful accordion music. Many thanks to Peter for playing for us!

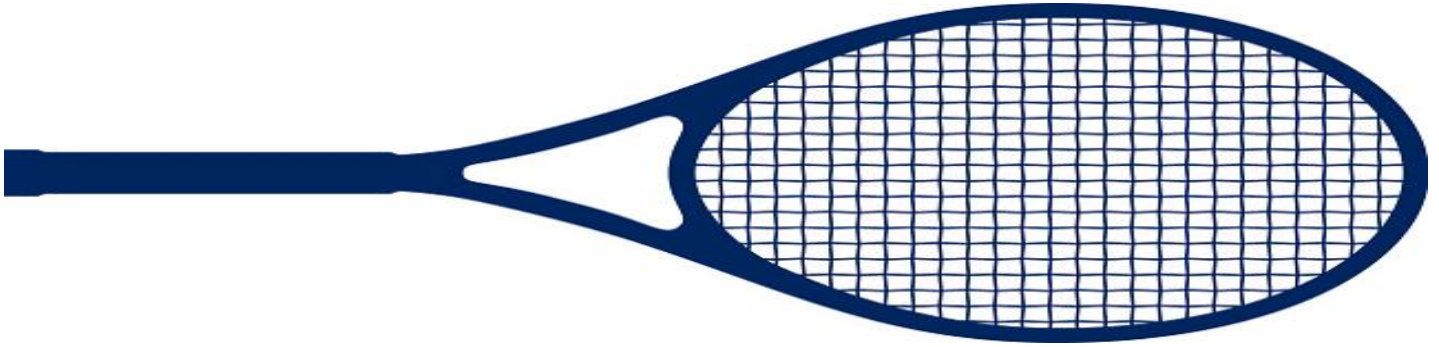
There is no Bingo in July. The next scheduled Bingos are:
Wednesday August 2 at 2 pm
Wednesday August 30 at 2 pm

Picknick

Sunday August 13 from 1 to 3 pm.
Non-members \$12 admission, which includes food.

All are welcome to attend.

The Seniors hope that everyone has a great July and look forward to seeing everyone back again in August.



Tennis News

Plenty of warm weather and blue skies welcomed the 2023 tennis season in early May and have continued. Players are happy to be back outdoors and playing on clay courts. Many familiar faces have returned, and several new members have joined our various leagues. We've also enjoyed the return of the London Ladies' Tennis League for its official second season.

Many players have commented on the fresh new look of the Biergarten and are looking forward to attending more outdoor live events this summer.

All the folks coming together to make the German Club a welcoming place is a pleasure to be a part of.

Joe Rosell, HJR Tennis



2022-2023 Lyra Choir Members pose with conductor Prof. Alvin Reimer as he steps down into retirement after 28 years with the choir. He will be missed by the members of the choir.

Greetings from the Lyra Choir,

Following a productive and joyful singing season, the Lyra Choir is now on summer vacation, but eagerly looking forward to returning to rehearsals in September.

Over the last several months we performed at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in London and 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 available before the concert provided by the Seniors Group and a delicious schnitzel dinner capped off the afternoon.

Our last rehearsal was held mid-June, where we celebrated our retiring conductor, Professor Emeritus Alvin Reimer. Alvin has been with the Lyra Choir for close to 30 years and during his time, has shared his expertise and dedication with all choir members. His support, encouragement and gentle sense of humour will be missed by all of us, and we wish him and Frances all the best in their future endeavours!

As we honour and celebrate Alvin’s retirement, we are very excited to introduce our new conductor, Olena Bratishko, who will join us in September. Olena has many years of music experience, including vocal coach, collaborative pianist and choral director, and we look forward to working with her when our fall season begins!

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 a pleasant summer, enjoying whatever it is that makes you happy!

Best Regards,
Kathy Wodrich
President, Lyra Choir London



Prof. Alvin Reimer honoured by Choir members.



President Friedhelm Hoffmann saying a few words.

Year-End Celebration of the German Language School

Saturday, June 3rd, the German Language School celebrated the last day of the school year at the German Canadian Club with performances by the students for the parents, grandparents, and friends of the German Language School.

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

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



Kindergarten Children



Grade 2—5



Grade 3—4



Grade 7—8



German Canadian Club London ON

Authentic German Biergarten

July 2023 Schedule

Saturday July 1 - DJ Wolfeman - Dance music from the 60's to today

Saturday July 8 - Bryan Bicknell Duo - Classic Favs and Guilty Pleasures

Saturday July 15 - Blue Sky - Nostalgic Night of your favorite hits of the 50's and 60's

Saturday July 22 - Kracker Jacks - Hits of the 70's, 80's & 90's

Saturday July 29 - Sweetwood Mac - Featuring the sounds of Fleetwood Mac

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Authentic German Biergarten

Member Appreciation Night

Hosted by The Special Events Committee

Featuring Blue Sky

Join us for a Nostalgic Night of your favorite hits of
the 50's and 60's

Sausage/hamburgers and sides available



Saturday, July 15, 2023

Gate Opens at 4pm/Music Starts at 5pm

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Last year the German Canadian club of London held it's biggest Oktoberfest in it's 90 year history, and this year will be even bigger. With traditional German and North American bands, German food, pretzels and keg after keg of great German beer, this is where you and your company needs to be.

Sponsor this event and invite your staff for a night they will not forget. Not only will you be having one of the best nights ever, you will be marketing to a very broad demographic of happy people and contributing to a cultural event like no other.

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