



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members and Friends,

Many activities are occurring and upcoming at the Club. Please take part wherever you can. We are exploring new events, like Euchre Night and Sunday afternoon showing of the NASCAR race. The Operetta is back in April on the 16th after 3 years and we will have our Fish and Chip Dinner on Good Friday, April 7.

The Annual General Meeting is being held on Sunday March 26th at 2 pm. This is an important meeting where we come together to reflect on the past year and look to the next one. The Budget has been put together by the Board of Directors to be presented at the Annual meeting. It includes operational costs, the new format for Oktoberfest, repairs to our building, and the Biergarten.

The AGM is the time to consider stepping forward to join the Board or Office. We always need support to keep the German Canadian Club going. Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked so hard for the Club. This includes all groups and 'Untergruppen'. We can all make a difference for each other and ourselves. Every volunteer hour, all engagement energy and effort will ensure that our German Club will make a difference in our community. We are looking forward to welcoming you in our Club.

Friedhelm Hoffmann
President

WE L  VE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Events in March

Sundays	Collective Church	10 am
Sundays	NASCAR Showing*	3 pm
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Wednesday 8	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Thursday 16	Darts League	7 pm
Sunday 19	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm
Thursday 23	London Accordion Club	7 pm
Saturday 25	Biergarten in the Ballroom	6 pm
Sunday 26	Annual General Meeting	2 pm

Events in April

Sundays	Collective Church	10 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Sunday 2, 16, 23, 30	NASCAR Showing*	2 or 3 pm
Wednesday 5	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Friday 7	Good Friday	
Friday 7	Good Friday Fish and Chips Dinner	5 pm
Saturday 8	Easter Egg Hunt	2 pm 3 pm
Sunday 9	Easter Sunday	
Sunday 9	NASCAR Showing*	7 pm
Thursday 13	Darts League	7 pm
Sunday 16	Operetta	2 pm
Sunday 23	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm
Thursday 27	Darts League	7 pm
Thursday 27	London Accordion Club	7 pm
Saturday 29	Biergarten in the Ballroom	6 pm

* Please call the office 519-433-2901 for time of NASCAR Showing.

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www.gcfc london.com

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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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 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

It's the beginning of the new year and 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 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.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Please be informed that the Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday March 26, 2023.

All members are encouraged to attend as this is your chance to hear from all German Canadian Club groups, exercise your voting rights and consider volunteering.

If you have not paid your 2023 membership, you will be able to pay at the AGM. Thank you to all members who have already renewed their membership for this year.

Upcoming Events for Seniors

The Seniors are busy once again. Here is a list of upcoming events.

Bingo

The next Bingos are Wednesday March 8th and Wednesday April 5 at 2 pm.

Kaffeeklatsch

Sunday March 19-.2 pm Live entertainment will be provided by the Men of Accord Barbershop Chorus. Guests are welcome. Admission fee is no charge for members, \$4 for non-members.

Sunday April 23-2 pm

All are welcome to attend.

The live music at February's Kaffeeklatsch was provided by Henry and Richard.

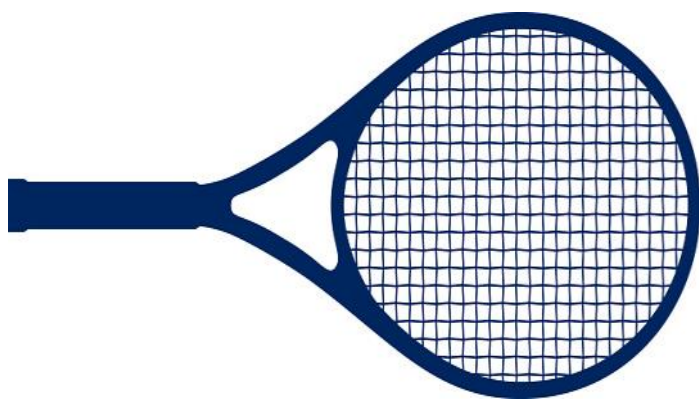
GCFC Update

Happy March to all. It is nice to see the days get lighter and longer. We held our soccer AGM in January. I would like to welcome the new board members and thank the past directors. Soccer seems to never end and there is always something to do. Registration is in full swing. Indoor soccer is slowing down and we are looking forward to the outdoor season.

I welcome everyone to come down to the cove and watch our amazing soccer teams.

And enjoy a cold beer on the patio.

Mark Ellyatt
GCFC President



Spring will be here soon!
Please watch for news about the upcoming opening of the tennis courts and the beginning of tennis season on our clay courts.

A vertical poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top, it says "GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB" in green. Below that, "EASTER EGG HUNT" is written in large, bold, green letters. The date "SATURDAY APRIL 8TH" is in blue, and the times "TIME 2PM & 3PM" are in blue. A purple "\$5" is on the left. "Advance Tickets Only!" is in pink. "Tickets at www.onstagedirect.com" is in green. At the bottom, there are colorful Easter eggs and a purple bunny on a green hill. The address "1 Cove Road" and website "www.germancanadianclublondon.com" are at the bottom.

GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

TIME 2PM & 3PM

\$5

Advance Tickets Only!

Tickets at www.onstagedirect.com

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Upcoming Races in March and April:

- Sunday March 5 Race begins at 3:30 pm
- Sunday March 12 Race begins at 3:30 pm
- Sunday March 19 Race begins at 3:00 pm
- Sunday March 26 Race begins at 3:30 pm
- Sunday April 2 Race begins at 3:30 pm
- Sunday April 9 Race begins at 7:00 pm
- Sunday April 16 Race begins at 3:00 pm
- Sunday April 23 Race begins at 3:00 pm
- Sunday April 30 Race begins at 2:00 pm

Doors open a half hour before the race begins.

No Entry Fee

Fish and Chips available for \$12

Please call the office, 519-433-2901 for more information

Biergarten in the Ballroom

Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Serving food from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Entertainment from 7:00pm to 11:00pm



Advance Tickets \$10

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Tickets at the door \$15.00

Finally! The music is back, the singing is back.

We would like to invite everyone to the Eighth Operetta Concert at the German-Canadian Club of London, **Operetta Melodies for Spring!**

The idea for this event came from the late Dr. Kate Partridge and Dr. Burkhard Spangenberg, who started organizing these concerts in 2012. They established a close association with the Don Wright Faculty of Music at Western University. This year's concert continues that tradition, featuring soprano Michaela Chiste and baritone Anthony Rodrigues.

Michaela recently graduated with a Master's degree in Vocal Literature and Performance at the University of Western Ontario, studying with Jackalyn Short. Michaela specializes in operatic repertoire; she received praise in *Opera Canada* and the *Edmonton Journal* (among others) for her recent debut portrayal of Mimì in Puccini's *La Bohème*. Other highlights include Alcina (*Alcina*), Fiordiligi (*Così fan tutte*), Adina (*L'elisir d'amore*), Principal (*Gabriel*), and Frasquita (*Carmen*).

Anthony is currently a doctoral student at the Don Wright Faculty of Music, studying under Dr. Sophie Roland. He is a winner of the NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) competition, and has performed in more than 30 operas with Opera in Concert, Opera York, Toronto City Opera, Accademia Europea dell'Opera, and others. Anthony's passion to perform has brought him to the stage in the styles of Opera, Musical Theatre, Classical Ballet, Oratorio and Art Song.

This year, we will also feature a tenor from our own ranks, Friedhelm Hoffmann, president of the German-Canadian Club. Friedhelm hails from Feuerbach, Stuttgart, growing up in a church musicians' family. His singing career began with the Stuttgart Ernewein Hymnus-Chorknaben Boys Choir. He sang in several choirs in Germany, and joined the Fanshawe Chorus and the Gerald Fagan Singers when he moved to Canada. He has been active as a choral singer and tenor soloist in the London area ever since.

This year's concert will again include the Johann Strauss Ensemble, under the leadership of artistic director Dr. Richard Heinzle. Richard loves the Viennese music of the late 19th century composers such as Strauss and Lehar, especially for its lightheartedness and joyfulness! The goal is to bring this "joie de vivre" of Viennese soirées from around 1900 to the London German-Canadian Club for an afternoon. Richard has trained as an orchestral conductor, earning his doctorate from Ball State University. He has conducted orchestras in Canada and USA, and currently conducts several choirs, including the South Huron Community Choirs.

The concert will start with *Voices of Spring*, by Johann Strauss II, followed by excerpts from Mozart's *Magic Flute* and *Don Giovanni*, some more light-hearted songs from Lehar operettas, some popular German songs such as "Ich hab mein Herz in Heidelberg verloren" (I lost my heart in Heidelberg), and a couple of songs from Broadway musicals. To evoke the beauty of the Vienna Philharmonic New Year's concert, you will get treated to the Blue Danube Waltz and the Radetzky March!

Do come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music to feel fully alive again!

Treat all your senses, come at 2 pm for "Kaffee und Kuchen" (coffee and cake), and stay after the concert for a wonderful German dinner. Life is good! See you all on April 16, 2023.

Richard Heinzle, Artistic Director



DEUTSCH-KANADISHER VEREIN LONDON
GERMAN-CANADIAN CLUB LONDON
PRESENTS

Operetten melodien für den Frühling
Operetta Melodies for Spring

Sunday, April 16, 3:00pm



FEATURING

MICHAELA CHISTE
SOPRANO

FRIEDHELM HOFFMANN
TENOR

ANTHONY RODRIGUES
BARITONE

WITH

DR. RICHARD HEINZLE
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

BETH HICKEY
COLLABORATIVE PIANIST
AND THE

Johann Strauss Ensemble

**PURCHASE AND ENJOY CAKES AND COFFEE AT 2:00PM
RESTAURANT OPEN AFTER THE CONCERT.**

**TICKETS THROUGH WWW.GERMANCANADIANCLUBLONDON.COM OR
AT THE GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB, 1 COVE ROAD, LONDON**

519-433-2901

\$25.00 IN ADVANCE/\$30.00 AT THE DOOR/\$20.00 MEMBERS

German Language School London, ON

We have been operating out of the Wheable Adult Education and Continued Education School at 70 Jacquelines S., London, N5Z 3P7, for several years serving London and surrounding areas. We successfully moved to online learning during Covid-19 but have happily returned to in-person teaching since the fall of 2022.

Since the fall of 2022, with the consent of our parent body, we separated from the Thames Valley District School Board's International Language Program (TVDSB) and are now a private language school that continues to focus on teaching German to students ranging from kindergarten up to grade 12 high school with a focus on a small classroom setting. In addition, we also offer interactive lessons for adults ranging from beginners to the advanced level.

We welcome all new students and can offer a suitable teaching level for young and old. We accept new students throughout the school year.

The German Language School offers classes in German as a Second Language (DAZ - Deutsch als Zweitsprache) and German as a Foreign Language (DAF - Deutsch als Fremdsprache) to ensure all our students are taught to their appropriate level.

Further information can be found on our website German Language School London, ON. <https://germanschoollondon.ca/>

Our school also offers the possibility of an exchange for elementary and high school students in a German-speaking country. Our school organizes this exchange.

Our program is supported by the Federal Republic of Germany (Central Agency for Schools Abroad) and is a member of Paschnet, an international network of 1,800 German schools.

Our school is one of 1,200 language schools worldwide where the German Language Diplomas I and II (DSD) examinations can be taken. These programs enhance our student's learning experience and enable them to reach their full potential in the German language in secondary school. The language diploma also gives them an advantage in today's highly competitive international job market. Employers in Canada and abroad recognize the German Language Diplomas (DSD) as proof of the holder's excellent knowledge of German.

We were pleased that we could host our Christmas party again at the German Club London and thank the German Club very much for the use of the large hall.

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