



## German Canadian Club

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members and Friends of the German Canadian Club,

Easter and spring arrived early this year. The Easter Egg hunt was sold out again and the fish fry on Good Friday was a great success. The Great Lakes Blues Society show and Hammerlock Wrestling were quite fun, entertaining, and sold out events. It's wonderful to see the continuation of the Special Event Kaffeeklatsch. Thanks for attending the President's Dinners which are fundraisers for the club. There are many volunteers helping in the kitchen and performing different tasks for events. Thanks to Scott Campbell and his family for helping with maintenance tasks. The yard clean up day was very well attended, especially from soccer members. Thanks to all who helped out and were treated to some social time. Over the last months, we have had quite an influx of new members to the club that we would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome. The Annual General Meeting was held and the current officers and Board members were re-elected. We welcome two new Board members, Tobias Kaiser and Joy Bevan. Special thanks to Hugo Sabel who retired from the Board and Maintenance committee after so many years.

We are looking forward to the Soccer and Tennis season that begins this month and we are excited to have the patio bar open at most games with more food items added. The halls are well booked with weddings and other rentals. The Great Lakes Blues Society will be hosting shows on May 11 and June 8. Tickets for these shows are available at the club and as these are very well attended events, buy your tickets early. The opening evening of the Biergarten is on June 7th with Sweetwood Mac performing. Please check the schedule for June in this newsletter as the evening will be some weeks on Friday and some weeks on Saturday. Please come out with your friends to the Biergarten and soccer games as this is your club. Also, don't forget the Lyra Choir's Tag des Liedes (Day of Song) on May 26th at 3 pm.

Please take note of the EuroCup which will be held in Germany. We will be showing the Germany games! The schedule is listed in this newsletter.

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President

Events in May		
Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Sunday 5	Seniors Mother's Day Dinner	1 pm
Friday 10	Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Saturday 11	Great Lakes Blues-Shawn Kellerman	8 pm
Wednesday 22	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Thursday 23	Accordion Club	7 pm
Sunday 26	German Canadian Chorus Tag des Lieder	2 pm

Events in June		
Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Saturday 1	German Language School Year End	10 am
Friday 7	Biergarten on the Patio-Sweetwood Mac	5 pm
Saturday 8	Great Lakes Blues Society	8 pm
Sunday 9	Seniors Father's Day Potluck	1 pm
Friday 14	Euro Cup-Germany vs Scotland	3 pm
Friday 14	Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Saturday 15	Biergarten on the Patio-Twin City Alpine Echo	5 pm
Wednesday 19	Euro Cup-Germany vs Hungary	12 pm
Saturday 22	Biergarten on the Patio-Maggie and the Pies	5 pm
Sunday 23	Euro Cup-Germany vs Switzerland	3 pm
Wednesday 26	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Thursday 27	Accordion Club	7 pm
Friday 28	Biergarten on the Patio-Steve Sinclair	5 pm

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 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](http://www.lyrachoir.com)

<b>Tennis (HJ Rosell)</b> 519-852-9933 <a href="mailto:hjrtennis@gmail.com">hjrtennis@gmail.com</a>	May to September Everyday 8 am - 8pm
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<b>Soccer (Mark Ellyatt)</b> 519-520-2681 <a href="mailto:ellyatt.family@outlook.com">ellyatt.family@outlook.com</a>	For field bookings & training schedule visit: <a href="http://www.gcfc london.com">www.gcfc london.com</a>
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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](mailto:germanclub1@rogers.com) or call the office at 519-433-2901.

Everyone is welcome at all events.

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Spring is in the air which means annual membership fees are 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](mailto: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.

## Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Club:

### Full Members

Scott and Sally Campbell  
Teresa and Larry Culvert  
Susan Eglinton  
Erika Grills  
Glenn Logie  
Lucas Marienwald  
Erika Stichhaller  
Stefan Torlee  
Dieter Teston

### Associate Members

Renee Borg  
Gloria Heffler  
Gordon Grills  
Helga Kimber

*Welcome!*

## Seniors News

### Upcoming Events

#### Bingo

Wednesday, May 22 at 2 pm  
Wednesday, June 26 at 2 pm

#### Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, May 5 at 1 pm

#### Father's Day Potluck

Sunday, June 9 at 1 pm  
\$12 for guests

Evelyn Striegl would like to thank everyone for the well wishes during her surgery. She would also like to thank Ingeborg Schirmer for taking over in her absence and Pam Wulff for helping out with the Kaffeeklatsch in February.

## Mailing List

Due to the increase in printing and postage costs, we would appreciate anyone who currently receives the newsletter by mail and has an email address to contact the office at 519-433-2901 or [germanclub1@rogers.com](mailto:germanclub1@rogers.com) and we will ensure that your newsletter is sent to you by email only.

## 2024 German Canadian Club Board of Directors

The 2024 Board of Directors are as follows:

President: Friedhelm Hoffmann

Vice President: Michael Marienwald

Treasurer: Fred Grossman

Secretary: Pam Wulff

Cashier: Pam Wulff

Directors at Large:

Christine Heinemann Gijzen

Kathy Wodrich

Sylvia Breuninger

Tobias Kaiser (NEW)

Joy Bevan (NEW)

Thank you to all who stepped forward to take on these important roles.

Many thanks also go to Hugo Sabel, Matt Baker, and Steven Holtz who have contributed to the Board in the past.



## **Grant Application to Trillium Foundation for \$200k**

As I am sure you all know the club buildings are deteriorating quickly and many major repairs and upgrades are required just so we can keep our doors open, and although we would like to complete these repairs and upgrades we simply don't have the money in the budget to do so. Previously to address the financing of these issues we have applied for Trillium grants in the hopes that the government would step in with a grant so we can get them done, with some years being successful and others not. This year with the seriousness of some of the repairs needed like the large hall roof and our heating and cooling, we decided to hire a professional grant writer to assist with the application to Trillium. Items that were quoted this year and applied for in the grant were:

**Roof over main hall to be replaced and installation of a roof drains over dining room**

**Replace rooftop heating/cooling units with heat pumps for office and north entrance and hall, and dining room and east bathrooms**

**Replace roof top heating air conditioning unit for bar and east hall**

**New entrance doors and windows for east entrance. Doors will be wheelchair accessible**

**East entrance insulated and drywalled and painted**

**east hallway to be painted and new ceiling tiles**

**east bathrooms to be renovated like bathrooms off of main hall**

**Cove room concrete block walls will be drywalled and painted**

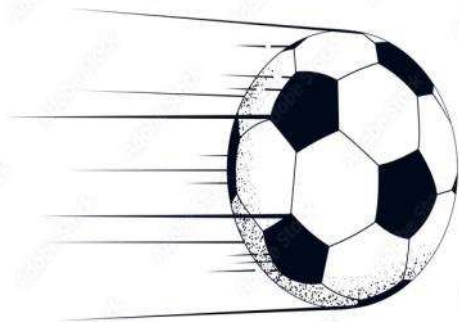
**North entrance and hall concrete block walls to be drywalled and painted**

**New parking lot drains to be installed and gravel area will be resurfaced**

All of this would be at a cost of \$180,800 and this is what we have applied for in the Trillium grant. As the grant has a ceiling of \$200,000 we were not able to apply for anything additional at this time and therefore have left the north entrance and entrance and hall close to beer garden for the next grant.

As for the north entrance, we are looking at having it moved from its existing location to be closer to the office so when you enter the club you look into main hall not into wall of coat room wall. This would include new doors, windows (including wheelchair accessible doors), drywall, insulation, permanent wheelchair ramp.

**-Michael Marienwald**



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Soccer season is fast approaching and we are almost ready. I would like to thank the people who came to help with the very successful club opening and the bottle drive. Looking forward to another great soccer season—hope to see you at the field.

We would like to thank the German Club for supplying lunch at the club opening.

Mark Ellyatt

## Tennis Anyone?

We are busy getting everything ready at the tennis courts for opening day on Monday, May 6, weather permitting. We are excited to see the many familiar faces returning again this year and delighted new members will be joining us. Hours, information, and pricing for the 2024 season can be found on the German club website under Tennis. Email Joe with any questions at [hjrtennis@gmail.com](mailto:hjrtennis@gmail.com).

Joe Rosell



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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.



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## EURO 2024

Germany's games:

Friday, June 14 at 3 pm

Germany vs Scotland

Wednesday, June 19 at 12 pm

Germany vs Hungary

Sunday, June 23 at 3 pm

Germany vs Switzerland

All times are Eastern Time.

These games will be shown at the club. Doors will open one half hour before the start and food and drink will be available for purchase.

German Canadian Club  
presents

# "DAY OF SONG"

## "Tag des Liedes"

**MAY 26, 2024**

**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

### FEATURING

- Lyra Choir, London
- Germania Choir, Hamilton
- Felix Stückmann, Baritone soloist

**Admission: \$20** (cash at the door)

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## *Happy Spring to Everyone!*

The Lyra Choir is excited to announce our spring "Day of Song" or "Tag des Liedes" concert on Sunday, May 26 at 3:00pm.

The afternoon will begin at 1:00pm with the Seniors Group offering cake and coffee for sale, followed by the concert, with performances by the Lyra Choir, Germania Choir from Hamilton, and special guest soloist Felix Stückmann.

Following the concert, a delicious schnitzel dinner is being offered, **by advance reservation only**. Please call the Club or drop in to secure your dinner reservation.

Additional details of the concert can be found on the poster included in this newsletter. Please share the information with your family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming you on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>!

Lyra Choir

### **German Language School London**

Our 2023/2024 school year is slowly winding down and will conclude on June 1 with an Activity Day and Year-End Celebration at the German Club. This day will include student performances, fun games outside, and a BBQ on the patio.

Some of our students have been busy with exams over the last couple of months. Four of our High School Students took their DSD 1 exam in March and April. The DSD (*Deutsches Sprachdiplom*) is a non-compulsory examination for German secondary school students to certify their level of German. The DSD offers two diplomas, the DSD1 and DSD2, which certify different levels of German. These exams are held at more than 12,000 schools in 70 countries, with about 75,000 participants every year worldwide.

In Elementary School, our students have the opportunity to write the "*Internationale schulische Vergleichsarbeiten*" A1/A2 in preparation for the DSD, and eight Grade 4/5 students participate in the A1 test this year.

Our next school year will start on September 14th, 2024. If you are looking for more information on our program, check out our website [www.germanschoollondon.ca](http://www.germanschoollondon.ca), or drop by the German Club on June 1 at 10 am for our Year-End Celebration.



Grade 7/8 students of the German Language School studying Germany's provinces.





German Canadian Club London ON



# Authentic German Biergarten

## Entertainment Schedule 2024

### June

#### **Friday June 7 - Opening Night with Sweetwood Mac**

Come dance the night away with this energetic group featuring all your favorite hits of Fleetwood Mac and More

#### **Saturday June 15 - Taste of Oktoberfest with Twin City Alpine Echo**

Not quite Oktoberfest but close! This band will have you out dancing, performing not just traditional German Polkas but your favorite dance hits

#### **Saturday June 22 - Maggie and the Pies**

Be prepared for an over-the-top unforgettable experience as Maggie guides your audience through an extensive collection of hits - dance offs encouraged!

#### **Friday June 28 - Steve Sinclair**

Join dynamic singer songwriter Steve Sinclair at The Coves for an acoustic night of heartfelt originals and classic covers.

For more details see our Facebook, Instagram or [germancanadianclublondon.com](http://germancanadianclublondon.com)



**Walters (Walter) Robert (Bob) Hans 1937-2023**

After a long battle, Bob Walters passed away at home on January 22, 2023 with his wife at his side. Predeceased by his mother Walburga, father Robert, brother Rudolf and sister Erika. He is survived by his wife Bibbi and her sister Soraya, daughter Susan, and family in Germany.

Bob immigrated from Germany to Canada in 1955. He was incredibly active in his community. An accomplished master electrician and real estate agent (Industrial and Commercial), he was president of the Marketing Division of the London and St. Thomas Real Estate Association (1972) and member of the London Chamber of Commerce. Being proud of his heritage, he was also active in the German Canadian Club of London, served on the Board of Directors and President (2005-2012). Bob also sang in the choir (bass section) and on the Board of Directors of the Lyra Chor, and so many others. Bob lived life fully and was passionate about travel, delicious food and great wine. One of his greatest achievements was part owner of the fine dining restaurant, Auberge du Careme (1975-1977). He was a very kind, compassionate and generous person. To those who knew him, Bob was a gentleman and a gentle man; truly loved and respected. He is greatly missed.

He was cremated at Needham Funeral service. At Bob's request, there was no public funeral.

Donations can be made to the Canadian Lung Association, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and Canadian Cancer Society.

Your personal memories of Bob can be offered through <http://www.DignityMemorial.ca>.

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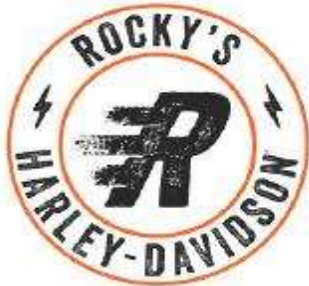
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