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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome to the German Canadian Club to all new subscribers and new members!

Oktoberfest was a great success! Friday night was well attended and Saturday night was sold out. Family time on Saturday afternoon went very well. Even the not so great weather over the weekend didn't put a damper on the festivities. Thank you to all volunteers, workers, performers, suppliers, and sponsors. Everyone did an outstanding job. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to make Oktoberfest happen.

Now we are looking at the activities taking place in the last part of the year. Please come out for the Christkindl Market on November 17, 18, and 19. We have sold out the Timeless Rock Rebels show on November 26, featuring Roy Leblanc, Elvis impersonator, which is a fundraiser for the Club. Thanks to Hume and Jenn Hope who connected us with Roy. Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music and stollen on December 17th for the Lyra Choir Christmas Concert.

Take note of our newly created German speaking Stammtisch on November 10 and December 8 beginning at 7:30 pm. There is more information following in the newsletter.

Thank you to the Soccer, Tennis, Seniors, Choir and Special Events Groups for all their support. We wish you a wonderful lead up to Christmas and all the best for the Holiday Season.

Friedhelm Hoffmann

President



Events in November

Mondays beginning 11	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Wednesday 8	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Friday 10	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Sunday 12 to Thursday 16	Christkindl Market set up	
Friday 17	Christkindl Market	5 pm to 8 pm
Saturday 18	Christkindl Market	10 am to 6 pm
Sunday 19	Christkindl Market	11 am to 5 pm
Thursday 23	Accordion Club	7 pm

Events in December

Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Friday 8	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Sunday 10	Seniors Christmas Dinner	1 pm
Saturday 16	German Language School Christmas	10 am
Sunday 17	Lyra Choir Christmas Concert	3 pm
Monday 18	Lyra Choir Christmas Dinner	6 pm
Monday 25	Christmas Day	
Tuesday 26	Boxing Day	

Congratulations

Congratulations to the winner of the Beer For A Year contest

John Jekl

Your prize will be on its way very soon.

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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

The Seniors Group will be selling coffee and cake at the Christkindl Market. We are looking for volunteers to help out at the Market. For more information, please call Evelyn at 519-685-6693 or Inge at 519-472-1498. Thank you very much. Any help is appreciated.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner on December 10 at 1 pm.

Our next Bingo is Wednesday, November 8 at 2 pm.

Please keep Manfred von Wistinghausen in your thoughts as he is unwell .

Evelyn Striegl and Inge Schirmer

Hello from the Lyra Choir!

The Lyra Choir returned to rehearsals in September, under the direction of our new conductor, Olena Bratishko, and started practicing our Christmas repertoire. You may be thinking that September seems a bit too early for Christmas music but the time goes by quickly, and before you know it, December is here!

With winter just around the corner, the Lyra Choir is looking forward to performing on the opening night of the Kristkindl Market, Friday, November 17 at 5:00 pm. We hope the short selection of Christmas carols helps launch another enjoyable and successful Kristkindl Market!

On Sunday, December 17 the Lyra Choir will once again be performing at the German Canadian Club Christmas Concert. This afternoon concert will include traditional and contemporary Christmas choral music, and again this year, the sounds of the Barclay Road Brassworks, followed by German stollen, cookies, tea and coffee.

We invite you to join us at our upcoming performances, and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

Kathy Wodrich
Lyra Choir

DEUTSCHER STAMMTISCH

Dear Stammtisch Enthusiasts,

What a great time to be part of our community! We've had an eventful year so far, but as we move into November, we've got an exciting treat in store for those of us who relish the complexity and depth of the German language. It's time to dust off those German dictionaries and get your vocal cords warmed up because our Stammtisch is back in action.

Now, you might be wondering, "What exactly is a Stammtisch?" Stammtisch, literally translated as 'regulars' table,' is where people meet to celebrate life's flavors, from discussing the local zeitgeist to dissecting sports and sharing their stories. In Germany, it's a symbol of community, and at our club, we continue this tradition, offering a space for heartfelt conversations and the joy of sharing what's on our minds. So, join us and experience the essence of this cultural cornerstone – where people connect over laughter, stories, and everything in between.

Our first deutscher Stammtisch is scheduled for November the 10th at 7:30pm - that's a Friday evening, folks! Mark your calendars and get ready for a linguistic adventure. We're a diverse group of German speakers, ranging from native speakers to learners, so don't be shy if you're not quite fluent yet. We're here to help and, of course, have some fun.

For one evening, English and other languages are off-limits - it's all about Deutsch! The aim is to not only sharpen our German language skills but also to preserve the German language, especially for our native speakers, in a world where it's becoming as rare as a unicorn sighting at the club.

So, whether you're a seasoned German speaker or you're looking to improve your German skills, join us for a gemütliche Abend of German conversation, camaraderie, and maybe a pretzel or two. If you're wondering where to find us, look no further than our beloved meeting place, and don't forget to bring your love for the German language.

We're looking forward to seeing you on the 10th, and together, we'll make this Stammtisch an unforgettable linguistic experience. Bis bald!

Herzliche Grüße,

Tobias Kaiser



Christkindl Market

November 17, 18, and 19, 2023

Can you believe that we are at this time of year again? It seems like only yesterday we were setting up the hall for our World Famous (London Famous) Christkindl Market and here we are asking for help again! The market this year will be held November 17-19.

As usual, we have been busy over the last months preparing all the necessities to make this year very special. We are happy to welcome performances by our own Lyra Choir to open the market on Friday evening, Anna will be making the MOST delicious traditional dinners all weekend as well as her delicious treat and specialty tables, the bar will be serving our famous Gluhwein, the Children's Lantern parade will take place on Saturday, the Seniors Group will be serving coffee and cake and so many wonderful vendors (both returning and new) will be here to help you find the perfect gift for the one who has everything.

Please note that we would very much appreciate any help with the building of the huts and decoration of the hall, this will be happening during the week of November 13 to 16, and taking it back down on Sunday after the vendors leave. If you are able to help out, please contact Rachel at rachelwt4220@gmail.com or the office at 519-433-2901 and Carlene will be happy to send you in the right direction.

Whether or not you are able to help, we truly hope you are able to attend!

See you in the Coves.



The German Canadian Club's

Christkindl Market



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November 17th - 19th 2023

Friday 17th	Saturday 18th	Sunday 19th
5pm - 8pm	10am - 6pm	11am - 5pm

Oktoberfest War Wunderbar!

Yes, the 2023 Oktoberfest was wunderbar, and a fantastic hit that we and the London community will not soon forget! I am still receiving messages from people who were at our Oktoberfest telling me what a great time they had and how much they are already looking forward to next year. I also have not heard a single complaint from anyone which attests to the great job that all of our volunteers, staff and of course the sponsors who with their contributions made it all possible. To have such a great crew to work with and the support of our community makes all of the work worthwhile.

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The girls at Opa's Pretzels

The PA shop for for the dance floor, stage and all the equipment for the bands

OUR OKTOBERFEST COMMITTEE

Our Oktoberfest committee who have been working tirelessly on the Oktoberfest since February of this year and include: Friedhelm Hoffmann, myself Michael Marienwald, Hugo Sable, Fred Grossman, Sylvia Kroger, and Pam Wulff

AND OF COURSE ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Without your help putting it all together, the Oktoberfest would have been a far more challenging and less enjoyable endeavor.

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