



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

From Oktoberfest to Christmas and New Years!

First and foremost, thanks to all volunteers for their time to make Oktoberfest happen. It is great to see a solid volunteer base for our Club and the positive spirit that everyone was in to run a successful celebration. It warms my heart to see you supporting the cause of the Club to the wider community. It warms all our hearts to see the people celebrating and having fun. Thanks also to the staff and performers that were working at the Oktoberfest. Special thanks to our Sponsors! Please recognize these sponsors listed on the Sponsorship page in our Newsletters. We will report more about Oktoberfest in the January Newsletter.

It is only about 6 weeks before Christmas is on our doorstep, an important time of busyness, celebrations, and reflections. We especially invite you to our Christkindl Market, Kaffeeklatsches, and Christmas Celebration Concert.

Thank you for attending the special General Meeting that was held in September. It was a successful meeting that accomplished an overhaul of our Membership fee structure. Please take note of the new fee structure in the report of this Newsletter.

Before we get to Christmas activities, we must remember the soldiers and people that died in the wars. There is a special event to the German 'Volkstrauertag' on Sunday, November 17 presented by the German Consulate in Kitchener. Please see the invitation in this newsletter.

Have a blessed Christmas! I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025.

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President

Merry Christmas

Events in November

| | | |
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| Sundays | Nice Church | 11 am |
| Mondays | Lyra Choir Rehearsals | 7:30 pm |
| Wednesdays | Barbershop Chorus | 7 pm |
| Wednesday 6 | Seniors Bingo and Kaffeeklatsch | 1 pm |
| Friday 8 | Deutscher Stammtisch | 7:30 pm |
| Sunday 17 | Seniors Kaffeeklatsch | 1 pm |
| Friday 22 | Christkindl Market | 5 pm to 8pm |
| Saturday 23 | Christkindl Market | 10 am to 6 pm |
| Sunday 24 | Christkindl Market | 11 am to 5 pm |

Events in December

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| Sundays | Nice Church | 11 am |
| Mondays | Lyra Choir Rehearsals | 7:30 pm |
| Wednesdays | Barbershop Chorus | 7 pm |
| Sunday 1 | Seniors Christmas Dinner | 1 pm |
| Saturday 7 | GCFC Masters Social | 12:30 pm |
| Sunday 8 | Special Events Kaffeeklatsch | 2 pm |
| Wednesday 11 | Seniors Bingo and Kaffeeklatsch | 1 pm |
| Thursday 12 | Accordion Club | 7 pm |
| Friday 13 | Deutscher Stammtisch | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday 14 | German Language School Christmas | 10 am |
| Sunday 15 | Christmas Celebration Concert | 2 pm |
| Wednesday 25 | Christmas Day | |
| Thursday 26 | Boxing Day | |

Save the date

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Superbowl Watch Party

Time and Details to follow

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9am-12pm

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germanclub1@rogers.com

Catering available:

Anna Turkiewicz (519) 495-7753

Club President

Friedhelm Hoffmann

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friedhelm1899@gmail.com

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

ellyatt.family@outlook.com

For field bookings &
training schedule
visit:
www.gcfc london.com

Special Events Group (Marlene Hoche-Davidson)

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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.

Seniors Group

For the months of November, December, January, and February, Bingos and Kaffeeklatsches will begin at 1 pm to ensure that the program is over and participants can be home before it gets dark.

Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 1st. Please be in attendance at 12:30 pm as dinner will be served at 1 pm. Payment must be made by the Kaffeeklatsch on November 17.

Volunteers are needed to help sell coffee and cake at the Christkindl Market on November 22, 23, and 24. If you would like to help out during the hours of the Market, please contact Evelyn Striegl.

Upcoming Events: Bingo/Kaffeeklatsch December 11 at 1 pm

Kaffeeklatsch

November 17 at 1 pm

Christmas Dinner

December 1 at 12:30 pm

In Memoriam

We wish to extend our
condolences to the families
and friends of

Bonnie (Erika) Grills
Renate Keunecke
Henry Thoren

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

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Kristkindl Market
November 22, 23, and 24, 2024

Mark your calendars! Once again we are hosting our annual Kristkindl Market on November 22, 23, and 24. We have many new and returning vendors, ready to fill our halls with their unique crafts, delicious foods, and other goodies.

We will also have our popular Gluhwein booth, serving a traditional staple enjoyed at many German Christmas Markets.

Anna's kitchen will be open, serving up tasty German fare, and the bar in the Beverage Room will be open to satisfy all thirsty shoppers!

On Friday, November 22 at 5:00pm our own Choir Lyra will open the Market with a selection of Christmas carols. The London Chorus Sweet Adelines and Men of Accord will be bringing their music to the Market throughout the weekend as well, so come out and enjoy the music and festive atmosphere.

Full members of the Club are entitled to free admission, with general admission at \$5.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to this year's Kristkindl Market; hope to see you there!

And the winner is....

Karen Reynolds

Karen Reynolds is the lucky winner of 366 Beer for a Year.

Congratulations Karen! Enjoy all your beer!

Good luck when we do this again next year!

Greetings from the Lyra Choir!

When the humidity of the summer begins to subside, and the beauty of the fall colours can be seen everywhere, that only means one thing...September has arrived and with that, the beginning of another season for the Lyra Choir!

In early September, we began rehearsals again, with a few less choir members than we had at the end of our last season. Sadly, we lost one of our newer members, Bonnie (Erika) Grills on Saturday, October 5. Although Erika was a choir member for a short time, her enthusiasm and support of the choir, and the German Canadian Club was infectious. She was a colourful woman, full of stories and experiences, and we will miss her presence. She is survived by her son Gordon (also a choir member) and daughter Ilse.

We are well into rehearsals for the Christmas season, with performances at the upcoming Christkindl Market and the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15. You can find more information in this newsletter or on the Club website.

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the Choir, or perhaps you are curious to know more about the Choir, we welcome you to attend a rehearsal. We meet most Monday evenings at the German Canadian Club from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. For more information, please contact me at kwodrich@gmail.com.

Before we move from fall to winter, enjoy the gifts this season has to offer: beautiful days and cool, crisp nights!

Kathy Wodrich
President, Lyra Choir, London

We're sorry...

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Kaffeeklatsch that was to be held on Sunday, November 10 has been cancelled. We are sorry for this cancellation, but we hope to see you on Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm.



SPECIAL EVENTS KAFFEEKLATSCH

Sunday December 8, 2024

Live music by BLUE SKY

2pm to 5pm

Doors open at 1:30

Admission: \$10; Members free!

Coffee & Cake: \$5

Kitchen open for dinner at 5pm



German Canadian Club, 1 Cove Rd, London



Membership

As decided by the GM, beginning January first, our annual membership rates will be increasing from \$100 to \$125 per year. The rewards of this membership will remain the same. It will from now on be called "Legacy Membership".

For those of you who are interested in more perks, our club is going to be implementing a multi-level membership with higher tiers: Premium and Platinum!

You will be able to renew your membership in 3 different tiers / categories as displayed below.

In order to subscribe, please use the following link, then simply select the membership category of your choosing!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/55729a5e-20c2-434e-8455-f6e88e5e9404>



Become a Member!

| | Legacy | Premium | Platinum |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Single | \$125 per year \$15 per month = \$180 | \$200 per year \$20 per month = \$240 | \$300 per year \$30 per month = \$360 |
| Kaffeeeklatsch | free | free | free |
| Oktoberfest | 30% dollars off | one free event | all free events |
| Biergarten | paid | 50% off | free |
| Christkindl Market | paid | 50% off | free |
| Christmas Celebration | paid | 50% off | free |
| Super Bowl | paid | 50% off | free |
| One World Cup / Eurocup event | x | one free drink | two free drinks |
| Egg Hunt | paid | 50% off | free |
| Tag des Liedes | paid | 50% off | free |
| Other club events | paid | 50% off | free |
| Value -> | Currently \$30 | Currently \$90 | Currently \$179 |
| Families 2 adults + 2 children | 185 per year \$20 per month = \$240 | \$300 per year \$30 per month = \$360 | 400 per year \$40 per month = \$480 |



**Come and enjoy the Spirit
of Weihnacht!**

The German Canadian Club London Presents

Christkindl Market

November 2024

| 22 | 23 | 24 |
|---------|------------|------------|
| 5 - 8pm | 10am - 6pm | 11am - 5pm |



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of the Federal Republic of Germany
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Toronto, October 9, 2024

Notice

The annual Remembrance Day Service to commemorate the dead of the two World Wars as well as the victims of tyranny (Volkstrauertag) will be held on

Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

at the

Woodland Cemetery, 119 Arlington Boulevard, Kitchener, Ontario

(memorial site for German soldiers who died in Canada as prisoners of war).

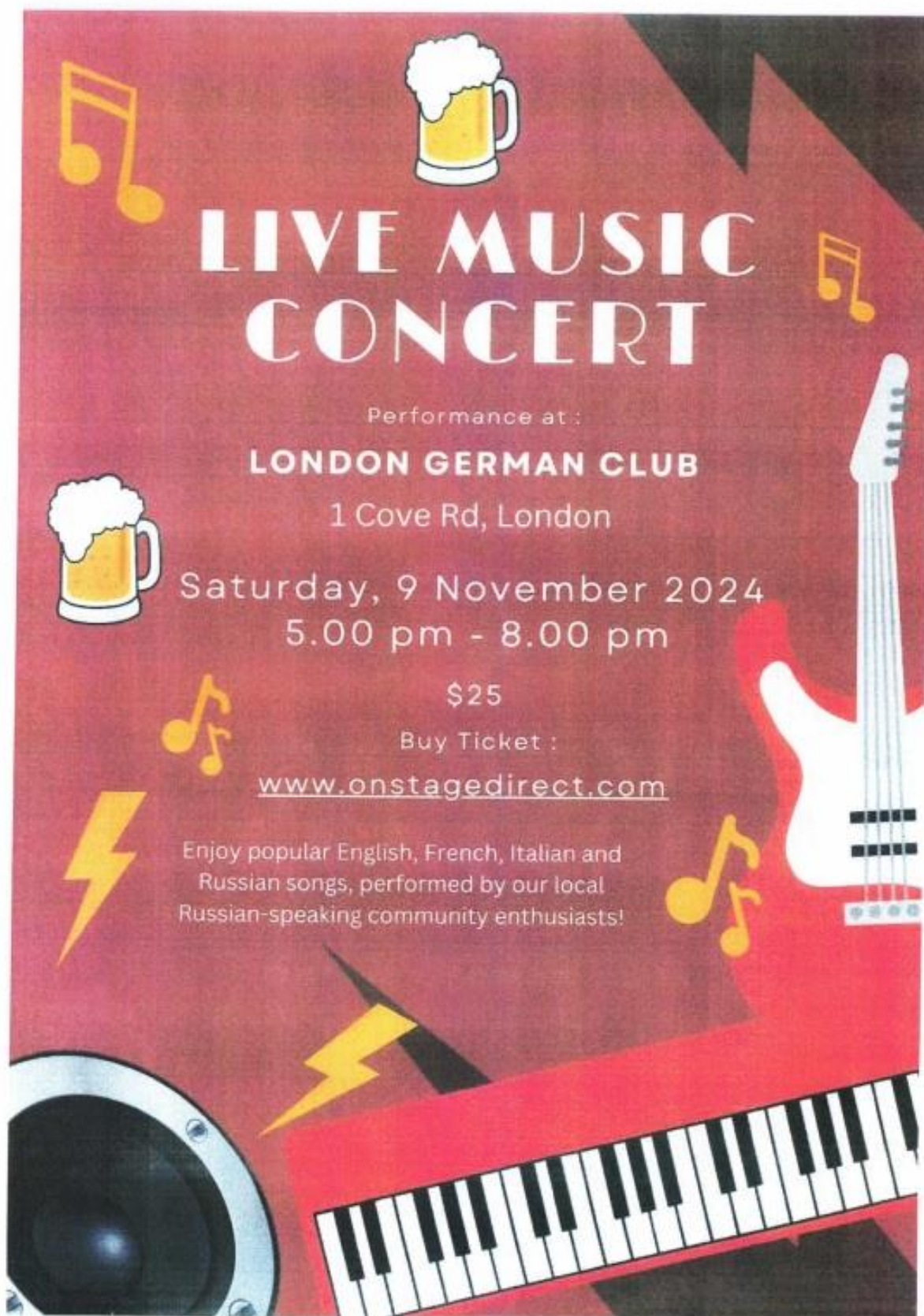
Ms. Kristina Thony, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Toronto, will lay down a wreath.

The program is enclosed.

Should you or your organization wish to lay down a wreath please inform the German-Canadian Remembrance Society:

Christina Rooney

519-654-2408 or christinarooney@rogers.com



**LIVE MUSIC
CONCERT**

Performance at :
LONDON GERMAN CLUB
1 Cove Rd, London

Saturday, 9 November 2024
5.00 pm - 8.00 pm

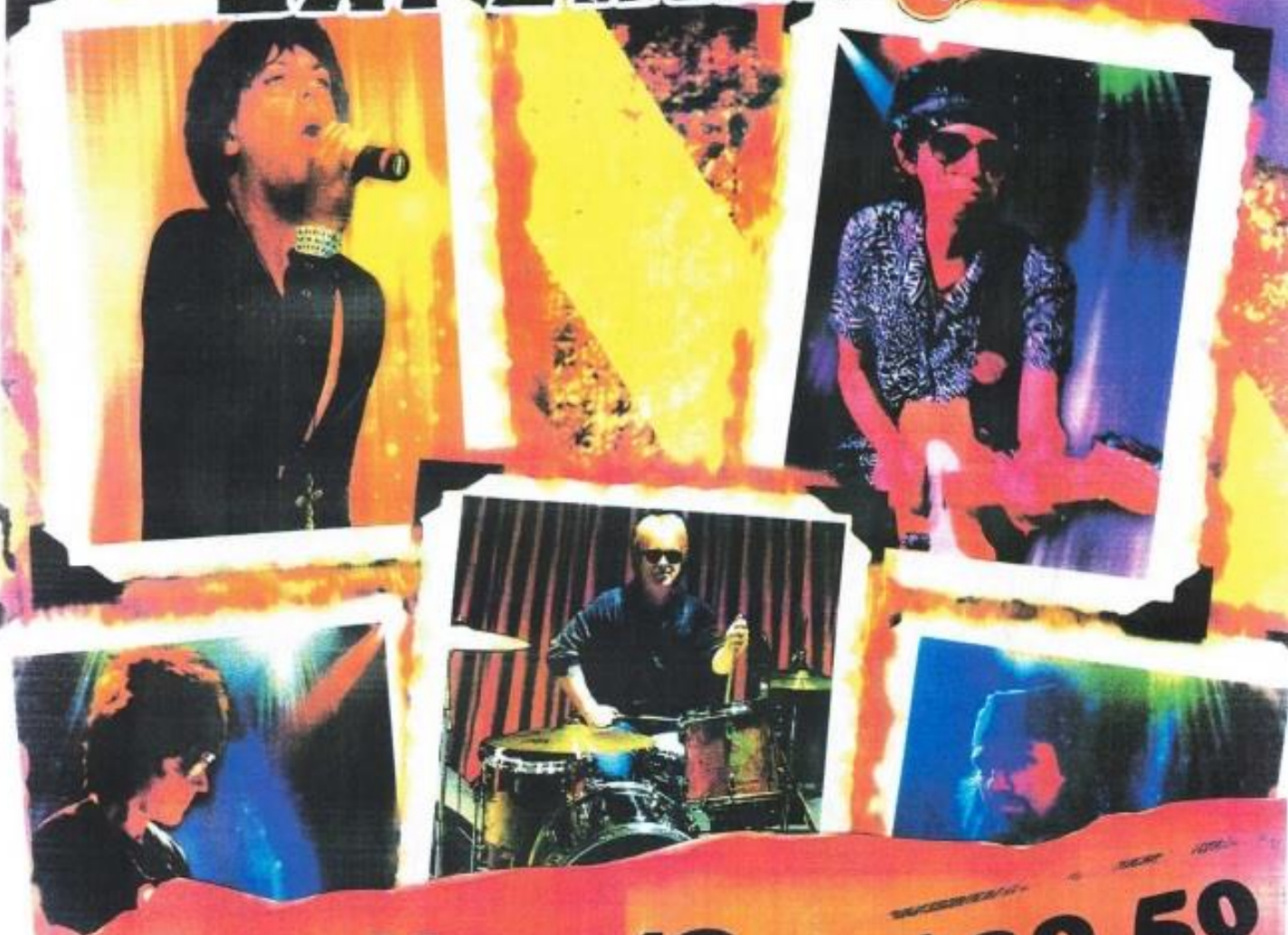
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Buy Ticket :
www.onstagedirect.com

Enjoy popular English, French, Italian and
Russian songs, performed by our local
Russian-speaking community enthusiasts!

The poster features a red background with various musical icons: a beer mug with foam at the top center, a guitar on the right, a piano keyboard at the bottom, and several musical notes and lightning bolts scattered throughout. A speaker is visible in the bottom left corner.

Boodoo Lounge

THE ROLLING STONES EXPERIENCE



Sat Nov. 16

\$39.50
HST included

GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB
1 Cove road, London On.
(519) 433- 2901

Doors 7pm
Show 8pm

Weihnachtsgottesdienst in Deutscher Sprache



Sonntag, den 22. Dezember. 2024

15. Uhr

Wesley-Knox United Church

91 Askin St, London ON

Alle sind herzlich eingeladen!



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