



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Weihnachten is around the corner,

What a weekend of celebrations! The 2025 Oktoberfest is over and **it** was a great success with record attendance and all positive comments from everyone attending. The leadership of our GCC give our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all of the Volunteers and visitors to our Oktoberfest this year as we could not do this without you. We have said it often, and we would like to say it again, without the support of our volunteers there would be no possibility to carry on with our Club's Oktoberfest with this kind of magnitude. And to give our thanks, once again this year we will be holding our volunteer thank you Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday, December 17th**, invite will follow.

Looking to the final stretch this year; We are in full swing for the '**Christkindl Market**', **Friday to Sunday November 21-23**. This year the Christkindl market is *sold out* for Vendors with a great variety of goods and crafts. A lot of work goes into it, so come out for Glühwein and German Menu, Crafts and great entertainment. It is a little glimpse of a German Christmas Market. This year, we will be decorating outside for a great Christmas welcome. Thanks for all the volunteer efforts and the Committee.

A great afternoon to get into the Christmas mood and enjoy Carols, Stollen and Christmas cookies including our own **Lyra Choir at the Christmas Celebration Sunday Dec. 14 at 3 pm**. Another notable event is the **German language Christmas Service** which will be held on **Sunday Dec 21 at 3pm at the Wesley Knox United Church**, Wortley Village, 91 Askin St. led by our Member The Rev. Rob Taylor.

Have a look at the event list on the German Club web site and come out, we are glad to see you all.

On behalf of our Board of Directors we wish you

**Fröhliche Weihnachten und
einen guten Rutsch ins Neue Jahr!**

Friedhelm Hoffmann , President & Michael Marienwald, Vice President

Events in November

Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsals	7:30 pm
Tuesdays	Cornhole League	6:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Friday 14	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Saturday 15	Irish Folk Club Ceili	7:30 pm
Friday 21	Christkindl Market	5 pm to 8 pm
Saturday 22	Christkindl Market	10 am to 6 pm
Sunday 23	Christkindl Market	11 am to 5 pm
Wednesday 26	Seniors Bingo	1 pm
Friday 28	Irish Club Pub/Trivia	7 pm

Events in December

Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsals	7:30 pm
Tuesdays	Cornhole League	6:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Sunday 7	Seniors Christmas Dinner	1 pm
Friday 12	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Saturday 13	German Language School	10 am
Sunday 14	Christmas Concert	3 pm
Wednesday 17	GCC Volunteer Christmas Dinner	7 pm

Congratulations to our Beer for a Year winner!

Eric Macejko has won 365 Beer for a Year.

He will be invited to our Volunteer Thank You Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 17 where he will be rewarded with his prize!

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9am-12pm

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Club President

Friedhelm Hoffmann

1-519-312-6842

friedhelm1899@gmail.com

Seniors Group (Evelyn Striegl) 519-685-6693 or (Ingeborg Schirmer) 519-472-1498

Events take place all year round.

Choir (Kathy Wodrich)

Every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm

kwodrich@gmail.com

www.lyrachoir.com

Tennis (Joe Rosell)

519-852-9933

hjrtennis@gmail.com

May to October

Weekdays 8 am-8 pm

Saturdays 8 am-12 noon

Soccer (Terry O'Shea)

terryoshea@teksavvy.com

For field bookings & training schedule visit:
www.gcfcclondon.com

Special Events Group (Marlene Hoche-Davidson)

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larrydavidson516@yahoo.ca

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
or call the office at 519-433-2901.

Everyone is welcome at all events.

Seniors News

Once again we are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 7th at 1 pm. For all members of the seniors group, the cost is \$35 per person and payment is due no later than November 26. Guests are welcome and the cost is \$40 per person.

The Seniors would like to remind members that for the months of November, December, January, and February, Bingo and Kaffeeklatsch will begin at 1 p.m. This allows everyone to get home safely during daylight hours.

Volunteers are requested to help selling coffee and cake at the Christkindl Market on November 21, 22, and 23. If you are able to give a hand, please contact Carlene in the office at 519-433-2901.

We would like to thank Gerhard Frank for his generous donation. We send him thinking of you wishes.

Upcoming Events: Bingo/Kaffeeklatsch Wednesday, November 26 at **1 pm**

 Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 7 at **1 pm**

Notice of Vacancy of Board Member

Our Board Member Joy Bevan had to resign for personal reasons. We are always thankful for everyone's time and energy.

Thank you Joy for your input over the past couple of years and thank you for singing in the Choir and staying a valued Member and volunteer.

According to **Article 7, #11 of our Constitution**, we are giving public notice of this vacancy.

Anyone who is a full member in good standing can apply, no later than December 15, 2025.

Please email the office, germanclub1@rogers.com.

Should you have any questions about it you can also contact the President.

Christkindl Market - Mark your calendars!

Once again we are hosting our annual Christkindl Market on November 21, 22, and 23.

We have many new and returning vendors, ready to fill our halls with their unique crafts, delicious foods and other goodies.

We will have our popular Gluhwein booth, serving a traditional staple enjoyed at many German Christmas Markets and our Seniors group will be selling coffee and cake.

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

On Friday, November 21 at 5:30 pm our own Choir Lyra will open the Market with a selection of Christmas carols.

The German School will entertain us with their traditional lantern parade and we will have an 'Elf Workshop' in our Sunroom for the children (hours will be posted online soon).

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.

Admission at \$2 or a donation to the Food Bank.

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

In Memorium

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the families of long time valued members

Charlotte Madinger
1938-2025

Walter Breuninger
1930-2025



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Notes from the Lyra Choir

With the festive season just around the corner, the Lyra Choir is busy rehearsing for a few upcoming performances, and fundraising.

Our first performance will be at the opening of the **Christkindl market on Friday, November 21 at 5:30pm**. It's a great way to kick off your holiday shopping and support the many local artisans participating in this year's event.

The Lyra Choir will be hosting the annual **Christmas concert on Sunday, December 14 beginning at 3:00pm**. Traditional German stollen, cookies, tea and coffee will be served after the concert. Plan to join us for a wonderful afternoon of sacred and contemporary songs, some of which will certainly bring back fond memories of Christmas's gone by.

There's still time to support the Choir's fundraising efforts by placing an order for **Purdy's delicious, CANADIAN made chocolates!** What could be easier than browsing the online catalogue, placing your order and presto...your gift giving woes are over, all from the comfort of our home!

Purdy's is a family-owned, Canadian company, started in 1907 by Richard Purdy, and offers a delicious assortment of chocolate, including milk and dark chocolate, vegan treats, sugar-free chocolate, gift packages and more.

Ready to order your holiday sweets and treats?

Just click on the link below to view the Lyra Choir Christmas Fundraiser page. At the top of the screen, select "Shop Online" to view the online catalogue and "Pay for Orders" after making your selections.

All orders are created and paid for in advance, all from the Purdy's website.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/2114674-130003>

****IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:**

1) All orders must be submitted by **NOVEMBER 22, 2025**

2) Chocolate will be delivered the week of **DECEMBER 15, 2025**.

You can pick your goodies up from the fundraiser coordinator, Joy Bevan, have them personally delivered, or arrange pick up at the German Canadian Club.

The Lyra Choir wishes you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Frohe Weihnachten!

Tennis Season

Players enjoyed another great tennis season. We had a good turn out for our annual Member Appreciation Day on September 14, in honour of Joe, Sr. We look forward to seeing everyone out again next year.

Please contact Joe Rosell directly if you have any tennis inquiries.



The German Canadian FC had a great season with outdoor soccer this year. Playing this year were 2 Men's teams, 4 women's team and 4 Masters teams. In addition to the GCFC teams, the Irish soccer club had their home field moved to the German club this year. The end of season also saw 2 memorial tournaments at the GCFC. On September 20, the women's program hosted the first annual Jurgen Klaus memorial day with soccer games and fun as well as a celebration of life for the late Jurgen Klaus. On September 27, the 6th annual Lionel Cain memorial tournament was played with GCFC players as well as invited guests from other clubs. The youth program started up with a 2019 youth development team and was a big success. We are hopeful that our youth program can once again flourish at our club very soon. The indoor soccer season has men, women, Masters and youth soccer teams playing and training this winter. Congratulations to the GCFC Bullets on winning the 2025 elite division cup this year! Also, congratulations to the GCFC Blizzard on winning the 2025 rec division cup this year in addition to winning their league division! Well done!

Terry O'Shea
President, GCFC

2025 LAWSL Outdoor Cup Winners – GCFC Bullets Elite Division



2025 LAWSL Outdoor Cup Winners – GCFC Blizzard Rec Division



2025 LAWSL Outdoor Division Winners – GCFC Blizzard Rec



Fantastic season for the women's Division 1 Bandits

***Hello German Canadian Club Community,***

My name is Paolo Raimondi, and I'm thrilled to be coordinating the youth soccer program here at the German Canadian Club during this exciting rebuilding phase. With my background in competitive soccer—from playing for London City and the provincial team to trialing for the national squad—I'm passionate about developing the next generation of players in a fun, skill-focused environment that aligns with Canada Soccer guidelines. I'm proud to introduce 90m Development, our affiliated program dedicated to elite youth soccer training in London, Ontario. At 90m, we specialize in dynamic sessions that build technical skills, confidence, teamwork, and tactical awareness, all led by CSA-accredited coaches. We're now actively seeking boys born in 2019 to join our roster for the upcoming indoor season.

We've already filled most spots with dedicated young athletes who've shown incredible progress through our twice-weekly summer practices at the Club! Spots are limited, so we would like everyone to ask early to secure a place.

For more information, registration details, or to sign up, contact me directly at paoloraimondi@gcfc london.com. You can also visit our dedicated page on the German Canadian Affiliated Development Program at <https://90m.ca>.

Don't miss this chance to be part of a supportive squad that's building toward big things!

Let's kick off the season strong together.

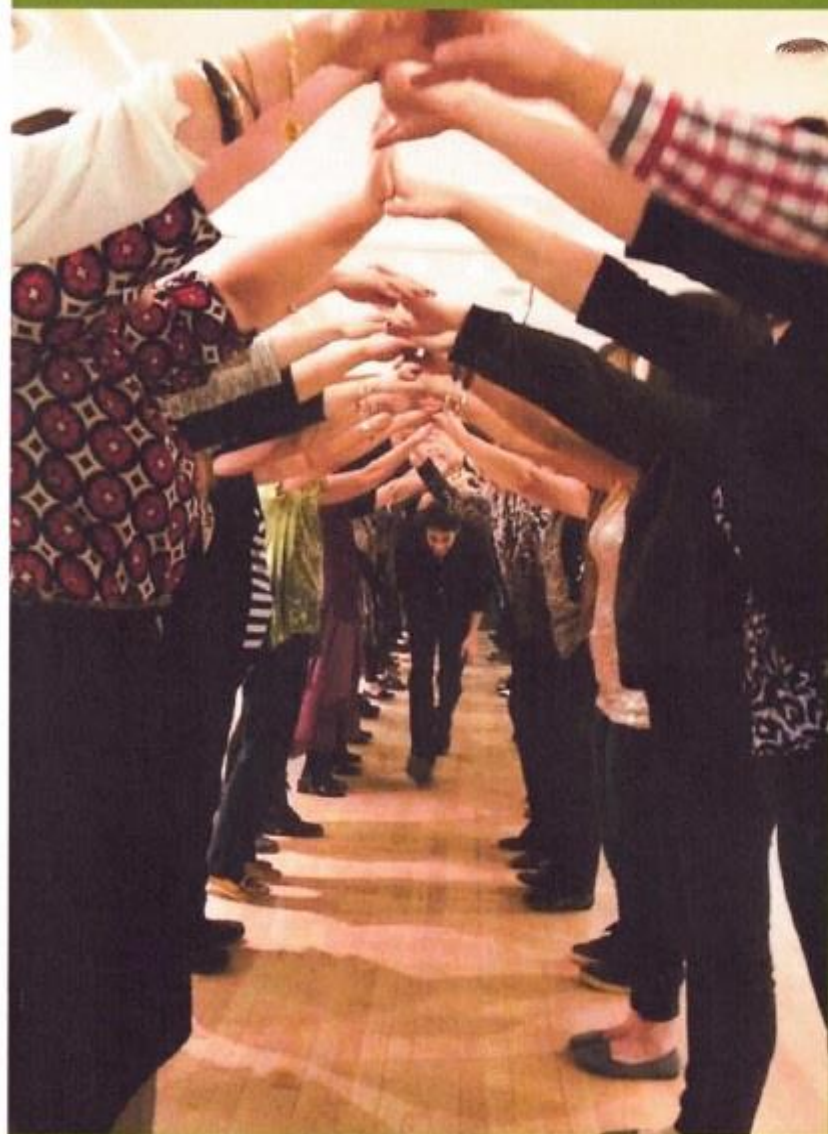
Best regards,

Paolo Raimondi

Youth Soccer Program Coordinator

London Irish Folk Club presents **IRISH DANCE CÉILÍ**

Everyone welcome. All ages. No experience necessary.



October 11 &

November 15

7:30pm to 11:00pm

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student \$15

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coffee complementary

Live music by Traddicted
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Maureen o' Leary

Tickets available at the door.

<https://m.facebook.com/Londonirishfolkclub>.



German Canadian Club Christkindl Market

Nov. 21 5pm - 8pm

Nov. 22 10am - 6pm

Nov. 23 11am - 5pm

Entry: \$2

- OR food bank item
- Kids under 12 free!

Where: 1 Cove Road, London



CELEBRATE THE
HOLIDAY SEASON WITH US!

*German
Canadian Club*

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14 at 3 pm

**Featuring the Lyra Choir
&
The Barclay Road Brassworks**

Admission: \$10

Coffee & Cake will be served

1 COVE ROAD

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Toronto, October 16, 2025

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 16, 2025, 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. Anne Wagner-Mitchell, 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:

Harry Drung

519-589-7974 or drungharry@gmail.com

After the service please join us for
Coffee and Cake
hosted by the Transylvania Club @Alpine Club
464 Maple Ave, Kitchener, N2H 4X5

For those who are unable to attend, you can view live on Facebook at German-Canadian Remembrance Society. The event will also be posted to the German-Canadian Remembrance Society website www.gcrsociety.com soon.

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