



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thanksgiving & Oktoberfest!

October is the month for us to give thanks for the bounty of fresh vegetables and fruits produced in our country, and whether you are an immigrant yourself or family of immigrants, Thanksgiving Day is to give thanks that we live in the great prosperous country of Canada.

In Germany, as many of you know, The Oktoberfest or also called 'Volksfest' is a very German Tradition that has been celebrated for over 200 years.

We celebrate the 'fest' tradition in Germany as well in our club as an event of our German community sharing and celebrating with the whole communities around us. For many years in our 93-year history we have undertaken this event, and all proceeds go back in our communities. We are the true authentic Oktoberfest when compared to the Oktoberfest in Munich, from our 1-liter beer Steins filled with real German beer direct from Munich, our fantastic German food to our huge beer tent decorated just like in Munich. We are the true Oktoberfest in London and it is exciting!

All of this could also not be possible without the help from our volunteers, Paulaner brewery, who help us every year by donating all the decorations and of course Premier Brands who have been such a great partner to us with not only Oktoberfest but with all our functions.

Just a reminder again, if you have time to help us at the club with either the Oktoberfest or with help during the year, please email us or call. It would be greatly appreciated and if you are in high school it will not only be fun but will add to your school volunteering hours.

It is a great way to work together and make the club what it is meant to be.

On behalf of the German Canadian Club Board of Directors and Staff, we would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and we're looking forward to seeing you at the Oktoberfest, October 24th and 25th!

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President

Events in October

Sundays	Nice Church	11 am
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsals	7:30 pm
Tuesdays	Cornhole League	6:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Saturday 4	GCFC Youth Event	2 pm
Wednesday 8	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Friday 14	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm
Saturday 11	Irish Folk Club Ceili	7:30 pm
Thursday 16	Great Lakes Blues Society	7:30 pm
Friday 17	Practically Petty/ Fleetwood Max	7:30 pm
Sunday 19	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm
Friday 24	Oktoberfest	5 pm
Saturday 25	Oktoberfest-Family Afternoon	11 am to 4 pm
Saturday 25	Oktoberfest	5 pm

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Tuesdays	Cornhole League	6:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Saturday 1	Barbershop 80th Anniversary Concert	2 pm
Sunday 9	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	1 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

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9am-12pm

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(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)

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hjrtennis@gmail.com

May to October

Weekdays 8 am-8 pm

Saturdays 8 am-12 noon

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Hello all, Oktoberfest is on again. The Only Authentic and oldest Community Oktoberfest in London, run by Canadian Germans, the only one with an authentic Tent, Entertainment and Food. Decoration & Bier directly from Munich imported and the oldest in town and all proceeds go back into the community! Come out support and have fun!



OKTOBERFEST GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB OCT 24 & 25, 2025



93 Years of the
German Canadian Club London
OKTOBERFEST

www.germancanadianclublondon.com



Authentic German Entertainment

Lunch and Dinner can be purchased from our German Kitchen

1 Cove Road, London, ON

Friday Oct 24 Schedule:

Opens at 5:00 pm Adult Only (19+)
Concordia Schuhplattler Dancers
Blackforest Band
Gravity Wagon

Saturday Oct 25 Schedule:

11:00 am - 4:00 pm Family Oktoberfest
With Alpine Echo and
Concordia Schuhplattler Dancers
5:00 pm Doors Open Adult only (19+)
Concordia Schuhplattler Dancers
Walter Ostanek
Sold for Sheep

Buy tickets at:

Club office 519-433-2901
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Club Website



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OKTOBERFEST 2025 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

5 pm OPEN, ADULTS ONLY (19 years+)
5:30 –9:00 BLACK FOREST BAND
7:00 OPENING CEREMONY-TAP THE KEG
9:00-9:30 CONCORDIA SCHUHPLATTLER
9:30-11:30 GRAVITY WAGON
11:15 BAR CLOSE
11:30 CLOSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

FAMILY AFTERNOON TICKET

11 am OPEN
11:30-1:30 ALPINE ECHO
1:30-2:00 CONCORDIA SCHUHPLATTLER/TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT OKTOBERFEST
2:00-3:00 ALPINE ECHO
3:00-4:00 MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S EVENTS AND GAMES with Alpine Echo
4:00 CLOSE

EVENING TICKET

5 pm OPEN, ADULTS ONLY (19 years+)
5:00-6:00 WALTER OSTANEK
6:00-6:30 CONCORDIA SCHUHPLATTLER
6:30-9:00 WALTER OSTANEK
9:00-9:30 CONCORDIA SCHUHPLATTLER
9:30-11:30 SOLD FOR SHEEP
11:15 BAR CLOSE
11:30 CLOSE

Oktoberfest 2025 Menu

Available in Restaurant from 11 am or for VIP

Schnitzel or Sausage	\$26.00
with your choice of 2 sides	
Curry Chickpeas with Rice	\$26.00
with your choice of 2 sides	
Goulash	\$28.00
with your choice of 2 sides	
Pork Hock	\$35.00
with your choice of 2 sides	
Chicken Fingers and Fries	\$15.00
Children's Menu – Available Saturday only from 11 am to 4 pm	

Available Sides: Spaetzle, Red Cabbage,
Mashed Potatoes, or Sauerkraut

Available In Tent Only

Sausage on a Bun	\$12.00
Schnitzel on a Bun	\$14.00
French Fries	\$10.00

All prices include HST

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Oktoberfest Tickets are Now Available**Ticket Prices****Friday or Saturday night (19 years+), 5 pm to 11:30 pm**

\$30.00 plus tax in advance or \$35.00 plus tax day of

Weekend pass for both Friday and Saturday evenings (19 years+)

\$50.00 plus tax in advance, only available in advance

Saturday Family Afternoon 11 am to 4 pm

\$10.00 plus tax for adults, children under 16 are no charge.

VIP for Friday or Saturday (19 years+), 5 pm to 11:30 pm

\$93.00 plus tax, only available in advance

GCC Full Members

\$20.00 plus tax, with a limit of 2 tickets per member for Friday or Saturday evening, must be a full member to be eligible

VIP Experience-tickets must be purchased in advance

Included in your VIP Experience:

- dedicated admission line with Hostess greeting
- preferred, reserved seating close to the stage
- dedicated table service for food and drinks
- dedicated washroom
- 1L beer stein
- 1 ticket for free beer fill
- Paulaner ball cap
- 1 ticket for a free pretzel

Tickets are available on the GCC website,

www.germancanadianclublondon.com, Ticketscene, www.ticketscene.ca, OnStage Direct, www.onstagedirect.com, by phone at 519-433-2901, or in person at the German Canadian Club, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 12 noon.



Walter Ostanek Saturday 5.30 to 9

Walter Ostanek, known as the "Canada's Polka King." He has received twenty-one nominations for Grammy Awards and won three.

In 1957 Ostanek formed his own band playing Slovenian-style polka music. In 1963, Ostanek and his band, the Walter Ostanek Band, would record their first of many albums. Over his career, Ostanek would record more than 50 albums and become known as Canada's Polka King. He has received three Grammy Awards and he has been nominated thirteen times. His style has been compared to America's Polka King, Frankie Yankovic of Cleveland. Ostanek hosted his own television shows, radio shows, and polka tours. He has appeared on The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson, Phil Donahue, Tommy Hunter Show, Cleveland's Polka Varieties, and his own award-winning TV specials and telethons. He has appeared in concert with Roy Clark, The Oak Ridge Boys, Ronnie Milsap, Ray Price, Mel Tillis, Brenda Lee, Slim Whitman, Tom T. Hall, T. G. Sheppard, Tommy Hunter, Lawrence Welk, Myron Floren, Frank Yankovic, Black Forest Band, and Weiss Blau. Ostanek is a member of Canada's Walk of Fame as well as the Polka Halls of Fame in Cleveland and Chicago. Currently Ostanek performs once a year at the annual Oktoberfest in Kitchener and London, Ontario. He is also the subject of the 2006 Bravo! network documentary The Cult of Walt: Canada's Polka King. Ostanek is also cited as the inspiration for the Second City Television polka parody, the Shmenge Brothers, and the Osler show. In 2007, Ostanek was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual SOCAN Awards in Toronto. Welcome back to our London authentic Oktoberfest at the German Canadian Club!



Gravity Wagon is a high energy 7-piece powerhouse specializing in filling the dance floor. Male and female lead vocals deliver all your favorite party hits from the 70s to today! Everything from pop and rock to country, hip hop, and disco!

The Black Forest Band

is the best known group to perform at Kitchener-Waterloo's Oktoberfest each year. Not just renowned for being an elite polka band in Canada and the United States, but also one of Canada's best loved party bands. Winners of the 2012 PACE Awards for Best German Album. The PACE AWARDS have replaced the POLKA Category from the Grammy Awards.

How do you describe The Black Forest Band to somebody who hasn't heard them play before? To begin with, you explain that this band does not just "play" – The Black Forest Band is a full entertainment experience! They have a wonderful ability to charm an audience and draw them into the party atmosphere. All the fun of great polkas and Oktoberfest favourites, brought to you by people who are not just professionals, but who also love this music!

The Black Forest Band loves their fans, and they know that the show is all for you. The Black Forest Band experience isn't just a concert, it's like friends playing at your party and playing "with" you, not just for you! But we can't stop there! This band bangs out all kinds of party music – don't let the costumes fool you! You may find yourself out on the floor for a polka, and effortlessly, they'll have you singing along with a rock or pop hit before your toes have stopped the polka! Fans of rock n' roll; the power songs of the Seventies; The songs people loved in the 1980's or 90's ; right on up to this year – The Black Forest Band members love the great songs that you do – and will likely introduce you to some special music that you will love!

It's like magic! The music really does cross generations when played with this much fun and passion! Besides the authentic taste of Oktoberfest, you are likely to hear anything from Jazz, classic Rock, Country, swing and songs or dances that have been popular in North America over the past 100 years! The band is always keeping a collective ear open for new songs as well. If it's popular at parties and you can sing along, chances are that the Black Forest Band will play it!

The Black Forest Band has been doing this for decades now, playing parties all over Canada, the US and even the Caribbean. Whether it is holding court at an Oktoberfest, or sharing the same stage as legends of rock, pop or traditional music at a festival. This band knows how to entertain! Since 1981, it has been a great experience! The Black Forest Band has had many albums that regularly sell incredibly well – thanks again to their fantastic fans! Keep watching for more information on past and new releases on this site in the near future.

Raise a Glass and Sing!

*Ein Prosit, ein Prosit
Der Gemütlichkeit
Ein Prosit, ein Prosit
Der Gemütlichkeit.
Oans, zwoa, drei, Gsuffa!*





Twin City Alpine Echo is a 3 to 4 piece band that has only been performing together since May 2009, and has already won the following **Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest** awards:

2010 Ein Prosit Award:Award Winner Small Band Category

2012 Ein Prosit Award:Award Winner Small Band Category

2013 Hansie Award:Ein Prosit – Best Small Band

2014 Hansie Award:**Jack Links** **Ein Prosit** **People's Choice** Thank you to all of you for choosing us as your best band!

2015 Hansie Award:Oktoberfest Inc. decided to drop the **Schenke** as an accredited Festhall this year, so they no longer qualify us as an accredited Oktoberfest band...

2017 Hansie Award:Ein Prosit – Best Small BandThe **Schenke** is officially an accredited Festhall again, and we won again. Woo-hoo! PROST!!

- Hansie Awards were dropped in 2018. It was fun while it lasted... PROST!

OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With Oktoberfest 2025 just around the corner, volunteers are needed to help bring another WUNDERBAR event to our Club!

Please consider volunteering your time to help support our Oktoberfest. We are looking for help with many tasks, including:

Set-up before the event and clean-up afterward

Tent decorations

Admissions gate

Ticket booths

Selling pretzels

Merchandise booth

All volunteers are offered 1 food voucher, 1 drink voucher and 1 free admission ticket for use during the event. There will also be a volunteer meeting the week leading up to the event, where questions will be answered and any last-minute details reviewed.

If you wish to help us out in any way, please email Kathy Wodrich at kwodrich@gmail.com, or Carlene Hitchens in the office at 519-433-2901 or germanclub1@rogers.com.

Without the enthusiasm of all volunteers, Oktoberfest would not be possible. Many thanks for your support!

Ho, Ho, Ho, Get Ready for Christmas, save the date for the Christkindl Market!

The German Canadian Club's annual Christkindl Market will be held Friday, November 21, Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23. Please mark your calendars for the Market as it promises to be the best yet! The vendor list is almost completely full of a wide range of new vendors offering unique gifts and festive treasures from local artisans and small businesses, making it the perfect opportunity to find those one-of-a-kind gift items for everyone on your holiday shopping list (or just for yourself!)

More information about the Market will be available in the November/December newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and take down. Also, the Seniors would like some help serving cake and coffee during the market. If you are able to help out, please contact Carlene Hitchens in the German Club office by email to germanclub1@rogers.com or by phone at 519-433-2901.

We are looking forward to a successful Market and hope that you will be a part of it!

Seniors News

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 in November. If you are able to give a hand, please contact Carlene in the office at 519-433-2901.

Upcoming Events:	Bingo/Kaffeeklatsch	Wednesday, October 8 at 2 pm
		Wednesday, November 26 at 1 pm
	Kaffeeklatsch	Sunday, October 19 at 2 pm
		Sunday, November 9 at 1 pm

We send thinking of you wishes to all of our members.

New Lyra Choir Season...New Voices Needed

Do you love to sing?

The Lyra Choir is looking for new singers! If you are looking for a supportive, friendly choir to share the joy of music with, we'd love to have you join us!

We are a community choir of music lovers who welcome all singers, with no formal audition required. We perform at events at the German Canadian Club, including our annual holiday concert, as well as community outreach during the holiday season. Our varied repertoire includes classical, folk and contemporary pieces.

Interested? Drop by the German Canadian Club to listen in on a rehearsal, Monday evenings at 7:30pm or contact me for more information.

If you have a passion for music and a willingness to learn, there's a place waiting for you. I look forward to hearing from you!

Kathy Wodrich
President, Lyra Choir



Lyra Choir

Christmas 2025 Fundraiser

It may seem like Christmas is weeks away, but somehow it seems to sneak up on all of us!

Why not simplify your gift-giving this holiday season with a gift of delicious, CANADIAN made chocolate.

The Lyra Choir is once again partnering with Purdy's chocolate to launch our Christmas fundraiser, with a goal to raise \$1200. We are very grateful for the support we received from German Club members and friends during our Easter fundraiser, and we're sure you will find the Christmas chocolate selection even better!

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 12, 2025**

2) Chocolate will be delivered the week of **NOVEMBER 24, 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.

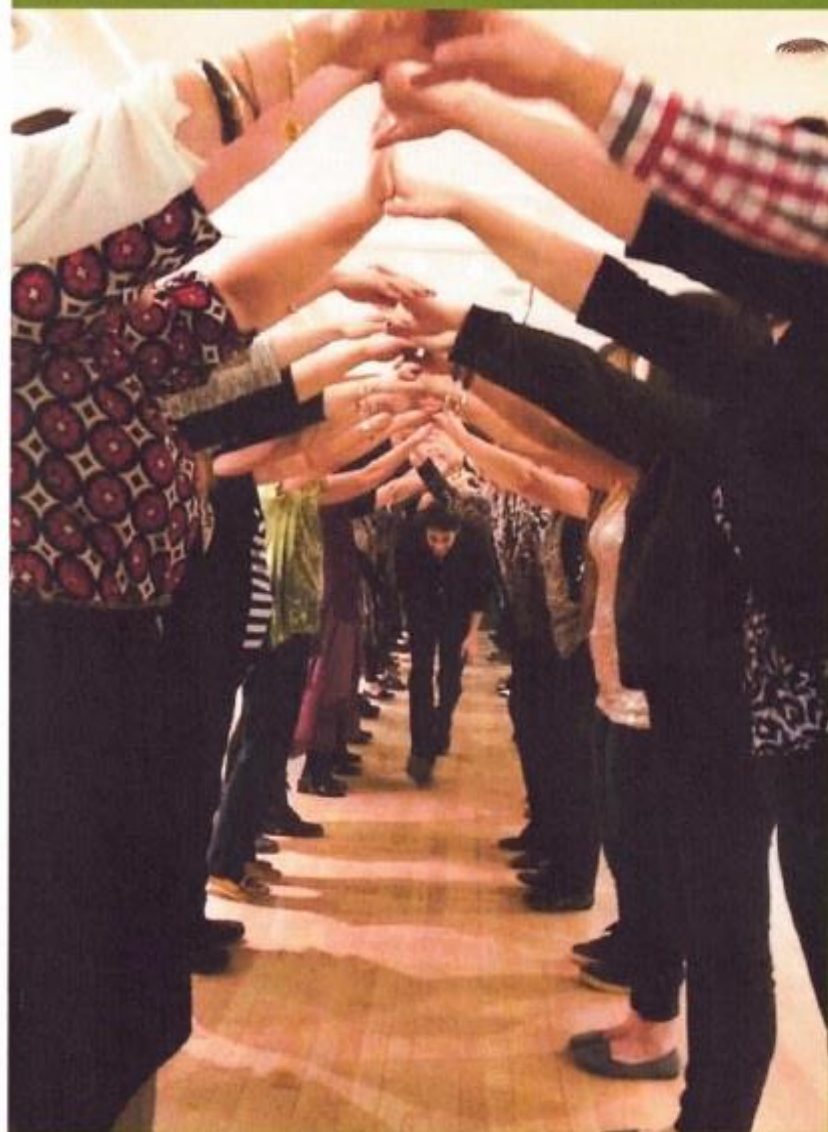
On behalf of the Lyra Choir, we thank you for your continued support and wish you a very blessed holiday.

Schöne Feiertage und frohe Weihnachten!

Joy Bevan, Kathy Wodrich
Lyra Choir

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

Everyone welcome. All ages. No experience necessary.



October 11 &

November 15

7:30pm to 11:00pm

German Canadian Club.

1 Cove Road London

TICKETS \$20

student \$15

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