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Landestrachtenfest, April 6, 2019



The Teutonia Club hosted the Landestrachtenfest der Donauschwaben on Saturday, April 6, 2019, with guest groups coming from Kitchener, Toronto, and Michigan. Above, awards for outstanding service were given with gratitude to Christine ERDMANN (posthumously; accepted by son Gord), Eleanor OFFNER, and Joe ALB. Donauschwaben Verband President George KRAEHLING presented the honours. Below, Teutonia Senior Youth Group members in "Tracht" (traditional costume). More on p. 4. (PHOTOS BY CRIS KOHL)



For CARROUSEL 2019, Join us at the GERMAN VILLAGE!



June 22 (Sat.) and June 23 (Sun.) Doors open at NOON each day at the Fogolar Furlan Club, 1800 North Service Road, Windsor

BOTH DAYS – Enjoy German Food:
Sausages, Schnitzels, Pork Hocks, and **MUCH MORE!**



Teutonia Easter Egg Hunt 2019

The Teutonia Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt for our youngest members was held indoors (due to severe rainfall) at 11 AM on Sat., April 20, 2019. Last-minute inventive methods were used to challenge the egg hunters, but more than 20 children enjoyed the event. More information on page 4... (PHOTOS BY CRIS KOHL)



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Unless otherwise stated, all of the Teutonia Club's members' events and other functions are held at the
**Fogolar Furlan Club, 1800 North Service Road,
 Windsor, ON N8W 1Y3 Canada**
 We thank the Fogolar Furlan Club wholeheartedly for their assistance and support of the Teutonia Club.

Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to THANK everyone who helped make the Landestrachtenfest a wonderful success on April 6, 2019, particularly the members of the Teutonia Executive Board, club member Theresa Batista, and others. Much work went into arranging everything from accommodations to the printed programs, and from the ribbons to the snack trays.

As I said in my speech at the Landestrachtenfest, the world is changing more rapidly than ever before. My father, born in 1917 in a small town in the Ukraine, did not see his first automobile until he was a teenager, yet he became the first person in our family to get a driver's license (and a car!) just after he moved to Canada in 1951. Due to that move, I fortunately had the opportunity to attend university and earn a degree, becoming the first person in our family to do so. But rapid changes since the start of the new millenium have caused great upheaval in the traditional ways of doing things. With computers, the internet, and social media, the old lifestyles and the former ways of interacting are rapidly disappearing. The Teutonia Club has to jump into the 21st century, even if it kicks and screams all the way. I thank Gord Erdmann, Ann Boies (speedy recovery from that auto accident, Ann!), Tami Stecher, and particularly Nick Tonita, all on the Board, and Theresa Batista with her computer work, for their efforts in modernizing the Teutonia Club -- from keeping our web site updated to publicizing us on FaceBook and elsewhere electronically. Great job!

Cris Kohl, Teutonia Club President

Upcoming Events of the Teutonia Club -- Mark Your 2019 Calendars and Join Us!

June 22 & 23, 2019 (Saturday and Sunday) -- The annual **CARROUSEL of the NATIONS**, which will again be a two-day event for Teutonia's "German Village at the Fogolar Furlan Club. This huge, popular (ever since it started in 1974), city- and, now, county-wide event, featuring many diverse, multicultural locations, is open to the public.

August 18, 2019 (Sunday) -- Teutonia 2019 Members' **FREE PICNIC**. You must be a valid 2019 member for free admission. Non-members: \$20 per person.

August 30-September 2, 2019 -- Labour Day Weekend. The annual **Landestreffen der Donauschwaben** will be held in Milwaukee (this event was held in Kitchener in 2018.)

September 15, 2019 (Sunday) -- The mid-year **TEUTONIA MEMBER'S MEETING**, 2 PM.

September 28, 2019 (Saturday) -- Teutonia **OKTOBERFEST**. This will be a one-day-only event, so come one, come all!

There will be a \$5.00 admission charge at the door, but 2019 Teutonia Members will get in free. Join the fun at Windsor's original Oktoberfest, which started at the Teutonia Club in 1971.

October, 2019 (tentative) -- We are looking into the possibility of renting a bus to take our members on a one-day outing to the well-known German community of **FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN**. Stay tuned!

November 3, 2019 (Sunday) -- This year, our annual **KIRCHWEIH** event will be held on this Sunday afternoon instead of on a Saturday evening.

December, 2019 (Sunday) -- Teutonia Choir **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, 3 PM. Date to be announced.

December 8, 2019 (Sunday) -- **TEUTONIA MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY**. Details to follow.

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, several Teutonia Club members passed away recently. Our condolences to all of their families and friends:
Andreas MUELLER, 88, passed away on Dec. 29, 2018.
Frank HAAS, passed away on Jan. 30, 2019, at age 94.
Hildegard KUEHFUSS, at the age of 91, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2019.
Frank KAUFMAN, at 91, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2019.
Eric BUCHHOLZER, passed away at 71 in March, 2019.

TEUTONIA UNTERGRUPPEN (SUB-GROUPS)

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on Mondays at 7 PM.

The **CHOIR** rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM.

The **SENIORS** play cards every Wednesday at 12:30 PM.

The **FRAUENGRUPPE (LADIES GROUP)** plays bingo every Thursday from 1 to 4 PM.

NOTE: Some of these sub-groups are on summer hiatus (break) until September. Please check before attending.

ALL of the above Teutonia Club sub-groups invite MEMBERS to join them at the Fogolar Furlan Club in these weekly activities. Take advantage of these opportunities to meet new people, to make new friends, and to HAVE FUN!

The Need to Preserve the History of the Teutonia Club

As the past is increasingly swept away by the rising seas of time, it appears that now is as good a time as any to try to research and preserve the history of the Teutonia Club for future generations.

For example, we need to “fill-in-the-blanks” on quite a few things, the most glaring one being that we are not certain who was President of the Teutonia Club when. It would be a monumental task to list everyone who was on the Teutonia Executive Boards over the years. But for starters, here is a chronological list of the Presidents, starting in 1935. Does anyone know exactly what years any of these persons was President?

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| Peter Niklas, Sr. | Adam Goettl | Paul Roth |
| Michael Bauer | Dr. Anton Jung | Arno Erdmann |
| Karl Endriss | Frank Binder | Peter Stefan |
| Nickolaus Weiss | William Novak | Reinhardt Lutz |
| Mathias Wiume | George Molnar | Walter Bloedow |
| Mathias Bohr | Jack Lay | Arno Erdmann |
| Philip Gimpl | Alvin Ade | Joe Alb |
| Nickolaus Dulvick | Helmut Mueller | Christine Erdmann |
| Rudolf Stehli | Alfons Rosteck | Paul Weber |
| Jakob Kniesel | Lorenz Thier | |

Also, does anyone have photos, or access to photos, of three people who were Teutonia Club Presidents, but there seem to be no photographs of them in the files: **Michael Bauer** (the second President), **Rudolf Stehli** (the ninth President), and **Adam Goettl** (the eleventh President).

Does anyone have any photographs of the first Teutonia Club building, taken when it was used as the Teutonia Club, namely between 1936 and 1954. It was at 1119 Langlois Avenue. The building still stands, and it looks like this today:



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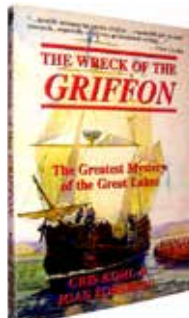
Computer Crash and Date Confusion

Due to a major “crash” of my main computer’s internal, mechanical hard drive, the one on which I do all of my writing, including the Teutonia Newsletter, we are four weeks behind schedule in the production of this particular issue. This unfortunate situation, compounded by some confusion caused by a change in the original concert date, did not allow us to publicize the Teutonia Choir’s Spring Concert, held on June 2, 2019, the way we would have usually done. We will just have to make up for this at the Choir’s NEXT concert!

As seen on the May 8, 2019, episode of “Expedition Unknown” on the Discovery Channel, the book,

The Wreck of the GRIFFON, The Greatest Mystery of the Great Lakes
by Cris Kohl & Joan Forsberg

is available at a discount to members of the Teutonia Club.



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The Landestrachtenfest of the Donauschaben brought to Windsor many people dressed in the traditional garb of their town or region. Above, right: Organizers Ann Boies, Gord Erdmann (who was also the emcee), and Theresa Batista select prize winners. Approximately 270 people attended the event's banquet, and enjoyed the evening of entertainment and live music.



Left and right: The Teutonia Club's Senior Youth Group members have been -- and will continue to be -- busy teaching the considerably younger members of the Youth Group the various dances that have been performed over the years. All of the dancers, particularly the youngest ones, perhaps due to their unpredictability, are very popular with audiences. (PHOTOS BY CRIS KOHL)



Teutonia 2019 Easter Egg Hunt



The Senior Youth Group members have been the main organizers of the annual Teutonia Easter Egg Hunt. They not only coloured 13 dozen eggs for the occasion, but also ran the competitive games in which the smaller children participated after the hunt (and which kept parents and grandparents busy shooting photos of their young ones having fun.) The back row in the photo above shows many (but not all) of the Senior Youth Group organizers. Each child went away with Easter eggs, as well as a chocolate gift. (PHOTO BY CRIS KOHL)



INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE?

This free course is offered through the International Language Program
 Children must be in grades 1-8
 Runs: October, 2019 to April, 2020
 Time: Saturdays 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

If interested please contact:
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