



SCHWABEN KLUB

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For the Kitchener Schwaben Club & Community

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April 2014

## WICHTIGE DATEN 2014

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- December 7  
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- December 31  
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## Members' Meeting Dates 2014

**June 11** 7pm  
**September 10** 7pm  
**December 10** 7pm

*NOTICE: With fewer Members' meetings, members will now have to go to the office to buy their tickets for events.*

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 Show 7:30pm

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## Vizepraesidentenbericht

Hallo, der Fruehling ruft!

Als ich diese Zeile schreibe verspricht der Wetterbericht ein Dosis mehr Schneefall sowie Temperaturen um die -10 Grad. Ich bin mir aber sicher, das Wetter wird sich bald verbessern. Ich freue mich auf die Zeit, wenn der grosse Schneehaufen in unserem Parkplatz wegschmilzt. So einen grossen Haufen Schnee habe ich seit langem nicht gesehen.

Was den Parkplatz betrifft gibt es nun Neuigkeiten. Wie Sie alle schon wissen, in letzter Zeit gab es viele Schwierigkeiten apropos Parken bei uns. Ich habe mit der Geschaeftsleitung von World Gym

gesprachen und sie hat ja bestaetigt, beim Parken gibt es ein grosses Problem mit ihren Kunden, die ueberall parken wo es nicht gestattet ist. In der Zukunft wird sie den Parkplatz besser kontrollieren und ihre Kunden ermahnen, sie duerfen nur in den vorgesehenen Parkluecken fuer World Gym parken. Sie wird sich auch bemuehen, ihr Grundstueck neben dem Schwabenklub an der King Street mehr zugaenglich fuer ihre Kunden zu machen.

Das Klubleben geht weiter. Am letzten Wochenende hatten wir Schlachtfest mit ueber 200 Teilnehmern, was erfreulich war. Wie gewohnt gab es Schweinefleisch aller Art. Ich moechte mich hiermit bei der Frauengruppe und den Tanzgruppen bedanken, fuer ihre Unterstuetzung und Hilfe. Leider mussten wir dem Publikum ein bisschen Enttaeuschung bringen, da es nicht moeglich war, Krapfen anzubieten. In dem engen Zeitraum am Samstag gab es einfach nicht genuegend Zeit zum Backen und zur Vorbereitung des Hauptessens. Ich verspreche, wir werden Krapfen naechstes Jahr wieder im Angebot haben.

Ende Maerz und Anfang April werden wir im Klub sehr beschaeftigt sein. Am 29. Maerz haben wir ein „offenes Haus“, um unsere Raeumlichkeiten und Dienstleistungen der Oeffentlichkeit zu praesentieren. Man kann da auch Weine und verschiedene Essen verkosten. Die Hallen werden dementsprechend geschmueckt und dekoriert, um einen guten Eindruck fuer kuenftige Braeute, usw. zu gewaehrleisten. In den Kellerraemen fuehren kleinere Firmen ihre Dienstleistungen und Produkte vor. Alles bezieht sich auf Hochzeiten. Hoffentlich kann dieser „Tag der offenen Tuer“ mehr Buchungen erzielen.

Am 11. April gibt es das deutsche Fruehlingskonzert, mit bekannten Liedern und Kuenstlern. Wir freuen uns auf ihr zahlreiches Erscheinen. In den letzten Jahren ist die Teilnahme an diesem Konzert kontinuierlich runtergegangen. Wenn das so weiter geht, muesen wir uns mit diesen Veranstaltungen umdenken. Dieses Jahr haben wir die Eintrittspreise gesenkt und hoffen auf mehr Besucher.

Dann haben wir am 12. April das grosse Landestrachtenfest hier in Kitchener. Urspruenglich am 5. April geplant, muessten wir das Fest auf das 12. verschieben, da

Hotelunterkuenfte fast restlos von Home Hardware gebucht waren. Wir wollen auswaertige Gaeste von anderen Klubs haben! Ich bitte um Ihr Verstaendnis fuer diese Aenderung in letzter Minute. Wir freuen uns, die Mitglieder und Tanzgruppen der anderen Schwabenvereine willkommen zu heissen. Es lebe die „schwowische“ Kultur!

Zuletzt moechte ich bekanntgeben, Oktoberfesteintrittskarten werden bald zum Verkauf im Buero stehen. Unsere Stammkapelle, die Golden Keys, sowie der Steve Angel Band kommen wieder zurueck. Wie in den letzten Jahren koennen Sie den Eintritt fuer die gewuenschte Halle kaufen, um Enttaeuschung zu vermeiden.

Ich moechte allen Mitglieder und Freunden ein **frohes Osterfest** wuenschen und freue mich, sie bei der naechsten Veranstaltung im Klub zu sehen.

## Vice-President's Report

*Hello and welcome to spring!*

As I write this article the weather report is calling for more snow and the temperature of -10. I am sure the the weather will be getting warm very soon. It will be nice to see our large snow hill in the parking lot starting to melt away. I have not seen such a big hill in our parking lot for very long time.

An update on our parking lot; as most that come to the club regularly know, parking has been a bit of a challenge at times. I have spoken to the owners of World Gym and they have agreed that there is a a problem with their members taking too many spots from us. After a long discussion they have agreed go outside and help World Gym patrons find spots that do not take away from Schwaben Club spots when we need them. Plus, they will be doing some work on the lot beside the Schwaben Club to make it easier for there members to use and hopefully stay off our lot.

As for Club news, we just had Schlachtfest with attendance of over 200 people; it was nice to see so many people come out. The dinner was full of all our favourite pork offerings. I would like to give a big **thank you** the Frauengruppe and the dancegroups for all of their help; thanks for making the evening a great success. I know that there was a big disappointment that we did not have our annual homemade Krapfen. Unfortunately

there was a small scheduling problem with the kitchen and the time they needed to start to cook this year's meal. I promise everyone that next year we will be have our favourite dessert again.

The end of March and the beginning of April will be very busy for the club.

First we will have an open house at the Schwaben Club to showcase our halls. We will be having food and wine tasting. Plus, all of the upstairs halls will be all dressed-up to show people how nice the halls can be for their special day. The downstairs hall will be set up with 15 small businesses selling goods that will help any bride make her special day the best. It is the hope that we will receive many hall rentals from this open house.

Then we have our German Spring Show on April 11. With new singers to sing all our favourite songs of the past and present, I hope to see you all there. Attendance has been a little on the decline and if interest starts to fall further we may have to stop this fun evening. We have made some pricing changes for the spring concert to help encourage more guests to participate.

Then the on April 12, Kitchener will host the annual Landestrachtenfest. The date for this event has changed. The weekend that we had picked happened to fall on the same weekend as a major convention and hotel rooms where impossible to reserve for our friends from other cities. I apologize to all guests who had to change their plans or will not be able to attend because of the last-minute date change.

It will be nice to see our friends again from our sister clubs here in Canada and to see all the different dance groups showing off their skills thereby preserving our rich Donauschwaben heritage.

Lastly I would like to let you know that this year's Oktoberfest tickets are now available for purchase at the office. Returning are the same bands from last year; the Golden Keys and the Chris Angel Band. We will continue to sell tickets for the hall of your choice so please get your tickets sooner than later so that you won't be disappointed.

I would like to wish all our members and friends a very **Happy Easter** and I hope to see you very soon at one or all of our most enjoyable events at the Schwaben Club.

**Kirk Hanke**  
Vice-President

## Manager's Report

### "What's Going On"

On Saturday March 29th, the Schwaben Club hosted our very first Wedding Showcase. Couples planning on getting married had the chance to see the halls nicely decorated and sample some of our delicious food. We also had some of our favorite D.Js. and other wedding related business here too. It was a great day and a great opportunity for people to experience the Schwaben Club again or for the first time. After attending our Wedding Showcase, it is our hope that the couples that attended will book their wedding here at the club. If it proves to have been a successful event we will do it all over again next year.

We are always thinking and trying new ideas to bring more business to the club. Please try to attend as many events as you can. We have some very good events coming to the club for you to enjoy and we will continue to bring then to you as long as you attend.

See you at the Schwaben club, and stay tuned... Oktoberfest tickets will soon be available

**Don Egley**  
Manager

## Frauengruppe

It has been a very harsh winter and has taken a toll on our meetings. Again in March, there was a storm the day we were scheduled to meet, and our meeting was cancelled. We rescheduled for the following Wednesday and the ladies were happy to once again gather for bingo and chit chat. We will meet again on April 2nd.

Mother's Day luncheon will soon be upon us next month and we will be accepting raffle prizes for the event.

Schlachtfest was an enjoyable evening. Unfortunately, the krapfen were missing. Even though they were cancelled, we wish to say 'thank you' to everyone who had volunteered to help. Hopefully, we will have them again next year at Schlachtfest.

**I would also like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter.**

**Susan Cook**  
President, Frauengruppe

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**APRIL FILM**  
**April 6, 2014**



**NO FILM IN MAY**

**JUNE FILM**  
**June 1, 2014**



**Geburtstage Für Mai**

*Allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener Schwabenklubs, die im Monat Mai Geburtstag feiern.*

*Herzlichen Glückwunsch und das Beste im neuen Lebensjahr.*

Name	Geburtstag
Brattan, Henry	01
Schaadt, Richard	02
Albrecht, Wilhelm	05
Slivar, Djuro	05
Dupuis, Gary	06
Anstett, Monica	09
Szierer, John	10
Schilling, Andrew	11
Gaysek, Karin	12
Pelley, Stephen	13
Schick, Magdalena	15
Thompson, Catherine	16
Hoedl, Monika	16
Becker, John	16
Gissing, Melissa	17
Borch, Katelyn	17
Vogel, Erich	23
Ries, Irma	24
Borch, David	24
Switzer, Norma	28
Pilz, Emma	29
Koehler, Christel	30
Gellner, Andrew	30

**Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe**

We all filled our bellies at Schlachtfest and not only did we enjoy the good food and company, but our dance groups never fail to offer us great entertainment. The Kindergruppe brings a smile to everyone. We enjoy watching their energy and enthusiasm. The Jugendgruppe showcased their new dance, adding a few new steps and movements that weren't seen in the preview at our Spaghetti Dinner. We loved it!

You may have seen a new face in the Jugendgruppe. Welcome, Edward, our newest member.

I'm sure now that we have celebrated Schlachtfest, spring is around the corner. Hopefully? The dancers are getting spring fever.

Some of the Jugendgruppe girls (Natasha, Erika and Emma) were thinking of the sun as they were fundraising for Tag Der Donauschwaben in Los Angeles 2015 at Schlachtfest. These young girls were inspired to sell their hand-made bracelets to start off our fundraising efforts. Their hard work raised \$70.00.



The dancers will get ready for Landenstrachtenfest and the Mother's Day Luncheon.

As the groups are winding down for the season, the committee is gearing up to reflect on the year. We are in the process of getting feedback from the children and their families as we review the parent surveys.


Keep your dancing shoes close!

**Kathy Beckett**  
Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe President


**Baby Shower**  
Peter and Andrea (Adam) Speckner are having a BABY!  
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## Donau Dancers

It has begun. The hard work needed to make our Viennese Ball a success has started. This is a major fundraiser for the Donau Dancers. The Viennese Ball will take place on **May 24, 2014**; we look forward to your joining us for our gala.

Peter Speckner is currently teaching the Donau Dancers the intricacies of a new Polonaise. He will also introduce a new dance which will be added to the program of the Ball.

The committee is in the process of choosing the menu for the evening; its gourmet quality will definitely reflect the elegance of the evening.

The raffle prizes are coming in; they are definitely upscale, especially the independent raffle for *"an excursion with VIA Rail"*. Positively worth the price of a ticket or two.....or more!

Amidst all of this preparation, the Donau Dancers are also keeping up with upcoming performances. Practise, practise, practise..... We will see you at our Club functions. **Happy Easter!**

**Catherine Thompson**  
Donau Dancers

## 2014 Membership

Membership renewals are now due and can be paid at the Club office Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Membership prices remain the same for 2014.

**Family - \$75      Single - \$ 45**  
**Seniors \$37.50      Student -\$22.50**

Since there was the only Members' meeting in March and limited daytime to pay for club memberships, the late fee has been extended to May 31st. This gives time for members to pay for their club memberships.

In the month of April, I will be attending the Frauengruppe nights to be available to our ladies of our club for any who wish to pay for their memberships.

**Heidi Peller-Oliver**

*Membership Secretary / Mitglieder Kassier*

**We would like to thank Inge Davis for her lovely donation of 200 handmade wool Angels. They will brighten up our Christmas Luncheon this year.**



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# Wedding Shower

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*Sunday, May 25, 2014*  
*1-4pm*

*There will be Bingo, delicious Schwaben burgers and many homemade desserts, as we shower this young couple with good wishes.*

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Saturday, May 24, 2014  
Schwaben Club

Kitchener  
Doors Open 5:30 pm  
Dinner 6:00 pm

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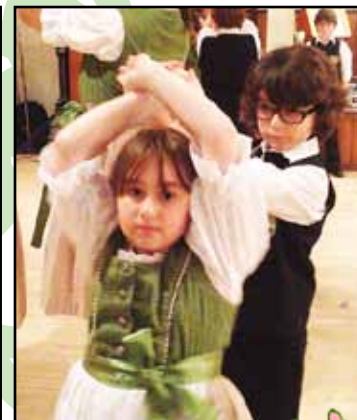
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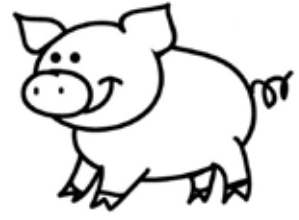
# Schlachtfest



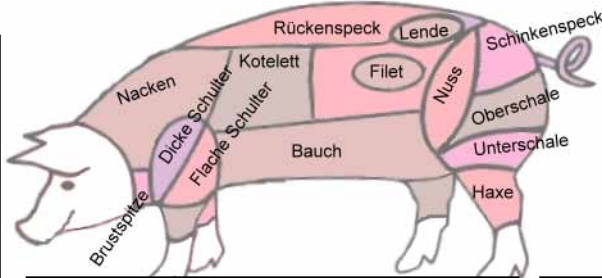




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Accommodations are spacious, warm and dry in a large lodge. Meals are prepared by cooks who provide a hot breakfast and excellent dinners daily. The camp is lit by propane and electricity and has running water and showers, sauna and 8 bedrooms (4 per room). Getting to camp is via paved road except final 9km which is gravel. Access by car is no problem.

If this sounds like it would be of interest to you, check us out at [www.bandistoy.com](http://www.bandistoy.com) or call Dave Mender at 519 742 9573 or [menders@rogers.com](mailto:menders@rogers.com)



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# Mother's Day Luncheon

presented by the Schwaben Club Frauengruppe

Sunday, May 4, 2014  
Doors open: 11 am ~ Lunch served: 12 pm



## Meal:

Dinner Rolls & Caesar Salad  
Schnitzel  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Mixed Vegetables  
Blueberry Yogurt Torte  
Coffee & Tea

**Member:** \$20.35 + HST = \$23.00

**Non-Member:** \$23.00 + HST = \$26.00

**Child (6-12):** \$8.75 + HST = \$10.00

For tickets contact the Schwaben Club  
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# Landestrachtenfest



Saturday, April 12, 2014

Doors Open: 5pm Dinner: 6pm

Schwaben Club, Kitchener

\$30.00	\$26.00	\$15.00	Free
guests	performers and Trachtenträger	children 6-15 years of age	children 5 years of age and under

*All costs include admission and dinner. Taxes included.*

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## It's All About the Pork!

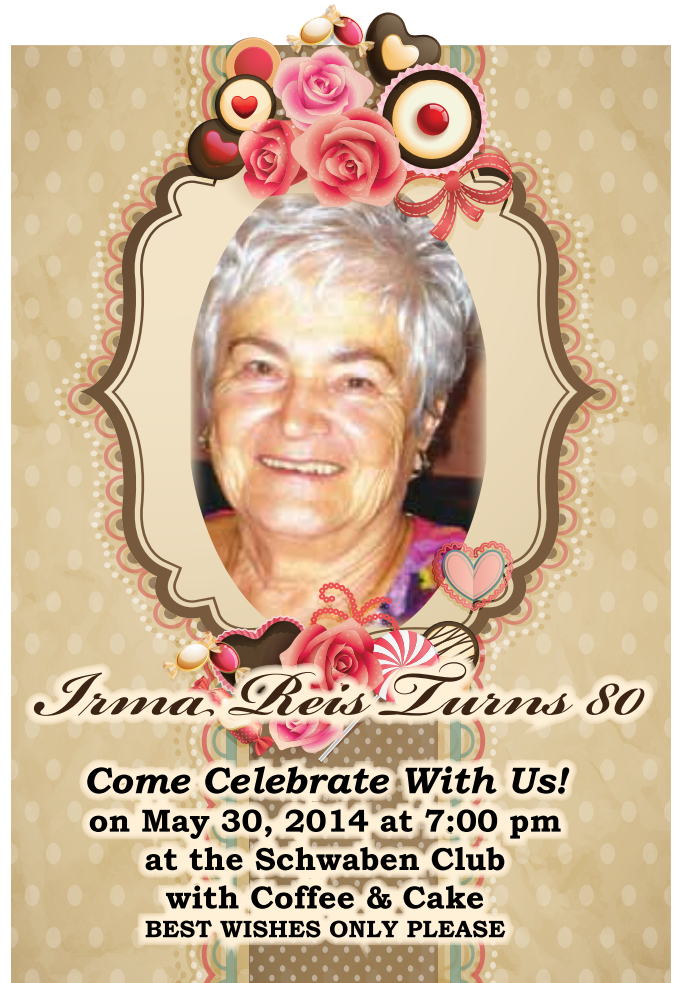
It's the best time of the year – no, it's not Easter. It's Schlachtfest! A time when pigs everywhere tremble in fear, afraid that they'll be chosen to be included into one of our many pork dishes. And they had good reason to be afraid – we ate a lot of pork!

Once everyone had arrived, it was time to get ready to eat. So, first came up our Miss Schwaben to say Grace. Then it was time to dig in.

First appetizer course, a "Wurst" platter. Headcheese, liverwurst, Blutwurst, dried pork sausage, pickles and onions. With a little bread as well, it was a great start to the meal. This dish has quickly become a favourite among the members, and I totally agree with them. Then came the House salad □ to help with the Meat Sweats of course. The entrée was next, and it included pork ribs, pork roast, Sauerkraut and mashed potatoes and gravy. It was heavenly. And I don't care what people say – Sauerkraut IS a vegetable! (Yes, I say that every year) Dessert this year had a small change – people were given the choice of Bienenstich or Apple Cake. You could not have asked for a better meal, and no one went home hungry.

The Kindergruppe performed during dessert, and were great. They were adorable as always, and were a delight to watch. Our President George came up and said a few words about the occasion, and then it was time to dance off dinner. The band this year was Europa; they are slowly becoming regulars at our Club. They got everyone onto the dance floor. It was very easy to dance away dinner to their music.

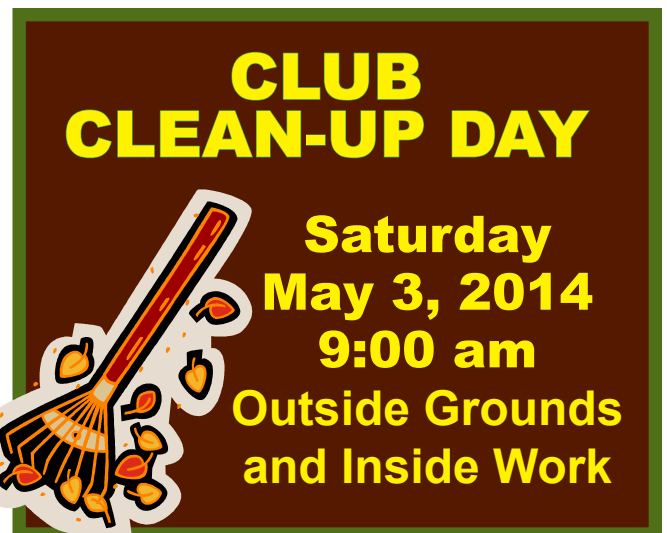
Cathy Thompson came up to the mic and recited a narrative poem entitled "Schlachtfest" – a story about a typical Schlachtfest. The Jugendgruppe performed during the first band break, and danced their shoes off. It was energetic and exciting. The Schwaben Dancers were up during the 2nd band break. They pulled out all the stops, ending their performance with their "Rope" dance. The Donau Dancers finally came on during the 3rd band break, and were also very entertaining. They came out in their Schlachtfest aprons, putting on quite the show. A perfect ending to all the performances. Then



the evening was handed back to the band for everyone to work off all the pork they ate.

All in all, it was an amazing evening. The food was delicious, the entertainment was fun, and the evening went smoothly. And only a few pigs were harmed in the making of that banquet. See you next year!

*Peter Speckner*  
Editor, Nachrichten



## Final Word From Our President

January and February have been busy months for the family and me. It has been so busy that I failed to submit last months newsletter article. My apologies.

We have certainly been held hostage with the harshest winter in recent memory. I know the first real spring day will be celebrated by many of us with a walk through our neighbourhoods as we soak up the sun.

In March our events calendar only had one function, our pork lover's event Schlachtfest. Prior to dinner, all those in attendance, were given special appetizers of selected liverwurst, head cheese, smoked ham, bread, pickles, tomato's and pearl onions. The appetizers were plated by members of the dance groups, who also performed that evening, who came out the night before to prepare these delectable treats and then Saturday morning prepared the final plating. It is dedication like this that adds something special to our events. The Steve Angel Europa band, which last played for us during Oktoberfest, entertained us for the evening. The event was a huge success.

Mitternacht in einer kleinen Bar. Der Wirt steht mit ein paar Gästen an der Theke. Da geht die Tür auf, ein Mann kommt rein und bestellt eine Flasche Champagner. Als er diese bekommen hat, lässt er den Korken knallen und ruft laut: "Prosit Neujahr!!"

"Was soll denn der Quatsch?", weist ihn der Wirt zurecht. "Wir haben OSTERN!"

"Ostern?", stammelt der Mann perplex. "Oh je, das gibt Ärger. So lange war ich noch nie Feiern..."

Der feste Freund der großen Schwester ist Ostern zum Mittagessen eingeladen worden. Nach dem Essen sagt er artig: "Mein großes Kompliment. So gut habe ich lange nicht mehr gegessen!" Da meint der kleine Bruder schnell: "Wir auch nicht..."

Looking forward, we have two great functions that are on the same weekend. On Saturday April 12th, we will be hosting the annual Landestrachtenfest in Kitchener. We hope to see friends from Windsor, Leamington, and Toronto come into town for this event. On April 11th we will be holding our annual spring German Show. I encourage coming out and enjoying this very entertaining evening. We need our members to come out in larger numbers or unfortunately we risk not holding this event in the future.

In April, on the 26th and 27th, the USA Verband will hold their annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. This is the annual meeting for the Schwaben clubs across North America and I will be attending once again to represent our club.

On May 4th we have the opportunity to bring our family out and honour our mothers and grandmothers. It is our annual Mother's Day event and I hope I will see you there as well.

Meanwhile enjoy the vision of seeing all that snow melt.

**George Kraehling**  
President

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**What's Happening Locally:**

April 15, 16, and 17 at Menchie's in Waterloo is one of our first fundraising events. Menchie's will donate \$1 for every coupon received on this day. You will also save 10% off your purchase. As PKU affects so few, we need your assistance to make this fundraiser a success! Please consider coming out and sharing this information with others.

Our Main Event on July 22 is a Benefit Evening and Silent Auction at Beaver and Bulldog in Cambridge. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for \$25 pp. Includes finger food buffet and silent auction. All are welcome! Please register at <http://bit.ly/tricitiesPKUevent>

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