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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dezember 2013

WICHTIGE DATEN 2013-2014

December 8	Christmas Luncheon <i>Main Hall</i>
December 20	Christmas German Show <i>Schwaben Hall</i>
December 31	New Year's Eve; Golden Keys 2014
January 5	Filmnachmittag: Herbstzeitlosen
January 11	Kameradschaftsabend: Concordia Club
January 18	Miss Schwaben <i>Schwaben Hall</i>
February 2	Filmnachmittag: Die besten Schlager des Jahrtausends
February 8	4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
February 14	Las Vegas Dream Team Tribute Concert
February 22	Gründungsfest

The Schwaben Club presents their annual

Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 8, 2013
Doors Open 11:00 a.m. • Meal served 12:00 p.m.

Members:
\$17.70 + HST = \$20

Non-Members:
\$19.47 + HST = \$22

Child:
\$9.73 + HST = \$11

Menu
Caesar Salad
Roasted Chicken Thighs
Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Apple Strudel

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Get in the holiday spirit with family and friends

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2013

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA BALL

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GOLDEN KEYS

Doors Open: 5:00pm

Hors D'oeuvres: 5:20pm-5:50pm

Dinner: 6:15pm

Members: \$53.10 + HST = \$60

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1668 King Street E
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Menu

Roasted Red Pepper Soup

Mixed Salads

Schnitzel

Rouladen

Parissienne Potatoes

Beans Almondine

Dessert Buffet

President's Report

This November the Frauengruppe celebrated its 78th anniversary. The dinner and music were great. I thank all those who gave their time and effort to make this evening such a success.

We also had a chance to wish Susan Cook a happy birthday. I will not give any ages out but if I were going to make a guess, she is in her forty's.

Mary and I attended the German Remembrance Day event at Woodland Cemetery on Sunday November 17th. The weather was cool and overcast but the rain held off until later in the day. It was nice to have so many in attendance along with the dignitaries from Kitchener,

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Waterloo and the Region as well the German Consulate. It is certainly a remembrance service unlike any other as we pay respect to not only the 187 German prisoners of war but also to the fallen of any of our world's conflicts. The Transylvania brass band provided the music and the Concordia choir provided the song. After the ceremony at the Cemetery, everyone attending was invited back to the Schwaben Club for coffee and cake. I would like to thank the volunteers who helped in getting the hall ready and serving the coffee and cake.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is only a month away. We are getting the club ready with Christmas decorations for the holidays. Our Christmas Luncheon is on Sunday December 8th. Hopefully you can come out and join us for this event. Our choir and dance groups are all busy working on songs and skits to entertain you. So don't miss the fun. And, of course, Santa will be there to bring a sparkle to the children's eyes.

The Christmas German Show, on December 20th, is also coming up so get your tickets as soon as possible.

Finally, don't forget about our New Year's Eve bash. Given the popularity of this event tickets are going fast. The majority of our guests for this evening are repeaters. They know a good thing when they find it. We still have room for more, so get your tickets and join us for a superb evening.

Hopefully, you can join us for one or all of our holiday events. Make the Schwaben Club one of your holiday stops and enjoy the opportunity to share holiday fun and food with your Schwaben family.

I would like to wish you and your family a safe and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Do not forget that in the New Year our Membership meeting format will be changing and we will not have our first meeting until March.

George Kraehling
President



Manager's Report

"What's Going On"

It looks like we will be in for a White Christmas, which will be nice for a change. I hope the snow is putting everyone in the "Christmas Spirit" and that you have a wonderful time this season. Please come out and enjoy the Clubs Family Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 8th and also the Christmas Dinner and Concert on Friday, December 20th, here at the club. Both are truly great Christmas events that will enhance your Christmas Festivities.

Then, of course, we ring in the New Year with the Golden Keys on New Years Eve. What a way to end off the year and welcome 2014. Let's hope it's a good one for all.

Embrace this wonderful time of the year with Family and friends.

From my family and me, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year

Don Egley
Manager



Frauengruppe

This is the time of year when some of our positions come up for re-election. My 2 year term is up and I have taken the position of President for another 2 years. Elizabeth Schicketanz also decided to stay on after her first term as secretary. The remainder of our committee stays the same.

We celebrated our 78th Anniversary on Nov. 16 and it was a lovely evening. We received beautiful flower bouquets and good wishes from all our dance groups and our Club Committee. Thank you so much! It is always lovely to see our members out along with family and friends. It is sad that our numbers are a little less every year. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal, entertainment by our dancers, and music and dancing with the Golden Keys.

Next is the Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 8. Just a reminder to bring raffle prizes for that day.

Our Christmas dinner is Dec 18. Dinner begins at 6:00pm. Once again we will have our raffle. Please bring your presents.

Geburtstage Für Januar

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

*Herzlichen Glückwunsch und das Beste im
neuen Lebensjahr.*

Name	Geburtstag
Messmer, Margareth	01
Klefas, Michael	01
Schaadt, Lisa	01
Schneider, Paul	04
Jaronski, Eva	04
Lang, Jade	04
Haas, Werner	05
Lutsche, Horst	07
Braun, Karen	07
Falkenberg, Adolfine	12
Elter, Susanna	13
Strub, Tim	15
Vickman, Debra	16
Turk, Katharina	18
Willyung, Margaret	18
Kennedy, Sabina	18
Schattka, Hedwig	19
Brattan, Stephen	22
Schilling, Margarete	23
Lorring, Gertrude	23
Charles, Margaritha	24
Gellner, Christopher	24
Bergmeier, Tony	27
Kraehling, Mary	27
Mahler, Anna	29
Cook, Michael	29
Lutsche, Alma	29
Schaefer, Mary	31



*I'd like to wish everyone a very
Merry Christmas!*

Susan Cook
President, Frauengruppe

Nachrichten Donation
Anton Kraehling
\$50.00
Herzlichen Dank

Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe

As we approach that time of year again, the dancers and instructors are busy getting ready for our Christmas Luncheon.

Recently, the dancers were excited to share a special evening with the Frauengruppe as they celebrated their anniversary. They have also enjoyed dancing for the residents at the Westmount Nursing Home.

The Jugendgruppe also shared a special day at the German War Graves with the German Community and dignitaries as they remembered those that lost their lives fighting for their country. The guests were invited back to our club for coffee and cake which many of our youth assisted in serving.

Our dance groups continue to practise each week perfecting their dances and are beginning to learn new ones. We continue to look forward to performing each time.

Keep your TV tuned on to Treehouse "This is Scarlett and Isaiah" to catch a glimpse of-



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JANUARY FILM
January 5, 2014



FEBRUARY FILM
February 2, 2014



Part 1

some of our dancers and instructor Brandy Chapman showing Scarlett how to do the Polka. The Golden Keys provide the music. A private screening will be coming soon.

Keep the date of February 8th for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

Kathy Beckett

Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe President



Donau Dancers

Anticipating & Appreciating

By the time this December Nachrichten Newsletter is read, everyone will be busy trying to reach their Christmas goals. Hopefully readers will be able to find joy and happiness in all the pre and post Christmas days. Christmas brings time to reflect on the most joyous Christmas we remember - as well as the saddest — and think about how this Christmas season will be the best we have ever created. The most memorable gifts are those of time shared with family and friends. Simple ideas may be a domino or chess game, baking, singing carols, dancing in the house, skating, skiing, tobogganing, building a snowman, colouring, sharing memories, swimming, watching family movies from years ago, preparing a meal with special folks you adore, reading out loud, writing a letter, donating to a fund that is dear to you, volunteering –alone or with loved ones, watch a parade, making Christmas crafts, shopping at our local Christkindl Markt, enjoying the Schwaben Christmas luncheon and seeing Santa dispense the bags of treats to children, decorating your home, swimming indoors while snow is falling, visiting a museum, theater, walking in the snow on a winter night - with your (grand)children, partner, parent, family member, and/or good friends. Unique opportunities are plentiful to co- create new memories and relive the old. It's time to be grateful and count all our blessings!

Donau Dancers have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas Luncheon with a play, and some folks participating with the Schwaben Choir. We look forward to gathering with family and friends on December 8, 2013 for a lovely "Weinachtsfeier".

Michael wrote a short summary of the production the group is involved in:

Christmas Play

The children are practicing for a Christmas play "Santa Claus meets the Christ Child" for a performance in the Schwaben Club on Sunday 8 Dec. The story is about Santa finding a boy sleeping in the stable and the friendship that develops as boy helps out during the Christmas season. The boy helps out further with a special present after Santa hurts his leg from a fall and is unable to walk. The story keeps everyone on the edge of their seats to see if Santa will be able to make his trip to all of the children at Christmas.

Monika Norlock is organizing the performance with help from the various dance groups. Various members from the dance groups are helping for specific roles and all dance groups will be incorporating some special joyous dances complimenting the play. Any resemblance of Schwaben Club members to the characters of Santa, Mary, Joseph, Lead Elf, Doctor, Elves and other participants is purely coincidental. You may find yourself smiling. The audience will surely enjoy this wonderful production filled

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**Friday
December 20, 2013**

Doors Open: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Show: 8:00 pm

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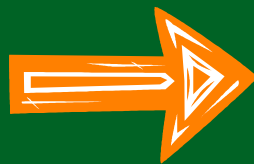
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with the enlightened emotions of the Holiday Season.

The group will join in to celebrate with The Golden Keys on their 24th Anniversary and CD Release on Dec. 14th, at our club. This talented, award winning band brings so much fun and passion to all events. We congratulate them on this milestone and wish them many more years of success! Sincere thanks for creating wonderful evenings that have designed memories during Oktoberfest, club events, or entertaining for private functions!

On December 20th –we will be entertained by the singing celebrities at the German Christmas Show at our club. This is always a lively evening!

After Christmas we will be dancing into 2014 at the club's New Year's Eve Party! Please join us in these wonderful events!

May your home be filled with all the joy that Christmas brings.

Merry Christmas and all the Best in the New Year!

Anneliese Kraehling, Michael Heitmann
Donau Dancers



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2014 Membership

Membership renewals are now available and can be paid at present December's members meeting OR at the Club office Monday to Friday between 9 and 5pm.

NOTE: Due to new Quarterly Members meetings in 2014 with the 1st one on March 5th, memberships before March will have to be paid at the Club Office during office hours.

Since quarterly meetings are new in 2014 for everyone, memberships not paid yet after February, can still be paid at March 5th members meeting.

Late fees of \$5.00 will apply after March 31st, 2014.

Membership prices remain the same for 2014.

Famly - \$75 Single - \$ 45
Seniors \$37.50 Student -\$22.50

Our Club has the lowest club membership rates! So over the holidays, encourage your friends and family members to join our club where there is alot to look forward to next year!

With your paid membership you will receive your new signed 2014 membership card.

Thank you to those who have paid your membership early.

To all of families and friends.....

Ich wuensche euch allen **Frohe Weihnachten und Ein Gutes Neues Jahr!**

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Membership & Sick Benefits Finance Secretary

Kameradschaftsabend

Saturday,
January 11,
2014

presented by the
Concordia Club

Cost: \$30

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Frauengruppe Gründungsfest



Der Ehemann ruft seiner Frau zu:
 "Schatz, wie weit bist du mit der Weihnachtsgans?"
 Ruft sie aus der Küche zurück:
 "Mit dem Rupfen bin ich fertig,
 "jetzt muß ich sie nur noch schlachten

Treffen sich 2 Blondinen, sagt die eine: "Dieses Jahr ist Weihnachten an einem Freitag!" Sagt die andere: "Hoffentlich nicht an einem 13ten!"

Volkstrauertag



Scarlett Learns to Polka



Golden Keys



24th Anniversary & C.D. Release Celebration

Saturday, December 14, 2013

Evening includes a show program, crowd participation songs, and other surprises!
Everyone young and old are invited to enjoy the evening.

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Doors open at 7:00pm

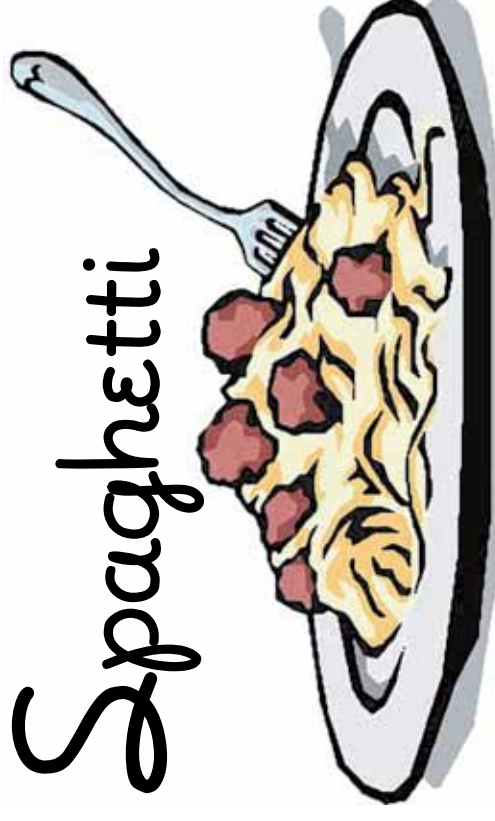
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at 7:30pm

Program begins at 8:00pm

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The Schwaben Club Kindergruppe & Jugendgruppe
present their 4th annual

Spaghetti



Dinner

Silent Auction
starts at 4:30pm
Ticket Includes:
Dinner & Dessert

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Doors open: 4:30pm

Dinner: 5pm

Tickets: \$12 each

Kitchener Schwaben Club

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All Hail the Frauengruppe!

Every year, the Schwaben Club has the honour of celebrating the anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary (Frauengruppe). It is a chance for everyone to acknowledge all the hard work the ladies contribute to the Club year round. And this celebration was a wonderful evening, befitting one of the most enduring groups of our Club.

The evening began with a short welcome from the Frauengruppe and grace by our own Miss Schwaben, Ericha Schiketantz. Then it was straight to the food – and it was delicious. The meal started with Caesar salad, always a favourite. The entrée was even better. It included specially seasoned Chicken Schnitzel, moist Pork Loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans Almondine. It was impossible not to eat your fill with all that amazing food sitting in front of you. Dessert was the always popular Raspberry torte. It was a very delicious meal.

After dinner, there were some speeches from both the President of the Frauengruppe Susan

Cook, and the President of the Club George Kraehling. The performances then started up. First up, the Kindergruppe. They danced up a storm, looking ridiculously cute as always. The Jugendgruppe was next, and they energized the crowd with their dancing. With the Jugendgruppe finished, it was time to strike up the band. The Golden Keys were ready to go, and their energetic music helped everyone dance their dinner away.

The final two performances, during the band breaks, were from the Schwaben Dancers and the Donau Dancers. The Schwaben Dancers were exciting as ever. It was quite evident though, that the women were beginning to really out-number the men, with a few all-girl couples. The Donau Dancers performed a few classics, which helped carry the importance of the evening through till the end. Then it was back to the Golden Keys to dance away the evening.

Overall, it was a beautiful celebration, full of great food, exciting performances, and important recognition. It was exactly what you'd expect

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for an evening celebrating our Frauengruppe. There is no way to thank them sufficiently for everything that they do around the Club. I hope this one night a year is a good start.

Peter Speckner
Cultural Director



Members' Meeting Dates 2014

March 5	7pm
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.



Good luck to
Michael Adam
as he embarks on his new job
and move to Edmonton.

Best Wishes at the
Schwaben Keller Bar
Friday, January 10, 2014
7 p.m.

Thanks.....Jo-Anne & Ellen

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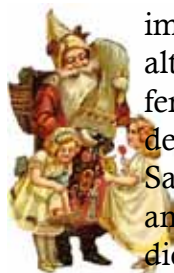
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Der Erfinder des Weihnachtsmannes

von Simon Akstinat

Landau/New York (IMH) - Der deutsche Karikaturist Thomas Nast hat in den USA den Santa Claus, die heute bekannte Figur des Weihnachtsmanns, erfunden. Nasts Vorstellungen vom Weihnachtsmann gehen auf den pfälzischen „Belznickel“ (Pelzen-Nikolaus) zurück, den er noch aus Kindheitstagen kannte. Während seines Engagements für die Unionisten im Bürgerkrieg begann er mit Darstellungen eines alten Mannes, der vom Schlitten herab die tapferen Soldaten beschenkt. Später wurde daraus der Pfeife rauchende, gemütliche und fidele alte Santa Claus. Solche Geschichten malte Nast bis an sein Lebensende, doch erst 1931 wurde nach dieser Vorlage im Zuge einer Werbekampagne der Coca-Cola Company der heute bekannte Weihnachtsmann gezeichnet.

Von Thomas Nast stammen auch die politischen Symbolfiguren „Esel“ und „Elefant“ der beiden US-Parteien Demokraten und Republikaner.

Außerdem schuf er den „Uncle Sam“, den jeder von dem Plakat „I want you for US-Army“ kennt. Thomas Nast kam 1840 in einer Kaserne in Landau in Rheinland-Pfalz zur Welt. Er war der Sohn eines Musikers in der Kapelle des 9. bayerischen Regiments. Seine Mutter wanderte mit ihm 1846 nach New York aus, um den ärmlichen Verhältnissen in der Heimat zu entfliehen. Dort studierte er etwa ein Jahr lang Kunst bei Theodor Kaufmann und an der National Academy of Design. Nach dem Studium begann er mit 15 Jahren als Zeichner für Frank Leslie's „Illustrated Newspaper“ zu arbeiten, drei Jahre später auch für „Harper's Weekly“. Seine erste ernsthafte Karikatur war der Cartoon „Peace in 1862“, der gegen diejenigen aus dem Norden gerichtet war, die gegen die Fortsetzung des amerikanischen Bürgerkriegs protestierten. US-Präsident Theodore Roosevelt sandte ihn 1902 als Generalkonsul nach Guayaquil in Ecuador. Während einer tödlichen Gelbfieberepidemie blieb Nast standhaft und half bei zahlreichen diplomatischen Missionen und Geschäften, bis er sich

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Research links personal and public histories of German-Canadians

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Researchers at the University of Waterloo would like to talk to members of the German-Canadian community for a book and archive project that will both document and reveal the connections between personal life stories and public history.

"We would like to gain a better understanding of the history of the whole community, people's experiences, and their connections to all things German, both past and present," said Professor Mat Schulze, director of the Waterloo Centre for German Studies (WCGS) and the project co-ordinator. "The significance of individual experiences and achievements within the context of a whole community will be highlighted."

The project is looking for people who would like to be interviewed about their years in German-speaking Europe, their arrival in Canada during the 1950s, 1960s or later, and their lives in Waterloo Region. Participants can be German immigrants or their family members, such as first-generation Canadians, who would speak with a researcher in German or English for about an hour.

Marga Weigel, the president of the German-Canadian Education Fund, approached the WCGS with the idea of producing a book that will tell the stories of German immigrants to this area. Helene Schramek and Ernst Friedel, community representatives on the WCGS Advisory Board, are also helping with this ambitious project. All three are in the first group of people who are participating in the interviews.

"The book will be of relevance not only to the local community, but also to a broader audience," said Professor Schulze. "It will represent development of the German-Canadian community in an historical context by creating an in-depth account of personal experiences, as opposed to studies that highlight only individuals or solely focus on collecting quantitative data."

To learn more about this project or to register as a participant, please contact the WCGS at wcs@uwaterloo.ca or phone Professor Mat Schulze at 519-888-4567, ext. 36627.



schließlich selbst infizierte und 1902 im Alter von 62 Jahren starb. Sein Leichnam wurde in die USA überführt und auf dem Woodlawn Cemetery in Bronx/New York bestattet. Bis heute wird

Thomas Nast aus der Pfalz als Vater des amerikanischen politischen Cartoons angesehen.

Quelle: Buch "Made in Germany", Herder-Verlag



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