



Victoria Edelweiss Club

German Canadian Cultural Society

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BOOK YOUR CALENDARS!
Check the calendar insert, ads and articles for more information, dates and times of our regular (monthly) events

Accordion Club: First Sunday of the month (beginning at 11:30); and practices throughout the month. Check calendar for details. New members welcome!

Conversational German: Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (intermediate) and 8:00 p.m. (beginners) - Games Room. Contact John Fear 250-386-7282.

Dance Group: Every Monday 6:30 p.m., Main Hall—New dancers welcome!

German Games Night—ON HIATUS UNTIL NOVEMBER—Check calendar. Upper Bar. New players welcome!

German Movie Afternoon: 4th Sunday of every month, 2:00 pm Upper Bar, everyone welcome.

Harmony Choir Practice: Every Thursday 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Choir Loft. Contact Jetti Toszczak 250-598-8661. New singers welcome!

Literature Circle – Second Tuesday of every month 2:00 p.m. Upper Bar. New members welcome.

Schnitzel Night: First Thursday of every month, **October 6, 2011** Check ad for more information and to make reservations **by the Sunday prior**.
Reserve: Mona Jane: 250-380-9158

Skat: Every Thursday 7:00 p.m. in the Games Room. New Players welcome!

What's Going On This Month?

Did someone mention that it was OKTOBER!???

Well, what else can we do then than celebrate Oktoberfest! Join us for our 41st annual Oktoberfest Celebrations—and enjoy music, good food, and a performance by our Edelweiss Dancers.

Check www.victoriaedelweiss.ca for more information about our upcoming events:

Oktoberfest Family Day—hosted by the Victoria Accordion Club

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
\$5.00 per person. This child-friendly event includes activities and lunch

And for adults:

Oktoberfest Dance and Buffet Dinner with music by Ron Sera

Saturday, October 1: Dinner Service at 6:30 PM. \$45.00 per couple for members, \$48.00 per couple for guests; \$25 Singles

Oktoberfest with the Tonemeisters

Saturday, October 15: \$13.00 for members, \$18.00 for guests. Food is extra.

Oktoberfest with the Rheinländer Band

Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22
\$23.00 for members, \$28.00 for guests. Food is extra.

Oktoberfest with S-Bahn Music

Friday, October 28: \$23.00 for members, \$28.00 for guests. Food is extra. **Saturday, October 29 is SOLD OUT!**

But this month is not only about Oktoberfest!!

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FACEBOOK:

- German Canadian Cultural Society of Victoria
- Edelweiss Dancers

MEETUP: The Victoria German Language Meetup Group

WEB: www.victoriaedelweiss.ca

Our very own **Harmony Choir** will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** with a concert on Sunday, October 16th, at 2 p.m.

The Concordia Choir from the Vancouver Alpenclub are special guests.

Tickets are \$10 for members, \$13 for guests.

Reserve your tickets today with Jetti Toszczak: 250-598-8661.

SCHNITZEL ESSEN

(Schnitzel Night)

**1st Thursday of
Every Month**

October 6, 2011

COST: \$14.00

(includes 12% HST)

**Dessert & Coffee/Tea is Free
with Membership**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY
THE SUNDAY BEFORE**

**Mona Jane
250-380-9158**

Please call after 6:00 p.m. **by the
Sunday before** & leave message

Victoria Edelweiss Harmony Choir — Jetti Tosczak

Choir Practices started on September 8th at 7 p.m. New singers are welcome.

The coming Fall season will be an extraordinary one. Our choir will celebrate its 50th. Anniversary with a concert on Sunday, October 16th, at 2 p.m. In honour of the occasion, the Concordia Choir from the Vancouver Alpenclub will join us in concert. We hope many club members and friends will join us also. Tickets are \$10 for members, \$13 for guests. Reservations with Jetti 250-598-8661.

More excitement awaits us when our choir goes to Vancouver on November 5th, to perform at a concert given by the Lyra Men's Choir at the Alpenclub. As the saying goes, "It never rains but it pours!"

Looking forward to these enjoyable events,

Am 8. September fangen unsere Singstunden wieder an. Neue Saenger sind willkommen!

Unser Herbstprogramm ist diesmal etwas aussergewoehnlich, denn das Konzert am 16. Oktober, 2 p.m. ist zugleich unser 50. Jubilaem! Zur Ehre des

Tages kommt der Concordia Chor aus Vancouver, und wird im Programm mitwirken. Wir freuen uns auf diese Feier und hoffen viele Klubmitglieder und Freunde werden auch mitmachen. Eintritt \$10 fuer Mitglied, \$13 fuer Gast. Bestellung bei Jetti 250-598-8661.

Gleich drei Wochen spaeter, den 5. November, ist unser Chor zu Gast bei dem Lyra Konzert im Vancouver Alpenclub. Auch diesem Ereignis sehen wir mit Freude entgegen.

Mit freundlichen Gruessen,

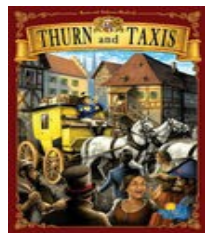
In Memoriam - Hertha Pitsch The sad news has reached us that Hertha Pitsch passed away peacefully in the Calgary Foothills Hospital on August 1. Hertha had been a faithful choir and club member until a few years ago, when health problems interfered. She had a sunny disposition and was well liked by all who knew her. She has also published an interesting book, "Travels of a Lifetime." We mourn along with her family members, most of whom live in Calgary.

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**German Games Night!
On Hiatus until
November**

**We wish Michael
Poplawski
safe travels to and within
Germany!**

**Did you know our members are from all
over the world? German, Austrian, Dutch,
Swiss, English, Irish, Polish, Croatian, Scot-
tish, Canadian, Indian, South African, Medi-
terranean; Ukrainian...and many more!
We're thrilled to be able to celebrate such
cultural diversity within the German Cana-
dian Cultural Society of Victoria.**

Recipe of the Month: Chicken Corn Chowder and Zucchini Bread (hubpages.com)

There's nothing like a little comfort fall harvest food to take the chill out of the cooler weather!

Chicken Corn Chowder

- 4 slices bacon, finely chopped
- 1 ½ cups diced chicken, pre-cooked
- 1 lb. potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 medium onion, peeled and diced
- 2 ½ cups chicken broth
- 2 cups whole kernel corn
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper, to taste

In a small skillet, cook the bacon until crisp. Remove it from heat and place the bacon on paper towels in order to

allow it to drain. Place one tablespoon of the bacon grease into a large pot, adding the potatoes and onions to the pot and sautéing over medium heat for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden.

Add the chicken broth and bring it to a boil. Reduce the heat, allowing the broth and vegetable mixture to simmer for 10-15 minutes. Add the chicken, bacon, corn, milk, and cream to the broth, stirring frequently while allowing it to simmer for an additional 10-15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, and serve hot.

Zucchini Bread

- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups chopped zucchini
- 1 cup chopped walnutsP

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees, then grease and flour 2 standard sized loaf pans. With a wire whisk, mix your olive oil, eggs, and sugar.

When well mixed, begin adding the cinnamon, vanilla, allspice, baking powder, and baking soda. Mix well, and then begin folding in the flour and zucchini. Add the chopped walnuts, then bake for 1 hour. Serve warm for best flavour.

Die Buchecke — Helga Traylen

Liebe Leserinnen und Leser!

Des Wortes Gewalt.

Im Wort ruht Gewalt
wie im Ei die Gestalt,
wie das Brot im Korn
wie der Klang im Horn
wie das Erz im Stein
wie der Rausch im Wein
wie das Leben im Blut
in der Wolke die Flut---
wie der Tod im Gift
und im Pfeil der Trift,
Mensch! Gib acht
eh du es sprichst
dass du am Worte nicht zerbrichst!

Anon.

Zum freundlichen Empfehlen waeren:
" Bild der Jahrhunderte", von Otto Zierer. Die folgenden
Baende fangen um 100 BC an und wandern in angenehmer
und unterhaltsamer Weise durch die Europaeische Geschichte
und Laender.

Romane, Reise-Tatsachen Berichte, Biographien, Krimis,
Wissenschaft, Musik-Literatur, Politik usw. -- alles
erhaeltlich in der Edelweiss Bibliothek.

Oeffnungszeiten der Bibliothek: Jeden Donnerstagabend
Literaturkreis,-Filmnachmittage. Es gruesst herzlichst, Helga.

Our sincere condolences to the families and
friends of Ewald Schroter, Fred Soltzer and
Hertha Pitsch—all long-time members of the Vic-
toria Edelweiss Club—who passed away in re-
cent months. They were active members of our
non-profit society, and they will be missed.

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Victoria Accordion Club (June Jackson and Ron Sera)

Oh my, what a busy
summer it's been for
the Victoria Accordion
Club. We had a great
time at the Victoria
Accordion Festival,
the Victoria Edelweiss



Annual Picnic, and Glendale
Gardens, as well as some other
events this summer. Our own
Gypsy Belles played several
events over the summer, enter-
taining the crowds at the annual
Chemainus Accordion Festival
too!

Join us on October 1st for our
first annual "Family Polka" -
family friendly events from 10-
2 pm, including the Schnickle-
fritz Accordion School—fun
and learning for all ages.



And our own Ron Sera
will provide the enter-
tainment for an evening
of food and dance—
October 1st, 6:30 pm
dinner/8 pm Dance.
See the Oktoberfest
Events page for more
information.

All proceeds for this date goes to support the great music
of the Victoria Accordion Club!



L-R, Front: Angela Williams, Carol Briante, Doreen Iseli, Gail Nash, Carol
Jones, Sadguna Hass, Back: Ron Sera, Sam Iseli, Ross Rygh, John Fear

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Wir blicken mit einem Freudegefühl zurück auf ein absolut gelungenes Literaturkreis-Sommerfest, das am 26. Juli auf Mount Matheson in East Sooke bei unseren so liebevoll fürsorglichen Gastgebern, Dagmar und Norbert Kless, stattfand, und denen wir ein riesiges Dankeschön aussprechen möchten. Alle Teilnehmer erfreuten sich bei schönstem Sonnenschein an der herrlichen Aussicht aufs Wasser, auf Victoria und den majestätischen Mount Baker. Die mitgebrachten Speisen und Leckereien sorgten in ihrer Vielfältigkeit für das leibliche Wohl, und das Gemüt wurde gespeist mit besinnlichen und heiteren Versen und kurzen Geschichten.

Unser Septembertreffen stand unter einem ganz besonderen Stern: wir feierten das 30jährige Bestehen des Literaturkreises, der am 29. September 1981 von den Familien Schuster, Schuldes, von Kaldenberg und Kegel als "Kreis der Freunde Deutscher Literatur" ins Leben gerufen und von Herrn Gustav Schuster bis zu seinem Tode im Jahre 1998 geführt wurde. 19 Personen nahmen an unserer Feier teil, wovon 11 schon Mitglieder unter Herrn Schusters Leitung waren. Seit September 2002 sind wir dem Victoria Edelweiss Club als Untergruppe angeschlossen und fühlen uns in der gemütlichen Hubertus Klause (Upper Bar) sehr wohl.

Unser **OKTOBERTREFFEN** findet **NICHT** am 2. Dienstag des Monats (11. Oktober, Tag nach Erntedank), sondern erst am **3. Dienstag, dem 18. Oktober 2011, 14:00 Uhr**, statt. Bitte, schreiben Sie dieses neue Datum gleich in Ihren Kalender!

Wir werden uns den **ÖSTERREICHISCHEN DICHTERN** widmen; natürlich nur einigen wenigen, denn die Auswahl ist riesengroß. Wir werden ihr Leben und Wirken kennenlernen, aus ihren Werken lesen und den Inhalt diskutieren. Eventuell streifen wir die folgenden: Ferdinand

Raimund, Johann Nepomuk Nestroy, Adalbert Stifter, Franz Grillparzer, Peter Rosegger; Karl Heinrich Waggerl, Ingeborg Bachmann, Peter Handke, Elfriede Jelinek, usw.. Ein Gemeinschaftsunternehmen, geleitet von Elfie Kirste.

Wir laden alle Clubmitglieder österreichischer Abstammung allerherzlichst zu diesem Nachmittag ein, entweder zum Zuhören oder Mitmachen. Ganz bestimmt wird unser Programm dadurch bereichert.

Auszug aus "Der Österreicher" von Karl Heinz Waggerl (1897 - 1973)

Dieses ständige Schwanken, diese Scheu vor endgültigen Entschlüssen, überhaupt vor allem, was scharfe Konturen hat, das bringt den Österreicher in den Ruf, unzuverlässig zu sein. Freilich trägt ihm seine Schwäche auch wieder den Nutzen ein, dass er eigentlich nirgends in der Welt Feinde hat. Denn überall verzeiht man dem Nächsten lieber seine Fehler als seine Vorzüge. In Wahrheit ist der Österreicher gar nicht so unsicher, er ist nur vorsichtig. Das Schicksal hat ihn an Gefahr gewöhnt, immer mußte er und muß heute noch vieles gegeneinander abwägen. Die Natur selber ist nirgends genau, wie sollte es der Mensch in seinen Entschlüssen sein können! So wurde der Österreicher zum Meister der Improvisation, der Kunst, sich mit dem jeweils Gegebenen einzurichten. Dazu braucht er nun Zeit, oder er gebraucht sie, indem er sie an sich selber wirken läßt. Nichts haßt der Österreicher so sehr wie Hast, wie überstürztes Handeln. Das rechnet man ihm wiederum als Faulheit an. Aber vielleicht macht er sich nur die einfache Erfahrung zunutze, daß es im Grunde einerlei ist, ob man selber läuft oder die Dinge laufen läßt -- eine Tatsache, die ja vor kurzem auch von der Wissenschaft entdeckt wurde. Oft werde ich auf Reisen von atemlosen Leuten gefragt, wie es denn bei mir daheim mit der Arbeit stünde, mit dem Vorankommen, dem Wiederaufbau. Ich sage dann gern, wir seien noch mit den Schäden aus dem Türkenkrieg beschäftigt, mit den neuen hätten wir uns bisher gar nicht befassen können.

Unerschöpflich ist die Geduld, mit der der Österreicher seine eigenen Schwächen erträgt. Er betrachtet eben

das Dasein als ein Gefüge, das sich mit Sinn und Widersinn im Gleichgewicht hält. Wahrscheinlich hat er wohl auch im jahrhundertelangen Umgang mit seinen östlichen Nachbarn etwas vom Fatalismus des Orientalen ins Blut bekommen, zudem aber liebt er es, das nüchterne Materielle zu vermenschlichen, zu be-seelen. Als ich unlängst einmal auf einer kleinen Station den Vorstand fragte, wann denn endlich dieser Zug zu erwarten sei, da sagte der Mann mit einem versonnenen Blick auf die Uhr: "Ja, so um drei kommt er gern!"

Der Österreicher liebt ja sein Land, in-brünstig sogar, obwohl er ständig nörgelt und um so weniger Gutes gelten läßt, je wohler er sich fühlt. Aber freilich wäre er arg gekränkt, wenn ihm etwa ein Auswärtiger dabei recht geben wollte.

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Merkwürdig genug, daß es dieses Völkchen überhaupt noch gibt, nachdem es doch von jeher und bei jeder Auseinandersetzung auf der Seite des Verlierenden stand. Aber vielleicht läßt das harte Gesetz vom Überleben des Tüchtigsten eben doch Ausnahmen zu, oder es wiegen auf der Waage Gottes die Güter des Herzens nicht um so viel weniger als die des Verstandes.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, October 18, 2:00 pm Upper Bar.** Anyone with an Austrian background is most welcome to join us!

MEMBERSHIP— JOIN TODAY

Membership includes reduced rates to events; free coffee/cake at Schnitzel night; and of course, this great bi-monthly newsletter!

If you wish to receive future issues of Das Echo by e-mail, please make sure you include your e-mail address along with your payment. Please pay by cash or by cheque made out to Victoria Edelweiss Club.

Annual Dues —12% HST Included:

Adult (19-64)	\$53.00
Senior (65+)	\$44.00
Youth (<19)	\$21.50
Family	\$96.00

(2 adults/couple + dependent children < age 19)

For more information, please contact Angela Williams at aiwillia@shaw.ca or by phone at 778-440-1105



October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p>Family Oktoberfest 10am –2 pm</p> <p>Oktoberfest Dinner Dance with Ron Sera Doors open at 6:00 PM Dinner served at 6:30 Dancing starts at 8:00 PM</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Hall Rental AM Vic Accordion Club Games Room 11:30 practice; Mtg @ 2:00 Upper Bar</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Rental 6:30 pm Upper Bar</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Convers. German 7 pm Games Rm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>SCHNITZELABEND 5:30 Main Hall Harmony Choir 7 pm Choir Loft Skat 7 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Swing City 7 pm Main Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Hall Rental Tentative: Graduation Fair</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Hall Rental AM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Church Rental 6:30 pm Upper Bar</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Convers. German 7 pm Games Rm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Harmony Choir 7 pm Choir Loft Skat 7 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Swing City 7 pm Main Hall</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Oktoberfest Dance with Tonemeisters Doors open at 5:30PM Kitchen opens at 6:00 PM Dancing starts 8:00 PM</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Harmony Choir 50th Anniversary Concert 2 PM Main Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Vic Accordion Club Games Room 6:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Literaturkreis 2 pm Upper Bar</p> <p>Church Rental 6:30 pm Upper Bar</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Convers. German 7 pm Games Rm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Harmony Choir 7 pm Choir Loft Skat 7 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Oktoberfest Dance with The Rheinlanders Doors open at 5:30 PM Kitchen opens at 6:00 PM Dancing starts 8:00 PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Oktoberfest Dance with The Rheinlanders Doors open at 5:30PM Kitchen opens at 6:00 PM Dancing starts 8:00 PM</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Hall Rental AM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>BOARD MEETING Upper Bar 7 PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Harmony Choir 7 pm Choir Loft</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Oktoberfest Dance with SBAHN Doors open at 5:30 PM Kitchen opens at 6:00 PM Dancing starts 8:00 PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Oktoberfest Dance with SBAHN Doors open at 5:30 PM Kitchen opens at 6:00 PM Dancing starts 8:00 PM</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Hall Rental AM</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Halloween!</p>					

Wordsearch — Fall Frenzy—Puzzle Time!

Congratulations to last edition's winner—Carol Jones. Carol wins 4 lovely beer mugs just in time for Oktoberfest.

This month's puzzle is a fall-focused word-search! What's on the line this time? How's about a lovely Edelweiss carrybag? To win, complete the wordsearch and submit it by the deadline. Contest is open to Members only. The member with the most correct answers will win the prize. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected randomly from among the tied submissions. Submissions are due by October 24th so we can announce the winner in the next Edition of Das Echo. They can be scanned/ e-mailed to aiwillia@shaw.ca (use subject line: Das Echo Oktoberfest Crossword Contest); or can be mailed or dropped off at the club at your next visit. Answers and the name of the winner will be published in the next issue of Das Echo. Good luck!

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- TURKEY
- STUFFING
- HARVEST
- AUTUMN
- WEATHER
- COOL
- WHEAT
- FLOUR
- POTATOES
- VEGETABLES
- DELICIOUS
- THANKSGIVING
- OKTOBERFEST
- DANCING
- POLKA
- FAMILY
- FRIENDS

Answers to last month's puzzle:

- Across:**
1. What sauerkraut is made from CABBAGE
 5. The band will play notes and make MUSIC
 6. You can't have Oktoberfest without one of these peo-ple pouring your beer BARTENDER
 9. This amusement ride goes round and round FERRIS WHEEL
 - 11 a girl's traditional dress—in German DIRNDL
 - 14 (two words) eins, zwei, drei, zuffa! (do they really say that before they chug back a beer? PROSIT or ATOAST
 - 16 spell — bun in German —don't forget to substitute the right letters for the umlaut! BROETCHEN
 - 17 a state in Germany which hosts Oktoberfest BAVARIA
- Down:**
- 2 an instrument with bellows ACCORDION (of course!)
 - 3 the Oktoberfest city! MUNICH
 - 4 a favourite at Oktoberfest, this bread is twisted! PRETZEL
 - 6 German sausage BRATWURST
 - 7 This amusement ride goes up and down—really fast! ROLLERCOASTER
 - 8 Beer glass—in German BIERSTEIN
 - 10 a boy's traditional pants—in German LEDERHOSEN
 - 12 dance faster, dance faster! POLKA
 - 13 Moving your feet, to a beat! DANCING
 - 15 what you'll have at Oktoberfest! FUN
 - 16 Made from hops BEER



The Last Word: Musings from the Upper Bar - Angela Williams

Wow! What a busy summer this was! In early July, we had a work bee to clean up our kiosk. It got a new paint job (inside and out), new awnings, and a complete rearranging of everything inside. We wanted it to look fresh and tidy when it went out to Saanich Fair in September. My thanks to everyone who helped make it look great—our little “home away from home” is now something to be proud of again!



Later in July, I was able to participate in my first Victoria International Accordion Festival as a new member of the Victoria Accordion Club Band. What fun we had—at the opening concert we certainly got the crowd hopping! It was a great festival and I look forward to next year.



Shortly after that, we had our annual club picnic in August. This year, the Victoria Accordion Club, who are all members of the Edelweiss (just like the Harmony Choir and the Edelweiss Dancers) attended the picnic too. We happily played our accordions for a few hours, and were even joined by Tony Zuber on trombone! In between eating and socializing, so many members told me afterward how much they enjoyed the afternoon with all the music and camaraderie. Next year—come on out—this is one of the member benefits! The picnic lunch is free, there is great company, and music to boot!

Then a few weeks later....preparations begin for Saanich Fair and Beerfest. These are two events that we rely on our great volunteers to support because these are two of our major fundraisers for the year. From our awesome setup/takedown teams, to all the volunteers who cook and serve hundreds of bratwurst and European wieners, and pots and pots of sauerkraut—we couldn't do it without you and we thank you so much for your participation and commitment. This year, we have set aside 2 Oktoberfest tickets for each volunteer for these two events, our July work bee and last years Christmas Fair - as a thank you for your help. Call Mona at 250-380-9158 o let her know which Oktoberfest you want to use



them for—October 15, 21 or 22. Lineups occurred at both Saanich Fair and Beerfest—which shows how popular our booths are!



We're still calculating the “net” for both events, but we know that they were both very successful. We hope to have a final number to present to you at the next Member's Meeting on September 26th at 7 PM in the Upper Bar. We hope to see you there.

We'll also give you an update on the status of some of the work that has been underway at the club. It's starting to look more spruced up, thanks to the efforts of our caretakers Trish and Devon, whose job it is to take care of our facility. New floors were laid this summer in the entranceway, main hall bar and upper washrooms; the carpets have been cleaned, some painting is underway, and the parking lot has received a nice makeover.



We have a major roof replacement in the works—the entire roof needs to be done, and as a result we will have to put on a new fire escape to meet the current building code. We have selected Parker Johnston to do the roof after receiving 3 bids from local roofing professionals, and we are working with a local architect to design a new fire escape to code. When that is done, we'll be able to get started on the work—to be completed hopefully before the monsoons start! We are hoping to be able to complete this work with the funds at hand in our term deposits, however, we are prepared to take out a small loan if necessary. We are looking forward to having a nice dry facility for many years to come.

And last but not least, I want to thank my board colleagues for all their efforts over the last three months. You are indeed a great team to work with. I am thrilled to advise that Gloria Kopplin (daughter of Horst Kopplin, a founding member) has agreed to join the Board as Secretary; and Lothar Christians will take over the role of Hausmeister. We look forward to seeing you during our annual Oktoberfest Season, and at all the events that are still to come. On behalf of the Board, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, enjoy Oktoberfest, and don't forget to come out to the Choir's 50th Anniversary Concert. See you soon!

German Movie Afternoon: October 23, Upper Bar, 2 PM



This month's film is "Liebe wie am ersten Tag". Zu ihrem 45. Geburtstag schenkt Baulöwe Richard (Friedrich von Thun) seiner Frau Theresa (Vester) ein Collier - nur keine Zeit. Wie immer. Theresa packt und reist spontan nach Usedom. Sie kommt bei Wirtin Elisabeth (Nadja Tiller) unter und findet Trost beim geschiedenen Bootsbauer Sebastian (Peter Sattmann)...

For her 45th birthday, Theresa receives a necklace from her husband, but not his time. As always. So Theresa spontaneously packs and goes on a trip to Usedom, where she meets Elisabeth (Nadja Tiller) and finds solace with Sebastian (Peter Sattmann) a divorced boat builder...



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