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CONCORDIA IN OCTOBER 2025

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KLUB VORSCHAU/CLUB EVENTS

CONCORDIA IN OCTOBER 2025

1st	WHMIS & AODA Training - Main Hall at 7pm
4th	Dine & Dance with DJ Novak - Schenke
4th	Ginger Goat Festival - Tent
6th	WHMIS & AODA Training - Schenke at 7pm
8th	Security/Serving Staff Meeting - Main Hall at 7pm
9th	WHMIS & AODA Training - Main Hall at 7pm
10th-18th	Oktoberfest
19th-22nd	Club closed for clean up

CONCORDIA IN NOVEMBER 2025

1st	Stiftungsfest - Main Hall
8th	Dine & Dance with Edelweiss Trio - Schenke
15th	Narrenzunft 59th Season Opening Gala - Main Hall
28th-30th	Weihnachtsmarkt - Main Hall

SCHENKE HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	11:30AM - 10PM
Wednesday	11:30AM - 10PM
Thursday	11:30AM - 10PM
Friday	11:30AM - 10PM
Saturday	4PM - 10PM
Sunday	CLOSED

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Group Events

MONDAY

Halle	7:00- 8:30pm	Gemischter Chor – Mixed Choir
	8:30-9:30pm	Männerchor – Men's Choir
Jägerstube	6:30-7:30pm	Kinderchor – Children's Choir

TUESDAY

Halle	5:30-8:30pm	Kinder & Junior Garde, Senioren Garde – Children, Junior and Senior Guard
Schenke	6:30pm	Skat Gruppe
Victoria Bowl	6:30pm	Bowlers

WEDNESDAY

Halle	6:00-10:00pm	Enzian Group
Weinstube	2:00pm	Ladies Group (2nd Wed. of Month)
Weinstube	7:00pm	Tennisgruppe (2nd Wed. of Month)
Jägerstube	8:00-10:00pm	Narrenzunft

THURSDAY

Halle	7:00-9:00pm	Table Tennis Group
Jägerstube	7:00pm	Schach/Chess
Eisstock	7:00-10:00pm	Eisstock-Gruppe

FRIDAY

Jägerstube	8:00pm	Treffpunkt (2nd Fri. of Month)
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BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Das Zelt ist fertig aufgebaut und die Firma Advance Tents hat gute Arbeit geleistet.

Als ich diesen Bericht geschrieben habe, waren die Elektriker am arbeiten, um die Lichter zu installieren. Larry Peterson, Mike Matich und deren Helfer arbeiten am Innenausbau und Dekoration.

Ticket sind am Verkauf und ist besser, sodaß wir wieder die Zahl vor Corona erreichen!

Die Gruppen können ihre Buden aufstellen, um beim Oktoberfest mit ihren Spielen unsere Gäste willkommen heißen! Die Küche macht auch schon Vorbereitungen, wie Pig Tails, Rouladen, auch die beliebten Krautrollen, Bratwürste und Schnitzel! Wie immer haben wir Lieferanten aus der Region KW! Waterloo Brewing (Carlsberg) Bratwürste und Schnitzel von Fines Meats, Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte aus unserer Küche, von Alisa und Mike!

Helfen Sie mit, als freiwillige Helfer, bei den Gruppen, oder auch als Mitarbeiter im Concordia Klub! Oktoberfest "Thanksgiving" Day Parade wird wieder am Montag "13. Oktober sein und hoffentlich sind viele Mitglieder und Gruppen dabei! Die Zeit für den Start der Parade wurde auf 9:30 AM geändert und wir benötigen Helfer für die Parade! In KW Canada, sind wir der größte „Deutsche Klub“ und stolz unsere Herkunft, Kultur und Tradition zu zeigen!

„Pionier Day“ wird am Dienstag 14. Oktober 25 stattfinden. Zwei Ehrungen werden vorgenommen, Michael Kraus und Bingemans! Mehr Information erhalten Sie im Klubbüro oder Schaukasten am Eingang der Schenke!

Community Appreciation Night, der Vorstand hat beschlossen, daß etwas Country „Honky Tonk at the Conc“ an diesem Abend für Unterhaltung sorgt! auch „Mojo Cola“ wird für Unterhaltung sorgen, für „line dancers“ und mehr! Donation für Foodbank Waterloo Region sind am 15. Oktober 25 gegeben!

Ich danke allen Helfern, die das Klubgelände sauber halten! Es ist viel Arbeit, speziell in der Oktoberfest Woche! Alles soll sauber und gut aussehen, damit sich unsere Gäste auch wohlfühlen!

Die Farm war auch sehr beschäftigt, mit Vermietungen der Camp Plätze, Picknicks, Halloween Partys und auch das Gelände sauber zu halten!

Stiftungsfest am 1. November 25 ist für unsere Mitglieder wichtig, da Ehrungen vorgenommen werden und auch das Ehrenmitglied 2025 vorgestellt wird!

Volkstrauertag ist am 16. November 25, Woodland Friedhof, Anschließend Kaffee und Kuchen im Alpenklub, Gastgeber ist der Transylvania Klub!

Weihnachtsmarkt im Concordia Klub vom 28.-30. November 25 in der Halle! Siehe Klub Website für mehr Informationen!



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Janice und ich freuen uns auf die bevorstehenden Veranstaltungen!

Bis zum nächsten Wiedersehen,

Ihr Klubpräsident
Rob Kerr

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The tent is up and the management from Advance Tents had a great crew that made the assembly go very smooth. As I write this report the electricians from HVAC are installing the wiring, lights and fans. Larry Peterson, Mike Matich and their crew are now starting the interior assembly.

Ticket sales have been on par if not a little bit better than last year and we anticipate that we will have an attendance that will be get us back to the attendance numbers prior to Covid, which is better than last year's numbers. The groups are getting ready to welcome our guests to play their games and walk away with prizes and memories.

The kitchen has also been very busy preparing pig tails, rouladen and our famous cabbage rolls. The schnitzel and sausage orders have been calculated and placed with our suppliers to ensure that we have the freshest product to tempt our patron's palates.



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We will once again make sure that this community is taken care of. We will continue with our play on "LOCAL", which means that our beer will be from Waterloo Brewing (Carlsberg), our sausage and schnitzel from Finest Meats, our sauerkraut from St. Jacobs Produce and Black Forest cakes made by our very own Alisa and Mike.

Please plan to participate in the festival by being a patron, volunteering in a booth or by becoming an employee of the Club for the week. This is the major event for the Concordia Club and we must look to support our Club to continue our longevity in this community.

The Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day parade will once again grace Weber Street on Monday, October 13/25 and we need as many people to participate in this event as possible. The time for the start of the parade is the same as last year. It is starting at 9:30 instead of 8:30, which may help us get a few more volunteers who might not be early risers. Last year's participants were full of energy and it would be great to have more support and enthusiasm. We will need representatives of the groups, dance groups and the membership to show how much pride we have in our beloved club. The fact that we are the largest German club in the region means we must show not only the people of KW but also Canada how proud we are of our German culture, heritage and traditions.

During this week we will also host German Pioneers Day (on Tuesday, October 14/25) which has now become an annual event here at the Concordia Club. This year we will have 2 honourees, Michael Kraus and Bingemans. Please see the ad in this bulletin or the notification in the showcase for more details.

Due to the lack lustre attendance for the Concordia CAN (Community Appreciation Night), the board went back to the drawing board, and the Club will go a little bit Country. The event will be called Honky Tonk at the Conc and will feature Mojo Cola entertaining you and we will hopefully have some line dancers for some added entertainment. We will continue to give back to the community by giving a donation to the Foodbank of Waterloo Region. This will take place on Wednesday, October 15/25.

As autumn has arrived, I must thank all of the members who have helped keep our Concordia Club properties looking beautiful and lush for our members and guests to enjoy. You may think that your work goes unnoticed but believe me, we have heard many people comment on the upkeep of our property (especially controlling those pesky weeds).

The Farm has also been very busy with picnics, rentals of campsites to some baseball teams, Splash Jam 2025 and to wrap up the season our Halloween party. As the weather cools down so do the activities and many campers are starting to feel sad as the camping season is coming to an end. The septic system has been working well and the dumping station is getting regular use every weekend. The Farm has noticed a large influx of campers this year, we lost 3 but have

gained 16 or 17 during this camping season.

The big membership event for this year will be Stiftungsfest, which will be held in the main hall on Saturday, November 1/25, I ask that you the membership please come and show your support for this celebration as well as honour the many people that have given of themselves to help the Club survive and prosper for all of these years. This evening will be one to remember. Please contact the office to purchase tickets and reserve your table.

There are a few events that are scheduled for later in the fall/early winter. Volkstrauertag will once again be an open event on Nov. 16/25 with a ceremony at Woodland cemetery followed by a coffee and cake reception at the Alpine Club hosted by the Transylvania Club.

The Concordia Weihnachtsmarkt will be held here at the club from November 28th until the 30th, in the main hall and parking lot. We have a large variety of vendors that have already committed to our event. Please see the Club website for more specific details.

I thank all of you for your support and continued patronage of the Club and Farm. Janice and I are looking forward to speaking with you at one of the many upcoming events.

Until we meet again,
Your president,
Rob Kerr

MANAGERS REPORT

Oktoberfest is here...let the festivities begin!

The 3rd Annual Ginger Goat Fest takes place in our tent on Saturday, October 4th. Come check out the hot sauce vendors and taste some of the local brewers. Tickets are available at www.gingergoat.ca. Come check it out!



The Rotary Lunch will be held on opening Friday in the Hall to start off our festivities. We will be hosting three bus tours this year, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The IBEW lunch will be held on Thursday and Chamberfest will follow in the Hall. We have Brock Solutions on Thursday evening in the Schenke and RBC will be on the second Friday in the Schenke. Please remember to bring your membership card on either family day Sunday or Monday to gain free access for you and your family.

AODA & WHIMIS Training will be held on the below dates. All new staff members and volunteers require this training to be allowed to work for the festival.

Oct. 1 Main Hall Awareness AODA & WHIMIS training at 7:00pm

Oct. 6 Schenke Awareness AODA & WHIMIS training at 7:00pm

Oct. 9 Main Hall Awareness AODA & WHIMIS training at 7:00pm

The Schenke and office will be closed for Club Clean-up after Oktoberfest from October 19th to October 22nd.

Come on out and celebrate the Club's 152nd Anniversary and honour those who will be receiving their awards. Stiftungsfest will be held in the Hall on Saturday, November 1st. Tickets are available in the main office.

The Narrenzunft will be hosting their 59th Season Opening Gala on Saturday November 15th. Tickets will be available for purchase in the office starting October 23rd.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Happy Oktoberfesting!

Kim Veevers,
General Manager



OUTDOOR GROUP

The Halloween picnic on Saturday September 6th hosted jointly with the Campers Group had a huge turnout of roughly 80 kids for Trick or Treating in the afternoon and I counted about 120 people who enjoyed our Potluck supper. Much fun was had afterward with the Costume and Spooky Site judging with plenty of prizes given out. Thanks everyone for attending!

We're still struggling to fill some of the shifts for our booths at Oktoberfest - please contact Jesse Turner at 519-841-4905 if you're able to help in any way - this is our main fundraiser for the whole year, so it's imperative that we have the booths fully staffed for all the patrons who are literally standing in line to hand us money! Everything we make goes right back to ODG members in some way, shape or form = so please donate a few hours!

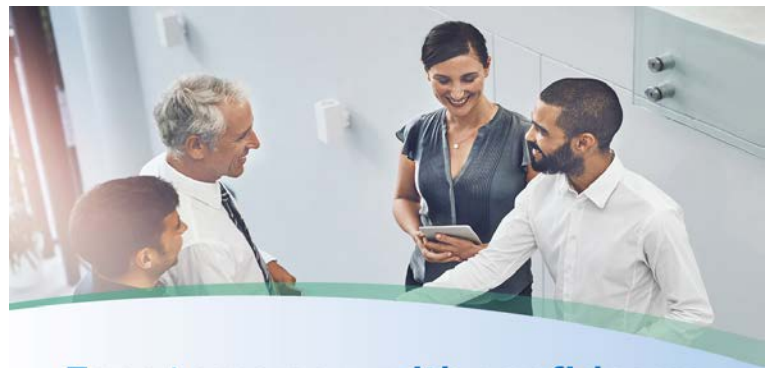
Mark your calendars for our ODG Christmas Party on Sunday November 23, 2025 more details will be available as we get closer to the date.

Mike Matich



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November 28th 4pm-8pm

November 29th 10am-8pm

November 30th 10am-4pm

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KG NARRENZUNFT CONCORDIA

Hello Concordia Family and friends,

We're gearing up for Oktoberfest! Stop by the pretzel booth for your hot plain or cheese & herb pretzels!

The Kinder, Junior and Senior Garde girls are excited to perform both Show and Garde dances Thanksgiving weekend Family Days: Sunday the 12th & Monday the 13th in the tent and hall. Cheer them on!!!

The Senior Garde will continue to raise money to attend and perform at the 2026 G.A.M.G.A Gala (German American Mardi Gras Association) It is held in Las Vegas every January. Through raffles, bottle drives and more, they are showing their determination to get there. The caliber of skill these dancers have match the other participants and we wish them well while representing Concordia Club and The Narrenzunft Concordia Group. Keep going ladies, your determination is inspiring.

59th Season Gala Opening November 15th We will be opening the Narrenzunft 59th Season with a Gala event on November 15th 2025. The evening will begin with dinner at 6pm followed by entertainment: performances by our Kinder, Junior, and Senior Garde and The Heinz Lindlau Band. This is a formal event not a costume party. That will be February 14, 2026!

Tickets are \$35/person and will be available in the office the Thursday after Oktoberfest.

A reminder will be sent in November's Nachrichten.

We hope to see you there!!

Until next month...
Alaaf und Helau

On behalf of the Narrenzunft Concordia Group
Secretary
Joan Trautrim



CONCORDIA CHOIR

"In München steht ein Hofbräuhaus" und in Kitchener steht Concordia! It's almost that time folks, as you're reading this we are in the final stages of preparation for the busiest 10 days of the year. Oktoberfest is upon us and once again the choir is operating both of our booths, the Wurfbude and the Baseball booth. Be sure to stop by and visit us at one or both of our booths, the funds we raise are a huge contributor to the success of our choirs.

In November we have several events on our schedule including Stiftungsfest on November 1, and Volkstrauertag at Woodland Cemetery on November 16. Also in November is the deadline for ordering from our annual Poinsettia Fundraiser. Orders can be placed anytime from now until November 12. Please see the attached poster for details.

And as the festive season approaches, we're thrilled to invite you to share in the magic of our annual Christmas concert, happening on December 7. It's a wonderful afternoon where music, community, and holiday spirit come together in harmony. Bring your friends and family to celebrate with us—whether you're coming to enjoy the performance or feel inspired to lend your voice, everyone is welcome. Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of joyous melodies and seasonal cheer! The Schenke will be open after the concert, with an even broader selection than last year, of menu items for purchase.

With many exciting events ahead, we welcome new or returning singers to join us. If you or someone you know enjoys singing and meeting new people, call the club office to learn how to attend a Monday night rehearsal and become a choir member.

Celebrating a birthday in October are the following singers: Lee Fritsch, Nancy Kessler, Elisabeth Rowsell, Ulli Ryzebol, Christine Schwegel, Heinz Boehnke, and Helmut Kruschat.

Yours in song,
Marissa Ptak

Herzlichen Glückwunsch



An unser Jubiläum feiernden Klub
Mitglieder im Jahr 2025



60 Jahre

Karin Aysslinger, Erika Koeckritz, Hilde Sigel, Anne Winge

50 Jahre

Walter and Maria Grupp, Reinhard Kohnke, Werner Kuehlenborg,
Henry and Ellen Laube, Herta Obel

40 Jahre

Laurie Beyerle, Cheryl Burrell, Elisabeth Krekel, Robert Nowak,
Kerstin Saur, Peter Schoepke, Harald Schwegel,
Joe and Veronika Wallner

25 Jahre

Marina Bayer, Beverley Ebner, Guenther and Heidi Haas,
Elaine Keller Griffin

10 Jahre

Heather and John R Albrecht, John B Albrecht, Richard Anton,
Randy Frohlich,
Natasha Kieswetter- Kuret, Brian Kratz, Steve Kuret,
Helmut and Lisa Weiss

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HABEN, FRAGEN SIE BITTE IM CONCORDIA KLUB BÜRO NACH,
AB DEM 4. NOVEMBER.

Congratulations



to our members on their
Membership Awards 2025



60-Year

Karin Aysslinger, Erika Koeckritz, Hilde Sigel, Anne Winge

50-Year

Walter and Maria Grupp, Reinhard Kohnke, Werner Kuehlenborg,
Henry and Ellen Laube, Herta Obel

40-Year

Laurie Beyerle, Cheryl Burrell, Elisabeth Krekel, Robert Nowak,
Kerstin Saur, Peter Schoepke, Harald Schwegel, Joe and Veronika Wallner

25-Year

Marina Bayer, Beverley Ebner, Guenther and Heidi Haas, Elaine Keller Griffin

10-Year

Heather and John R Albrecht, John B Albrecht, Richard Anton, Randy Frohlich,
Natasha Kieswetter- Kuret, Brian Kratz, Steve Kuret, Helmut and Lisa Weiss

Please contact the front desk after November 4th to collect your
membership award if you did not get it at Stiftungsfest.



CONCORDIA BOWLERS

Our new season is well underway and Oktoberfest is right around the corner. If you would like to volunteer in one of our Bowling Booths, please contact a committee member.

I would now like to take this opportunity to welcome our new bowlers: Rick & Cindy Ertel, Glenn & Lena Herold, Tim & Sheila Milani, Joanne & Larry Peterson, Barbara MacMullin and Steve Zimmer. We are so happy you could join us this year. We are also glad to have Beverley Gottvald bowling with us again. Our group now consists of 43 bowlers plus 12 social members.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2025-2026 BOWLING SEASON

October 10th-18th	Oktoberfest
December 9th	Turkey Roll
December 21st	Christmas Party (this is a Sunday - noon)
January 6th	Annual Meeting
February 10th	Fun Night
April 14th	Last Day of Bowling (33 weeks)
TBA (Canada Day Weekend)	Closing Picnic

Finally, best wishes go out to our bowlers who are celebrating a birthday this month.

October

- 11. Barbara McMullin
- 23. Linda Majunke
- 29. Amanda Kroger
- 30. Rick Ertel

*Happy belated birthday to Joanne Peterson who celebrated her special day on September 10th.

Wishing all of you a wonderful and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

"Give thanks not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of your life. Appreciate and never take for granted all that you have."



Until next time,
Zicky Zacky Zicky Zacky Heu Heu Heu....Prost!
Monica Kauck

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LADIES GROUP

I can't believe that Oktoberfest is just around the corner. Where has the time gone?

Some of the ladies went to the Butterfly Conservatory. It was wonderful to see all the beautiful butterflies as they fluttered all around showing off their brilliant colours.

This month's birthday ladies are Elisabeth Rowsell on the 1st of October and Gabi Flämrich on the 2nd of October. We wish both ladies a wonder birthday.

Pumpkin Gingerbread

Wonderfully flavorful and fragrant bread for the holidays.

Prep Time: approx. 15 Minutes.

Cook Time: approx. 45 Minutes.

Ready in: approx. 1 hour.

Makes 2 - 9x5 inch loaves (24 servings).

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Lightly grease two 9x5 inch loaf pans.
3. In a large mixing, combine sugar, oil and eggs; beat until smooth. Add water and beat until well blended. Stir in pumpkin, ginger, allspice and cinnamon.
4. In medium bowl, combine flour, soda, salt, and baking powder. Add dry ingredients to pumpkin mixture and blend just until all ingredients are mixed. Divide batter between prepared pans.
5. Bake in preheated oven until toothpick comes out clean, about 1 hour.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving Day and Happy Oktoberfesting!

Elisabeth Rowsell - Secretary



ENZIAN SCHUHPLATTLER

Oktoberfest Season begins!

Our busy season is here! Many Oktoberfest events to attend, perform at, and memories to be made!

Please catch us on the dance floor as we showcase old and new dances!

During Oktoberfest, we have our booth, The Hau den Lukas, and we are looking for volunteers to help run the booth while we are out on the dance floor. If interested, please reach out to one of us!

We will do a full recap of our Oktoberfest season in the next couple bulletins! Stay tuned!

An Enzian Performer



TREFFPUNKT

Summer is over and the leaves have turned colours. But I'm hesitating to put away my summer clothes for the fall attire. The cooler nights have easily changed my mind with the single digit temperature.

Treff had a good turn out for the club's last cruise night of the year. It was a beautiful night listening to music from Double impact and checking out 111 cars.

The cottage committee is very busy planning the 3 day weekend for 30 people September 19 to 21. Which will be at the Lakehurst Estate in Colburg, Ontario.

Oktoberfest committee is very busy verifying the dunk tank getting volunteers and dunkees. Hopefully there will be no water issues this year. If you know anyone willing to be a unkee or is looking for volunteer work, please don't hesitate to reach out to Dana Komer.

We are well on our way to reach our of 75 goal from last year for blood donations. Our Partners for Life number is CONC010846 if you'd like to participate.

We meet the second Friday of every month and usually have dinner together in the Schenke before our 7:30 p.m. meeting. Please free to join us.

Dana Komer and Cheryl Anne West



CONCORDIA CLUB
Seniors
Christmas Party
TUESDAY DECEMBER 2ND
MAIN HALL
Cocktails: 5:30pm
Dinner: 6:30pm
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**Join the Treffpunkt Group's
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team!**

If you are able, we hope you will join our team and help us reach our annual blood donation goal. But even more importantly, we hope you will join us to help save lives. Not able to donate? You can still help by spreading the word! Scan the QR code below or sign up at:
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**As a team, we can
save lives and inspire
our community**

To join the team:

- 1 Sign in or create an account by visiting **blood.ca** or downloading the **GoodBlood** app
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- 4 For any help booking or for more information, contact concordia@tmail.com

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