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**23. August 2017 - 7:30 pm - Halle
Halbjahresversammlung
Semi Annual Meeting**

**Next Patio Party and Cruise Night
is July 21**

CONCORDIA IN JULY / AUGUST 2017

Klub Vorschau/Club Events

Concordia in July

- 1st CANADA DAY – SCHENKE CLOSED
 1st Farm – Canada Day Fire Works
 8th Schenke DJ Novak
 15th Schenke TC Alpine Echos
 18th Patio Annual Pig Roast Party – 5:00p.m.
 21st Patio Summer Cruise Night starting at 6:00p.m.
 w. Live Entertainment starting at 8:00p.m. -
 Sandy McDonald
 22nd Schenke DJ Novak
 29th Schenke Edelweiss Duo

Concordia in August

- 5th Schenke DJ Novak
 7th CIVIC HOLIDAY – CLUB CLOSED
 12th Schenke DJ Novak
 19th Schenke Edelweiss Duo
 19th Farm Outdoor Group Fishing Derby and Fish Fry
 20th Farm Outdoor Group Corn Roast
 23rd Main Hall Semi-Annual Meeting at 7:30 pm
 25th Patio Summer Cruise Night at 6:00p.m.
 with live entertainment starting at 8:00p.m.
 The Shanigans
 26th Schenke TC Alpine Echos

Group Events

SUNDAY

Halle 2.00–5.00 Ballroom Dancing

MONDAY

Halle 7.00–8.30 Gemischter Chor
 8.30–10.00 Männerchor
 Jaegerstube 6.00–7.00 Kinderchor
 7.00–8.00 Jugendchor

TUESDAY

Halle 5.30–8.30 Kinder & Junior Garde, Senioren Garde
 Jaegerstube 8.00–10.00 Narrenzunft
 Schenke 7.30–10.00 Skat-Gruppe
 Beach Volleyball Evening from May to August

WEDNESDAY

Halle 6.00–10.00 Enzian Group
 Jaegerstube 2.30–5.30 Senioren Gruppe (1st Wed. of month)
 Jaegerstube 7.00 pm Ladies Group (1. Wednesday of month)
 Weinstube 19.00 Tennisgruppe
 (Jeden 2. Mittwoch im Monat)
 Weinstube 7.00 pm Tennisgruppe (2nd Wed. of month)

THURSDAY

Halle 8.00–10.00 Table Tennis Group
 Jaegerstube 7.00–1.00 Schach/Chess
 Eisstock 7.00–10.00 Eisstock-Gruppe
 Schenke 9.00 Fussball/Soccer

FRIDAY

Victoria Bowl 6.30 Bowlers
 Jaegerstube 8.00 "Treffpunkt" (2nd Friday of month)

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Bericht des Präsidenten



Der Sommer ist endlich da und Mutter Natur hat schönes Wetter gebracht. Das Klubgelände und der Garten sind für unsere Gäste schön hergerichtet. Danke an Karl Braun, Bill Rowsell und Ruth Rajna, die weiterhin helfen, daß die Blumenpracht erhalten bleibt.

Leider mußte die Patio-Eröffnung abgesagt werden, da das Wetter nicht mitspielte. Die 1. Cruise Night fand am späten Nachmittag statt und es waren ca. 25 Fahrzeuge auf dem Klubgelände. Die Band "Double Impact" sorgte für Unterhaltung und für gutes Essen hatte die Küche gesorgt. Es war ein schöner Abend, mit

vollbesetztem Patio. Mike Matich und ich werden für die nächsten Cruise Nights weiter organisieren.

Das Farmkomitee hatte nur eine kleinere Farmreinigung und die Eröffnung des Pools. Das Fußballturnament und Eröffnungspicknick war gut besucht und brachte gute Unterhaltung für die Besucher. Das Farmkomitee freut sich über viele Besucher, um zu sehen, was die Farm zu bieten hat.

Janice und ich haben die Einladung zum Gaufest der Enziangruppe in Buffalo erhalten und wir freuen uns, die Tänzer zu unterstützen, sowie den Concordia Klub zu repräsentieren.

Unterstützen Sie den Vorstand und die Gruppen, damit wir weiterhin den Concordia Klub als den größten Deutschen Klub in Kitchener, Ontario, erhalten können. Vorbereitungen für 50 Jahre Oktoberfest sind in Arbeit.

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Am 18. Juli findet das "Pig roast" am Patio statt.

21. Juli, 25. August und 8. September finden "Cruise Nights" im Klub statt.

19. August ist "Fishing Derby" und Fish Fry auf der Farm.

Ich hoffe, Sie im Klub oder auf der Farm zu sehen.

Janice und ich wünschen Ihnen einen schönen, erholsamen Sommer und bleiben Sie gesund.

Nicht vergessen: 23. August - Halbjahresversammlung in der Halle!

Ihr Klubpräsident, Rob Kerr

President's Report

Summer is finally here and Mother Nature has graced us with some warm dry weather. The spring rains were welcomed and have helped to make our club properties and gardens appealing to our guests. Thank you to Karl Braun, Bill Rowsell, Ruth Rajna and all the others who dedicate their time and continue to help with the properties and gardens.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the patio opening due to unsettled weather but we were able to have the first cruise night even though the sun decided to hide behind the clouds in the late afternoon. We had about 25 cars show up for the evening. The band Double Impact provided the entertainment and the patio was full of people enjoying some music, great food and a very nice summer evening. Mike Matich and I will continue to promote the upcoming cruise nights at different events to build awareness of what we have to offer here at the Concordia Club.

The farm committee was able to organize a mini clean up and had great attendance. They were able to get the farm cleaned up as well as opening the pool. The opening picnic and soccer tournament were well attended and fun was had by everyone who participated or watched. The farm committee invites all Concordia club members to come out and enjoy what the farm has to offer.

Janice and I have been invited by the Enzian to attend Gaufest in Buffalo at the end of June and we are looking forward to watching and supporting the dancers as they compete and represent our club.

We are always looking for new members and I challenge you to help the board of directors promote the club and the groups within the club. We need all the members help in order for us to be sustainable and continue to be the largest German club in Kitchener if not Ontario.

The preparations for the 50th Oktoberfest are underway and before you know it that time of year will be here again. There will be some specific items that are going to take place this year to commemorate our 50th, please stay tuned for more details once we finalize the agenda.

The next event at the club will be the annual pig roast, which will take place on Tuesday, July 18th on the patio. There will also be 3 more cruise nights and they will be on July 21st, August 25th and September 8th. There will also be a fishing derby and fish fry at the farm on August 19th.

I hope to see you at one of the events this summer at either the club or the farm. My Mother Nature grace us with some great summer weather. Janice and I wish you a safe and happy summer and don't forget the semi annual meeting on August 23rd.

Your president, Rob Kerr

From the Manager's Desk



PATIO PIG ROAST

Our annual summer pig roast is on Tuesday, July 18th starting at 5:00 p.m. Come join in on a fun night with great food, beer sampling & live entertainment by Alf & Hansi from the TC

Alpine Echos! We have been very fortunate to have had great weather in previous years so hopefully the weather will once again be on our side! Unfortunately the weather did force us to cancel our Patio Opening so come out for the evening on our beautiful patio!

CRUISE NIGHT & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON THE PATIO

Our first Cruise Night was a great success. We had approximately 25 old cars proudly displayed in our parking lot. Everyone enjoyed exploring the great selection of vehicles. The evening continued with Double Impact providing some great music on the patio after the show. Come out for our next Cruise Night on July 21st starting at 6:00p.m., and then join us on the patio to hear a very popular, local musician, Sandy McDonald! Looking forward to seeing you then.

ARCHIVES

We are in the process of complying photos for our archive books. If any of the membership have photos of club events or group events from 2015, 2016 and this year that they would like to add to our archives, could you please bring them to the office.

OKTOBERFEST

As I am writing my report we are exactly 120

days away from the opening day of Oktoberfest 2017! This year is a special celebration for us. This year will mark the 50th year that we, the Concordia Club, have brought the community of Kitchener Waterloo together to experience the "Gemuetlichkeit" of Oktoberfest! The 50th Year of Oktoberfest Committee have been busy planning for a special evening of celebration on Tuesday, October 10th in the Main Hall to commemorate our 50th year of Oktoberfest.

Be sure to read my September report for all the details.

Our ticket sales for this year are well underway. We are looking forward to another exciting year. Employment applications for Oktoberfest will be available starting July 4th if you are interested in working for this year.

I wish you all a wonderful summer!

Ruth Rajna, Manager

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New Time!!



CONCORDIA CHOIRS ANNUAL *Winzerfest*

Sat. September 23, 2017

*** Doors open at 12 noon *** with lunch provided

Special Guest Choirs to be announced!

Wahl der Weinkönigin

Dance to the music from Edelweiss Trio
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Concordia Chöre

I hope everyone is enjoying a healthy and happy summer. So many exciting things happening for the Concordia Choir's. We held our very first June picnic and chicken barbecue on June 24th. The kids had a great time with the games and bouncy castle. The adults had fun with the silent auction and great food. Thanks to all our choir volunteers, friends and families who helped us out. Without you we would be unable to pull off such special events. THANK YOU THANK YOU, your support is truly appreciated.

Your Board of Directors are working very hard with a group of special volunteers to execute a recruiting campaign which will begin in September to hopefully bring some new singers into the choir. The long and rich history of the Concordia Choir's must be maintained and it will take each and everyone of us, doing our part to encourage new members. If you know anyone, young singers, youth, adults who may be interested it's up to you to invite them to come out to a practice, then it is up to us as a choir to make them feel at home, and welcomed, and to show them we appreciate and value their participation. It's time to swing these doors open and GROW THIS CHOIR!!

Contact member's who have left us for whatever reason, and try to encourage them to give us another try. This is your choir, let's work together and let the magic happen. Our first practice is September 11th, Bring a friend.

Saturday, September 23rd we will be holding our annual WINZERFEST. This year it will be an afternoon event, running from noon

until approximately 5:30-6:00. We have changed this to an afternoon event to accommodate the wishes of the choir's that travel to be with us. We will enjoy music from Harfentoene, Toronto, Loreley Oshawa, and of course our own Concordia Choirs. Pre-dinner grapes and cocktails, dinner, afternoon cake and coffee, dancing with the Edelweiss Trio and of course the crowning of the 2017 Weinkonigin. Please mark your calendar SEPTEMBER 23,2017 and join us for a great afternoon of music and fellowship. Tickets are available through the Concordia Office.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, see you in September, and remember to keep a song in your heart.

Until next time, Beverley

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Outdoor Group

Our Fishing Derby and Fish Fry will be on Saturday August 19, 2017. The Fishing Derby will run from 9 – 11 a.m. Entrance fee will be \$5.00 per participant which will include worms (please supply your own fishing pole & tackle) All fish will be 'catch and release' but we will have a prize for biggest fish caught.

From 11 - 2 we will have beer battered fish and French fries available for purchase at the HOTR – this will be Lake Erie Perch, same as last year. Hope to see you there – all are welcome.

The Annual General Meeting and Election for the Outdoor Group will be on Sunday August 20, 2017 starting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the usual Corn Roast and Oktoberfest Booth Sign up – we are always looking for new group members especially committee members, so please come out & support the group!

Our Halloween Party will be on Saturday September 9, 2017 with the kids doing 'trick or treat' from campsite to campsite in the late afternoon, followed by great food and entertainment at the Home on the Range for the balance of the evening.

Bruce Emmerson

Outdoor Group Fishing Derby & Fish Fry Saturday August 19 2017



\$5.00 per participant (Registration 8:30 a.m.)

◆
Fishing Derby from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

◆
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Concordia Bowlers

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer. Please be reminded that our new season begins Friday September 8th. New bowlers are always welcome.

*Until next time,
Monica Kauck*

Best wishes go out to our bowlers who are celebrating a birthday during the summer months. Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag:

July/Juli

- 4. Peter Engel
- 24. Sharon Matich
- 26. Rita Allmendinger
- 28. Monica Kauck



July Birthday Babies

August

- 8. Ingrid Stoiber
- 19. Alfred Kuers
- 21. Alfred Herzing
- 26. Frank Kauck
- 28. Gerald Gottvald



August Birthday Babies

Hallo!

Ich hoffe, daß ihr alle die Sommerpause genießt. Vergeßt nicht, daß unsere Saison am Freitag den 8. September wieder anfängt. Wir heißen neue Kegler immer herzlich willkommen.

*Bis zum nächsten Mal,
Hab einen wunderschönen Sommer!
Monica Kauck*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2017-2018 BOWLING SEASON

September 8th	First Day of Bowling
October 6th-14th	Oktoberfest
December 8th	Turkey Roll
December 17th	Christmas Party (this is a Sunday - noon)
January 12th	Annual Meeting
February 9th	Fun Night
April 20th	Last Day of Bowling (33 weeks)
May 4th	Closing Banquet (this is a Friday - 5:30p.m.)

Skat Gruppe

Nach unserem Frühlingsbrunch am 23. April findet am 23. Juli unser Sommerpokal um 9:30 in der Jägerstube statt. Anschließend Brunch um 12:00 Uhr mit den Partnern der Skatgruppe.

Wir hoffen, daß alle teilnehmen können und wir eine gute Zeit haben.

After our Frühlingsbrunch on April 23rd our next tournament will be the Summer Pokal at 9:30 in the Jägerstube. At 12:00 we

will be having Brunch with the partners of the group.

We hope that everybody can attend and that we have a good time together.

Gut Blatt, Heidi Lang





Treffpunkt

Our group members are already signing up for volunteer shifts in the dunk tank during Oktoberfest. We are still looking for reliable ladies who are at least 19 years old and who wish to work in the dunk tank. This is a paid position so if you are interested please contact myself or any Treffpunkt member for more information.

We had a great time at the Blue Jays game on Sunday June 4th. Blue Jays won 3-2 over the New York Yankees!

On Friday June 9th we had our meeting out on the patio at the club and enjoyed great

music and classic cars on the first cruise night of the year.

A can and bottle drive is taking place this summer with proceeds going to the farm. Treffpunkt members will be participating in this great cause.

Our summer cottage weekend will take place in the beautiful Blue Mountains this year. This is an event that is always well attended with great friends sharing food and friendship.

Finally, if you can, please support the Canadian Blood Services. Our Partners for Life number is CONC010846.

*Till next time,
Andrea Schilha*



HALBJAHRES- VERSAMMLUNG 2017

**Tagesordnung der
Halbjahresversammlung
am 23.August 2017 um 19:30 Uhr**

1. Eröffnung und Feststellung der Legalität
2. Annahme der Tagesordnung
3. Annahme des Protokolls der
Jahreshauptversammlung vom 26. Februar 2017
4. Annahme des Berichts des Präsidenten
5. Annahme des Berichts der Geschäftsführerin
6. Bericht des Nominations- und Satzungskomitees
7. Langfristiges Planungskomitee
8. Mitgliedschaftskomitee
9. Andere Komiteeberichte
(sofern welche vorliegen)
10. Bericht der Klub-Kassenprüfer
11. Finanzbericht
12. Zum Wohl und Besten
13. Schluss der Versammlung

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING 2017

**Agenda for the
Semi-Annual Meeting
August 23, 2017 at 7:30 PM**

1. Call to order and establish the legality of the meeting
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting February 26, 2017
4. Acceptance of the President's Report
5. Acceptance of the Manager's Report
6. Nominations and By-Law Committee Report
7. Long Range Planning Committee
8. Membership Committee
9. Other Committee Reports (if any)
10. Club Auditor's Report
11. Financial Report
12. New Business
13. Adjournment



Tischtennis Gruppe

We are still very much in the process of recruiting new members for our table tennis group.

We welcome and congratulate our new Members to this date; which are Herman Glemser; Frank Kauk; and Alfred Kuers and feel positive that they are a good fit for our group.

Slowly the warm and weather is returning with nice seasonal temperature making it pleasant to be outside.

Many are very busy planning their summer vacation or garden projects or many other group activities as I can attest to this. Sometimes people wonder how they could do all these things when they were employed or owned their own businesses as many of us are now retired.

We will give you now a good example of a very busy retiree day:

I decide to wash my car. As I start toward to the garage, I notice that there is mail on the hall table. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the trash can under the table, and notice that the trash can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first, but then I think that since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, So I go

to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye—they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the counter and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I'd better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water, and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight, when we go to watch TV, we will be looking for the remote, but nobody will remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day;

- the car isn't washed,
- the bills aren't paid,
- there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter
- the flowers aren't watered,
- there is still only one check in my checkbook,

- I can't find the remote,
- I can't find my glasses,
- and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long and I'm really tired. I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Don't laugh – if this isn't you yet, your day is coming! And if I have sent this to you before....well, now you know why you're getting it again.

“slice it; spin it; play the game to win it.”

Walter Marzinko

((:>){ walter



Ladies Group

Well the rain is gone and it is hot, hot, hot. I guess that is better than the cold. Most of my friends are all busy in their gardens, which is supposed to be good therapy.

Our picnic takes place on July 5th at 2 pm and our trip to Kawartha & Muskoka Lakes is on August 16-18. Our next meeting takes place Wednesday, September 13th at 2 pm in the afternoon.

Happy birthday to Ingrid Fischer, whose birthday is in July. Also happy birthday goes to Gloria Foisey & Gisela Ruff whose birthdays are in August.

We the Ladies Group wish you all a wonderful summer.
Elisabeth Rowsell



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Seniorengruppe

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Leider kann Luzia Neuhof aus gesundheitlichem Grund nicht teilnehmen an unseren Trips - Elora und Grand River Cruise. Ich wünsche Luzia im Namen der Gruppe gute Besserung. Luzia wir vermissen dich.

Gitta Kelp feiert ihren Geburtstag am 21. Juli. Herzlichen Glückwunsch von den Senioren.

*Tschüss, bis bald
Rotrud Scharr*

Honourary Members

Honorary Member applications

To all long time members, the committee would like to congratulate all Honorary members that have taken time in their lives to contribute to the club and German culture in our community. It is that time again when we look at all contributions made by all our members of our club to bestow them with the honour they deserve for all their hard work and dedication over the years. We can not remember everyone but if you feel you deserve recognition please fill out an application and hand it in to the office for review. We would like to thank again all members with out your hard work Concordia would not be where it is today. All members who have filled out an application in the past please reapply to the committee as soon as possible.

Martin Patzold Chair Honorary member

I will be calling past Honorary members soon to review applications



KG Narrenzunft Concordia

Hello Concordia Club members and friends!

Even though the Mardi Gras Season is over the Group is still active for meetings and get togethers. The group will be having a Summer picnic at the Farm for the members, dancers and their families in July. We are looking forward to this Annual event which was enjoyed by many last year.

Our 51st Season starts November 18th 2017 with the Opening Ceremonies which we are busy planning. Mark this date on your calendar and the Maskenball is February 10, 2018!!! More information will follow in September's Nachrichten.

Anyone is welcome you to join our group and if you have questions please don't hesitate to call Joan Trautrim 519-575-2733(4-9pm). Visit our Facebook page Narrenzunft Concordia for events and photos.

Until next time....See you at the Club

Alaaf und Helau,

Joan Trautrim

Dont forget!!
Semi Annual Meeting
on August 23rd, 7:30p.m.
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IMPORTANT EVENTS

JULY / AUGUST 2017

- July 1 **Canada Day – Club Closed**
- July 1 **Canada Day Fireworks** Farm
- July 18 **Annual Pig Roast** 5:00p.m., Patio
- July 21 **Summer Cruise Night** 6:00p.m. Patio
with Live Entertainment starting at 8:00p.m. -
Sandy McDonald
- August 7 **Civic Holiday – Club Closed**
- August 19 **Outdoor Group Fishing Derby
and Fish Fry** Farm
- August 20 **Outdoor Group Corn Roast** Farm
- August 23 **Semi Annual Meeting** Main Hall, 7:30p.m.
- August 25 **Summer Cruise Night** 6:00p.m. Patio
with Live Entertainment starting at 8:00p.m. -
The Shananigans

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Club Historian

50 Years Oktoberfest 1967 – 2017

In 1967 the Concordia Club decided to have an Oktoberfest as a Centennial celebration for 100 years Canada. President Rene Ghirincelli and manager Julius Rauchfuss organized a four day festival with a beer tent, several orchestras, shooting booth & souvenir sales booth. All profits from the event were donated to BIG BROTHERS and MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY.

The celebration had become so popular that the chamber of commerce took notice. Two years later the decision was taken to organize a city wide Oktoberfest which included the four German Clubs, Concordia, Schwaben, Transylvania and Alpen Club along with Jonas Bingeman. The first elected president for Oktoberfest Inc. was Darwin Clay (president of Budd Auto. Canada).

Oktoberfest was such a success that for the second year, we erected a second tent. However the number of guests grew and grew and so we added tents until we had 5 of them. There were poles, pegs and ropes everywhere. When the rain came in it was just like waterfalls, but the guests didn't seem to mind at all.

The first Concordia band in the tent was, "The Rhythmic Five" or "Flotte Fünf" as named during Oktoberfest, consisted of all Concordia Club members with Nick Osbelt and Carl Schropp as band leaders. Also famous were the two yodelling sisters, Else Osbelt & Annemarie Kunz that were later replaced by their niece, Mary-Jo Schropp once they retired. The band played in the

tent for 22 years. As of today Nick and Else Osbelt are still active members of the club. The next band that followed was the "Black Forest Band" under the leadership of Steve Richtaritsch (Nick & Else's son in law) and they are still going strong and lively after playing for 28 years in the tent.

The Concordia Club presented the festival with authenticity, even though this led to increased expenses, it became the most popular "Festhalle". The Concordia Tanzdeel, Schuhplattlergruppe and the Concordia Brass Band contributed substantially to this success. Most all the groups have booths now a day during Oktoberfest which helps support them for all their activities during the year. All the booths that we have today, is what makes our Oktoberfest so unique.

In 1978, under President Otto Werner, all the smaller tents were replaced by one large tent with the capacity of 1,500 persons. This proved to be too small so a larger tent was ordered the next year. Then, under President Mary Huschka in 1988 a freestanding tent, draped over a metal frame, was imported from Germany (we do not own the tent, but only rent it) with the capacity of nearly 4000 patrons. In 1992 the whole inside tent grounds were paved and so we, the members didn't need to cough and kill our lungs by the end of Oktoberfest from all the dust we inhaled over the ten days.

Oktoberfest to this day, is still a strong growing success with weekend tickets sold out within the first day or two.

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