

# Nachrichten



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## Annual Membership Meeting

February 23/2020, 2 pm - Concordia Club, Main Hall

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# CONCORDIA IN FEB./MARCH 2020

## Klub Vorschau/Club Events

### Concordia in February 2020

1st	Schenke	Dj Novak
8th	Schenke	Edelweiss Duo
12th	Weinstube	Advanced Polls 5:00pm-8:00pm
14th	Schenke	Valentine's Day Dinner
15th	Schenke	Graham&Bowie
17th	Club closed	for Family Day
22nd	Schenke	Edelweiss Duo
	Main Hall	Mardi Gras Maskenball @ 7:30pm
23rd	Main Hall	Annual Membership Meeting 2pm
26th		Ash Wednesday, also serving Herring Dinner @ 5pm
29th	Schenke	Twin City Alpine Echo

### Concordia in March 2020

7th	Schenke	Edelweiss Duo
14th	Main Hall	President's Ball w/ Black Forest Band @ 6:00pm
	Schenke	Graham & Bowie
21st	Schenke	Twin City Alpine Echo
28th	Schenke	DJ Novak

## 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 7.00-10.00 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



Nachdem ich mein 6. Jahr als Präsident beendet habe, möchte ich mich bei allen Mitgliedern bedanken und bin stolz auf die deutsche Herkunft und Tradition des Concordia Klub! Ihre Unterstützung hat mir geholfen und das Bestehen von 146

Jahren zeigt, wie erfolgreich der Concordia Klub ist.

Endlich haben wir die ausstehenden Rechnungen für Oktoberfest erhalten und konnten die Abrechnung dafür beenden. Ich bin froh, sagen zu können, daß wir, trotz Erhöhung einiger Preise, zum selben Resultat, wie im Vorjahr gekommen sind.

Auch hatten wir ein besseres Resultat beim Weihnachtsmarkt, sowie beim „Duck Dinner“ als im vergangenen Jahr. Durch die Bauarbeiten an der Ottawa Street hatten wir Verluste bei den täglichen Einnahmen, so auch bei den „Banquet und Wedding“ Vermietungen.

Ich erhoffe bessere Resultate dieses Jahr und Sie als Mitglieder sollen stolz sein auf die deutsche Sprache, Herkunft und Tradition. Sicher sind auch dieses Jahr Schwierigkeiten zu erwarten, bei den Enderbeiten zwischen Hoffman und Mill Street.

Einige Vorstandsmitglieder stehen nicht mehr zur Wiederwahl, doch haben wir neue Kandidaten, die mit dem Vorstand arbeiten wollen. Ich wünsche den zur Wiederwahl stehenden Vorstandsmitgliedern, sowie den „Neuen“ viel Glück im Hauptvorstand. Bitte kommen Sie zu der Jahreshauptversammlung

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am 23. Februar. 2020, um ihre Wahlstimme abzugeben.

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Der Concordia Klub bietet mehr als nur Oktoberfest!

Kameradschaftsabend war im Hubertushaus, mit gutem Essen, Getränken, sowie das Zusammensein mit Mitgliedern der deutschen Klubs.

14. Februar **Valentins Tag** in der Schenke

22. Februar **Maskenball der Narrenzunft**

23. Februar **Jahreshauptversammlung** in der Halle

14. März **Präsidentenball** in der Halle

Besorgen Sie sich die Eintrittskarten im Klubbüro!

Ich wünsche allen einen gesunden, glücklichen Winter, vielleicht mit einer Reise zur Erholung!

*Ihr Klubpräsident Rob Kerr*

## ***President's Report***

As I end my sixth term as your president I must thank you, the membership, for allowing me to represent this organization which is so proud of it's Germanic heritage and traditions. Your continued support strengthens my belief in this club and drives me to continue to better what we have so that we may continue the longevity and success that the Concordia Club has enjoyed over the past 146 years.

We have finally received all the invoices that were outstanding from Oktoberfest as well as received all the payments that were incoming and I am happy to report that even with

increased costs in some areas we have come out with the same profit as last year. There were a few other positives to end the year of which the two biggest highlights would be a very successful Christkindl market and a larger request for the Duck dinners than in the past years.

The financials for this year are very poor compared to my other years as your President. The Ottawa Street reconstruction had a very negative impact to both our daily business as well as our banquet/wedding business. I will continue to use my business acumen to achieve better financial results so that you, the members, can enjoy many more years coming to a place where you are able to enjoy the company of fellow members who are proud of their German language, culture, heritage and traditions.

This coming year we will look at smaller projects to enhance the appearance of the club as well as try and address some of the accessibility items that we have been looking at for a few years. The top end of Ottawa Street between Hoffman and Mill Street will have the same reconstruction done that was performed in front of the Concordia Club last year. We will also have a temporary road pass through the back of the property to enable the city to upgrade the services on the south end of Hoffman Street.

A few of the board members have chosen to not run for the board this year and we have some new candidates that have decided to run for a position on the board to help navigate the clubs future on behalf of you, the membership. This being said, by the time this report is printed the nominations will be closed. I wish good luck to all the current board members that have chosen to run again as well as the new candidates for the board. Please come out to the Annual Membership meeting on

Sunday, February 23/20 in the main hall to cast your vote for the members who you feel would best represent you in leading our club in this new decade.

In order for us to continue on as the largest German club in KW I need all of you to continue to promote and believe in the Concordia Club. As the demographics of our club ages we need to attract new members. Whether it be a business meeting or lunch with a friend or even just a social drink with others remember that the Concordia Club is here to serve your needs. It is truly amazing that so many people in this region do not know that we have so many more services to offer them other than Oktoberfest.

We must also support our fellow German clubs in KW and the annual celebration of Kameradschaftsabend was held at the Hubertushaus and all that attended had a great

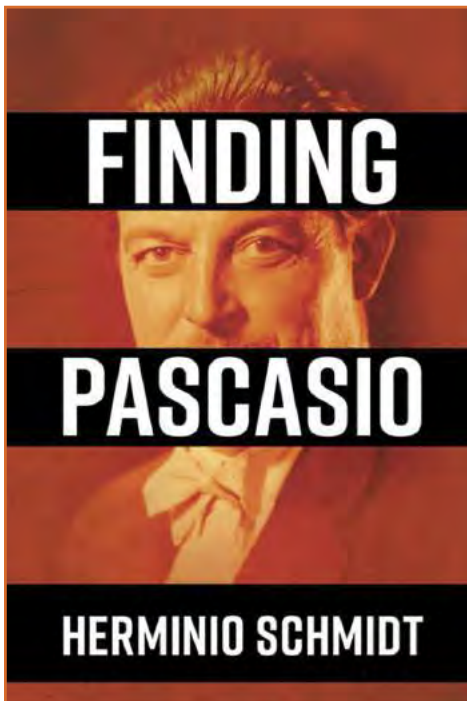
evening sharing good food, drink and conversation with their fellow Germanic community members.

Please join us for some of the upcoming events here at the Concordia Club.

- **Valentine's Day** in the Schenke, on Friday, February 14th-
- **Mardi Gras Society Maskenball** on Saturday, February 22nd
- **Annual Membership Meeting** in the main hall on February 23rd
- **President's Ball** in the main hall on March 14th

Wishing you all health and happiness as this winter progresses and if you are lucky enough to get away for a trip take the time to rest, relax and re-charge.

*Your president, Rob Kerr*



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## From the Manager's Desk



Advance polling for the Club's new board executives is Feb. 12th in the Weinstube beginning @ 5pm until 8:00pm that same evening. Come out and make your voice heard.

Chef Jeff has put together an excellent menu for that special day on the 14th. For those who like to celebrate Valentine's Day with a gift of a great meal, look no further than the Club. We will be serving a three course dinner for \$40.00 a person, dinner starts at 5pm. You can find the menu on our website as well as here at the club in the front display case, gluten and vegetarian options are available as well. As a reminder since Valentine's Day falls on a Friday evening, there will be no buffet that night.

Our Mardi Gras Group will be hosting their Maskenball on February 22nd, so make sure you get your tickets. They throw a great party and it will be something you'll want to see.

We will also be offering the annual Herring Dinner that will be served on Ash Wednesday

the 26th of February starting at 5pm in the Schenke \$12.95 per person. Call to make reservations. There will be no buffet service that evening.

The time has come to welcome your newly elected board members at the 2020 President's Ball in the Main Hall starting at 6pm. Everyone there will be entertained by the sounds of the Black Forest Band. It is a great night of fun and tickets go quick, so make sure you call the club and reserve your spot. Cost of a ticket is \$49.50, menu to follow.

Friendly reminder for those who haven't paid their membership, they are now past due.

**Below is a list of the membership rates including HST:**

<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$150.25</b>
<b>Single Person</b>	<b>\$104.50</b>
<b>Student w. Student Card</b>	<b>\$ 26.00</b>
<b>Senior Citizen after 5 years</b>	<b>\$ 41.75</b>

It is also time to renew your lot fees for the Concordia Club Farm Campgrounds. If you have a trailer out there already, or if you are looking for a spot to park one? The 2020 rates are listed below. Any further questions please contact the club.

### Farm Lot Renewal for 2020

The seasonal campground fees for 2020 have been set as listed below:

<b>Lot Fee \$ 1,548.25</b>	<b>Hydro Fee \$222.85</b>
<b>TOTAL DUE \$ 1,771.10</b>	

Camping contracts have been mailed out to all campers. Please have your contract signed and returned to the office with payment no later than March 31, 2020.

*Kind Regards,*

*-Shawn-*



## Concordia Bowlers

Here are the results from our Turkey Roll in December. CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners: Käthi Braun, John Reinhardt, Janis Pfister, Francis Gottvald, Katie Schertzer, Peggy Maassen, Käthe Zensner, Peter Uebel, Ron Klein and Sara Bergen.

Our Annual Meeting has yet to take place as I write this report. News items will be reported in the next bulletin.

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

### February/Februar

- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 2. Lilli Neu     | 11. Beverley Gottvald |
| 7. Sandy Adamson | 23. Ron Klein         |
| 9. Ingrid Kauck  |                       |

### Upcoming Events/Vorschau:

- Feb. 14th **Fun Night**  
 April 17th **Last Day of Bowling** (33 weeks)  
 May 1st **Closing Banquet** (a Friday - 5:30p.m.)

*Until next time,*

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

*Monica Kauck*

Wir gratulieren den Gewinnern unseres Turkey Rolls (Bitte lesen Sie diese Gewinner im Englischen Bericht). Als ich diese Nachrichten schreibe, steht unsere Jahreshauptversammlung noch bevor. Die Ergebnisse werden im nächsten Bericht mitgeteilt.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch allen Keglern, die im Monat Februar Geburtstag haben.

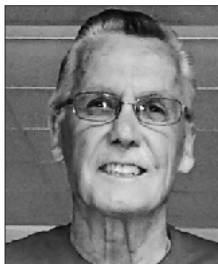
*Bis zum nächsten Mal,*

*Monica Kauck*

*A visit from Santa*



*Bowlers' Christmas Party 2019*



*February Birthday Babies*



## Treffpunkt

As the Treffpunkt Group heads full speed into 2020, we took a moment to reflect on what was truly an amazing year last year - a year of friendship, family, and fun. We started the year at Concordia Club enjoying the friendship of Kameradschaftsabend. We set sail on Trefftanic and then the SS Minnow at Maskenball. We had group outings to Morty's, Descendants, the Duke, Winterloo, Schwaben Club Karaoke, Elora's Puzzle Room, the Maple Syrup Festival, the Wine and Food Show, paint nights, Ghost Walks, Christkindl Market, and so much more. We all enjoyed the President's Ball and an evening of great food and dancing here at the Club followed by Bockbierfest, Canada Day at the Farm, and Cruise Nights. We once again enjoyed a wonderful summer social at the Hatchwell's where we rocked the retro food options. We also enjoyed Hako Rides and a BBQ at the Schmidt house for our Summer BBQ and another great outdoor BBQ party at Uli and Rudy Ryzebol's. We embarked for the first time on the Big Bike Ride for Heart and Stroke and truly represented, collaborating with riders from other Club groups and raising over \$6000 for the cause – the leading team fundraisers for that day's ride and getting our 5 minutes of fame on the news as we represented the Club and rode down Fairway Road in tracht. And for some of us who were able to participate in the Amazing Race activities, it was our second 5 minutes of fame in nearly the same week! We then enjoyed a cottage weekend in Collingwood with food, drinks, games, and the Sheepdogs – a small reprieve before the blur of Oktoberfest. We then hunkered down to prep for Oktoberfest

and, thanks to everyone's dedication and willingness to volunteer and help, we ran the dunk tank which had its second highest earning year this past year after 2011. We then enjoyed a well-earned Treffgiving feast at the Hatchwell's and our Christmas dinner, joined by Rob, Janice and Miss Concordia, where, along with a full pick-up truck's worth of wish list donations, we had individual and bottle drive donations of \$150 for the Humane Society.

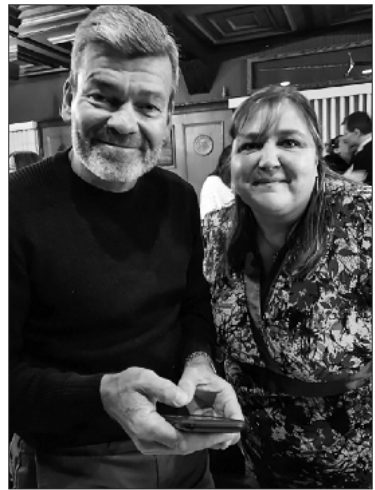
This past year, we also had a target of 40 blood donations and we came in just shy at 39, which is amazing – thanks to all of you who donated. Our target again this year will be 40, so please donate if you can. Our partners in life number is CONCO10846 when you register online at blood.ca.

So in summary, it was one amazing year for this group, and we cannot wait to see what we all get up to next...we have already kicked off the year with the Treffpunkt AGM. Any changes to this year's executive committee will be announced in the next bulletin.

We then had a few members enjoy great food and friends at Kameradschaftsabend on Jan 11. And we are planning an upcoming tubing adventure at Chicopee in a few weeks! This past month, we also welcomed a new addition, baby James Andreas Fedy born on January 1, 2020! Congratulations to Andrea and Mike!

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## 53rd Maskenball

"Alles Unter  
Einem Hut"

"Everything  
Under One  
Hat"

February

22nd

8:11pm

Prizes for Best

Costumes!!

\$12/person at the door

Concordia's Main Hall

This a fun and happy event!

(No scary costumes please)



## **KG Narrenzunft Concordia**

*Hello Concordia family and friends!*

Beat the February blahs and come to our

**Maskenball: February 22nd 8:11pm**

### **Alles unter einem Hut/ Everything under one hat**

This event is the last in our 53rd Karneval Season. It's a Costume Party so come out and experience performances, dancing and prizes!!!!

Our Hoppeditz (Jester/mascot) will be put to rest until the 54th Karneval Opening on November 14th.

We have seen so many clever and funny costumes over the past years and are ready to give prizes out again this year.

Doors open at 7:30pm Event starts at 8:11pm. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Food will be available to purchase throughout the evening.

Christmas: On December 14th we celebrated the season in the Jaegerstube enjoying food, drink and conversation. The Garde Girls also gathered the next day in the Jaegerstube for a Christmas Party for the brunch, socializing and exchanging gifts. Both days Santa made an appearance! The Concordia Club staff made these events wonderful. A shout out goes to our server Jess for keeping both parties happy! Thank you!

**Up next in March's Nachrichten:  
Cincinnati trip**

*Until next time....*

*Alaaf und Helau*

*Joan Trautrim*

*See you at the club!!*



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## **Friday March 6th**

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7:00pm for painting

\$39.55 (including tax)

Please let us know at time of booking if you are joining us for dinner. Dinner is extra.

Please see Kim in the office to book.

Call/text Michelle 519 504 2805 with questions.



Space is limited.  
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of time no later than  
Feb 28th. Thanks



## Concordia Choirs

Valentine's day is the holiday of romance. February 14th May feel like a holiday forced on us by the big greeting card, jewelry and floral industries, but the truth is we have accepted it because we recognize the value and purpose as an opportunity to pay special attention to relationships which are important to us. So on February 14th share a little musical love with someone near and dear. We all know a song that brings back a special memory, time or place. That's the beauty of music.

By the time you receive this bulletin we will have held our annual general meeting where we discuss all things pertinent to the life and work of our choir. At the time of this writing we have two board members which will not be running for re-election and I wish to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Kessler, and Peter Hawrylenko for their time and dedication to our board. Your contributions have been sincerely appreciated. Our next bulletin will have all the results of our meeting, as well as introduce new members who have joined the board.

We send out special Valentine greetings to Erika & Herbert Weisner. Erika is doing very well in her recovery. Also, special greetings to Frank Pontgratz, and Adolf Bretz who are currently dealing with health issues. Your choir family misses you and keeps you in their thoughts and prayers.

I think that's all our news for now. Remember to show a little extra love on Valentine's Day and every day for that matter. "What the world needs now is love sweet love, that's the only thing there is just too little of".

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, and always remember to keep a song in your heart.

*Beverley*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Club's Annual General Meeting

all choir members encouraged to attend.  
FEB.23, 2pm MAIN HALL

#### President's Ball

March 14th Mixed Choir will sing. No uniforms required.



## Ladies Group

We had our ladies group annual meeting on January 8th in the afternoon and also at that time had our elections. Our ladies group board of directors for 2020 consists of

President:	Maria Group
Treasurer:	Ursula Dressler
Secretary:	Elisabeth Rowsell
Entertainment:	Pat Brady

A big thank you goes to Wilma Schmidt who has stepped down from our board.

We would like to congratulate Käthe Metzger on her 60th year anniversary as member of the ladies group. We also thank her for all the years of dedication to our group as for many years we served meals at Bockbierfest, funerals, served cake & coffee for our club's annual meetings, baked for Oktoberfest and also crafted & baked for the bazaar. We have it more easy in the group now a days.

We wish our birthday girl for February Hilde Blum a wonderful day with family & friends.

There will be no meeting in February, so our next meeting will be on March 11 at 2 pm.

*Elisabeth Rowsell*

## Seniorengruppe

Wegen des Neujahrstags fand unser Januarterreffen erst am 2. Mittwoch des Monats und des neuen Jahres statt. Alle Mitglieder wünschten sich gegenseitig fuer das Jahr alles Gute, wobei natürlich Wuensche fuer die Gesundheit an erster Stelle standen. Wegen des Treffens einer anderen Gruppe im Weinzimmer mussten wir uns in der Jaegerstube versammeln. Das traditionelle gemeinsame Singen litt etwas unter der fehlenden Klavierbegleitung.

### Geburtstage im Januar:

Irene Eichinger  
Danuta Grigaitis  
Gisela Seidemann

### im Februar:

Monika Neumann



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## Skat Group

We are starting a New Year at the SKAT group, and invite new members to join our group. If you like to play cards, then this is the group to join. Strategy, skill, luck – what more could you ask for?

Two new members have joined our group in 2020. We welcome Rudy Meyer, and Dave Agnew.

When I joined 3 years ago, I did not know how to play Skat. I was welcomed into the group. I asked many questions, and have received lots of advice on card playing during my three years of membership. We meet every Tuesday at 7:30, in the Schenke. If you are interested in joining, please email Nancy Kessler at nancykessler@rogers.com or just drop in at the Schenke on a Tuesday night.

We held our Annual Meeting on January 4, 2020. Our 2019 Board President Bill Rowsell, Treasurer Karl Braun, and Director Sigfrid Barta were re-elected for 2020. I am the newly elected Secretary.

Congratulations to the Sylvester Pokal Tournament winners:

1st place Guenter Baur	2841 points
2nd place Nancy Kessler	2770 points
3rd place William Rowsell	2442 points
4th place Ewald Nowak	2047 points
5th place Peter Evers	1913 points

Our next two tournaments are the Tony Dissler Pokal April 7 & 12 and the Spring Pokal on May 3.

*Gut Blatt*

*Nancy Kessler-Agnew, Secretary*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**BOCKBIERFEST**

**APRIL 4TH 2020**



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2020?



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CITY ALPINE ECHO BAND**

**HOSTED BY CONCORDIA ENZIAN  
SCHUHPLATTLER VEREIN**

# **WICHTIGE VERANSTALTUNGEN**

## **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

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### **FEBRUARY / MARCH 2020**

- Feb. 12th **Advanced Polls**  
Weinstube, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
- Feb. 14th **Valentines Day Dinner**  
Schenke
- Feb. 17th **Club closed for Family Day**
- Feb. 22nd **Mardi Gras Maskenball**  
Main Hall
- Feb. 23rd **Annual Membership Meeting**  
Main Hall, 2:00 pm
- Feb. 26th **Ash Wednesday Herring Dinner**  
5:00 pm
- Mar. 14th **President's Ball**  
Main Hall, 2:00 pm with the Black Forest Band

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## Table Tennis Group

In November 2019 we had our yearly membership meeting as well as the elections for the new Board. And the following are the new positions were voted on.

President: Hans Peter Malthaner

Vice President: Klaus Preuschhoff

Treasurer: Sam Sinclair

Secretary: Walter Marzinko

We like to express our heartfelt appreciation to: Hans Malthaner who had worked tirelessly for many years as treasurer and organizer of our Oktoberfest Game Booth, as chief mechanic and repair genius for our Anschuetz pellet guns, that are now almost thirty years old, and as such, it is now almost impossible to get spare parts for this model.

Also much heartfelt appreciation will go to Scott Sinclair for the 4 years as president of the Table tennis Group. He had done this important position with much finesse and aplomb

We like to thank all the people that made it possible to have a functional Board again

and continue to make our Table Tennis Group a very vibrant Subgroup of the Concordia Club Proper.

I would like to introduce now our newest member of the Table Tennis Goup. **Frieder Laepple**



*PePe          Frieder          Fredrich*

*Frieder Laepple with his 2 Sons (our future table tennis Champions)*

I wish now everyone; A happy and prosperous new Year 2020

### Quote of the month:

*The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love unconditionally as a dog*  
*“MK Clinton”*

*“slice it, spin it, play the game to win it”*  
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2020

**Jahres-  
Hauptversammlung  
Annual  
Membership Meeting**

Sunday, February 23, 2020  
2:00 p.m. Concordia Hall

**Concordia Schenke**  
Sunday Brunch from 11.00 a.m.

# FOLLOWING 9 (NINE) CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR ELECTION TO THE MAIN BOARD OF CLUB AT THE ANNUAL MEETING



## HANS PETER MALTHANER

**Nominated by:**

Elisabeth Rowsell / Hans Malthaner

**Member since** 1979

**Club activities:**

Enzian, Table Tennis, Volleyball,  
Narrenzunft

**Occupation:** H.P.M. Wildlife



## MONICA

**Nominated by:**

Elisabeth Rowsell

**Member since**

**Club activities:**

of the Treffpunkt  
Auditor, past

**Occupation:**



## MARTIN PATZOLD

**Nominated by:**

Helmut Kruschat / Sarah Fretz

**Member since** 1993

**Club activities:**

Choir, Outdoor Tennis,  
Treffpunkt

**Occupation:** Desktop Support Tech.



## ALEXAN

**Nominated**

Elisabeth Rowsell

**Member since**

**Club activities:**

Camper, past  
member since

**Occupation:**



## KATHRYN MALCOLM

**Nominated by:**

Karl Braun / William Rowsell

**Member since** 2014

**Club activities:**

Campers committee, Miss Concordia 2018

**Occupation:** Private Investigator  
Administration.



## HARALD

**Nominated**

Karl Braun /

**Member since**

**Club activities:**

former Club  
Secretary

**Occupation:**

# CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AS DIRECTORS OF THE CONCORDIA MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2020

## ANNA GAERTNER

**Nominated by:**  
William Rowsell / Karl Braun  
**Member since** 1980  
**Club activities:** Choir, Historian, past President of Treppunkt, LRP Committee, Internal Miss Concordia  
**Occupation:** Product Manager

## ANDREA THOENE

**Nominated by:**  
William Rowsell / Karl Braun  
**Member since** 1994  
**Club activities:** Miss Concordia Chair, past President of Eisstock, Board member since 2008  
**Occupation:** Pharmacy Assistant

## ANDRE SCHWEGEL

**Nominated by:**  
William Rowsell  
**Member since:** 1985  
**Club activities:** Past President of Treffpunkt, Ombudsman, former Club second  
**Occupation:** Software Developer



## MICHELLE ZIMMER

**Nominated by:**  
Karl Braun / Elisabeth Rowsell  
**Member since** 2008  
**Club activities:** Campers President, Outdoor Group, on Main Board for 6 years  
**Occupation:** Flight Attendant



## STEVE RICHTARITSCH

**Nominated by:**  
Rob Kerr / Karl Braun  
**Member for** 22 years  
**Club activities:** Camper, Mardi Gras, Black Forest Band  
**Occupation:** Renovation Contractor, Musician



## JOSEF LIEBEL

**Nominated by:**  
Kata Zaric / Steven Morrissey  
**Member since** 1999  
**Club activities:** President of Ice Stock, main Board  
**Occupation:** self employed

## BERICHT DES NOMINATIONS KOMITEES

Die auf der Bildseite aufgeführten Mitglieder haben sich als Kandidaten zur Wahl bei der Jahreshauptversammlung 2020 als Direktoren in den Hauptvorstand gestellt. Die Antragsformulare wurden vom Nominations-Komitee geprüft und für richtig befunden. Die Reihenfolge der Kandidaten wurde mittels einer einfachen Auslosungsmethode ermittelt.

**Direktoren für den Hauptvorstand 2020:** Zur Jahreshauptversammlung 2020 stellten sich neun (9) Kandidaten um die sieben (7) frei werdenden Hauptvorstands-Posten zu besetzen. Die Person von den neu gewählten Vorstandsmitgliedern, welche die wenigsten Stimmen erhält, verbleibt nur ein Jahr im Hauptvorstand.

**Buchprüfer:** Für das kommende Geschäftsjahr benötigen wir vier (4) Buchprüfer Ursula Dressler und Stephen Humphreys bleiben noch ein Jahr. Maria Grupp und Frank Kauck stellten sich für 2 Jahre zur Verfügung und daher ist eine Wahl unnötig.

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Jedes Mitglied kann nur seinen eigenen Wahlzettel in die dafür bestimmten Wahlurnen einwerfen.

**Vorauswahlen** sind am Mittwoch den 12. Februar 2020 zwischen 17:00 und 20:00 Uhr in der Weinstube.

**Wahltag:** Die Ausgabe der Eigenen Stimmzettel wird an der Haupteingangstür zur Festhalle nach Überprüfung der Mitgliederschaft vorgenommen.

Beim Abschluss der Nominationen war ein (1) Kandidat für das Amt des Präsidenten bekannt, **Rob Kerr**.

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Das Nominations- und Satzungs-komitee besteht aus den Klub Präsidenten, den beiden amtierenden Vize-Präsidenten, den Präsidenten sämtlicher Untergruppen und den ehemaligen Klub Präsidenten.

**Vorsitzender des Nominations- und Satzungs-komitees Karl Braun**

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## REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Members (Pictures) on the reverse side have agreed to be nominated at the Annual membership Meeting 2020 as Directors for the main Board. The Applications have been verified and approved by the Nominations Committee. The sequence of the following candidates was obtained by a simple selection method.

**Directors for the Main Board:** Nine (9) have agreed to be nominated to fill seven (7) positions that will become vacant, one newly elected Board member with the lowest number of votes will stay on the Board for only one (1) Year.

**Auditors:** For the current fiscal year we require 4 Auditors, Ursula Dressler and Stephen Humphreys have one year remaining in their term. Maria Grupp and Frank Kauck have agreed to serve for two(2) years. Therefore an election is not necessary.

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Every member can only cast their own ballot in the ballot box at the election.

**Advanced Elections** Advanced Elections are being held on Wednesday February 12th 2020 in the Weinstube, just outside the Club Office between 5:00 and 8:00 PM.

**Election Day:** Ballots for Members will be handed out at the door of the main hall upon entry, after verifying your membership status.

At closing of the nomination we have (1) candidate running for the position of President, **Rob Kerr**.

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The nomination and Bylaw Committee consists of Club President, both Vice Presidents, the Presidents of all groups and The Past Presidents of the Club.

**Chairperson Karl Braun**

# ***Tagesordnung der Mitglieder-Jahreshauptversammlung 2020***

**Am Sonntag, den 23. Februar 2020, um 14:00 Uhr**

Die Sitzung wird nach der folgenden Tagesordnung durchgeführt

1. Eröffnung und Feststellung der Legalität
2. Gedenkminute
3. Annahme der Tagesordnung
4. Annahme des Protokolls der Halbjahresversammlung 2019
5. Bericht des Präsidenten
6. Bericht des Geschäftsführerin
7. Bericht des Langfristigen Planungskomitees
8. Komiteeberichte
9. Bericht des Nominierungs- und Satzungskomitees
10. Gruppenberichte, sind nicht mehr pflichtig
11. Finanzbericht
12. Annahme des Finanzberichtes 2019 mit dem Bericht des Rechnungsprüfers
13. Ernennung der externen Rechnungsprüfer
14. Haushaltsplan für 2020
15. Annahme des Haushaltsplans 2020
16. Bericht der Kassenprüfer
17. Erholungsgelände
18. Ernennung des Wahlkomitees
19. Entlastung des Vorstandes & Genehmigung der Handlungsmaßnahmen des Vorstandes 2019
20. Durchführung der Wahlen
21. Kaffee und Kuchen
22. Bekanntgabe der Wahlergebnisse
23. Wahl des Präsidenten
24. Übernahme der Versammlung durch den neu gewählten Präsidenten und Vorstand
25. Entlastung des Wahlkomitees
26. Zum Wohl und Besten
27. Schluss der Versammlung

## ***Agenda Annual Membership Meeting 2020***

**Sunday the 23rd of February 2020, at 2:00 pm**

The meeting will be governed by the following Agenda:

1. Opening and determining the legality of the meeting
2. Moment of Silence
3. Acceptance of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Semi Annual Meeting 2019
5. President's Report
6. Manager's Report
7. Long Range Planning Committee Report
8. Committee Reports
9. Report of the Nomination and Bylaws Committee
10. Group Reports, no longer mandatory
11. Finance Report
12. Acceptance of the 2019 Finance Report & Chartered Accountants Reports
13. Appointment of External Auditors
14. Presentation of 2020 Budget
15. Acceptance of the 2020 Budget
16. Report of the Internal Club Auditors
17. Concordia Farm
18. Appointing of Election Committee
19. Discharge of the Board and approval of Board Actions in 2019
20. Election
21. Coffee and Cake
22. Election Results
23. Election of the President
24. The new President chairs the meeting with the newly elected board.
25. Discharge of the Election Committee
26. For the well being of the Club
27. Adjournment

# JAHRESBERICHTE / ANNUAL REPORTS 2019

## *President's Year End Report for 2019*

I must say that it is an honour and a privilege to have been elected to lead and represent such a great group of people. Janice and I have been welcomed by all of the groups and enjoy when we are invited to the smaller group specific events. In these settings we are better able to connect with all the individuals and not just the executive of the groups. We enjoy getting to know the people in the groups and to find out what their likes and dislikes are as well as ask them for ideas or suggestions on how we can better serve them or continue to grow the club. I once again thank you for having the faith and trust in me to be your leader and represent you and the Concordia Club both here as well as at other events and functions. I have had an amazing time representing this club for the past 6 years.

I would like to thank Shawn, Ruth and Chef Jeff for their daily dedication to the members and patrons that frequent our establishment. I must also acknowledge the staff in the kitchen, bars, restaurant, banquet servers, office and custodial departments who serve our guest and are the true ambassadors of the Concordia Club. It is because of all of you that our patrons continue to select us as the venue of their choice for dinner, drinks, functions or entertaining. You truly are the face of the Concordia club to all of our guests.

The past year has been a busy one. The year came in like a lamb but by the beginning of February we were dealing with inclement weather and this made us have to close the club for 2 days and lock up early on a few other days. We then had the Schenke and club closed, as we needed to take care of replacing the floor in the restaurant, an item that was

long overdue. Once the floor was done Harald Schwegel and Rob Krauskopf installed new baseboards and trim to finish the new look. We did not rest for long as the new ceremony on site patio was scheduled to be built, and the board members met on a Friday evening to remove the old patio stones from this area. Helmutz Interlock provided the design and installation of this area and many of our guests have commented on how beautiful this patio looks.

The re-construction of Ottawa Street started in the early spring but we still managed to have our Patio opening, cruise nights and patio parties, a few bike nights as well as our pig roast. Many of these events were very well attended even though the access to the property was tough at times. We were able to provide Steed and Evans with space for their equipment during the construction and this enabled us to strike a good deal to have a major portion of the parking lot paved for a very reasonable price. The year finished out with the usual events which included Oktoberfest, Kale dinner, duck dinner and finally all the Christmas gatherings.

We are still on a holding pattern with regards to the septic system upgrade at the farm as we have not had any correspondence been returned to us from either the MOE or consulting company that we are using. This past summer saw some tenured campers give up their sites but Mike Matich and crew were able to fill many of these campsites with new campers. If you feel the need to enjoy the outdoors and a place to retreat to that is close to home then we have a place for you at the Concordia farm.

The road construction was figured into the budget for 2019 but the losses from this far exceeded what we had anticipated. We will make a profit this year but with the great year



that we had in 2018 along with the expropriation money in that year as well you will see a large difference in the 2 years. The successful Oktoberfest with financials equal to last years' was the bright light financially for the club.

A special thank you goes out to Karl Braun, Alfred Kuers and Bill Rowsell. These 3 gentlemen volunteer countless hours in the spring and summer keeping our properties and gardens in excellent appearance so that our guests may enjoy them while frequenting our facility.

I would like to thank the board members and their families for helping me to keep the Concordia Club as the premier German club in Kitchener Waterloo. Your dedication to the membership will allow us to experience continued longevity.

Be passionate about who we are and show your pride in our club whenever you can.. We need to keep the German culture, heritage and traditions that we have enjoyed for many years but we also must look outside of the German demographics so that we can keep expanding our membership. We will need to diversify like the community has without losing sight of our beliefs.

We are looking for more members to become involved in some of the internal committees such as long range planning, sales and marketing or the finance committee. We would like to have more direct input from the membership for their opinions and ideas as to what we need to do to stay current and where you would like to see us be in the future.

Once again thank you for your support and I hope to see you at one of the many events during 2020.

*Your president, Rob Kerr*

## ***Manager's Year End Report 2019***

First off, I would just like to thank everyone involved in making this Club a success. From

each group within these walls to the staff on the front lines, to the board members making those hard decisions, it takes everyone working together and heading in the same direction in order for us to improve and grow. We are all aware by now that 2019 was not a great year financially for the Club, but there were many improvements put into place to set the way for the future. With addition of the outdoor ceremony site/patio and the newly paved parking lot, the overall appearance of the exterior of the Club has changed dramatically. First impressions mean a lot to first time guest and we are already seeing gains for this year with the outdoor site.

There is going to be a real push forward with our campaign this year to make the public aware of what a special place in the community this establishment is and we will be waiting with open arms to welcome those who are ready to experience the Club outside of Oktoberfest. There will be many challenges in order to create a draw for the public to find their way here, but I feel once forward momentum is created we will begin to get as busy as what this place was in previous years, but for a new generation. I have high expectations for myself as well as my team members in order to achieve these goals over the years to come.

Our biggest showcase of the Club is Oktoberfest and this year was a success. Financially the Club did well. We had some of our best numbers in attendance on our Family days. We like to see people in the community and our members extended families taking the time to come and experience it for a first time. This exposure is what will keep us "The Home of Oktoberfest" for years to come.

During the holiday season we saw a great improvement in business from the low we had in the summer. It was nice to see more members, their families and new potential guests come and celebrate Christmas and New Years with us. There is always a great feeling around

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this time of year and this being my first with the Club, I really picked up on the sense of family and pride everyone has with this place.

As we push forward into the new year and the challenges and successes that lay ahead, I will ask that everyone takes the time to reflect and appreciate how the Club has evolved over the years and look forward to the improvements we put in place for the future.

In closing I wish everyone, health, wealth and success in 2020

*Sincerely, Shawn MacDonald, Manager*

## ***Year end Report for 2019 – Mike Matich, 1st Vice President***

### **ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT**

I attended the committee meetings in May and August and reported the outcomes to our Board and Extended Board, I also attended and participated in German Pioneers Day in October 2019 and Volkstrauertag in Nov. 2019 and Kameradschaftsabend in Jan. 2020.

### **SENIORENHAUS**

As 1st Vice President I am an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for Seniorenhaus and attend the monthly meetings and report the outcomes of those meetings to our Board. The Seniorenhaus Board has a new President Amanda Kroger as Heinz Nowak retired after over 30 years of service

### **OKTOBERFEST CHAIR**

Managing the setup and teardown of the tent plus all the physical workings during our Oktoberfest was a great experience for me in 2019 – it was a lot easier this year, plus I had a fantastic crew of helpers! We were able to get everything set up in just over 5 weeks plus make significant improvements like adding extra hot water capacity to the main tent kitchen and washroom buildings, added 3 stage filtration to our compressed air system

that pressurizes the beer lines in an attempt to improve the flavour of the product at the taps. We repaired quite a bit of asphalt in the tent floor to make things more level and eliminate trip hazards and water infiltration. We put down 15 tons of pea gravel in the smoking areas to allow for a better walking surface with good drainage. Several light fixtures in the washroom building were repaired including those in the storage room upstairs – we can see now! We added new signage and banners (Hacker Pschorr, Hopfen & Malz, etc.) re-coated all the bar tops with clear epoxy, touched up all the high top tables and post covers, repainted the dunk tank back to bright white, moved the Bowlers and Outdoor Group booths away from the fire exit (much to the delight of our Fire Prevention Officer) We also moved the “Photo Op” display to the other side of the main entrance and added a booth for the Optimist Club of Kitchener West to take the place of 2 booths that became vacant after the Soccer Group decided not to participate this year. Again, we displayed a quantity of signs that read “Concordia Club, Home of Oktoberfest” to show the crowd that we have the best Oktoberfest experience in Canada! We absolutely must keep our facility looking it’s best and I’m excited for 2020 as there’s some great ‘new’ ideas in the works.

### **FARM REPORT**

The 2019 season was certainly a productive one, but again it started out with some strange weather! Our traditional Cleanup date of the last Sunday in April hasn’t happened for a couple of years now. Farm Cleanup was finally held on Sunday May 19 and had a great turnout of people who accomplished quite a bit, despite it being a holiday weekend. There is always a lot to do especially when it comes to tree cutting and cleaning up empty lots – unfortunately almost every Ash tree on the property is dead or dying due to the Emerald Ash Borer. We understand that some of the trees are shedding branches and are causing

issues. The Farm Committee and Farm Manager are trying to work at cutting these down – Please be patient, we are aware of the situation. We also now have over 50 vacant lots which all need leaves cleaned up and grass mowed to make them presentable for our current and future campers, so any help you can give – we sincerely appreciate. Our Pool as always takes a lot of effort to get operational due to its age, but once it gets done it looks and works great. Many thanks to our Campers Committee and all the people that generously donate their time to make the Farm look good! We still have not heard from the MOE regarding the status of our application for the new sewage system, so at this point nothing will be happening until we get some official word back. We have had several issues this past year with trespassers especially through the back on the Hydro Line. We have installed some fencing along the emergency exit road to limit unauthorized access by vehicles, especially ATV's. Some campers have had items stolen from their campsites. If you find that you are missing items of value, please reach out to me. I firmly believe that these thefts are being perpetrated by people from outside our Club and I have spoken with some of our neighbors and the Regional Police – hopefully we can find out who is doing this and stop this. Please note that all Farm Fees are due by March 1, 2020 and the Camping Season will kick off with Farm Cleanup on Sunday April 26, 2020 – fingers crossed!

## **SALES AND MARKETING**

Our Patio Opening on June 11th combined with the first ever “Bike Night in Kitchener” event to unveil our new outdoor wedding ceremony site/waterfall/improved patio was a massive success with literally hundreds of patrons on the premises, many of whom had never visited us before. Based on this we were very optimistic for the bi-weekly Bike Nights but unfortunately as time went on the atten-

dance waned and in August the Bike Nights ceased completely.

Our ‘Cruise Night & Patio Party’ events were held on June 21, July 26 and August 23, all of which were very successful in both the number of classic cars we are seeing plus the corresponding business that they generated both in our Schenke and Patio on these evenings.

We also had a good turnout for the Pig Roast on July 16th, and on August 13 we had a special viewing party for what we hoped would be a big feature on the Amazing Race Canada that day. Despite a large group of people that volunteered their time for the taping with Mayor Berry back in May (who were all sworn to secrecy until CTV released the episode) we didn't get as much airtime as we had hoped.

Our 1st annual Fall Wedding showcase on September 29 was certainly a smaller turnout than the Spring event but did result in some new business as now we were able to showcase the new outdoor site.

Anything we can do to bring new patrons in and show them what we can offer is a ‘win’ – we have great menu offerings and a wonderful facility for weddings and other events, so if you have some ideas on how to expand on this in 2020 and beyond please reach out to me.

## ***Annual Report - Sarah Fretz***

### **1ST SECRETARY**

As 1st Secretary I am responsible for minutes from the Semi-Annual and Annual Meeting. I am also responsible for responding in writing to any inquiries to the board and writing any letters to members. When our 2nd secretary is unavailable, I would take our weekly meeting minutes.

As 1st Secretary, I also try to keep the board in line with the by-laws and regulations during weekly meetings and keep track of our monetary motions for the auditors.

# VALENTINE'S DAY

## Appetizers

### Soup

Loaded Baked  
Potato Cheddar Crostini /  
Crème Fraiche / Prosciutto  
Shards / Scallions

### Salad

Waldorf Salad  
Kale / Granny Smith Apples /  
Shaved Celery & Fennel  
Roasted Walnuts / Candied  
Pecans / Pickled Onions/  
Grainy Mustard Dressing

### Crepe

Golden Grilled Savoury  
Crepe  
Slow Roasted Duck, Grilled  
Seasonal Vegetables  
House Made Hollandaise /  
Rocket / Pickled Carrots &  
Red Onions  
Grand Marnier Demi Glace

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Vegetarian  
Options  
Available.\*

## Mains

### "Oi' Faithful"

Triple Seared Pork Chop

Buttermilk Yukon Gold  
Mashed / Chefs Choice  
Vegetables  
Caramelized Apple  
Cinnamon Demi Glace

### "The Honeymoon"

King Cole Duck Leg Confit  
Buttermilk Yukon Gold  
Mashed / Chefs Choice  
Vegetables  
Grand Marnier Demi Glace /  
Sour Cherry Compote

### "My Bleeding Heart "

Slow Roasted Pesto Chicken  
/ Sautéed Spinach / Garlic  
Mushrooms / Mozzarella  
Wrapped in Flaky Puff  
Pastry  
Fingerling Potato Salad /  
Grainy Mustard Vinaigrette  
Beet Spaghetti / Roasted  
Red Pepper Sauce

## Dessert

### Hazelnut Heartbreak

#### Tart

Hazelnut Custard / Brittle /  
Banana Frangelico Crème

### Pucker-Up

Orange Sorbet

### Marianne's Pavlova

Vanilla Crème / Fresh Field  
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## 1. SCHRIFTFÜHRERIN

Als 1. Schriftführerin bin ich für die Protokolle der Halb-Jahres Versammlung und Haupt-Jahres Versammlung verantwortlich. Ich habe auch Briefe an den Vorstand beantwortet, und Briefe an Mitglieder geschrieben. Wenn unsere 2. Schriftführerin nicht da war, habe ich auch das Protokoll von unserer Vorstandssitzung geschrieben. Ich versuche auch immer, während unseren Sitzungen, die Satzungen und Statuten zu berücksichtigen.

## ENTERTAINMENT

It is exciting to plan for decoration and entertainment for various events and I hope we have succeeded in making it an enjoyable experience for all.

I would like to thank my entertainment committee, and for the most part their spouses as well, for all the brainstorming, crafting and hours spent decorating. Also a big thank you for all those who help with the clean up afterwards. It isn't always easy to coordinate schedules when so many of us work different kinds of hours but in the end, we always pull through and get the job done!

An extra thank you goes to Tanya Rahn-Kubasta for always helping out and Ulrike Ryzebol who has done an outstanding job as MC!

## VERGNÜGUNGS KOMITEE

Wir waren in dem letzten Jahr sehr beschäftigt! Ich hoffe, es hat allen gefallen. Wir werden für nächstes Jahr wieder ein paar Sachen erneuern.

Wir probieren immer etwas Neues für unsere Veranstaltungen und ich hoffe weiter interessante Dekoration zu bringen.

Ich möchte mich bei meinem Komitee bedanken für die Mitarbeit und auch bei alle anderen die mitgeholfen haben. Es ist nicht immer einfach neue Sachen zu finden und auszuführen.

Ich möchte mich auch bei Tanya Rahn-Kubasta bedanken für ihre Mitarbeit und auch bei Ulrike Ryzebol.

## *Annual Report – Elaine Keller-Griffin 2nd Secretary*

As Second Secretary, I am responsible for taking the minutes at our weekly Board Meetings. This is my sixth year taking our weekly Board meeting minutes.

I'd like to thank all Board Members who helped me with taking minutes when I am unavailable to attend meetings.

I'd like to thank the current Board of Directors for a great 2019 season. Here's to a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020.

*Elaine Keller-Griffin*

## *Yearly Report 2019 – Ali Nowak*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

This past year was my sixth year as First Treasurer of the Concordia Club. A big "Danke" to Peter Bergen, Second Secretary for all his work in 2019, as well as to Silvia Minka and Ruth Rajna for their continued help, support and guidance. With the addition of Shawn MacDonald as our new Director of Operations, we were all kept on our toes with his questions about how we operate.

As First Treasurer, I again chaired the Finance Committee (myself, Peter Bergen, Harald

Schwegel and Rob Kerr with Mike Matich, Martin Patzold and Sarah Fretz as special guests). Given the overlap between the Economic Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee, there was no Economic Affairs Committee this year.

The Finance Committee continues to work with the Groups in completing the Internally Restricted Net Asset Forms based on our Net Asset Policy. Although a few Groups still have problems completing the provided Form and handing them in on time for the audit conducted by our accountants, the process seems to be getting smoother.

Although the accountants haven't finalized the numbers, we did not meet our overall budget and suffered a loss in 2019. While our income from Oktoberfest was comparable to last year and our Oktoberfest expenses were down slightly, the income from our year round operations was down significantly. Our income was affected by the partial closure of Ottawa Street and the reduction in the numbers of events we held. The expenses to update our rental properties and to deal with water issues were also higher than budgeted.

We are hopeful that the addition of our new outdoor wedding venue will cause more weddings to be held at the Club, and also increase the use of the patio.

We continue to have a healthy bank and investment balance. However, as there is more construction expected in 2020, we have drafted a very lean budget. The capital expenditures wish list focuses on preventative maintenance of our existing assets, making us more competitive in this digital online age, and trying to ensure that our facilities are accessible to all.

The Board and the Finance Committee will continue to work hard to find ways to continue to improve the facilities and services offered at the Club, so that we can increase our revenues from sources other than Oktoberfest.

*Ali Nowak, 1st Treasurer*

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) welcomed 3 new members this year – Moni Gaertner, Beth Fitton, and Rita Eisbrenner. Special thanks to them, and to the other members of the LRP: Harald Schwegel, Rob Kerr, Mike Matich, Martin Patzold, Peter Bergen, Linda Zensner, Karl Braun, Shirley Grumme, Bob Foster, and of course Ruth Rajna and Shawn MacDonald for all of their ideas and input.

The LRP had a fairly quiet 2019 in comparison to previous years. Our application to the Ministry of Environment for the Farm Septic Project was submitted in 2018 and as we haven't heard back, we are now estimating that work on the project won't start until 2021.

In 2019, the LRP focused on trying to develop new ideas for marketing, the Farm, our 150th Anniversary celebration, and increasing membership. We hope to host a summer picnic at the Club and invite our neighbours.

If anyone is interested in joining the LRP Committee, please don't hesitate to speak to me or anyone on the LRP.

*LRP Chair, Ali Nowak*

## **OKTOBERFEST INC. COMMITTEE:**

The Oktoberfest Inc. Committee consists of myself, Harald Schwegel and Rob Krauskopf. We attended the Festhallen Advisory Committee (FAC) meetings with other accred-

ited Festhallen and Oktoberfest Inc. members to discuss any concerns we have and to receive updates about the festival.

This year, along with Rob Kerr and Mike Matich (Oktoberfest Set Up), we renegotiated our Accreditation Contract and saw some changes to the festival that all of the Festhallen have been seeking for a long time. We are happy that we finally have a German beer available in the tent.

We will continue to keep the Club's best interests in mind in all future dealings with the FAC, especially given our financial situation this year.

*Inc. Chair, Ali Nowak*

## Club Buildings

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the maintenance of our Club buildings and property over the last year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The past year saw several major projects undertaken to improve our Club, starting in the spring with the replacement of the wood floor in the Schenke and Weinstube. Also in the spring the south side of the patio area was transformed into a beautiful wedding ceremony site. We have already had some wedding parties make use of this new area. Later in the summer the lower section of our parking lot

was repaved, with a plan in place to have the remainder of our parking lot resurfaced in the coming year.

The annual Club Clean-up was held in the spring, and the hard work of the many volunteers that day was reflected in how well the property looked afterwards. A great job was done by all.

In the upcoming year we hope to have some additional accessibility improvements completed around the Club so that our members can continue to enjoy the facilities.

*Harald Schwegel*

## Membership

Happy New Year to everyone and hope that your Christmas was a good one!!!

I'd like to also welcome all our new members to The Concordia Club.

We had quite a few new members join in 2019

- 39 New Members
- 1 Corporate
- 7 Family
- 11 Singles
- 8 Students

(Family & Single includes Seniors as 5 years of Membership is needed)

We also had lots of membership interest during Oktoberfest which brought a few new people to join.

Congratulations, once again, to our members who had significant anniversaries as club members this past year. Just a reminder that we still have pins and some awards that need to be picked up from the club. Please ask for them at the front desk during regular business hours.

We have quite a few anniversaries coming up for 2020 which includes:



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In the 6 years I have chaired Membership I have never seen this many people celebrate significant anniversaries!! Wow!!

All Anniversary awards will be given out at Stiftungsfest. See you there!!

*All the best to you and your family in 2020!*

*Michelle Zimmer*

## ***Bulletin Annual report.***

I'd like to thank all the groups for another successful year working on our Bulletin together.

Just a friendly reminder. Many members have switched to having the bulletin reports emailed to them instead of regular postal mail. If you wish to help with our environment and would like to have the monthly bulletin emailed to you, please let the main office know.

Reminder to all groups to have your reports emailed to me: [bulletinelaine@outlook.com](mailto:bulletinelaine@outlook.com) before the 8th of each month.

Wishing you all a Happy 2020 and I look forward to your reports in my inbox!

*Elaine Keller-Griffin*

## ***Christkindl Market***

Once again we had a successful Christkindl market, possibly one of the best years yet. We sold out of Gluhwein, beer and liquor by 3:30pm on the Sunday. We sold 28-20 liter boxes of wine, 7-24 bottled cases of beer. In tip money we raised \$900 for The Children Wish Foundation. The new location has been very beneficial to us, with being more visible and having more room to stand. As always the suc-

cess of the booth would not be without the people willing to volunteer their time to work the event from setup to take down. Once again I am very happy with our results and I say a big thank you to all our volunteers.

*Committee Chair*

*Peter Bergen*

## ***Security Report for 2019***

Once again this year we had our Concordia security team with the help of Cristy Coroa and the team from Live to Security Protective Services work together to keep our facility and patrons safe during our Oktoberfest festivities. We have also teamed up with this security business to provide security at many other events throughout the year in many different locations.

The philosophy that is used by both security teams is very similar and this is why we have been able to recognize the success in providing a safe event for all our guests. As has been the trend for the past few years we were able to reduce the amount of charges laid against the people who attended Oktoberfest here at the club. The Waterloo Regional Police Services as well as the AGCO both congratulated us on a very successful year.

With all the preparation and possible unknown situations that could have happened with the legalization of Cannabis there were no problems related to the use of this drug. We will take a look at this years processes and outcomes to provide a plan for next year.

A special thank you goes out to Joe Liebel and Alex Thoene for their guidance and organization of the security and parking departments during Oktoberfest.

*Rob Kerr*

## ***Employee Laision Annual Report***

*Happy New Year everyone!*

I'd like to thank all our staff/employees for a great 2019 season. Always a great job watching you make members, families, friends and guests feel welcome and accepted here at our Club.

The biggest change this year is welcoming our new General Manager Shawn MacDonald to the team. Shawn has been with us now for approximately six months and is slowly starting to learn our everyday operations.

Thank you to Ruth and all office staff for the help with training Shawn as he slowly grows more familiar with the Club.

Another big thank you to Ruth for her commitment and dedication to while operating as our General Manager over the past few years. We know you will pass all your wisdom and knowledge along to Shawn so he can keep the momentum moving in a positive direction.

Ruth has now transitioned into a very familiar role as Banquet Manager. We are confident our clientele will be in the best hands when looking to book celebrations with us.

For the 3rd year in a row, we've implemented a fun Christmas employee incentive contest with "Hermie" our Concordia Club Elf from the North Pole and his team (our Board Members).

Christmas time is always a festive time and we want our visitors to the Club to truly enjoy themselves. Employees offering acts of kindness around our facility that go noticed by Hermie or his team had their names entered into a draw for a special Christmas gift to say thank you for going above and beyond during the holiday season.

Congratulation to this year's winner: Vicki  
I'm looking forward to working with everyone again for our 2020 Club season.

*Sincerely, Elaine Keller-Griffin*

## ***Honourary Member Report***

After a review and discussion of this year's Honourary membership committee going forward we need to have more meetings. New applicants need their applications reviewed with a mentor to go over the points awarded. Mentor can add points as required and return to committee with findings. Also, there should be the duty of the committee to award someone an honorarium without an application being submitted as we are slowly running out of applicants and there are people that have not submitted an application but are worthy of an award. I would like to thank all members of the committee who have given their time to this most important task to remember all our members contribution and commitment to the Club who have made Concordia what it has become.

I would like to Congratulate Helga Koch our new Honourary member for 2019 and the outstanding achievement she has deserved.

*Martin Patzold, Chair Honourary Member*

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# Concordia Club

# Miss Concordia

Wieder ist es Zeit um unsere jungen Damen vom Concordia Club aufzufordern, sich für die "Miss Concordia"-Wahl zu bewerben. Die Bewerbungs-Unterlagen sind im Klubbüro erhältlich und sollen auch dort wieder abgegeben werden.

Bei den Bewerbungen ist folgendes zu beachten:

- Bewerberin muss für ein Jahr Mitglied im Concordia Club sein
- Bewerberin darf nicht verheiratet oder geschieden sein
- Bewerberin muss 18 Jahre oder älter sein und möglichst die deutsche Sprache sprechen.
- Miss Concordia 2020 sollte bei Klub- sowie öffentlichen Veranstaltungen den Concordia Club repräsentieren.

Mit dem Anmeldeformular sollte ein Passbild sowie eine kurze Erklärung mit dem Thema: "**Warum ich Miss Concordia werden möchte**" abgegeben werden,

Die Bewerberinnen werden zu einem Treffen eingeladen um die Details auszuarbeiten.

Für mehr Informationen wenden Sie sich bitte an das Vergnügungs-Komitee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Geburtsdatum/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Klasse/Class \_\_\_\_\_

Alter/Age \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Unterschrift/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

It's time once again to choose a young lady to be our Miss Concordia. If you feel you could represent the Concordia Club, we ask that you fill out the application form and forward it to the Club office.

Please be advised of the following:

- Applicant must have been a member of the Concordia Club for at least 1 year.
- Applicant may not be married or divorced.
- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older and if possible speak the German language.
- Miss Concordia 2020 should be at club functions as well as other functions throughout the year to represent the club.
- A short statement should be attached to this application "Why I want to become Miss Concordia".

With the Application there should also be a short essay answering the question: "**Why I want to be Miss Concordia**" as well as a passport picture.

Applicants will be invited for a meeting to work out all the details. If you would like more information, please contact the Entertainment Committee.

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**Why I want to be Miss Concordia** (please use an additional sheet if required)

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