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PRESIDENTS BALL

March 14/2020, 6 pm - Concordia Club, Main Hall

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CONCORDIA IN MARCH / APRIL 2020

Klub Vorschau/Club Events

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

Concordia in April 2020

4th	Main Hall	Bockbierfest @ 5:00pm
	Schenke	Edelweiss Duo
10th	Club Closed	- Good Friday
11th	Schenke	DJ Novak
12th	Main Hall	Easter Sunday Buffet Seatings @ 12pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm.
	Farm	Home on the Range Clean-Up
18th	Schenke	Twin City Alpine Echo
25th	Weinstube	Trachten Sale @ 10:00am - 4:00pm
	Schenke	DJ Novak
26th	Farm	Farm Clean-Up

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



Ich bin mir nicht sicher ob der Winter sich dieses Jahr durchsetzt oder ob Mutter Natur nur nicht weiß, was sie will. Dieses ganze Globale Erwärmungskonzept hat uns wieder einen sehr instabilen Winter beschert. Ich hoffe nur, dass das Wetter für den Rest des Winters besser wird als letztes Jahr; ohne dass wir uns darum sorgen müssen, was er uns morgen bringen wird.

Dieses Jahr haben wir eine aufregende Vorstandswahl vor uns. Wir haben neun Kandidaten, um die sieben freien Posten zu besetzen. Wir haben fünf Kandidaten, welche sich zur Wiederwahl stellen, um euch im Vorstand zu vertreten. Es sind aber auch vier neue und doch familiäre Gesichter dabei welche die Heraus-

forderung annahmen und sich für eine Stelle im Vorstand des Concordia Klubs bewerben. Da zu der Zeit, als ich diesen Bericht schrieb, noch keine Wahl stattgefunden hat, kann ich euch natürlich nicht sagen, wer es in den Vorstand geschafft hat.

Zunächst möchte ich den zwei Vorstandsmitgliedern, welche beschlossen haben, nicht mehr zu kandidieren, herzlich danken.

Ich danke Sarah Fretz für ihre vielen Jahre des Dienstes für unsere Mitglieder. Hat sie doch einige Komitees wie z.B. Deutsche Kultur und Unterhaltung, geleitet. Sarah diente auch für viele Jahre als unser Erster Sekretär und leitete uns durch manche Entscheidung und führte unsere Meetings zum Besten des Vereins und der Mitglieder. Und es geschah immer im Rahmen unser Vereins-Satzung. Wir werden dich im Vorstand vermissen aber wir wünschen dir das Beste, wenn du dich jetzt deiner Familie und deinem Geschäft widmest.

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Helmut Kruschat hat entschieden, dass es an der Zeit ist, vom Vorstand zurückzutreten, um sich mehr den Dingen zu widmen die er liebt nach dem er jetzt sein Pensionsalter erreicht hat. Helmut war verantwortlich für unsere Mietobjekte und den Festwagen-Ausschuss. Wir konnten uns immer darauf verlassen, dass er uns bei einem Lied anführte, besonders wenn ein Vorstands-Mitglied Geburtstag hatte. Jetzt kann er endlich sein „Gone Fishing“ Schild aufhängen.

Ich spreche immer wieder davon, dass wir unsere verschiedenen Gruppen unterstützen müssen, um unser Zusammengehörigkeitsgefühl zu stärken und auch unsere Position als größter deutscher Klub in Kitchener-Waterloo zu festigen. Janice und ich hatten das Vergnügen die Narrenzunft bei ihrer jährlichen Reise nach Cincinnati zum Maskenball der Germania Society zu begleiten. Ich sah mit großer Genugtuung einen Bus voller Leute in Cincinnati zu einem Wochenende voller „fun, fun, fun“ ankommen. Es gab sicherlich viele Gelegenheiten, um wundervolle Erinnerungen zu machen. Die Gardemädchen repräsentierten den Klub mit äußerster Professionalität und rissen den Saal zu begeistertem Applaus hin als sie ihren Tanz vorführten. Was mich aber am meisten begeisterte, ist die Freundschaft, welche diese zwei Gruppen verband und wie sie mit jedem Besuch stärker wird. Prinz Peter und Mike Rampello aus Cincinnati machten beide einige Andeutungen, dass beide Gruppen sich nicht nur als Freunde sehen, sondern als Familie. Jeder, der dabei war, verbrachte eine wundervolle Zeit. Könnte es sein, dass wir nächstes Jahr zwei Busse vollbekommen?

Bitte besucht auch die folgenden Veranstaltungen:

Präsidenten Ball in der Halle am 14. März

Bockbierfest mit der Krönung der Miss Concordia am 4. April

Ich möchte auch daran erinnern, an unser **Oster Buffet** in der Halle am 12. April und unser **Muttertags-Buffet** am 10. Mai zu denken. Diese Veranstaltungen sind normalerweise sehr schnell

ausverkauft. So bitte ruft das Buero an, um einen Platz zu reservieren bevor es zu spät ist.

Ich habe auf vielen Veranstaltungen erwähnt das sich die ethnische Zusammensetzung Kitcheners und auch unseres Klubs zunehmend verändert und daher zwei Dinge ins Auge fassen sollten. Wir müssen flexibel sein und daher nicht nur Menschen mit deutschem Hintergrund, sondern auch die vielen Gruppen aus anderen Kulturen willkommen heißen. Und zweitens müssen wir stolz auf unser deutsches Erbe, unsere Kultur und unsere Traditionen sein.

Der Vorstand hat die Räder für die vielen Veranstaltungen im Frühling und Sommer in Bewegung gesetzt, so hoffentlich hatte das Murmeltier recht in seiner Voraussage und wir werden einen baldigen Frühling erleben.

Bis zum nächsten Mal

Euer Präsident Rob Kerr

President's Report

I am not sure if old man winter is winning the battle this year or if Mother Nature just cannot figure out what she wants to do. The whole global warming concept has once again given us a very unsettled winter. I hope as the winter progresses that the weather will be better than last year and we can enjoy the remainder of it without having to live in fear of what tomorrow might bring.

This year we will have an exciting election as we have 9 people running for 7 positions. We have 5 returnees that have thrown their hat into the ring to represent you on the board of directors. There are also 4 very familiar faces that have accepted the challenge to try and secure a spot to represent the Concordia Club and it's membership. At the time that I am writing this report the elections have not taken place and I cannot tell you who will make up the board of directors.

I would like to thank the 2 board members that have chosen to leave the board. Thank you to Sarah Fretz for her years of dedication to the membership as she lead many committees, which included German heritage and entertainment.

Sarah was also the first secretary for many years and was the person who guided us to make decisions and conduct meetings in the best interest of the club, the members and most of all within the clubs bylaw. We will miss your presence on the board but wish you well as you dedicate more time to your family and your business.

Helmut Kruschat has decided that it is also time to step away from the board and enjoy more time doing the things that he loves in life as he enjoys his semi-retirement. Helmut was in charge of the rental properties and float committees for 3 years and could always be counted on to lead us in song especially when a fellow board member celebrated a birthday. It is now time to hang up your "Gone Fishing" shingle.

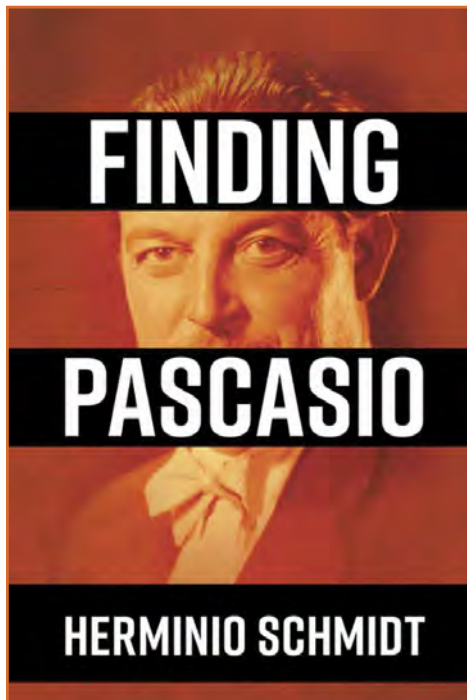
I am always talking about supporting the various groups of the club so that we can build our relationships and strengthen our position as the largest German club in Kitchener Waterloo. Janice and I had the pleasure of joining the Narrenzunft as they made their annual trip to Cincinnati for

the Germania Society's Maskenball. It gave me great pleasure to witness a full coach of people having, "fun, fun fun" arrive in Cincinnati for a weekend of making memories. The Garde girls represented our club with the utmost professionalism and brought down the house with a standing ovation when they performed their show dance. The thing that amazes me the most is the bond that these 2 groups have formed and how it is strengthened on each occasion that they meet. Both Prince Peter and Mike Rampello from Cincinnati made many references to not only being friends but we now consider each other family. A very enjoyable time was had by all that attended. Could next year be the time when we send 2 coaches full of people?

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

- **President's Ball** in the main hall on March 14th

- **Bockbierfest with the crowning of Miss Concordia** on April 4th



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I must also mention that you might want to start thinking about our Easter buffets in the main hall on April 12th and the Mothers Day buffets on May 10th. The sittings for these events usually fill up quickly so call the office to reserve a spot before you are not able to.

I have mentioned at many events that the ethnic makeup of Kitchener and our club are changing and that we need to be able to do two things. We must first diversify and be able to welcome not only people of German descent but also the many multicultural groups in our city. The second thing is to have pride, to be proud of our German heritage, culture and traditions.

The board has set the wheels in motion for spring and summer here at the club so hopefully the groundhog was correct in his prediction and we will see an early spring.

Until we meet again your president, Rob Kerr

Skat Group

After my first report in the Bulletin, you may be wondering what a typical night at playing SKAT might be like. If you join us to play SKAT, you will be greeted by either Bill, Karl, Sigfrid, Nancy or any other SKAT member. We are very happy to see new faces, and to welcome new card players to the group. We have some members that participate less frequently, and others that miss only a couple of nights during the year.

If you have never played before, you will join a table of 3 players, and will watch the play. The second week, if you feel you are able to start playing, you will join a table of 2. You can ask questions during play to help improve your skills. Bill has a copy of the rules of the game which you can borrow. On a table of 3, there are 32 hands played. For experienced players, it will take approximately 1.5-2 hours, for inexperienced players, 2-2.5 hours. We are all here to have fun.

If you decide to join our group, membership is 10.00 for the year. In addition, for each regular night of play, players will pay 2.00. For each game that you lose, you pay 50 cents. On average, players

might lose 2 to 4 game per night. The top 3 scores for the night will receive a prize.

We are not just about cards. We have a couple of brunches and a delicious Christmas dinner too. And for those that can't get enough of card playing on Tuesday nights, you can play cards on the day of the Sunday brunch too.

Regular Tuesday night play starts at 7:30 (new members, please arrive 10-15 minutes early). Several times during the year we play tournaments. Our next two tournaments are the Tony Dissler Pokal April 7 & 12 and the Spring Pokal on May 3.

If you are interested in joining our group, please feel free to email me at nancykessler@rogers.com.

If you would like some information on the SKAT game you can visit <https://www.pagat.com/schafkopf/skat.html>. (read until the title Variations)

Gut Blatt

Nancy Kessler-Agnew

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From the Manager's Desk



We are now closer to the 2020 President's Ball in the Main Halle 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 be

upload to website in the coming days.

March 31st your fees for the Concordia Club Farm Campgrounds are due. If you haven't received a copy of the contract please contact the club as soon as possible. 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:

Lot Fee \$ 1,548.25 Hydro Fee \$222.85

TOTAL DUE \$ 1,771.10

April 4th is the date when we will be crowning our new Miss Concordia at

Bockbierfest hosted by our Enzian Dancers. There will be great food and great times with the event's soundtrack provided by Twin City Alpine Echo. Tickets should be available soon.

The following week we are into the celebration of Easter. The Club will be closed on Good Friday the 10th but will be back open for business the weekend with our Easter Brunch on Sunday the 12th. We will have the usual two seating's for the brunch, one at 12pm - 2pm and the other at 5pm - 7pm. Price of brunch is \$26.50 per person. Call the club and make reservations before we are out of space.

Our good friend Neil from Trachten-Quelle will be here in the Weinstube Saturday the 25th with his fine selection of Bavarian garments and accessories. If you feel like you need to freshen up or add to your collection, make time to come and see him.

At the end of the month it is time for the Farm to get some TLC. There will be a clean up on the 26th. If you have a site out at the farm make sure you mark in on your calendars, or if you just want to go out a give a hand I'm sure it will be much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

-Shawn-

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KG Narrenzunft Concordia

Hello Concordia family and friends!

We had a memorable trip to Covington, Kentucky for Cincinnati's Germania Society's Maskenball: Enchantment Under the Sea. The weekend was full of Fun, Fun, Fun! Some of the group went on a complimentary tour of the Hofbräuhaus Craft Brewery from The Club's HB distributor. German food and drink was enjoyed following the tour. Others explored the Kenwood Towne Mall, a favorite of Travelers over the past years, finding bargains or items not found in Canada.

Saturday night's Maskenball was the highlight of the trip. Everyone dressed up in clever costumes to match the theme, Enchantment Under The Sea!

The Garde wowed the audience with their enthusiastic performances! Thank you Elaine Keller-Griffin for keeping this group of ladies alive ♥

Prinz Peter the first and I give a huge thank you to our Hofstaat Jesse and Hannah Turner. You have served us proudly and have always done so with a smile on your faces even when it gets tense at events. There is always the potential of other Karneval Groups stealing the Scepter or The Princess for "ransom: meals/drinks" Great job protecting us ☹️ and good times..... THANK YOU again Turners ♥

And last but definitely not least, a huge heartfelt thank you goes to our Narrenzunft members, guests and the Concordia Club Vorstand for their support in making this trip memorable!

Up next in April's Nachrichten:

Our 53rd Season's Maskenball and Closing.

Until next time.... Alaaf und Helau

Joan Trautrim

See you at the club!!



Our Hoppeditz Brandon Kerr



Gundi and Jürgen Budczinski



Manfred and Karin Kruse





Concordia Choirs

On January 27th the Choir held their Annual Meeting. Helmut Kruschat, Peter Hawrylenko and Nancy Kessler decided not re-run for our board. A heartfelt thank you for all of your hard work, efforts and dedication to the Choir. We are pleased to announce and welcome to the Choir Board Katharina Braun, Charlotte McCallum and Steve Grinwis. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas.

Concordia Choir Board for 2020

Beverley Gottvald – President

Christine Schwegel – Vice President

Fred Trautrim – Treasurer

Tanya Rahn-Kubasta – First Secretary

Helga Springer – Second Secretary

Katharina Braun – Director

Steve Grinwis – Director

Charlotte McCallum – Director

Andre Schilha - Director

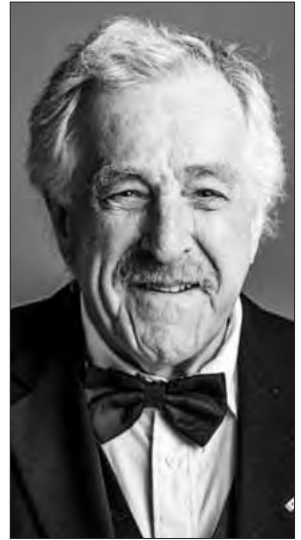
Please mark your calendars as May 3rd at 3 pm will be our annual Spring Concert. The theme this year is Music Speaks. Musik Erzaehlt Uns. We welcome all of you to attend our Spring concert in the Main Hall.

On April 4th we will be singing in the afternoon with the Transylvania choir.

The Choir is planning a guided bus tour with some singing dates from July 3rd to July 9, 2020. The tour consists of Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal. We have some seats available and if you are interested in coming along on our fun tour, please reach out to Helga Springer at 519-589-1121 for further details.

It is with sadness that I have to report the passing of one of our long-time members Frank Pongratz.

Frank always loved to sing. He sang in a choir in Germany before arriving in Canada to start his new life. It was 1952 and he was excited to begin a new adventure. He arrived in Montreal and his first job



was in construction. That didn't last long as he was anxious to get started in hairdressing, which he had apprenticed for in Germany. His first shop was called Peter and Frank's and it was located on Benton Street in downtown Kitchener. He often got into long discussions with his clients about History as it was one of his favorite topics. In the early 80's he ended the partnership with Peter and opened another shop called Franks Beauty Studio on Weber and Yonge and remained there until 1997. He stayed in the hairdressing business renting chairs at various salons until October 2018. His association with the Men's choir started almost the minute he arrived in Kitchener. His beautiful bass voice was easily recognizable, and could be heard during every performance. Frank was a dedicated member of the Concordia Choirs for over 60 years. He will be missed by the many singers both at the Concordia Choir and the many other choirs he had contact with.

Musically yours,

Christine Schwegel

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Campers

Good day Campers and members! Spring is just around the corner and farm opening will hopefully sooner than later. (That's up to Mother Nature!).

Here are the dates for our 2020 summer season. Remember you don't have to have a trailer to come out there and enjoy the festivities and the pool all summer long! Please put these dates on your calendar and come join us. (Bring your family and friends too!)

April 26. Farm clean up. Let's make our farm an awesome place to be. Everyone's help is appreciated and asked for. This is our farm and we are the ones that enjoy it :) lunch provided. Bring

rakes, gloves and work tools.

May 2 Club clean up. (We are all members and should make our club look good! There's lunch supplied after) it would be great if we could all be there!

June 6 Opening picnic (soccer) start spreading the word!

June 7 Campers Semi Annual meeting
11am pavilion

June 20 Choir picnic (Just a good to know)

June 27 Canada Day and the BEST fireworks in town! Everyone welcome!!

August 8 ODG Fishing derby and fish fry.

August 23 Campers Annual Meeting 11am Pavilion.

ODG meeting after with Corn roast (HOTR)

September 12 Halloween at the Farm. Times TBD

See you soon! Michelle Zimmer



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Concordia Bowlers

HAPPY MARCH everyone! Our Annual General Meeting took place on January 10th.

Our executive committee for this year is as follows:

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Frank Kauck | President |
| Käthe Zensner | Vice President |
| Carol Bergen | Treasurer |
| Diane Hennebry | Statistician |
| Monica Kauck | Secretary |

Upcoming Events/Vorschau:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Last Day of Bowling | April 17th |
| Closing Banquet | May 1st |
| *this is a Friday - 5:30p.m. | |

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

March/März

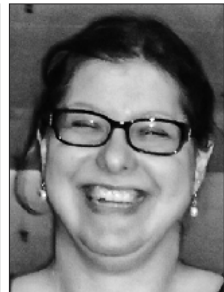
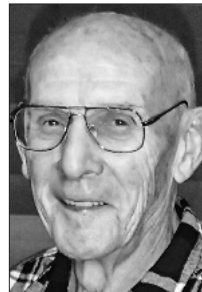
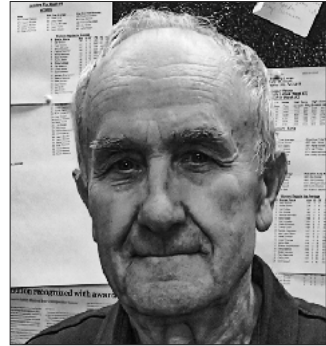
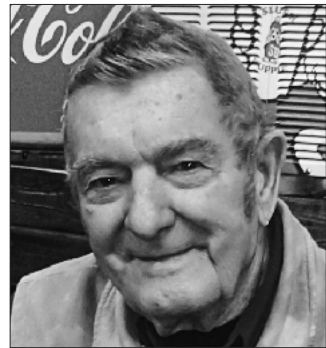
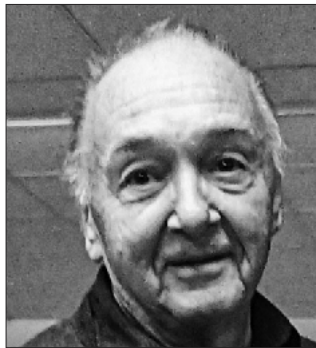
- 3. Robert Nowak
- 6. Peggy Maassen
- 9. Erika Kuers
- 13. Helmut Fritz
- 18. Manfred Zimmerriemer
- 27. Siegfried Gottsmann
- 27. Katie Schertzer
- 30. Frank Groechel
- 30. Sara Bergen

*Until next time,
Monica Kauck*

Unsere Jahreshauptversammlung fand am 10. Januar statt.

Das Komitee möchte sich bei allen Keglern für ihre Unterstützung recht herzlich bedanken.

*Bis zum nächsten Mal,
Monica Kauck*



March Birthday Babies



Outdoor Group

It was with great sadness that we decided to cancel our Winter Karneval at the Farm on Sunday January 26, as it rained rather than snowed the entire day prior to the event, causing a fair amount of the minimal snow that we did have to disappear, leaving us with a lot of mud and a flooded bridge.

Our Home on the Range Cleanup will be in May (still have to set a firm date) but please mark your calendars for Father's Day on Sunday June 21, 2020 – this is a day where I can guarantee you the weather will be good and the BBQ Ribs will be fantastic – Everyone Welcome!

Mike Matich

Seniorengruppe

Einige Mitglieder trafen sich schon vor der offiziellen Versammlung zum Lunch in der Gaststätte. Der offizielle Teil des Treffens fand dann in der Weinstube statt, da die Jaegerstube besetzt war. Wir diskutierten über Aspekte künftiger Zusammenkünfte und verabredeten als Termin fuer unser Weihnachtsessen den 9. Dezember 2020. Ausklang war wie üblich das gemeinsame Singen.

Geburtstag im Februar

Monika Neumann

April 12th Main Hal

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Table Tennis Group

Most all of us can't wait for the spring and warmer weather to arrive. Some of us are beating the winter blues by escaping with the Concordia club travel group to warmer climates. As we have noticed during last week's player attendance. We had only 3 Tables going and some of us left early due to a poor weather forecast for that evening. But we still managed to have a good time together and quit a little earlier for the night.



I would like to introduce to you,
our next member of the group.

Gerald Gottsvald

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

CNIB Guide Dog Calendar: 2020



"No one appreciates the very special genius of your Conversation as the dog does"
Christopher Morley

Without going to have our after-game beer conference down at the Schenke.

We had one more son (third Son) of Frieder play with us for the second night with us. His Name is "Leo" I try next time to have a picture of him in my next Report. Frieder told us that he has 5 son's in all. The two youngest will take some time to be able to come and play with us.

"slice it, spin it, play the game to win it"

Walter Marzinko

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MARCH / APRIL 2020

Mar. 14th

President's Ball

Main Hall, 6:00 pm with the Black Forest Band

April 4th

Bockbierfest @ 5:00pm Main Hall

April 10th

Club Closed – Good Friday

April 12th

Easter Sunday Buffet

Main Hall, Seatings @ 12pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm.

April 12th

Home on the Range

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April 25th

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