

# Nachrichten



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**August 26th - Semi Annual Meeting**  
via ZOOM- 7:30p.m. - see Manager's Report & Agenda for details

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# CONCORDIA IN JULY/AUG./SEPT. 2020

## Klub Vorschau/Club Events

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### Concordia in July 2020

- 1st CANADA DAY – club closed
- 4th Schenke DJ Novak – cancelled
- 7th Office **Members Oktoberfest Ticket Sales – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
- 11th Schenke Edelweiss Duo – cancelled
- 14th Patio Annual Pig Roast – to be determined
- 18th Schenke Polka Myster – cancelled
- 24th Patio Cruise Night – cancelled
- 25th Schenke TC Alpine Echo – cancelled

### Concordia in August

- 1st Schenke DJ Novak – cancelled
- 3rd Civic Holiday – club closed
- 8th Schenke TC Alpine Echo – cancelled
- 15th Schenke DJ Novak – cancelled
- 21st Patio Cruise Night – cancelled
- 22nd Patio Edelweiss Duo – cancelled
- 26th **Semi Annual Meeting – via ZOOM- 7:30p.m. - see Manager's Report & Agenda for details**
- 29th Schenke DJ Novak – cancelled

## 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 hoffe, daß alle die Vorkehrungen, das heißt, die Ansagen der Regierung eingehalten haben, "stay safe - healthy und bleibt zu Hause!" Als Mitglieder des Concordia Klubs, um unsere deutsche Gemeinschaft zu erhalten, ist diese Ansage nicht leicht, doch nur so können wir den Virus bekämpfen.

Mike Matich und der Vorstand arbeiten nach den Angaben der Ontario Regierung für "Stage 2" und ich bin froh, daß die Mitglieder Verständnis haben bis alles geregelt ist! Ich hoffe, daß trotz dieser Situation, die Farm sauber gehalten wird und somit der Virus ferngehalten wird. Da mehrere Wochen nicht genutzt

werden konnten, wird der Vorstand eine Verrechnung im Jahr 2021 vornehmen.

Für die Unterstützung der Mitglieder und Gäste, bei „curbside pickup“ danke ich dem Zuspruch, denn dies ist hilfreich für den Klub.

Die Geschäftsführung und der Vorstand bearbeiten die Situation betreff Eröffnung des Patios!

Der Vorstand, sowie der erweiterte Vorstand, ist in der Sitzung per Computer und Telefon in Verbindung um wichtige Gegebenheiten zu diskutieren und Entscheidungen zu treffen. Diese Sitzungen sind sehr erfolgreich. Die Halbjahres Sitzung wird so auch stattfinden!

Normalerweise würde ich jetzt über Oktoberfest berichten, doch leider steht noch nicht fest, ob es stattfinden kann. Natürlich werde ich Sie informieren, sobald eine Entscheidung getroffen ist!

Danke an die Angestellten des Klubs, sowie Mitglieder, die sich hilfreich beteiligen, damit unser Klubgelände sauber gehalten wird!

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Wir warten auf weitere Informationen was uns "Stage 3" an weiteren Informationen bringen wird.

Bis wir uns wieder im Klub treffen können, wünsche ich Ihnen einen gesunden, sicheren und schönen Sommer!

Sicher kann ich Ihnen im September Nachrichtenblatt mehr Informationen geben!

*Ihr Klubpräsident Rob Kerr*

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

I hope that you all have been adhering to the advice of the local health units and the Ontario government by staying safe, staying healthy and staying at home. As a community we have done a great job in flattening the curve and I must commend all the Concordia Club members for doing their part to help with this. I know it's hard to not be able to gather as a German community and enjoy each other's company but we must continue with social distancing so that we can

eradicate this virus. I ask that you continue to reach out to fellow club members to ensure that they are physically and mentally sound.

We have seen the province introduce stage 2 of re-opening Ontario in the community and we have been allowed to open our campground. I thank all the campers for being understanding and apologize for the frustration the start of this season may have caused. Mike Matich and the board of directors were working from information provided to them by the province as well as the Region of Waterloo. The board will be looking at the days missed in the camping season and offering a rebate towards next year's camping fees. We would ask that all members please help do their part in keeping the campground clean as well as follow any guidelines provided to keep the Coronavirus away from our beloved park.

Curbside pickup for meals has continued to be a success and Father's Day is shaping up to be as much of a win for the club as Mother's Day. We thank all the members and the local community for supporting our



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club in these tough times. At the time that this report is being written we have been told that service on patios can start or resume. The board along with the management will develop a plan and it's implementation so that we can take advantage of this opportunity.

The board and the extended board have met on Zoom regularly to discuss the affairs of the Club and what we need to do to move forward. These meetings have proven to be a welcome addition to the many platforms that we have to conduct meetings and will probably be used for a period of time to come. We are ensuring that we make decisions that are financially sound and allow us to continue our longevity within this community. These online platforms have been so successful for us that the Semi Annual meeting will be conducted virtually for this year.

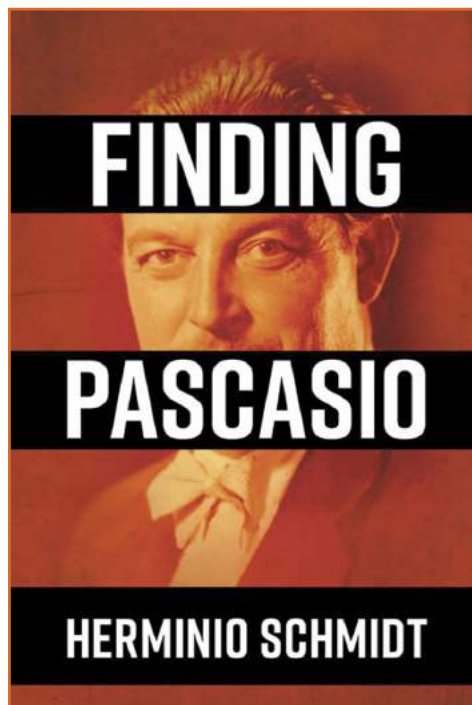
I would normally talk about the start up of Oktoberfest and it's preparations at this time. We are not sure of the exact plans for Oktoberfest this year but I can tell you that it will not be what is normally

anticipated and expected. The board is looking at different options but we will need to wait and see what directives we are provided by the government and the local health units.

I would like to thank the staff and members who continue to take care of our properties. We will be able to open the club as well as the farm and the continued maintenance of these areas will be appreciated by everyone who frequents our establishments.

We will have to wait and see how stage 2 of opening Ontario progresses before we will find out when stage 3 will be and what guidelines or stipulations it will have. With that being said I am not sure when we will be able to meet again. I wish all of you a safe, healthy and happy summer and hopefully when you receive the September issue of the Nachrichten we will be able to announce some dates where we will be able to gather with each other and share our cultural heritage.

*Your president, Rob Kerr*



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## From the Manager's Desk



As we continue to try and navigate through this very different way of life, every day and every week we have to find new ways to adapt our way of thinking and feeling moving forward.

### Oktoberfest

When we chose to postpone our members Oktoberfest ticket sales from May to July, it was done with great anticipation that we could go ahead with the sale in July. We have now **POSTPONED** the members sale of Oktoberfest tickets until further notice. As we all know, Oktoberfest is the highlight of the club calendar every year. With the uncertainty of what the Ontario government will allow, there are some very difficult decisions to be made in the next month.

### Semi Annual Meeting

The semi annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:30p.m. Via Zoom as the potential of not being able to gather in larger groups being possible. I have included the **zoom link at the top of the agenda for the semi annual meeting in**

this issue. If you are planning on attending and would like to have the direct link sent to you by email beforehand, please email myself at ruth.rajna@concordiaclub.ca or Moni Gaertner at orca4me@hotmail.com and we will send it to you.

### Schenke Restaurant

As I am writing this report, the Schenke restaurant is still closed. As we await further guidance from both the provincial and regional governments, we are diligently putting protocols in place to ensure everyone's safe return. My hope is that by the time you receive this Nachrichten, we will be able to have the doors open again even if it is at half of our capacity.

*I wish you all a wonderful summer! Please stay safe!*

Ruth




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## *Presidents Report for the Semi Annual Meeting 2020*

This year once again started with the German community getting together for Kameradschaftsabend to enjoy an evening of fun and friendship at the German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club otherwise known as the Hubertushaus. After a busy holiday season it was nice to catch up with our fellow German club members and formulate some plans for us to interact in the coming year. We enjoyed a great meal, great entertainment, good company and of course a few celebratory drinks

Our first event here was the Annual Bridal Show. We had many of our regular vendors here to welcome our potential bridal parties to the event and to try and sell their services. Chef Jeff and the kitchen staff once again put on a spectacular display of offerings for our guests to first eat with their eyes and then satisfy their appetite by enjoying the food samples offered. Ruth was able to secure some rentals for this year as well as some for 2021.

In February we had the Annual General Meeting. This event was well attended by our membership this year. There was also a welcomed change at this meeting as we had 4 new candidates running for the 2 positions left open by the resignation of 2 longterm board members. When the dust had settled and the election results were in we welcomed Moni Gaertner and Kathryn Malcolm to the board of directors to represent you, the membership. I would ask that everyone think about running for the board of directors of this club so that we can continue to have fresh ideas put on the table so that we can continue to move our club forward and continue our longevity.

The month of March started and the plans were well underway for our President's ball when the Coronavirus struck the area and the day before the ball we had to cancel it. From this point on we have been in lockdown and for a period of time we had to lay off all of the staff except for Ruth Rajna. We were able to adapt and the board of directors as well as many of the groups have used social media platforms to continue to have their meetings or just enjoy some interaction with fellow club members. We unfortunately have had to cancel many of the club events and are currently only looking from September until the end of the year.

We figured out a way to be able to provide the community with our German cuisine. We have offered curbside pick

up for our members and patrons, which was met with a better success than anticipated. This will be an item that we continue to offer even after we have been given the okay to re-open the restaurant. Our Mother's Day buffets were transformed into this type of take out and the response was astounding. Thank you to all of our members that supported this endeavour.

The board and extended board will continue to meet via social media until it is okay to meet in person again. The board has a few items on the agenda for this year when it comes to improvements here at the club. The first was to source a company to provide and install hand railings for all of our staircases that lead up from the lower level to the main hall. Thank you to Harald Schwegel for your time and dedication to this project, they look beautiful and are appreciated by our membership. We are working with the City of Kitchener and their construction provider to allow a pass through to Hoffman Street while they upgrade all underground services on Hoffman. This will then be reciprocated by the city with a deal to pave the top portion of our parking lot for a very good price. Once this project is complete we will have had the parking lot paved for about 1/2 to 1/3 of the price quoted many years ago.

The Covid 19 virus has disrupted many of our plans and events for this year but I assure you that the club is financially sound and even if we do not have Oktoberfest the Concordia Club will continue on by it's chartered plan for years to come. The one area that the virus will affect will be to slow the process of capital improvements.

The farm has also sat quiet as we were under a provincial ban from opening until Friday, June 12. We will do our best to play catch up with all items at the park but this will take some time and understanding. We would also like to thank all of the campers for paying their fees and submitting their contracts. We will offer a rebate for the time missed against next years camping fees. On a positive note Mike Matich has had conversation with the engineering company for the septic system upgrade at the pavilion and it looks like we are going to finally be able to move forward after many years of waiting.

The big question will be Oktoberfest and as I stated in the President's report for July, it will not be Oktoberfest as we

know it. We are going to wait as long as we can to make a decision on what we are going to do because we will need to have the guidance and blessings of the provincial and local governments as well as the local health units. We will look at all aspects of our festival and make sure that any decisions that are made will be financially responsible.

At this time we are uncertain of what the future holds for us with this virus and I can not speculate what we will be able to do, when we will be able to do it or how we will be able to do it. I do know that we are a strong and resilient group and we will come out even stronger than before. Please keep reaching out to each other to ensure everyone's well being. Continue to stay safe, stay healthy and stay at home if needed.

*Your President, Rob Kerr*

### FROM THE NOMINATION & BY-LAW COMMITTEE

These proposed changes to Paragraph 18(b) were presented for the first reading on the Annual meeting in February 2020. The second and final reading will be on the semi annual meeting 2020

Changes to Paragraph 18(b):

#### English

b) After careful consideration and stating reasons for doing so the Honorary Membership Committee may propose to the Board a member to be nominated as an honorary member.

The proposal has to be tabled at a meeting of the Board of Directors and the Board may elect to accept, defer or reject the proposal. If rejected, the Honorary Membership Committee shall propose another member to be nominated.

#### German

b) Das Mitgliedskomitee kann nach sorgfältiger Nachprüfung und mit beiliegender Begründung ein Mitglied zur Ernennung als Ehrenmitglied vorschlagen.

Der Vorschlag wird dem Vorstand zur Entscheidung vorgelegt und kann von ihm angenommen, zurückgestellt oder abgelehnt werden. Wenn abgelehnt, wird das Mitgliedskomitee ein weiteres Mitglied vorschlagen.

## WICHTIGE VERANSTALTUNGEN IMPORTANT EVENTS

### JULY / AUGUST 2020

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- June 19th **Cruise Night**  
w. Dana K & The Remedy - CANCELLED
- July 1st **CANADA DAY** club closed
- July 7th **Members Oktoberfest**  
**Ticket Sales** Office  
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- July 14th **Annual Pig Roast**  
Patio - to be determined
- July 18th **Polka Mystery**  
Schenke, cancelled
- July 24th **Cruise Night** Patio - cancelled
- August 3rd **CIVIC HOLIDAY** club closed
- August 21st **Cruise Night** Patio - cancelled
- August 26th **Semi Annual Meeting**  
via ZOOM – 7:30p.m. -  
see Manager's Report &  
Agenda for details

Bitte reservieren Sie ihren Tisch und besorgen Sie die Eintrittskarten zu den Veranstaltungen rechtzeitig.





## Concordia Bowlers

I hope this report finds everyone in the best of health. It certainly has been quite the year so far. This new way of life takes some getting used to. However, we are hoping to start our new bowling season as scheduled on Friday September 11th. Fingers crossed. I will confirm this with all of you in August. New bowlers are always welcome!

In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer. Please take care of yourselves.

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
- 6. Dave McMullin
- 19. Karen Murtagh
- 24. Sharon Matich
- 26. Rita Allmendinger
- 28. Monica Kauck

### August

- 13. Mary McMullin
- 19. Alfred Kuers
- 21. Alfred Herzing
- 26. Frank Kauck
- 28. Gerald Gottvald

*Until next time,  
Monica Kauck*



*July Birthday Babies*



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## Concordia Choirs

Hello everyone, hope this bulletin finds you healthy and looking forward to things opening up a little.

Choirs bring people joy and song. What does COVID19 mean for the future of our choir? Choral Art is a valued and important part of our community. We need to take time to consider how we can provide a safe and healthy environment for all participants. We must also consider that not all choir members will want to come together under the current conditions, even when restrictions are relaxed. During this time your Board of Directors have continued to meet along with our conductor to consider the parameters of this pandemic. When this is over, however the end is defined, we will not operate as we have in the past. For us singing is the essence of choral music. We believe that keeping the purpose of the choir, that of singing together on the horizon and providing stepping stones to get there is essential.

### DOES SINGING SPREAD CORONAVIRUS?

The act of singing itself contributes to the emission of aerosols, which is affected by loudness of vocalization. The CDC (Canadian Disease Control) also reports that some people are known as superspreaders, these people release more of these droplets during speech and singing than others. "The potential for superspreader events underscore the importance of physical distancing, including avoiding gatherings in large groups to control the spread of COVID19.

Colin Furness an expert in disease epidemiology from the University of Toronto told CTV news that it is possible for an infected choir member to disperse viral particles to others through the act of singing. "Singing in a group typically involves standing in close contact for an extended period of time. The risk of inhaling infected droplets depends on both the closeness and amount of time." "Get close enough to an infected singer for long enough, you will become infected". "For that reason, I would rate group

singing as extremely risky". Outbreaks have been reported from the Berlin Cathedral Choir, Germany, Voices of Yorkshire, England, Washington State Choir, as well as many others. We know this is not what you wanted to hear, but I think this makes it very clear why your board has made the decision to cancel all upcoming events. We are following the science not the hearsay. We will sing together again, we just don't know when.

A note from Adolf Bretz. Adolf wishes to thank the choir for the many condolence messages he received on the recent passing of his brother, and especially the card he received from all his fellow singers of the Concordia Choir. "I was very touched that even during this difficult time I was thought of. Thank you so much".

Also a note of thanks to Cecilia Meiring who provided beautiful handmade masks for the residents of Seniorenhaus. Thank you Cecilia your act of kindness and generosity was very much appreciated.

No further news to report on Club activities resuming or a decision on Oktoberfest.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following choir members:

JULY: Vera Golini, Irmgarde Stoermer, Maxine Metzger

AUGUST: Cecilia Meiering , Alfred Kuers, Karl Rover, Fred Trautrim, Martin Anderle, Frank Kauck.

Keep a song in your heart, stay positive, like everything else COVID19 had a beginning, and it will have an end.

*Take care, Beverley*





## ZOOM LINK:

<https://d21.zoom.us/j/93385069612?pwd=UEsvMmRyTlprYjJqNVpQK01SSkovQT09>

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# Agenda for the Semi-Annual Meeting

## August 26, 2020 7:30 PM

- 1a. Call to order and establish the legality of the meeting
- 1b. Review of Zoom Etiquette
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting Feb 23/20
4. Acceptance of the President's Report as posted in July/August Bulletin
5. Acceptance of the Manager's Report as posted in July/August Bulletin
6. Nominations and By-Law Committee Report - Reading #2 of revisions to Club bylaw
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

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## Table Tennis Group

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more

Those were days my friend those were the days.

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we hoped that this would soon be gone for good

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Friday, July 24th 6:00 p.m. close  
"Craig McNair" live from 7 - 10 p.m.

Friday, August 21st 6:00 p.m. close  
"Double Impact" live from 7 - 10 p.m.



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## Treffpunkt

Greetings to all and missing each and every one of you as we continue to physically distance but remain socially connected as best as possible. Over the past few weeks, members of Treffpunkt, Dana Komer and Holger Fisher, have been cycling around town making every effort to safely visit and bring good cheer to Treff members, sharing laughs, sunshine and a few drinks.

Like other groups, we remained connected online through our regular WebEx meetings and bi-weekly embrace a trivia night hosted by various members of our group.

Curbside pickup has been a very popular “go to” within Treffpunkt as many meals have been ordered and enjoyed regularly. A HUGE thank you to the club, Chef Jeff and all the Club staff for continuing to make this possible and as delicious as ever.

Again, as a group we would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all of our members, family members and friends who have continued to be on the front lines, providing services to keep our community safe and running. Our sincere appreciation for their service and selflessness.

As always, please consider donating blood if you are able; our partners for life number is CONC010846 or you can just say that you are donating on behalf of the Concordia Club. Thus far, we have secured 12 donations and look forward to surpassing our goal of 40 donations for the 2020 year.

*Bis zum nächsten mal, Jodi Purdie*



## KG Narrenzunft Concordia

The sun is shining, the birds are singing and it is a wonderful world we live in if we look for the good ♥!

The Narrenzunft members’ hearts go out to anyone who is going through difficult times.

Though we as a group aren’t meeting we still look forward to the time when we can...

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If you’re thinking of getting take out please support the Club and enjoy a variety of delicious food. We thank the staff and volunteers for their efforts.

Until next time.... **Happy Summer!**  
*Alaaf und Helau*

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*Joan Trautrim*



## Outdoor Group

Due to the ongoing concerns with holding public gatherings we have decided to cancel both our Fishing Derby and Fish Fry on August 8, 2020 and our Annual General Meeting and Corn Roast on August 23, 2020. We will continue into 2021 with our existing committee. We are unsure if we will be allowed to host any events whatsoever this season, but we must consider health & safety above all else.

*Mike Matich*

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