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CONCORDIA IN JANUARY 2021

Klub Vorschau/Club Events

Due to the current COVID-19 virus outbreak, many events may not be permitted until such time that Public Health will allow for these events to occur.

However, in an effort to keep everyone aware of potential upcoming events should we receive approval to move forward please check our website

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	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
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Bericht des Präsidenten



Bevor wir das Jahr 2021 starten, wünsche ich allen ein gesundes, glückliches Jahr, einen besseren Start als das Jahr 2020 uns brachte!

In all den Jahren, die ich als Präsident im Concordia Klub tätig war, hätte ich nie gedacht, daß uns 2020 eine so schwierige Zeit bringt, ohne Veranstaltungen, ohne Oktoberfest! Wir mußten viele Veränderungen hinnehmen, Regeln beachten und befolgen. Die Corona Epidemie war im Finanzplan nicht vorgesehen! Der Vorstand, als auch das Büro, mußten viele Veränderungen bearbeiten, so

wurde auch die „Curbside pick up“ eingeführt, was organisiert werden mußte, um die finanzielle Situation etwas zu bessern!

Für die nächsten Jahre wird es nicht leicht sein, alle erforderlichen Reparaturen und Anschaffungen durchzuführen.

Auf der Farm warten wir immer noch auf das OK von MOE um das „Septic System“ zu bearbeiten. Mike hofft, daß dies im Jahr 2021 bearbeitet werden kann.

Sollten Sie intressiert sein im Vorstand mitzuarbeiten, Informationen erhalten Sie im Büro oder von den Vorstandsmitgliedern! Anträge dafür sind im Büro zu bekommen!

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Bitte befolgen Sie die gesetzlichen Regeln!!

Die Veranstaltungen die wir durch Corona verpaßt haben werden wir zu gegebenerZeit nachholen!

Nochmals alles Gute für das Jahr 2021

Bleiben Sie gesund!

Ihr Klubpräsident

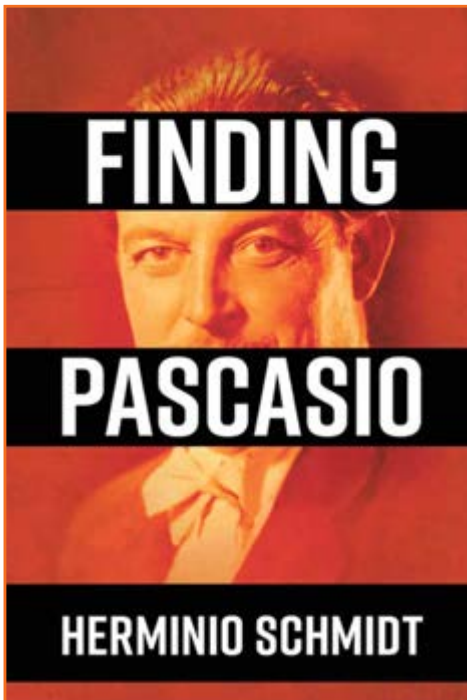
Rob Kerr

President's Report

As we start 2021, I must wish you all a Happy New Year and wish you much health and happiness as we start this year. We can

only hope that this year will be much better than 2020. In all my years I did not think that we would see a year like 2020 was. Who would have thought that a pandemic would take over the world and pretty much derail everything that was planned or that there would be a year that the Concordia Club would not erect the iconic tent for their annual Oktoberfest celebrations.

This past year has been very different as we have not been able to gather at many events and share some fun and fellowship with the other members of our German community. These past 9 months have made us become more flexible with our home lives as well as here at the Concordia Club. We have had to adapt to a forever changing world and experience things in a different manner than what we have become accustomed to. Being the resilient group of people that we are, we



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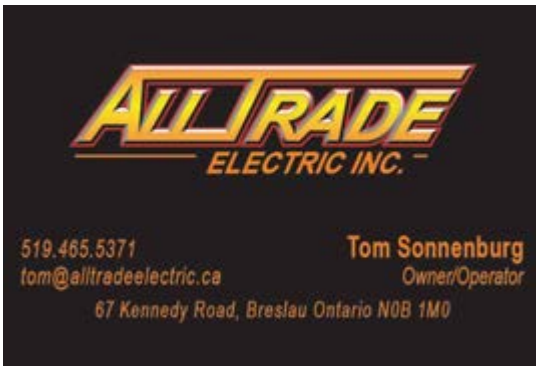
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have been able to conquer and persevere through these adverse times.

The pandemic has also been very tough on the Concordia Club. We have had to cancel many of the events that we would normally have during the year as well as we have cancelled all of the rentals under the advice and guidance of the government and local health unit. None of this was figured into the budget for 2020 and as you expect the financials for the club have had a negative impact. The board of directors along with management of the club have pivoted and changed to try and minimize the loss to the club. Please continue to support our restaurant by using the curbside pickup menus that we continue to offer.

Due to these tough financial times we will be looking to only perform minimal improvements over the next few years as a large portion of the capital improvements budget is from the profits made from our Oktoberfest celebrations every year. We are going to apply for some grants over the next year to try and upgrade our computer systems to allow us to provide better service options for our club. When the trillium grants are offered again we will look at submitting an application to allow us to install an elevator to allow more accessibility for our members and guests.

The board will have a challenging time in setting the budget for this year but we will do our best to look at all the factors that affected last year as well as how the pandemic will influence this coming year.

We have now transitioned tenants in 3 of our 4 rental properties in the past 3 years and have spent a great deal of money renovating these properties to make sure that they are up to current codes and standards. The rent for these properties has also been adjusted to reflect rates that are in line with fair market value.

Out at the farm we are still waiting for the final approval from the MOE so that we can start the septic system upgrade that is needed. Mike has been in contact with the company that is spearheading this for us and we will push for this to hopefully be accepted

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soon so that we can start this project in the spring of 2021.

We are always looking for members to join our board of directors as they bring new ideas and help represent the membership at large. If you feel that you might be one of these people I would ask you to stop by the office and pick up an application. The application process is open until noon hour on Saturday, January 23/21.

There are no events planned for the club or the German community at large due to the pandemic but as soon as we are able to have these events we will post them on all of our social media avenues. I ask that everyone look at participating in the annual meeting, which will be held virtually over 2 week-

ends. Please find the memo in this bulletin, which will guide you on how to join this event.

A big Thank you to all of our members for your support and understanding in this past year. I know that it has been very tough on people as we have not been able to enjoy our beloved Concordia Club, Please keep each other in mind and let's make sure that we are wearing our masks, sanitizing our hands and practicing social distancing so that we can make this pandemic go away. We need to be able to meet again to celebrate all of the events that we have missed in the past year.

Your president,

Rob Kerr



Concordia Club is looking for new members to join the Board of Directors 2021

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From the Manager's Desk



I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday spent with close family members.

As we move in to 2021, I wish you all a very happy new year as well. I think I can safely say that we are all happy to see 2020 behind us. A year that will

definitely go down in the history books!

I would like to thank all of the members who supported the club during the Christmas season and ordered curbside to celebrate at home. The support definitely does not go unnoticed! Without you the club would not be the strong community it is! We received so many wonderful comments on the features we offered.....especially the Duck Dinner!

We will continue to offer special menu features in the new year for curbside pick up and hopefully in the Schenke again very soon! Please check our facebook pages and other social media for updated on our features.

Membership Rates for 2021

Membership fees are due at the beginning of each calendar year. Below are the rates for this coming year – 2021.

Below is a list of the new rates including HST:

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Single Person	\$104.50
Student w. Student Card	\$ 26.00
Senior Citizen after 5 years	\$ 41.75

Please ensure that you have your membership payment to the office before Tuesday,

January 12th as the grace period ends on that day. After that time, the use of your 2020 card will no longer be valid for the members discount to be applied.

I hope that one day very soon we can all come together again to enjoy fellowship & good cheer.

Until next month, please continue to stay safe and take care of each other! *Ruth*



Ladies Group

Happy New Year!!! I imagine that most of us are so happy that 2020 the worst year in most of our lives has come to an end. This year looks a lot brighter as we will be able to get a vaccine hopefully by the summer time.

For Christmas our president, Maria Grupp had made each group member a beautiful Christmas card, a handmade book mark, a group picture and a \$30 gift card that we can use at the club. Also she donated a chocolate Santa for each of us. This was all delivered to each home of our members. Thank you so much Maria. Also I would like to thank Ursula Dressler who made a Christmas card for Maria.

Every 1 or 2 months Maria emailed a long letter with information as to what was happening with the club to keep us all updated. As of May or be it June Maria hand delivered us a lovely handmade birthday card. Also a thank you goes to her husband Walter who did all the driving for the deliveries.

We the Ladies Group wish everyone a Happy 2021 New Year and may we have many good things to experience like visiting family, friends and going on a vacation!!!

Elisabeth Rowsell

Nominations & By-Laws Committee

NOTIFICATION

This year's Annual General Meeting will need to be conducted different than years past due to the ongoing restrictions to keep everyone safe from Covid-19.

There will be two meetings, the first and main meeting will follow a similar agenda as in previous years but will be online via Zoom. Voting will take place in person at the club during the following week. When all the voting is completed the election committee will count the votes and then a second meeting (also online via Zoom) will take place and the results will be shared at that time.

Schedule of dates:

- January 23 (Sat)
End of Nominations at 12:00 PM
- February 10 (Wed)
Advanced Voting from 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- February 21 (Sun)
Annual General Meeting via Zoom at 2:00 PM
- February 24 (Wed)
Voting in Person from 4:00 - 8:00 PM
- February 25 (Thurs)
Voting in Person from 4:00 - 8:00 PM
- February 26 (Fri)
Voting in Person from 4:00 - 8:00 PM
- February 27 (Sat)
Counting of the Ballots at 1:00 PM
- February 28 (Sun)
Results Meeting via Zoom at 2:00 PM

If it looks like there won't be a Presidents Ball. The swearing in of the new board will be done on February 28 at the results meeting.

We will be asking the presidents of the groups to send an email including the link and passwords needed to join the online Zoom meetings. If you are not a part of a group or do not receive an email with these details please contact the Club office or Moni Gaertner at orca4me@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



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Concordia Bowlers

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Ich hoffe, daß ein jeder die Festtage gut überstanden hat und das ihr alle noch gesund seid. Unsere Weihnachtsfeier haben wir müssen wegen der Pandemie verschieben. Unser Turkey Roll fand am 11. Dezember statt. Die Gewinner werde ich im nächsten Bericht mitteilen.

Am 8. Januar haben wir unsere Jahreshauptversammlung. Bitte merken Sie das Datum an euren Kalender.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2020-2021 BOWLING SEASON

January 8th

Annual Meeting (at the Bowling Alley)

February 12th Fun Night

April 30th

Last Day of Bowling (33 weeks)

*May 7th

Closing Banquet

(this is a Friday - 5:30p.m.)

***PLEASE NOTE:** Banquet date and venue are tentative and dependent on our current situation.

Stay tuned for updates!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I hope this report finds everyone still in good health. The bowlers' Christmas banquet needed to be delayed due to the pandemic. We will be celebrating at a later date. Our Turkey Roll took place on December 11th. The winners will be announced in the next bulletin. Don't forget our Annual General Meeting on January 8th.

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

Januar/January

14. Helen Majunke

15. Wilma Schmidt

24. Vlasta Vacik

*Bis zum nächsten Mal/Until next time,
Monica Kauck*



Outdoor Group

Hope everyone is keeping well in these challenging times! Due to the ongoing concerns with holding public gatherings and there having been no Oktoberfest booth this year, we felt it best to cancel our Christmas Dinner (which would have been held on November 29, 2020) and we are not planning on hosting our annual Winter Karneval event in January 2021. Your Committee stands ready and waiting in anticipation for when we might be able to get together again for fun & camaraderie.

Until then – Stay Safe!

Mike Matich

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Concordia Choirs

Happy New Year. Hope everyone enjoyed a safe, happy and healthy holiday. Good news, vaccines have started to be given and hopefully we will begin to see the results in time to resume some kind of normal existence by next fall.

Just a reminder that club memberships are now due. Please contact the office to check when they are open for business.

Canadian Choir Directors want to be able to resume in person rehearsals, saying it can be done safely with physical distancing and masks. In 2020 all in person choral events were silenced by the Coronavirus. All choral groups from across Canada have been relegated to virtual gatherings. As Canada begins to resume regular services, and re-

opens certain sectors many Canadian Choral Directors are raising their voices to challenge the prevailing depiction of singing as an inherently dangerous activity in the Covid-19 era. In an open letter choral leaders from coast to coast are calling on the government to make decisions based on medical evidence when ruling if and how choirs can resume practicing and performing. Stay tuned for further information. We will sing again we just don't know when.

Happy Birthday to the following singers who are celebrating a birthday in January.

Ilse Gessner, Danuta Grigaitis Helen Majunke, Wilma Schmidt, Martin Patzold, Alfons Reese

That's all our news for now, take care, stay safe, and keep a song in your heart,

Beverley



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Club Historian

2020 - A Year in Review

Well, 2020 started out the same as many previous years - riring in the new year with much hope and anticipation. Kameradschaftsabend was held at Hubertushaus in January, and then in February, we had Maskenball followed by our AGM where a few new faces joined the board (including me!).

March began like any other - I remember the fun of an Owl Paint Night with many participants, and everyone was anticipating our President's Ball. And then, in the middle of March, our whole world was flipped upside down!! President's Ball was cancelled!! And we all had to learn about COVID-19, coronavirus, and social distancing. Soon after, on March 17, 2020, we had no choice but to shut down our restaurant and lay off our staff. It was truly a sad spring.

Soon everyone had to learn a new skill - how to join a Zoom online meeting - at least this way we could see and talk to each other! And we came up with a little idea we hoped might work - and started curbside take out at the Club by the end of April. And much to our delight, it was very successful. To start, it was just Thursdays and Fridays, but it was a start and let us hire back some of our staff.

Then in May we had another idea - instead of single meals, what about a large platter option? Our chef put together a delicious Mother's Day platter with schnitzel and sausages and cabbage rolls and more!! All who tried it were stuffed!! It was such a success that in June, Chef Jeff did it again with a Father's Day BBQ platter of ribs, chicken wings, schnitzel, and more!! It was finger-licking good!

Another great moment came on June 12th when finally, the farm was able to open again. Campers sure were anxious to be able to return! And by July 14, even the pool was open!! While this season at the farm was different to say the least - no picnics or parties as we still had to abide by the social distancing rules - at least campers were able to enjoy their trailers and the wonderful weather. We saw many NEW campers join and were so thankful when so many helping hands pitched in to clean up the campgrounds. Many old derelict trailers were removed, many dead ash trees were cut down and removed, and there was just a whole lot of clean-up, but the farm sure is looking great!

Big news on June 24th - we were all so excited as we could enjoy the club patio again!! The Club opened Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for outside dining for both lunch and dinner which meant we could hire back even more of our staff!! We also extended our curbside take-out to Wednesdays as well. Our expanded patio site came in

handy as we could spread out all the tables in order to comply with health regulations - but boy oh boy was it nice to see people in person again - even with masks covering half of our faces!! Our chef kept us coming back for more with delicious and new daily specials!

We were honoured when The Record published a lovely, glowing article about the Club and restaurant and all the delicious food we serve. We saw quite an increase in new people joining us on the patio or trying our curbside take-out, which was wonderful news.

With August, we saw another opening. Our restaurant could open back up for inside dining!

As summer was coming to an end, we couldn't help but wonder - what about Oktoberfest? Although it wasn't anything like in previous years, we still made a go of it with Oktoberfest stretched over 3 weekends starting on Friday September 25th. We had to keep our celebrations small - only in the Schenke - still with tables pushed apart. But we enjoyed the Black Forest Band and Twin City Alpine Echo, and even Marko the Prince of Polka played! We had a special menu - and I must say the Oktoberfest poutine was delish! I hope it stays on the menu forever! And we had another hit - the Oktoberfest Platter Feast available for people who preferred curbside take-out and having their Oktoberfest celebrations at home. We ended our Oktoberfest 2020 on Sunday October 11th with a Family Day for all ages to come out and enjoy!

During Oktoberfest the weather turned cold, and we had to close up our patio, but we were happy to still have people eat in the restaurant and found our curbside orders remained high enough to extend to Saturdays as well. With the colder weather, Chef Jeff delighted us with many different warm and delicious soup creations, and in November, he came up with another BBQ platter curbside option, so we could remember the wonderful summer days.

With December, came Christmas options on our menu including rouladen and duck and turkey. But with new whisperings about orange and red zones, suddenly, we had to shut down our Club again and go back to only curbside take-out.

But despite this, and although with all the events of this 2020 year, it might be easy to focus only on the things that we cannot do, we continue to try to stay positive and focus on what we can do. Thank you for your support during these challenging times. Please continue to support our Club by ordering from our curbside menu. Cherish your time with family and friends (who are in your bubble and virtually for those who aren't), and let's all hope and wish for a happy, healthy, and better 2021.

Moni Gaertner, Historian



Treffpunkt

Season's greetings from all of us in Treffpunkt. We hope you enjoyed the holidays as well as spending quality time with those near and dear, however possible, this year. As a group, we continued to gather virtually and share in a few laughs while playing our trivia games online.

Over the past month, we celebrated Christmas virtually and as we continued to collect empty bottles to make a group donation to a local charity. The total is still accumulating as I write this, so I will be sure to update you on the total and the charity chosen, in next month's newsletter.

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 32 donations and hope that we can get just a few

more in, to meet our goal of 40 donations for the 2020 year.

So I leave you with the last "few" words, from our group president, Dana Komer to sign us all off for the 2020 year.

TREFFPUNKT ODE TO 2020

2020 started out in our usual state

Kameradschaftsabend and tubing and things were just great!

Met a new Fedy member and enjoyed Maskenball

Cats in Hats shared rhymes for one and all!

Concordia Treffpins bowled for kids' sake.

Then paint night with owls, what great art we did make!

Then oh how things changed, yes they truly got weird.

COVID stuck us inside, but we persevered.

We adapted quite well to socializing online.



Our bottle drive boomed with each
glass of wine.
Rita choppered in for games and fun.
With shotskis and toasts all virtually done!
We played trivia and Bingo and Family Feud.
Showed off how well we draw, oh how laughter
ensued!
Then finally things changed; we could stop at
the Club,
Have socially-distanced surprises and
curbside grub!
And this balance continued right into June,
While we hoped all this madness would end
sometime soon.
More puzzles, more games,
socially-distanced drinks,
Fun in spite of the fact that this
COVID thing stinks!
Then thankfully summer brought us a chance
To Treff tailgate together from a social distance.
Then August arrived and the sun was still shin-
ing,
So we tailgated again with some curbside fine
dining!
September upon us and cottage
plans thwarted.
Oh how we wished this COVID thing was
sorted!
Still that didn't stop us;
we celebrated the year
With our annual photo and a
whole lot of cheer!
And memories of last year toasted Saturday
night
To friendships and good times;
we did it up right!

Oktoberfest 2020, it came and it went
With no dunk tank, no dancing,
no Concordia tent.
But we fested on with some great drinks
and food
Dressing up in tracht for a Gemütlichkeit mood!
And even though masks hid a lot of our smiles,
It was amazing to be out for just a little while.
So we celebrated and fested
from 2 meters away.
Nothing could keep the
spirit of Oktoberfest at bay.
So now here we are with our year overflowing
With photos and memories of what kept
us all going
Through a truly tough year of lock downs
and masks
Toilet paper wars, sanitizer, and plexiglass.
And despite all of the chaos this COVID year
brought,
There is truly one thing this group never forgot.
How to stay connected – together even though
we're apart
And how to hold the Treff spirit close to
our hearts.
So many good times with so many
good friends,
Time to celebrate each other as 2020
now ends.
Best wishes, good health, happiness, and fun!
Auf Wiedersehen 2020, on to 2021!!!

bis zum nächsten mal
Jodi Purdie



KG Narrenzunft Concordia

Our Narrenzunft family is saddened by the loss of our member



Ken Matchett.

He passed away suddenly on November 15th. We have good memories to cherish

and will truly miss his bubbly personality and smile!!!

Narrenzunft Concordia's 54th season officially began November 11th. The season continues through until the Saturday before Ash Wednesday when we would normally hold our Maskenball in the main hall of the club. This event is canceled.

The Narrenzunft family hopes your family had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All the best for 2021!

Until next time....

Alaaf und Helau

***"Let your Smile change the world.
Don't let the world change your smile."***

Narrenzunft Secretary

Joan Trautrim

Seniorengruppe

Wie alle Gruppen konnten sich auch die Senioren nicht treffen. Weihnachten bescherte uns eine wohl einmalige Erfahrung. Wegen COVID-19 konnten die traditionellen Weihnachtsfeiern im Kreis der Familie und Freunde nicht oder nur im ganz begrenzten Rahmen stattfinden. Das gilt auch fuer Sylvester. Nun hoffen wir, dass das neue Jahr uns bald angenehm überraschen wird und das Leben in seine normale Bahn zurückkehrt.

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Irene Eichinger	24.01
Danuta Grigaitis	9.01
Gisela Seidemann	31.01

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