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KLUB VORSCHAU/CLUB EVENTS

CONCORDIA IN OCTOBER 2026

3rd	Ginger Goat Festival - Tent
5th	WHMIS & AODA Training - Schenke at 7pm
7th	Security/Serving Staff Meeting - Main Hall at 7pm
8th	WHMIS & AODA Training - Main Hall at 7pm
9th-17th	Oktoberfest
19th-21st	Club closed for clean up
31st	Dine & Dance with DJ Nowak - Schenke

CONCORDIA IN NOVEMBER 2026

7th	Stiftungsfest - Main Hall
14th	Narrenzunft 60th Season Opening Gala - Main Hall
21st	Dine & Dance with The Golden Keys - Schenke
27th-29th	Weihnachtsmarkt - Main Hall

SCHENKE HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	11:30AM - 10PM
Wednesday	11:30AM - 10PM
Thursday	11:30AM - 10PM
Friday	11:30AM - 10PM
Saturday	4PM - 10PM
Sunday	CLOSED

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Group Events

MONDAY

Halle	7:00- 8:30pm	Gemischter Chor – Mixed Choir
	8:30-9:30pm	Männerchor – Men's Choir
Jägerstube	6:30-7:30pm	Kinderchor – Children's Choir

TUESDAY

Halle	5:30-8:30pm	Kinder & Junior Garde, Senioren Garde – Children, Junior and Senior Guard
Schenke	6:30pm	Skat Gruppe
Victoria Bowl	6:30pm	Bowlers
VBall Courts	6:30-8:30pm	Beach Volleyball - Pick Up

WEDNESDAY

Halle	6:00-10:00pm	Enzian Group
Weinstube	2:00pm	Ladies Group (2nd Wed. of Month)
Weinstube	7:00pm	Tennisgruppe (2nd Wed. of Month)
Jägerstube	8:00-10:00pm	Narrenzunft

THURSDAY

Halle	7:00-9:00pm	Table Tennis Group
Jägerstube	7:00pm	Schach/Chess
Eisstock	7:00-10:00pm	Eisstock-Gruppe
VBall Courts	6:30-8:30pm	Beach Volleyball - League

FRIDAY

Jägerstube	7:30pm	Treffpunkt (2nd Fri. of Month)
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BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Das Zelt für Oktoberfest steht und das Team von „Elements Tents u. Structures“ hat eine gute Arbeit gemacht! Jetzt sind die Elektriker von HVAC an der Arbeit, damit Licht und Ventilatoren zu gebrauchen sind! Larry Peterson, Mike Matich und Helfer sind mit dem Innenausbau beschäftigt!

Verkauf der Tikett geht bis jetzt langsam, doch nach Labour Day wird es besser, das ist immer so!

Die Gruppen sind auch fleißig am Arbeiten, um die Gäste mit „Fun u. Erinnerungen „während des Oktoberfestes zu erfreuen!

Das Bier wird wieder „LOCAL“ von Waterloo Brewing (Carlsberg) geliefert! Schnitzel und Würste werden von „Finest Meats“ und Sauerkraut von St. Jakobs geliefert! Den hauseigenen „Black Forest Cake“ zaubern Alisa u. Allah im Concordia Klub! „Murphy s Law Distillery Ltd. von Elmira liefert den Alkohol, wie Schnaps u. Likör!

Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade wird wieder an der Weber St. am Montag 12. Oktober 2026 starten, beginnt um 9:30 AM (statt 8:30)! Dazu benötigen wir viele Helfer! Es werden sich einige Gruppen zeigen, so auch Tanz Gruppen! Der Concordia Klub wird seine deutsche Herkunft, Kultur und Tradition zeigen!

Pioneers Day wird am Dienstag 13. Oktober 2026 im Concordia Klub stattfinden! Zur Ehrung ist „Georg Schmalz „ausgewählt! Mehr Info dazu erhalten Sie im Aushang am

Eingang der Schenke!

Mittwoch Abend wird wieder „Honky Tonk at the Conc“ im Klub sein, am 14. Oktober 2026! Spenden für die Food Bank Waterloo sind willkommen!

Ich danke Allen die geholfen haben, das Gelände um den Concordia Klub sauber zu halten, speziell das Unkraut was so lästig ist!

Auf der Farm war auch einiges an Veranstaltungen, wie Splash Jam 2026, Halloween usw. Nachdem die Temperaturen gefallen sind, war für die Camper klar, der Sommer ist vorbei und die Vorbereitungen für den Winter sind angesagt!

Stiftungsfest am 7. November 2026 in der Halle! Tiketts sind im Klubbüro erhältlich!

Volkstrauertag am 15. November 2026 auf dem Woodland Friedhof anschließend Kaffee und Kuchen im Alpen Klub!

Concordia Weihnachtsmarkt vom 27.-29. November 2026. In der Halle und Parkplatz Gelände! Viele Aussteller haben sich schon angemeldet!

Ich danke für jegliche Unterstützung im Klub u. Farm!

Janice und ich freuen uns, Sie bei den Veranstaltungen zu sehen!

Ihr Klubpräsident
Rob Kerr



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The tent is up and the management from Elements Tents and Structures had a great crew that made the assembly go very smooth. As I write this report the electricians from HVAC are installing the wiring, lights and fans. Larry Peterson, Mike Matich and their crew are now starting the interior assembly.

Ticket sales have been slightly ahead of last years and we have had even stronger sales since Labour Day which should help us get back to the attendance which is better than last year's numbers. The groups are getting ready to welcome our guests to play their games and walk away with prizes and memories.

The kitchen has also been very busy preparing pig tails, rouladen and our famous cabbage rolls. The schnitzel and sausage orders have been calculated and placed with our suppliers to ensure that we have the freshest product to tempt our patron's palates.

We will once again make sure that this community is taken care of. We will continue with our play on "LOCAL", which means that our beer will be from Waterloo Brewing (Carlsberg), our sausage and schnitzel from Finest Meats, our sauerkraut from St. Jacobs Produce and Black Forest cakes made by our very own Alisa and Allah.

We have a new addition to the local family of goods that we are selling. Murphy's Law Distillery Ltd. from Elmira will be supplying many of the spirits that we offer to our patrons.

Please plan to participate in the festival by being a patron, volunteering in a booth or by becoming an employee of the Club for the week. This is the major event for the Concordia Club and we must look to support our Club to continue our longevity in this community.

The Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day parade will once again grace Weber Street on Monday, October 12/26 and we need as many people to participate in this event as possible. The time for the start of the parade is the same as last year. It is starting at 9:30 instead of 8:30, which may help us get a few more volunteers who might not be early risers. We have been told that this year's parade will not be livestreamed which means that you will need to get down to the parade route early to secure the best seats possible. Last year's participants were full of energy and it would be great to have more support and enthusiasm. We will need representatives of the groups, dance groups and the membership to show how much pride we have in our beloved Club. The fact that we are the largest German Club in the region means we must show not only the people of KW but also Canada how proud we are of our German culture, heritage and traditions.

During this week we will also host German Pioneers Day (on Tuesday, October 13/26) which has now become an annual event here at the Concordia Club. This year we will have one honouree, George Schmalz. Please see the ad in this bulletin or the notification in

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the showcase for more details.

In looking to find a theme to fill the Wednesday night of Oktoberfest and using last year's test as a model we are going to continue with the country theme. The event will be called Honky Tonk at the Conc and will feature Eight Second Ride entertaining you and we will hopefully have some line dancers for some added entertainment. We will continue to give back to the community by giving a donation to the Foodbank of Waterloo Region. This will take place on Wednesday, October 14/26.

As autumn has arrived, I must thank all of the members who have helped keep our Concordia Club properties looking beautiful and lush for our members and guests to enjoy. You may think that your work goes unnoticed but believe me, we have heard many people comment on the upkeep of our property (especially controlling those pesky weeds).

The Farm has also been very busy with picnics, rentals of campsites to some baseball teams, Splash Jam 2026 and to wrap up the season our Halloween party. As the weather cools down so do the activities and many campers are starting to feel sad as the camping season is coming to an end. The septic system has been working well and the dumping station is getting regular use every weekend. The Farm has noticed a large influx of campers this year.

The big membership event for this year will be Stiftungsfest, which will be held in the main hall on Saturday, November 7/26, I ask that you the membership please come and show your support for this celebration as well as honour the many people that have given of themselves to help the Club survive and prosper for all of these years. This evening will be one to remember. Please contact the office to purchase tickets and reserve your table.

There are a few events that are scheduled for later in the fall/early winter. Volkstrauertag will once again be an open event on Nov. 15/26 with a ceremony at Woodland cemetery followed by a coffee and cake reception at the Alpine Club.

The Concordia Weihnachtsmarkt will be held here at the Club from November 27th until the 29th, in the main hall and parking lot. We have a large variety of vendors that have already committed to our event. Please see the Club website for more specific details.

I thank all of you for your support and continued patronage of the Club and Farm. Janice and I are looking forward to speaking with you at one of the many upcoming events.

Until we meet again.
Your President,
Rob Kerr



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MANAGERS REPORT

Oktoberfest is Here... Let the Festivities Begin!

Oktoberfest is finally here, and we are looking forward to another exciting season of celebrations, great food, music, and fellowship!

The 4th Annual Ginger Goat Fest will take place in our tent on Saturday, October 3rd. Come out and enjoy a variety of hot sauce vendors while sampling offerings from local brewers. Tickets are available at www.gingergoat.ca. We hope to see you there!

The Rotary Lunch will be held in the Hall on Opening Friday to help kick off our Oktoberfest festivities. We will also be welcoming three bus tours this year on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The IBEW Lunch will take place on Thursday, followed by Chamberfest in the Hall. We will also be hosting Brock Solutions in the Schenke on Thursday evening, with RBC joining us in the Schenke on the second Friday.

A reminder to all members: please bring your membership card on either Family Day Sunday or Monday to receive free admission for you and your family.

AODA & WHMIS Training

AODA & WHMIS training will be offered on the following dates. All new staff members and volunteers must



complete this training before they are permitted to work during the festival.

- September 30th – Main Hall – AODA & WHMIS Training at 7:00 p.m.
- October 6th – Schenke – AODA & WHMIS Training at 7:00 p.m.
- October 9th – Main Hall – AODA & WHMIS Training at 7:00 p.m.

Club Clean-Up

Following Oktoberfest, the Schenke and Main Office will be closed for Club clean-up from October 19th to October 22nd. Thank you in advance to everyone who helps us get the property ready for the remainder of the year.

Stiftungsfest

Come out and celebrate the Concordia Club's 153rd Anniversary and help us honour the members who will be receiving awards for their contributions and achievements.

Stiftungsfest will be held in the Hall on Saturday, November 7th. Tickets are available through the Main Office.

Narrenzunft 60th Season Opening Gala

The Narrenzunft will be celebrating their 60th Season Opening Gala on Saturday, November 15th. Tickets will be available for purchase through the Main Office beginning October 22nd.

As we head into the fall season, we would like to thank all of our members, volunteers, staff, and supporters for everything you do to make the Concordia Club such a special place.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with good food, family, friends, and plenty of reasons to be thankful!

Happy Oktoberfesting!
Kim Veevers
Club Manager



ENZIAN SCHUHPLATTLER

Because the Enzians won the trophy for best dance group in KW last year, we have the honour of performing at the KW Oktoberfest opening ceremonies on Friday, October 9th. This event will kick off our very busy dance schedule for that week. Not only will we perform in our own Club's Hall, Tent and Schenke, we will also be dancing at the Alpine Club, the Schwaben Club and the Hubertushaus in Mannheim. Please make sure to cheer us on in the Oktoberfest Parade – our tired feet will appreciate the encouragement!

The dancing and festivities will continue for yet another weekend when we perform at London's Oktoberfest on October 23rd and 24th. This has become an annual gig for us and is such a fun event! They also have an Oktoberfest tent on the grounds of their Club

property (albeit a much smaller one) and provide lots of live music, food and entertainment throughout the weekend. We are so excited to be a part of it once again!

While October is definitely our busiest month, we always look forward to dancing our feet off, meeting new people and creating more wonderful memories!

Happy Oktoberfest everyone!

Shari Moritz

P.S. Photos of our summer fun together!



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Dinner

6 PM

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60 Jahre

Karin Minholz, Elisabeth Rowsell

50 Jahre

Dirk Doerr, Heinz and Gerda Nowak, Alexandria Nowak,
Paul-Kurt Pollex, Gudrun Van Wasen

40 Jahre

Stephen Kennel, Shari Moritz, Ulrike Ryzebol,
Peter and Joan Trautrim

25 Jahre

Philipp and Sibylle Hofmeyer

10 Jahre

Dan Beke, Patrick Burns-Sönser and Lena Sönser,
Angela George-Brown, Gwen Hallman, Sandra Kauffeld,
Helga Koll, Maria Maltais, Alexis Ryzebol,
Margaret St.Pierre-Beke

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HABEN, FRAGEN SIE BITTE IM CONCORDIA KLUB BÜRO NACH,
AB DEM 10. NOVEMBER.

Congratulations



to our members on their
Membership Awards 2026



60 Years

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PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT DESK AFTER NOVEMBER
10TH TO COLLECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP AWARD IF YOU
DID NOT GET IT AT STIFTUNGSFEST.



CONCORDIA BOWLERS

Our new season is well underway and Oktoberfest is right around the corner. Thank you, in advance, to everyone who signed up to volunteer in our booths. We couldn't do it without you.

I would now like to take this opportunity to welcome our new bowlers: Tatiana Armero, Laurie Beyerle, John Becker, Frieder Laepple as well as Brad and Audrey Coles. We are so happy you could join us this year. We are also glad to have Janis Pfister back and bowling with us again. Our group now consists of 44 bowlers plus 8 social members.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2026-2027 BOWLING SEASON

October 9th-17th	Oktoberfest
December 8th	Turkey Roll
December 20th	Christmas Party (this is a Sunday - noon)
January 5th	Annual Meeting
February 9th	Valentine's Day Fun Night
March 16th	St. Patrick's Day Fun Night
April 20th	Last Day of Bowling (33 weeks)
TBA (Canada Day Weekend) Closing Picnic	

To celebrate the beginning of the festive season, the Bowlers are planning a trip to the Hamilton Region on Saturday November 28th. The day will consist of the following: a stop at the Windmill Country Market, a lunch buffet at the Sherwood Restaurant and a visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens to see their Christmas light display. If anyone is interested in joining us, please reach out.

Best wishes go out to our bowlers who are celebrating a birthday this month.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag!

October

11. Barbara MacMullin 23. Linda Majunke
29. Amanda Kroger 30. Rick Ertel
Happy belated birthday to Laurie Beyerle who celebrated her special day on September 12th.

Additionally, the Bowlers would like to sincerely express our deepest condolences to the Zensner Family (Karl, Linda, Rob - Yvonne) on the passing of their beloved wife and mother, Käthe Zensner, whom many at the bowling alley fondly knew and called Tante Käthe. Käthe was a cherished long-time member of the Concordia Bowlers and generously served on the committee for many years. She will be genuinely missed by all of us.

A gentle light has left our days,
Yet still it shines in quiet ways.
Your hand, your heart, your tender grace,
Left love in time and time and space.
Though you are gone from mortal sight,
You stay with us through day and night.
A guiding star, a sweet refrain,
To ease our grief and soothe our pain.

And to my Onkel Karl and cousin Linda, you will definitely understand why I needed to include the following:

Recipe for Apfelstrudel

Ingredients

Dough:

- 1 cup + 2 tbsp (145 g) bread flour
- ⅓ cup lukewarm water
- 1 tbsp + ½ tsp vegetable oil
- ½ tsp vinegar or lemon juice
- ⅛ tsp salt

Filling:

- 2 lbs (900 g) sweet-tart apples (like McIntosh, Gala or Cortland), peeled and sliced thin
- 3 tbsp unsalted butter, melted (plus extra for brushing)
- ¾ cup fine dry breadcrumbs
- ⅓ to ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 tbsp raisins soaked in 3 tbsp rum (optional)
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- Confectioner's sugar for dusting

Instructions

1. Make the dough: Mix flour, water, oil, vinegar, and salt. Knead by hand for 10 minutes until smooth. Shape into a ball, brush with oil, cover, and let rest at room temperature for 1 hour.
2. Prepare the filling: Toss sliced apples with lemon juice, sugar, cinnamon, and rum-soaked raisins.
3. Toast the breadcrumbs: Melt 3 tablespoons of butter in a pan and toast the breadcrumbs until golden brown.
4. Roll and stretch the dough: Place a clean kitchen cloth on your counter and dust it with flour. Roll out the dough, then gently stretch it with the backs of your hands until paper-thin.
5. Assemble: Brush the dough with melted butter. Spread the toasted breadcrumbs over the lower half of the dough, leaving a border. Top with the apple mixture.
6. Roll: Use the kitchen cloth to lift and roll the strudel tightly. Tuck the ends under.
7. Bake: Place seam-side down on a lined baking sheet. Brush generously with melted butter. Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 30 to 40 minutes until golden brown.
8. Serve: Dust with powdered sugar while warm. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

"Just like the snowbirds,
your soul has taken flight
to a place of eternal
warmth and beauty in
Heaven."



Wishing all of you a wonderful and **HAPPY THANKS-GIVING!**

"Gratitude doesn't change the challenges we face,
but it turns what we have into enough. Take a deep
breath, and let's be thankful for the gift of today."

Until next time,
Zicky Zacky Zicky Zacky Heu Heu Heu....Prost!
Monica Kauck



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September 2026

Dear Arbeitsgemeinschaft & Friends of the German-Canadian Community,

"Soldiers' graves are the greatest preachers of peace." — Albert Schweitzer, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, humanitarian, theologian, and physician.

In 1971, the mortal remains of 187 German prisoners of war who died in captivity during the First and Second World Wars were reinterred from 36 locations across Canada to their final resting place at Woodland Cemetery in Kitchener, Ontario. Each year, a commemorative ceremony is held at this site on the Sunday following Canadian Remembrance Day. This observance coincides with Volkstrauertag, the German National Day of Mourning.

Volkstrauertag honours members of the armed forces of all nations, as well as civilians who lost their lives in armed conflicts, including victims of oppression and persecution. It serves as a solemn reminder of the human cost of war and the enduring importance of peace.

For many years, funding for the maintenance of the gravesite and the annual ceremony was provided by the German War Graves Commission. When this support ceased, the German-Canadian Remembrance Society was established in 2002 as a registered Canadian charity to continue this important work. Since then, we have been able to sustain these efforts and issue charitable tax receipts for donations.

However, with the passing of earlier generations and the loss of several generous benefactors, our funding has significantly declined. We are now reaching out to the broader community and seeking support through donations and grant opportunities.

Our Board of Directors remains fully committed to preserving this important legacy of remembrance and reconciliation. If you are able, we would be deeply grateful for any financial support you or your organization may be able to provide toward this meaningful cause. For any donations of \$50 or more, a charitable tax receipt will be issued. Donations can be made via e-transfer to remsociety@gmail.com or via cheque sent to our mailing address.

To learn more about our organization, please visit our website at www.gcrsociety.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Harry Drung, President

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TREFFPUNKT

As we head into fall, we can look back at a busy summer for the group. July had members taking part in a Cruise Night as well as our Summer Social. August highlights included Hako rides with the Schmidt family as well as another cruise night on the Club patio.

The arrival of September means it is once again time for our annual Cottage weekend, the preparations for which are well underway. It is sure to be another enjoyable weekend, with an opportunity for everyone to get caught up on each others summer adventures.

Upon our return it will be time to begin preparations for the Oktoberfest Dunk Tank. One task already completed is a fresh coat of paint for the tank. Thank you to our paint crew for taking on this task. We are looking for volunteers to help in the booth so if you are able, please sign up for a shift or two.

Finally, our Treffpunkt Blood Donor Challenge has reached 41 of our target 75 donations completed. A heart felt Thank You to everyone who has donated. Our Partners for Life number is CONCO10846, and keep in mind that you can donate on behalf of more than one team.

Harald Schwegel, 2nd Secretary



KG NARRENZUNFT CONCORDIA

Hello Concordia Family and Friends,

October is here, and we're looking forward to another great year at Oktoberfest! We wish everyone a safe, successful, and enjoyable festival season. We hope to see many familiar faces at the Pretzel Booth!

With Oktoberfest behind us, it won't be long until we officially kick off our 60th Karneval Season on November 14th. We're excited for another season filled with friendship, laughter, and Karneval traditions.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for our 60th Season Closing Maskenball — February 6, 2027, with the theme Hollywood Fantasy!

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Until next month...

Alaaf und Helau

On behalf of the Narrenzunft Concordia Group
Stephanie Richtaritsch



Concordia Club Presents

STIFTUNGSFEST

Saturday, November 7, 2026



*Come out and celebrate the Club's 153rd Anniversary
as we honour the members whose years of
dedication, loyalty, and support have helped
make our Club what it is today.*

*Join us in recognizing these valued members and
celebrating this special milestone together!*

Cocktails: 5:00pm-Dinner: 6:00pm

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LADIES GROUP

Well summer is gone and I hope that we all have a beautiful long autumn.

On July 2nd we had our annual Ladies Picnic at the home of Ingrid & Manfred Fischer. We had lovely weather, great food with lots of baked goods for coffee & cake. A big thank you goes to Manfred & Ingrid for letting us use their back yard, so we the ladies group could have an afternoon of fun and relaxation.

On September 2nd our group went to the Doon Pioneer Village and Museum. It was very interesting to see, but it was super hot and thank the Lord that we went in the morning as it was the day of the big storm.

This month our birthday ladies are Elisabeth Rowsell on October 1st and Gabi Flämrich on October 2nd. We wish them both a wonderful day.

We the Ladies Group wish you all a wonderful Oktoberfest!!!

Recipe of the Month

TOMATO AND BEAN SOUP WITH CRISPY BACON

Fennel seeds are milder in flavour when pre-ground than when whole or freshly ground; if you're starting with whole seeds, grind them using a mortar and pestle or a spice grinder, and use only half the amount called for in the recipe.

Cook Time: 35 min

Yield: 6 servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 strips bacon, thinly sliced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup diced carrot
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ tsp each granulated sugar, dried
- oregano and ground fennel seeds
- ¼ tsp each salt and pepper
- pinch cayenne pepper
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 cups sodium-reduced chicken broth
- 1½ cups bottled strained tomatoes
- 1 can (540 ml) white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh chives

In Dutch oven or large heavy-bottomed saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat, stirring often, until fat is rendered and bacon is crisp, about 4 minutes.

Using slotted spoon, transfer bacon to plate. Set aside. Drain all but 1 tbsp fat from pan; cook onion and celery over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until onion is softened, about 3 minutes. Add carrot; cook, stirring

often, for 4 minutes.

Add garlic, sugar, oregano, fennel seeds, salt, pepper and cayenne pepper; cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Stir in tomato paste until combined.

Stir in broth, strained tomatoes and 1 cup water; bring to boil. Stir in beans.

Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened and celery is softened, 15 to 20 minutes.

Ladle into serving bowls; sprinkle with bacon, feta and chives.

Elisabeth Rowsell, Secretary



CONCORDIA CHOIR

"In München steht ein Hofbräuhaus"—and here in Kitchener, Concordia stands proudly! We're heading into the busiest ten days of the year, and preparations are in full swing. Oktoberfest is just around the corner, and the choir will once again be running both the Wurf bude and the Baseball booth. Drop by, say hello, and support us—every visit helps our choirs thrive.

November is shaping up to be a lively month as well, with Stiftungsfest on November 7 and Volkstrauertag at Woodland Cemetery on November 15. It's also pointsettia season! Our annual fundraiser is underway, and orders can be placed until November 9. Details are on the attached poster.

And then comes the magic of the holiday season. We're thrilled to invite you to our annual Christmas concert on December 6—a festive afternoon filled with music, community, and cheer. Bring your loved ones and enjoy the celebration. Whether you're listening from the audience or thinking about joining your voice with ours, you'll be warmly welcomed. After the concert, the Schenke will be open with menu items available for purchase.

We also share some bittersweet news: after more than 60 years of singing with the Concordia Choirs, Elisabeth Rowsell is retiring from the stage. We're incredibly grateful for her decades of music and will miss her at Monday rehearsals. Elisabeth, enjoy your well earned rest and the view from the audience!

With all that's happening, it's a perfect time for new or returning singers to join us. If you or someone you know loves to sing and meet new people, contact the club office to learn how to attend a Monday rehearsal.

October birthday wishes go out to: Lee Fritsch, Nancy Kessler, Elisabeth Rowsell, Uli Ryzebol, Christine Schwegel, Helmut Kruschat, and Stella Anderle.

Yours in song,
Marissa Ptak

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