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## Christmas Bazaar



**November 2011**

**Saturday, November 19, 2011**  
from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the  
German Canadian Care Home  
2010 Harrison Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

**Raffle at 3 p.m.**  
Our raffle not only supports a good cause but it also gives you a chance to win one of the following, fantastic prizes:

Featuring crafts, straw stars, tablecloths, jewelry, preserves, Christmas bake sale, chocolates, book sale and the very successful bottle booth. German music, German food, coffee & cake, Gluehwein, lots of fun and Christmas spirit.

- 2-night accommodation** courtesy of Sun Peaks Resort (value \$198),
- Turkey & a case of Steaks** courtesy of Sodexo (value \$175),
- \$100 gift certificate** for Joe Fortes, and more.

Live Auction at 2.15 p.m.

Enclosed are raffle tickets. You may participate by simply filling in your name and phone number and returning the tickets with payment in the enclosed envelope. The cost is:

We will again be having an auction and you may bid on many, wonderful items such as a 3-day RV rental courtesy of Fraserway RV Rentals, 2x2 tickets to the Vancouver Canucks, 4 tickets to the Vancouver Giants, 2 tickets to "Die Schöpfung" donated by the Vancouver Bach Choir, 2 tickets to "Red" donated by Vancouver Playhouse Theatre, restaurant certificates for the Boathouse and Troll's Restaurant, 2 tickets each for a Vancouver Harbour and a Sunset cruise, an i-pod Nano 8GB donated by London Drugs, one trip on the "Elaho Exhilarator" or a "Cheakamus Splash" donated by Canadian Outback Adventures, add. restaurant certificates, and more.

**\$ 5 for three tickets.**

Raffle tickets will also be sold at the Bazaar. All draws will take place the day of the Bazaar and all winners who are not present will be contacted the following week. Thank you for your support and Good Luck! **You can obtain additional tickets by phoning 604-713-6500 or e-mail: nwissmath@gcch.ca**

**Please help with baking and donating Christmas cookies!**

Each year the Christmas cookies sale is one of the bazaar's highlights. Last year's sale of cookies was a great success and we again would like to have a giant Christmas cookie sale featuring your favourite Christmas cookies. We are asking families, staff, friends & society members to help us by **baking 1 dozen of your favourite Christmas cookies and donating them to our Bake sale.** We would need the cookies by Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> so we can package them up and price them for the Bazaar. Please call the Main Office at 604-713-6500 for more info.



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## **Message from the Board**

A recent article in the Vancouver Sun on ethnicity in Metro Vancouver states that “People of German background make up the largest white ethnic group in Metro Vancouver after those who claim a connection to England, Scotland or Ireland.” According to Statistics Canada, ten percent of Metro residents profess German roots. *Many have never even heard of the German-Canadian Benevolent Society of B.C.*

The Board is interested in reaching out both to the wider German community and to the multi-ethnic community whom we serve at the care home. We want to ensure that the legacy of the care home is recognized into the future as having been a project of the German community. But we also recognize that the Society needs to be open to change and be welcoming to people of all backgrounds.

We want to include the wider German community and the community at large in a major fundraising program towards rebuilding the care home in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health. How we go about doing this is difficult to foresee. We're working on it and would appreciate any suggestions or commentary from Society members.

We are proud of the quality of care we provide and are optimistic about moving forward with the benevolent project developed by the German speaking community. We have enjoyed the continuous and generous support from this community but it is our hope that we can also attract the participation from more of the elusive 10 percent of Metro's population!

*David Thomsett, President*

## **News from the Home**

If you have visited the care home recently you may have noticed the updated foyer at the main entrance. There is now more space with extra seating for residents and visitors. The nursing station located in the foyer area was remodeled, received new shelving and a new computer workstation. So far comments from residents, staff and visitors have been positive and the new seating area has become a favorite spot for many residents.

Safety of residents and staff is always a concern. We have recently installed a new camera surveillance system that will monitor the outside areas and some common areas inside the facility. Another improvement is the installation of a new door access system which will allow the staff to have visual contact and communication via an intercom. This is particularly important after hours, when there is fewer staff in the building. Staff can verify the identity of visitors prior to granting access.

In previous letters I reported on the good work of the volunteer, staff garden club. The garden is coming along nicely and club members were thrilled when we recently installed a wooden gazebo. Although the opportunities for sitting outside will be few this year, we are looking forward to the next warm weather season.

I cannot say this often enough: the support we receive from our community, Society members and friends is tremendous. This includes financial support, donations, membership dues and volunteer work. The Society recently received one significant bequest and was just notified of a second large bequest; it is this kind of support that allows us to keep our home beautiful and invest in much needed equipment such as a new sanitizer, special mattresses, rehab equipment and more.

The planning for the Christmas bazaar has been underway since July and we have been fortunate to receive the generous support of our sponsors. Raffle prizes and auction items are again amazing. Please support the care home by buying raffle tickets and participating in the auction.

In closing I would like to thank you for your support you gave us this year and wish you and your family and peaceful and joyous Christmas Season.

With best wishes for the New Year I remain, Jutta Purchase, CEO.

## **Long Term Vision for our Care Home**

The Redevelopment Committee of the Board has started into the next phase of preparing for a renewal of our care home. Although actual funding is still not available from the Health Authorities, we were advised to prepare for a time when new funding could become available by providing details of our plans. To this end the Board has commissioned two pieces of work: First, an appraisal of our site that will give us an accurate value of the property. This is required for eventual financing conversations with a bank or a credit union. Second, and more importantly, we have engaged a firm of architects to help us develop a high-level, conceptual design of a future new care home.

We selected the firm of Neale Staniszki's Doll Adams Architects (NSDA) in a competitive process to work with us in the next few months. NSDA are the architects of well-respected, recent care home developments such as the Italian home on Grandview. We have asked them to work with us to produce a colour brochure of 16 to 20 pages with which we can illustrate in more detail the Society's vision for a renewed care home. This brochure will be used to discuss our ideas in a more tangible way with the Health Authorities, BC Housing, credit unions and other potential partners. We will also use this brochure to share the vision more broadly with our membership and other members of the German community in British Columbia.

The Board, the management team of our care home and our membership will have opportunity to be involved with this conceptual design work. Please contact Natalie Wissmath at 604-713-6562 by November 20, 2011 if you are interested in participating.

*Oliver Grüter-Andrew, Chair Re-Development Committee*

## Annual General Meeting

On June 20, 2011 the Society held its 46th Annual General Meeting in the Activity Hall of the Care Home. Prior to the meeting attending members and friends socialized, enjoying German food and music with Karl Schindler and the Edelweiss Musikanten. Annual reports were presented by the Board President, Administration, Building Committee, the Outreach Program Committee, and PR Committee.

Mark Sulzberger was re-elected and Dierk Ullrich is a new member to the board.

### Welcome to the Care Home

John Mackenzie	Jakob Doerksen
Rick Lew	Woon Wong
Ilonka Mesaros	Delores Regnier
Lydia Tuulit	Lois Kirk
John Craig	Frances Hurd
Margarete Sacks	
Junko Horio	
Olga Kapuschak	



### Welcome to Society

With their membership, the Society members express their commitment and support to the Society's Mission: to provide Quality Care and Support for the Aging. A membership strong in numbers and commitment is essential.

We welcome our new members who have joined the Society since last June:

Anni von der Linde  
Dierk Ullrich

### Thank you for your donations

#### Oak Leafs

Oak leaves are placed on our donor wall in recognition of donations of \$ 500 and more. We thank the following donors for their generosity:

Heinz & Margery D. Wilke

We thank the families who have made a donation and received a leaf in memory of their loved ones:

In memory Helga Andersen

#### Bequests

We thank the families and friends who thought of the Society in their will:

The estate of Magdalene Neumann

#### Wishlist

In response to our Wish List in the last "Hauspost" we received enough donations to proceed with the replacement of the stereo equipment in the Activity Hall. Thank you to the following donors:

Hildegard & Roman Frydrychowicz  
Christina M. Fodor  
Christel & Anton Frankenberger  
Peter & Jolene Esaryk  
Hildegard Penski  
Angelika & Ludwig Baumer  
Uwe Schmidt  
Marlis & Kurt Hornig

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Carola von Hahn)

The Outreach Program is well attended and now offers two events each month. If you know speakers or topics who would be of interest to our German speaking community please let us know!

Planned events: Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011—Mid- Month event  
Film afternoon " Pater Brown" with Heinz Ruehman

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011  
Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011  
Celebrating Advent with songs, poems and stories

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2011  
Mid-Month event  
(speaker still to be determined)

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2011 - Film afternoon "Autumn Gold"

This German film documentary made in Switzerland tells the story of 5 senior athletes between 80 and 100 who take part in a Championship! The film offers a sensitive, formally elegant, and occasionally cheerful portrait of five athletes. The makers of this documentary show us how well one can preserve a healthy spirit, a vigorous mind and admirable levels of fitness in an aging body."

Changes to the program may occur. For information about our program please call Waltraud Custer at 604-713-6562, e-mail: [outreachprogram@gcch.ca](mailto:outreachprogram@gcch.ca) or go to our website: [www.gcch.ca](http://www.gcch.ca)

**A big thank you to all our volunteers for their reliable help and support at our outreach events!**

**Bottle Booth:** Our very popular Christmas Bazaar “bottle booth” will be back. Donations of anything contained in a bottle would be greatly appreciated, such as wine, beer, shampoo, body lotions, oil, ketchup, sauces, etc. Each bottle will be assigned a number which matches a ticket no. The contents of the bottle are a surprise to the purchaser. All tickets will be sold at one price. Please drop off



your bottle donations at the main entrance of the German-Canadian Care Home. We thank you for making the bottle booth another successful event at our Christmas Bazaar.



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## Christmas Bazaar and Amazing Auction

Saturday November 19th, 2011  
12noon—4:00pm



Featuring German food, Gluehwein, cakes, Christmas baking, chocolates, preserves, craft sales, jewelry, gift baskets, books, bottle booth, raffle, auction and much, much more!



2010 Harrison Drive, Vancouver, B.C.  
(corner of Victoria Drive & SE Marine Drive)  
604-713-6500

### Society Events

The date for the **Christmas Benefit Concert** has been set for Sunday, December 4th, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Alpenclub, 4875 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

### Society Office

The Society office is staffed by Ruth Windisch every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ruth speaks German and English. You may phone her at 604-713-6562, e-mail: [society@gcch.ca](mailto:society@gcch.ca).

### Wishlist

The following was chosen for our “Wishlist”:

We would like to request donations towards the purchase of a recliners for our special care unit. One recliner will cost approx. \$ 1,500.



### Board of Directors

David Thomsett	<i>President</i>
Mark Sulzberger	<i>Vice President</i>
Fritz Dressel	<i>Treasurer</i>
Oliver Grüter-Andrew	<i>Director</i>
Carola von Hahn	<i>Director</i>
Irmela Topf-von Schlichting	<i>Director</i>
Irmi Hoppenrath	<i>Director</i>
Dierk Ullrich	<i>Director</i>
Jutta Purchase	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>