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Christmas Bazaar



November 2017

Saturday, November 18, 2017

from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the
German-Canadian Care Home
2010 Harrison Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Featuring crafts, honey, candles, tablecloths, jewelry, preserves, Native Art, children's books, games, puzzles, Christmas bake sale, chocolates, book sale and the very successful bottle booth. German music, German food, coffee & cake, Glühwein, lots of fun and Christmas spirit.

Live Auction at 2.15 p.m.

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, 2 Canucks tickets donated by Guild, Yule & Co., 1 women's wristwatch from Mercedes Benz, 1-night stay at Sun Peaks Grand, iPad courtesy of DYS Architects, Spa Utopia gift certificate courtesy of Community Therapists, tickets to the Vancouver Opera, Vancouver Bach Choir, Vancouver Recital Company, UBC Theatre, Granville Island Brewery tasting tour for 4, Cuisinart Yogurt/Ice cream maker courtesy of Canadian Tire Grandview, beautiful and quality gift baskets, restaurant gift certificates, and more.

Raffle at 3.30 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:

1-night stay at the Granville Island Hotel
(value \$308)

1 Turkey & a case of Steaks
courtesy of Sodexo (value \$208),

1 Earl's Restaurant gift certificate
courtesy of Poulin's Pest Control (value \$100); and more.

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:

\$ 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!

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 the donated Christmas 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 16th so we can package and price them for the Bazaar. Please call the Main Office at 604-713-6500 for more info.



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News from the Home

Dear Members & Friends

Earlier this year, the German-Canadian Care Home participated in the province-wide survey conducted by the Office of the Seniors Advocate. With the help of volunteers 23% of our residents were able to complete the survey. Families received a survey in the mail and 49% participated. The Seniors' Advocate recently released individual and province-wide results.

The Seniors' Advocate has made eight recommendations including increasing the direct care hours and ensuring that staffing levels are enforced and monitored by health authorities, increasing flexibility of how and when care is delivered, increasing training focused on the emotional need of residents, expanding the role of the nurse practitioner and increasing the range of activities provided in care homes, particularly in the evenings and weekends.

Our residents gave us high scores for the nursing care they receive, they feel treated with respect by staff, appreciate that the home is clean and like the food. Residents also expressed that they are rarely asked for advice, staff does not know their life story and they don't know people to do things with.

The survey has confirmed for us that continuing with the Eden philosophy is important and valuable. The five lowest scores reflect the need to work towards eliminating loneliness, helplessness, and boredom. We will strive to nurture relationships and create opportunities for residents to contribute to life in the care home.

These results also show the immeasurable importance of volunteers who spend time with residents, listen to their stories with interest and compassion. Thank you for all you do, you are making a big difference in the life of a senior.

You can find the full survey report on the Seniors' Advocate website: <https://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca>.

As 2017 will soon come to a close I would like to thank you for your interest and ongoing support of the Society's work. I look forward to welcoming you at the Annual Christmas Bazaar on 18 November 2017. With my best wishes to you and your families for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year I remain,

Jutta Purchase, CEO

Annual General Meeting

On June 19, 2017 the Society held its 52nd Annual General Meeting in the Atrium of the Care Home. Prior to the meeting attending members and friends socialized, enjoying German food and music with the Edelweiß Musikanten. Annual reports were presented by the Board President, Redevelopment Committee, Administration, and the Outreach Program Committee.

Mark Sulzberger and Ulf von Dehn were re-elected and after a break of 11 years Alex Sayn-Wittgenstein was again elected to the Board.

Wishlist

The Society is facing a significant milestone in its history with the redevelopment of the care home which is expected to begin in 2019; the new buildings will secure the future of the Society. During the construction phase, the existing care home will close to make room for the new building. All our fundraising efforts are focussed on the new care home building.

We will issue tax receipts for amounts of \$ 10 or more. Please contact Jutta Purchase at 604-713-6503 for further information.



Society Events

The date for the **Christmas Benefit Concert** has been set for Sunday, November 26th, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Vancouver Alpen Club, 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.

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:

Beatrice & Stefan Schreiber
Ingrid Bielenbert
Petra Kuret

Hans-Christian von Tiesenhausen
Klara Lindt



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:

Edmund Leck
Kurt & Dora Sander
Familie Martin Holtz
Anonymous

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

- The family of Carol Graham
- Edith Luer and Heinrich Bultmann in memory of their daughter Sabine Krische

Wishlist

In response to our Wish List in the last "Hauspost" we received enough donations to improve the garden that faces Harrison Drive, the outdoor space that is used by residents living in the dementia units. Thank you to the following donors:

Hildegard Penski
Steve & Marianne Osterreicher
Dr. Barbara Seidel-Schuster
Marlis Hornig

Outreach Committee (Carola von Hahn)

We are pleased to present our fall and winter program:

18. Nov.: Christmas Bazaar
25. Nov.: Movie: „As it is in Heaven” This is a brilliant, dramatic, and entertaining film; the story of the successful conductor Daniel and his love of music. A thrilling music film drama; with German subtitles.
- 16 Dez.: “We celebrate Advent” Familiar songs, poems, and stories about Advent with Wolfgang Araszewski, Richard Huber and members of the poetry group.
13. Jan.: Movie: “The Punch Bowl” with Heinz Rühmann.
A well-known old film classic which will warm your heart!
- 27 .Jan.: Presentation/Lecture: Florian Gassner, UBC: “Music as religion” using the example of Mozart, Beethoven, Wagner, and Bach.
10. Feb.: Musical Performance: Potpourri of European love songs; performed by professional singers.
24. Feb.: Movie: “The Sacher. In good company” Part 1. A 2016 Austrian-German co-production. The film begins in 1892 and tells a fictitious story about the famous Viennese Hotel Sacher and its owner Anna Sacher.

Please note, that our programs are subject to change! We welcome suggestions regarding movies or presentations. As always, coffee and cake are available at 2 pm, the program starts at 2:30 pm. Many thanks to our wonderful, hardworking and devoted volunteers! We look forward to your visit and wish you a great holiday season. For questions or information please contact Waltraud Custer Tel: 604 713 6562 or go to our website www.GCCH.ca

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. 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.



Christmas Bazaar and Amazing Auction

Saturday November 18, 2017
12noon—4:00pm

Bookworms are welcome
to browse for books on
Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday before the
Bazaar from 1-5pm



Featuring Christmas gifts, table decorations, German food, Gluehwein, cakes, Christmas baking, chocolates, preserves, craft sales, jewelry, gift baskets, German and English books, bottle booth, raffle, auction, music, coffee & cake and food sales, Glühwine, and much, much more!



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(corner of Victoria Drive & SE Marine Drive)
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Bouquets

“On behalf of my family, thank you for your sympathy, kindness and thoughts. The loss of our wonderful mother will leave a void, however, we will cherish all the fond memories of her forever and be eternally thankful to the Lord for taking her in very peaceful manner in her sleep. Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged with sincere appreciation. Warm regards and thank you.”

Board of Directors

Oliver Grüter-Andrew	<i>President</i>
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