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Dear Members and Friends:

Fundraising Events

I would like to thank you very much for your participation in and support of our recent fundraising events in support of the German-Canadian Care Home. Our bazaar enjoyed a record attendance and raised over \$22,000. A very lively auction was a highlight of the afternoon thanks to a large selection of auction items, including event tickets, gift baskets, hotel stays, restaurant certificates and more. The occasional bidding war added to the excitement, of course all for a good cause.

An exquisite selection of beautiful Christmas music was presented during the annual Benefit Concert at the Vancouver Alpen Club. Three choirs, Concordia, MGV Lyra, and Melodie choirs sang beautifully; a new participant to the concert was the Instrumentalkreis from St. Mark's Church. The event is a shining example of a combined effort of the German-Canadian community. Everyone plays a crucial role, choirs, musicians, the Edelweiss Musikanten, the Vancouver Alpen Club, the volunteers, the generous donors and attending guests. A special recognition was given to Werner and Helga Hoing, long standing financial supporters of the concert. The benefit concert which has a long standing tradition of 36 years, has contributed over \$200,000 in donations to the care home. The contributions have had a positive impact on the residents' quality of life throughout the years.

The annual Telethon letter campaign raised \$4,454. Thank you to the donors, you allowed us to make many important purchases, and thank you to Richard Weichsler who initiates the letter each year.

News from the Home

A small children's' playground was recently set up in the garden on the South side of the building. This addition will hopefully entice children to visit the care home more often. Special garden events are planned for the spring and summer to advertise this new space.

In late November, we received the sad news that Fritz Dressel, treasurer on the Board of Directors had suddenly passed away. Fritz was in his 9th and final year on the board. He joined the board in 2007 and has been the Society's treasurer since. In his role as treasurer, Fritz was a great support to the board and the care home leadership team. He rarely missed a meeting and was always willing to help.

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We will miss and remember Fritz.

The German program also known as "die deutsche Stunde" is held every Friday at 2pm. It is a social gathering for German speaking residents who enjoy coffee and cake while listening to German stories, poetry or singing German songs. This program which is funded by the Society is coordinated by Waltraud Custer who, with help from a group of volunteers always makes this a fun and enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you for your interest. With best wishes I remain,
Jutta Purchase, CEO

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all participants, sponsors and volunteers for making the 2015 Bazaar another very successful fundraising event. The total amount raised was over \$ 22,000. A big Thank You to our sponsors:

Adina Goossen
A.D. Microcircuit Computer Services
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Vancouver Chamber Choir
Vancouver Recital Society
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
Vancouver Whitecaps FC
VanDusen Botanical Garden
Wesclean Equipm. & Cleaning Supplies

Christmas Benefit Concert



The Christmas concert was again sold out and raised \$ 10,641.

The Care Home would like to thank the choirs, Karl Schindler & his Edelweiss Musikanten, MC Horst Zimmermann who donated their time and effort; also to the Vancouver Alpen Club for donating their facility for this wonderful event.

The following choirs participated:

Concordia Choir
St. Mark's Church Instrumental-Kreis
A.V.C. Melody Choir
Männergesangverein Lyra

Telethon

In response to the Telethon letter the Society raised \$ 4,454. It is encouraging that our letter still continues to meet with such positive response. The support is much appreciated. This year the funds will go towards the purchase of a resident bath tub equipped with a chair lift. These things are not fully funded by the Province.

Thank you for your donations

Oak Leaves

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

Waltraud & Paul Kuster	M.G.V. Lyra
AVC Melody Choir	Helene Schneider
Renate U. Hamman	Paavo Pirinen
Paul Wai Ming Chan	Else Maurer
Jeanny Miu Kwan Lui	Berta Maria Sen
Prospera Credit Union	Maria Meyer
George & Paula Hollerbach	
Concordia Choir Vancouver	
Werner & Helga Hoing Stiftung	
The 1988 Foundation	



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

- Irma & Marvin Lamoureux in memory of Richard & Johanna Hibler
- V. & L. Foth in memory of Olga Foth

Bequests

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

The Estate of Ursula Maria Völklein

Wishlist

In response to our Wish List in the last "Hauspost" we received donations towards the purchase of games and activity supplies. Thank you to the following donors:

Hildegard & Roman Frydrychowicz
Dr. Gunther & Antya Schrack
Dr. Barbara Seidel-Schuster
Renate & William Steen
Edith & Rolf Gerhards
Marlis & Kurt Hornig
Christina M. Fodor
Hildegard Penski
Berta Maria Sen
Clara Brolese
Hannah Ma

Welcome to the Society

Inge Dray
Edward Blumke
Mishele Blumke



Emil Blumke
Lena Blumke

Wishlist

For our Wishlist we would like the funds for the purchase of a new 70" flatscreen TV for the Frankfurt/Hamburg lounge Thank you for your help.

Tax deductible receipts are issued for all donations of \$10 and more



Compliments

“Thank you to all Caregivers, Nurses and Staff that helped take care of our mother the past 5 years. My husband and I would not have been able to do it without the wonderful care she received from everyone at the German Care Home. We will never forget all the wonderful things each and every one of you did to make her feel comfortable and loved. We will miss her dearly but it was her time to go to heaven and not suffer any more. We will forever be grateful to all of you. You all are special to us.”

Outreach Program

Our program for the new year will include a broad mix of films, interesting lectures and music. We hope that once again you will find something of interest for yourself, your family and your friends:

February 13th

Operetta

Excerpts from popular operettas by Mozart, Léhar, J. Strauß, Zeller & Kálmán with tenor Eric Schwarzhoff und soprano Julia Rooney. MC Eva Gersbach

February 27th

Movie: “Honey in the head”

One of the most successful German films of 2014 with Dieter Hallervorden and Til Schweiger. A tragicomedy for the whole family.

March 12th

Lecture: “Between obsession with youth and age discrimination”

Pastor Hardo Ermisch: Exchange of views on being young and being old in our western society.

“With maturity you will be getting younger”, Hermann Hesse

March 26th

Movie: Film version of the famous play “Faust”

staged at the Hamburg Playhouse with Gustav Gründgens as Mephisto and Will Quadflieg as Faust. Introduction to Faust, Goethe and the role of Mephisto by UBC Professor Florian Gassner.

April 16th

Spring Celebration with songs, stories and poems

accompanied by our popular guitarists Hubertus Schendel and others.

April 30th

Lecture: (to be announced)

May 14th

Movie: “Séraphine”

The true story in the early 20th century of Séraphine de Senlis, a simple housekeeper and painter and her experience with art, religion and mental illness.

The events take place at the German-Canadian Care Home on Saturdays at 2:00 pm. Please note that the program may change. For further information please contact Waltraud Custer at Tel: 604-713-6562, e-mail: outreachprogram@gcch.ca. Additional information is available on our website www.gcch.ca.

Many thanks to our tireless volunteers - these events are possible only through their participation!

**Please let Waltraud know if your
e-mail or phone number changed!**

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 or e-mail: society@gcch.ca.

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