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Dear Members and Friends:

## Fundraising Events

I would like to thank you very much for your participation in our recent fundraising events in support of the German-Canadian Care Home. Our bazaar enjoyed good attendance and raised over \$24,000. 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 German language choirs continued their long standing tradition of volunteerism and giving back to the community. On Sunday, the first weekend of Advent, visitors gathered at the Alpen Club to enjoy choral presentations of Christmas music. We are grateful for this extraordinary support and thank the choir members, members of the St. Mark's Instrumentalkreis, Karl Schindler and his musicians, the generous donors and the Alpen Club for hosting the event. The proceeds of this concert were used to purchase new dining room chairs for the residents at the German-Canadian Care Home.

The annual Telethon letter campaign raised \$4,099. 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.  
*Jutta Purchase, CDO*

## The New German-Canadian Care Home

On 10 January 2017 we announced the plans for the new, German-Canadian Care Home. I would like to share with you the vision for the new building and the future services.

Several years ago, at the onset of the planning process the board committed to researching innovative care models first, before considering the physical design and layout of the new care home building. Knowledge was gained through research and reading about innovative care models and visiting other exemplary care homes. Much of this knowledge flowed into the design proposal. A multi-storey building, with two houses on each level, 16 single rooms, each with a shower and bathroom are grouped around a common space consisting of a kitchen, lounge and dining area. The layout supports and cues residents as they go about their day, offers good sightlines and avoids long hallways.

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A common space joins the two houses on each level. There will be a seating area by the windows facing South, a destination for visitors and residents. The main entry area to the building will be a central point, a meeting space and place to receive services with a library, spa, hair salon, gift shop & small café.

The preliminary drawings of the proposal are morphing into refined design plans. We look forward to sharing these with you at the special membership meeting on 8 April 2017.

*Jutta Purchase, CEO*

## **Christmas Bazaar**

Thank you to all participants, sponsors and volunteers for making the 2016 Bazaar another very successful fundraising event. The total amount raised was over \$ 24,000. A big Thank You to our sponsors:

Avalawn Landscaping	Estate Winery	Terra International Food Inc.
Ballet BC	Little Billy's Steakhouse	The District Brasserie
BC Lions	Lordco Parts	The Keg Restaurant
Brian Jessel BMW	Mark Sulzberger	The Original Cakery
Canadian Tire	Medical Pharmacies	The Vancouver Trolley Company
Capilano Suspension Bridge	MEET on Main	Tidey's Trophies
Community Therapists	Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc.	Torre & Tagus Designs Ltd.
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Da Vinci's Home	Mount Baldy Ski Corp.	UBC Botanical Gardens
DYS Architecture	Old Spaghetti Factory	UBC Department of Theatre
Everything Wine	Poulin's Pest Control	Vancity Credit Union
Familie Menzel/Frick	Price Smart Foods	Vancouver Alpen Club
Field & Marten Associates Inc.	Prospera Credit Union	Vancouver Canucks
Flight Centre Ivonne Ng	Rogers' Chocolates	Vancouver Chamber Choir
Fly over Canada	Ruth Frick/Mary Boleak	Vancouver Cruises & Events
Fraserway RV Rentals	Russell Food Equipment	Vancouver Trolley Company
Granville Island Hotel	Save-on Foods	Vancouver Whitecaps FC
Guild Yule LLP Barristers & Solicitors	Silver Group Purchasing	VanDusen Botanical Garden
Irmela Topf-von Schlichting	Sodexo	Waltraud Custer
Jeanny Lui	Steveston Wine Makers	White Spot Restaurant
Krause Berry Farm &	Stewart, Aulinger & Co.	
	Tae & Robert Helgeth	

### **Christmas Benefit Concert**



The Christmas concert last November raised \$8,770.

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  
A.V.C. Melody Choir  
Männergesangverein Lyra  
St. Mark's Instrumentalkreis

## Telethon

In response to the Telethon letter the Society raised \$4,099. It is encouraging that our letter still continues to meet with such positive response. The support is much appreciated. Already last year we purchased and installed noise reducing panels on to the walls of the East side dining room. These things are not 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:

Johanna Albrecht  
Else Maurer  
Renate U. Hamman  
Uwe & Judith Prade  
Berta Maria Sen  
Paul Wai Ming Chan  
Jeanny Miu Kwan Lui  
Kurt HFC Gagel  
Dr. Arnold Dey  
Prospera Credit Union  
Dorothee & Alfred Schenk  
Concordia Choir Vancouver  
Werner & Helga Hoing Stiftung  
M.G.V. Lyra  
AVC Melody Choir



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
- Kelly Talayco in memory of John Talayco

### 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:

Erika & Manfred Hanisch  
Anke & Anton Mayer  
Rudolf Neumann  
Christina M. Fodor  
Clara Brolese  
Renate & William Steen  
Patricia & Frithjof Grohne  
Edith Jerominski  
Marlis & Kurt Hornig  
Hildegard Penski  
Christel & Anton Frankenberger  
Edith & Rolf Gerhards  
Anonymous

## Welcome to the Society

Regina Watt  
John Katz  
Danilo Brolese



## Wishlist

For our Wishlist we are raising funds for our Recreation Department. There are many opportunities for additional programs and excursions and we appreciate your support of our goal to eliminate loneliness and boredom. Thank you for your help.

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

## Compliments

"Thank you again for your great kindness and insight towards me personally—and I know, from meeting and talking with you, towards my husband J. during his months at the German-Canadian Care Home. The nurse, the care aides, and the mental health liaison I met were all so considerate and compassionate. Please extend my thanks and appreciation to them—I know J. was well cared for. With my gratitude and great respect for the work that you do."

## Outreach Program

Dear friends and members, we hope you had a good start into the New Year!  
Here is our program for the coming months.

- February 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Movie: "The Taste of Apple Seeds"** (in German and German subtitles)  
Filmed in (2013) of an intriguing and touching family history from northern part of Germany. For Iris, childhood memories are of long hot summers spent playing with her cousin Rosmarie in her grandmother's garden, a place where red currants turned to pale tears on the branches of trees...
- March 11<sup>th</sup>**      **Lecture: "Is there a human right to health?"**  
Pastor Hardo Ermisch
- March 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Spring Celebration**  
We welcome Spring with songs, stories and poems
- April 8th**      **Extraordinary meeting of Society Members**  
Presentations regarding the new building by our architect Dane Jansen, and Board members Jutta Purchase, and Oliver Grüter-Andrew.
- April 29th**      **Movie: "Wir sind die Neuen"** (in German and German subtitles)  
German film comedy from 2014, with Gisela Schneeberger and Heiner Lauterbach
- May 13th**      **Movie clips "Laughter is the best medicine"** (in German and German subtitles)  
Humour with Dr. med. Eckerhart von Hirschhausen, one of the most famous cabaret artists and humourists in Germany!
- 27 May**      **Movie "Monsieur Claude and his daughters"** (in German and German subtitles)  
A French film comedy about a couple whose 4 daughters marry men all from other cultures.

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](http://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.

## Board of Directors

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