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Dear Members and Friends:

Fundraising Events

I would like to thank you very much for your support that you give us in so many ways, be it by making a donation, volunteering your time or by maintaining your membership. The Society's recent fundraising events were very successful and attended by many members and friends. We were encouraged by the high attendance of our Christmas bazaar where we welcomed many familiar and new faces. The results were equally positive as we raised over \$21,000 for the care home.

In late November, the German language choirs held the annual Christmas Benefit Concert at the Alpenclub. The concert is a wonderful tradition and always marks the beginning of the Christmas season. I would like to thank the choirs, Karl Schindler and the Edelweiss Musikanten, the Alpenclub, sponsors and donors I would like to acknowledge Prospera Credit Union and Werner and Helga Hoing for their generous and ongoing support of the concert.

Jutta Purchase, CEO

The New German-Canadian Care Home

The preparations and design work for the new care home continue. A design plan was submitted to the City of Vancouver late last summer. Following some discussions and feedback from the City, we are making some revisions to the design of the building to meet the City's requirements. In general, the plans were well received and supported. However, there are still many hurdles. The Society is planning to hold an open house for the membership and the community in the coming months where we will present and introduce the design plans. We will notify you of the date of this meeting.

Jutta Purchase, CEO

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Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all participants, sponsors and volunteers for making the 2017 Bazaar another very successful fundraising event. The total amount raised was over \$ 21,000. A big Thank You to our sponsors:

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| Avalawn Landscaping | Granville Island Brewing Co. | Rogers' Chocolates |
| Baker's Art with Werner Schmidt | Granville Island Hotel | Russell Food Equipment |
| BC Lions Football Club | Guild Yule LLP Barristers & Solicitors | Ruth Frick/Mary Boleak |
| Body Balance Vancouver | Independent Grocer, Champlain | Sodexo |
| Bowers Medical | Kel Lee's Martial Arts | Sunpeaks Grand Hotel |
| Brian Jessel BMW | Larkspur Strategies Inc. | The Vancouver Trolley Company |
| Canadian Tire | Liquidation Furniture & more | Trumps Fine Food |
| Cactus Club Café | Little Billy's Steakhouse | UBC Department of Theatre |
| Clarkes Recognition | Medical Pharmacies | Vancity Credit Union |
| Community Therapists Inc. | MEET on Main Restaurant | Vancouver Alpen Club |
| Continental Sausage | Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc. | Vancouver Bach Choir |
| Costco Burnaby | MNP Accounting | Vancouver Chamber Choir |
| Da Vinci's Home | Norfolk Plumbing & Heating | Vancouver Opera |
| Deutsches Generalkonsulat | Orilea & Monty Laden | Vancouver Recital Company |
| DYS Architecture | Pfaff Sewing Centre | Whole Foods, Burnaby |
| Everything Wine | Poulin's Pest Control | Waltraud Custer |
| Fraserway RV Rentals | Prospera Credit Union | Wayne Lloyd |
| Gail DiBernardo/Nick Ciavarella | | White Spot Restaurant |

Compliments

"Many thanks everyone for your kindness towards myself and A. during his residence at German-Canadian Care Home. Everyone has been very patient and kind, understanding and very compassionate. I greatly appreciate the wonderful work everyone does. Again thank you all."



Christmas Benefit Concert

The Christmas concert last November raised \$8,125.

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

Telethon

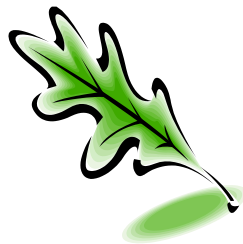
In response to the Telethon letter the Society raised \$4,099. It is encouraging that our letter still continues to meet with such positive response. The support is much appreciated. Our Board announced that all donations from now on will go towards the new German-Canadian Care Home. This project is a work in progress and we are planning to break ground in 2019. With this project the Society will keep on the tradition of care in the German-Canadian community for seniors in need.

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:

Earlston Investment Corp.
Heinz & Margery Wilke
Irmi Hoppenrath
Ulf Jochen von Dehn
The 1988 Foundation
Elisabeth Buxbaum
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Fritz Ziegler Fund
Dr. Arnold Dey

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
- Edmund Leck in memory of Alma Leck
- the Fahrman family in memory of Luke T. Fahrman

Wishlist

In response to our Wish List in the last "Hauspost" we received donations towards the building fund of the new care home. Thank you to the following donors:

Renate & William Steen
Hildegard Penski
Edith & Rolf Gerhards
Andrew & Caroline Heidrich

Welcome to the Society

John Maiorino
Isolde Hager
Samaya Wittneben



Wishlist

The Society is facing a significant milestone in its history with the re-development 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.



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 24th** **Movie: "Das Sacher, in bester Gesellschaft"** (Part 1; in German and German subtitles) The film portrays the rich life of the owner of the hotel and her guests. The history of splendour and downfall of the old Austria, from the Fin de Siècle to the changes of the still young 20th century.
- March 10th** **Lecture: "The human Microbiome"** (in English)
How do the microorganism that live in/on the human body influence our wellbeing?
Introduction: Almas Khan UBC student of mikrobiology
Presentation and Q&A: Prof. David Goldfarb Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine UBC
- March 24th** **Spring Celebration**
We welcome Spring with songs, stories and poems
- April 14th** **Conversation with the title "Living Together"**
with Pastor Hardo Ermisch
For discussions are: - the human being and relationships - the meaning of family in today's world - everybody has a family - the ethical meaning of family.
- April 28th** **Movie: "Das Sacher, in bester Gesellschaft"** (Part 2, in German and German subtitles)
It starts with a short introduction of the first part of February 24th.
- May 12th** **Round of talks "Witness of a time period"**
Talk with seniors born before 1928
- May 27th** **Movie "Die Frau in Gold"**
The moving drama tells the true story of Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren) who fought a courageous battle for her inheritance to bring Gustav Klimt's art home, and for justice up to the highest court of the USA.

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 enter the Atrium through the parking lot and follow the signs, thank you.

**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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