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All members are cordially invited to our
52nd Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 19, 2016

5:30 pm: BBQ with sausages and German music

6:30 pm: AGM

in the Atrium

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The 52nd Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at the Care Home with presentations of annual reports and elections to the Board of Directors. We will start the evening with a BBQ, sausages & sauerkraut. Beer and wine will be available for a nominal charge.

Elections to the Board

This year there are three positions to fill on the Board of Directors. The terms of Mark Sulzberger and Ulf von Dehn will expire this year. They are willing to stand for re-election. The Board Nomination Committee would like to present the following candidate:

Alex Sayn-Wittgenstein

Alex previously served on the board from 1997 to 2006. After a break of 11 years he was appointed to the board in March and the appointment must be confirmed by the membership at the annual meeting. Alex is a litigation lawyer. He is originally from Ottawa, but now lives in Vancouver with his family.

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News from the Home

Volunteer Appreciation

“Volunteers are All Stars” was the theme of this year’s volunteer appreciation event which was held in early May and attended by many volunteers. Volunteer work is very special; it is motivated simply by the wish to make a positive difference, to help, to bring joy and happiness. There is little expectation to receive something back in return; it is truly a gift.

Special membership meeting

A special membership meeting was held on 8 April 2017. The purpose of the meeting was the approval of the amended Society bylaws. Michael Blatchford, lawyer, briefly reviewed the changes and answered questions. Then President, Oliver Grüter-Andrew called for a vote and the new bylaws were unanimously approved by the members in attendance.

Following the vote, Dane Jansen, architect at DYS presented the plans of the new care home. I spoke about the interior layout and design and described how the new

design supports our care model. The care model is supported by small, homelike environments consisting of houses with 16 rooms. The layout offers good sight-lines which helps residents with dementia. The care home will be home for all residents regardless of the level of their care needs.

The new building has five levels, with two houses on each level. The houses are connected by a semi-public space which includes a large lounge for residents and families. The main entrance to the building is on the third level. The foyer near the main entrance serves as a meeting space and includes a café, gift shop, hair salon, reading corner and reception. This level also includes space for an adult day care. We envision offering this service to the community at a later date.

Thank you very much for your interest, your support and trust. I look forward to meeting you at the annual meeting on 19 June 2017.

Jutta Purchase, CEO

Bouquets

Thank you to all the staff at the German-Canadian Care Home for their professional and compassionate care. I am especially thankful to the night nurse who detected the ending of my wife’s life and called me. I was able to attend my wife’s final hours. Thank you. My wife found final peace in the hands of good caring people.

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:

Kurt & Else Maurer
Ruth Rinas
Sigrid Jobin



Wishlist

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

Hildegard Penski
Caroline & Andrew Heidrich
Monika & Guenther Elwert

Welcome to the Society



- Andrea Martisca
- Elisabeth Buxbaum

Wishlist

We are fundraising for our Recreation Department We would like to offer additional trips, music- and entertainment programs. Presently our offer is limited due to financial reasons. We thank you very much for your support. We will issue tax receipts for amounts of \$ 10 or more.

Please contact Jutta Purchase at 604-713-6503 if you require more information.

Board of Directors

Oliver Grüter-Andrew	<i>President</i>
Ulf von Dehn	<i>Vice President</i>
Mark Sulzberger	<i>Treasurer</i>
Heike Roth	<i>Director</i>
Carola von Hahn	<i>Director</i>
Rolf Baumbusch	<i>Director</i>
Jutta Purchase	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>

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.

Society Events

Outreach Committee

Dear members and friends:

We hope you will enjoy our program in June before the summer break. Please come bring your friends and family, have coffee and cake, relax and immerse yourself in German films, humour and music. All the events will take place in the German-Canadian Care Home on Saturdays and start at 2:00 pm.

Program for 2017

Saturday, June 10

Film: „Ziemlich Beste Freunde“ This French comedy is based on an autobiography and won international honours. After a skydiving accident Business leader Philippe Pozzo di Borgo is a life long quadriplegic. He lives very isolated and forms a deep friendship with his care giver. The friendship and unconventional way of this care giver give Philippe new courage to face life.

We will serve sour cherries with ice cream and whipping cream in a waffle.

Monday, June 19 **AGM**

Saturday, June 24

Film: “Paula” In Paula Modersohn-Becker’s film biography by Christiahn Schwochow he tells the life story of one of the most influential painters of the Expressionism. The film shows of the hardships women faced who wanted to be an artist in the 1900’s. The film has German sub titles.

We will serve strawberries tarts with whipping cream

**July and August
Summer Break**



Saturday, September 16

Film: „Der Kaufmann von Venedig“ Tragic comedy from Shakespeare playing in Venedig in the 1600.

We will serve prune cake.

Saturday, September 30

Presentation: „Canoeing through the arctic wildernis“ Freda Mellenthin tells about her and her husbands canoe trip at the age of 65. This risky adventure took them from the forlorn Back River through Nunavut’s tundra and the Polar Sea to King William Island. Her book „Love in northern rapids“ was published in 2015.

We will serve prune cake.

Saturday, October 14

Celebrating Fall with music, songs, poems and stories. The Edelweiß Musikanten will be playing; at the piano are Wolfgang Araszewski, Richard Huber; and the German Poetry Club.

Saturday, 28, Oktober

Presentation: Music Therapy (in English)
Examples demonstrate the positive influence of music on our bodies and how music is used as therapy.

Saturday, November 18 **BAZAAR**

Please keep in mind that there could be changes to the program. If you have questions or suggestions please call Waltraud Custer at 604-713-6562, cell: 604-263-4232 or e-mail: outreachprogram@gcch.ca. For more information please go to our website www.gcch.ca.

Donations are appreciated , they help us with our expenses for the coffee & cake etc.!