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## Christmas Bazaar



**November 2016**

### Saturday, November 19, 2016

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., \$ 500 gift certificate to the Alpenclub donated by Stewart Aulinger & Co., 2 wristwatches from Mercedes Benz, tickets to Ballet BC, Vancouver Chamber Choir, UBC Theatre, B.C. Lions, Vancouver White Caps, Fly over Canada, the Apex and Mount Baldy ski mountains, from the Canucks a signed photo from Henrik Sedin, 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 \$350)

**6 tickets to a Vancouver Harbour Cruise**  
(value \$ 210)

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

Additional raffle tickets can be ordered by calling 604-713-6500 or by email: society@gcch.ca

### **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 17th 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

In September, the care home participated in the national accreditation survey. The surveyors, health professionals from Ontario and Manitoba, spent two days at the home and reviewed work processes in all departments, care practices, communication and safety practices. The accreditation survey includes client satisfaction surveys which are conducted several months before the survey visit. We also conducted staff surveys, one on their work life and one on safety. It is a comprehensive process that aims to lead to improvements. – We achieved an excellent result, meeting 98.8% of all standards and were awarded the accreditation seal for another four years.

Living and working at a care home has many rewards; however, at times, we are faced with difficult situations. Decisions in residential care are made under constraints imposed by public policy and raise questions for which there are no easy answers. Ethical issues in residential care concern the nature and significance of the resident's diminished capacity for self-care and independent living, the obligation of the health care staff to provide high quality care, and the balance to be struck between independence and safety. The conflict between safety and independence is one of the defining ethical features of residential care decision making. Solutions are individually developed through conversation with residents, families, with input from ethicists, physician, spiritual care workers and others. Teaching staff about these concepts was a focus of our staff education program this year.

We will soon direct our attention and activities to the upcoming Christmas season. I would like to invite you to our Christmas Bazaar on 19 November 2016. The Bazaar is an opportunity to purchase Christmas baking, ornaments, a small gift, rummage through books at our book sale or meet family and friends for a glass of Glühwein, some potato salad, German meatloaf and homemade sauerkraut.

I would like to wish you, your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Frohe Weihnachten.

*Jutta Purchase, CEO*

## Annual General Meeting

On June 20, 2016 the Society held its 51st 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, Administration, the Outreach Program Committee, Redevelopment Committee, and Public Relations Committee.

Heike Roth and Oliver Grüter-Andrew were re-elected and Carola von Hahn was again elected to the Board after a pause of one year.

## Wishlist

**We are collecting funds for the purchase of a garden bench that we would like to put up near the play ground. 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 for further information.**



### Society Events

The date for the **Christmas Benefit Concert** has been set for Sunday, November 27th, 2016 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](mailto: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:

Elisabeth Angst  
Anders Lonnqvist

Wolfgang Araszewski  
Anni von der Linde

Margaret Roder



## 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:

Alma & Edmund Leck  
Margaret Roder  
Field & Marten Associates  
Familie Martin Holtz  
Paula & George Hollerbach  
Heinz & Margery D. Wilke  
The 1988 Foundation

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

The family of Max Neufeld;

### 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 & Roman Frydrychowicz  
Hildegard Penski  
Steve & Marianne Osterreicher  
Dr. Barbara Seidel-Schuster  
Gisela & Andreas Meyn  
Ilse Euringer  
Günther & Monika Elwert  
Rudolf Neumann  
Gisela Knowles

## Outreach Committee (Carola von Hahn)

We are pleased to present our fall and winter program:

- 12 Nov.: Presentation: "The Nibelungen - a German myth". Dr. K. Zänker introduces the medieval epic and explains the re-discovery of "The Nibelungen" in the 19th century through Richard Wagner's operas.
- 19 Nov.: Christmas Bazaar
- 26 Nov.: Movie: „Wahnfried" German movie about the composer Richard Wagner and his muse Cosima von Bülow.
- 10 Dez.: "We celebrate Advent" with contributions from students of the German School in Surrey.
- 14 Jan.: Movie: "Hector and the search for happiness". A London psychiatrist, bored by the worries of his well to do clients, travels the globe to find the secret of happiness. A German-British-Canadian comedy-drama.
- 28 Jan.: Presentation: "Being Different" An inter-generational dialogue. Students of the German Westside School in dialogue with our visitors. Students will explore this topic through poems, stories, short skits and art.
- 11 Feb.: An Operetta Afternoon filled with popular operetta melodies by Mozart, Lehár, Strauss, Zeller, Kámán. With tenor Eric Schwarzhoff, soprano Julia Rooney and pianist6 Richard Epp and Nancy Hermiston from the UBC Opera Department.  
Eva Gersbach will be the moderator.
- 25 Feb.: Movie: "The taste of Apple Seeds". An exciting and touching film about a family history from northern Germany from 2013.

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](http://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. The contents of the bottle are a surprise to the purchaser. 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 19, 2016  
12noon—4:00pm

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



Featuring German food, Gluehwein, cakes, Christmas baking, chocolates, preserves, craft sales, jewelry, gift baskets, books, bottle booth, raffle, auction and much, much more!



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(corner of Victoria Drive & SE Marine Drive)  
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### Bouquets

“J. and I would like to thank all the staff for their wonderful caring manner. Thanks for all the outings and get-togethers. It is great that families are included. A special thanks to the music group. As you all know J. loves music. You have made him feel very welcomed and special. Also a special thanks to the recreation staff. I know the outings and events take a lot of time and effort. We really appreciate it! A big thank you to all and to those names that are too many to list. With heartfelt appreciation.” J. & B.G.

### Board of Directors

Oliver Grüter-Andrew  
Ulf von Dehn  
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Heike Roth  
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