



# German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC

## HAUSPOST

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JAHRESHAUPTVERSAMMLUNG

All members are cordially invited to our  
**53rd Annual General Meeting**

#### **Monday, June 18, 2018**

5:30 pm: BBQ with sausages and German music

6:30 pm: Presentations on the new German Canadian  
Care Home, with guest speakers Deborah  
Lorimer, Vancouver Coastal Health and  
Dane Jansen, DYS Architects

Followed by the Annual General Meeting

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The 53rd Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018, 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 and sauerkraut. Beer and wine will be available for a nominal charge.

#### **Elections to the Board**

Alex Sayn-Wittgenstein's term expires this year. He agreed to stand for re-election. Petra Kuret was appointed to the board in October, 2017, and the appointment must be confirmed by the membership at the annual meeting.

Petra has special memories of attending the Bazar and other cultural events with her parents when she was a child. Now as a Board member, she is delighted to be part of the exciting journey of building an innovative care home to meet the future needs of seniors.



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Petra began her career in Ottawa working in the House of Commons and Senate. From there, she spent the past 25 years working for Accenture in North America, a global consulting and technology company. She worked mainly with clients in the utility, mining, and oil and gas sectors. Petra has deep expertise in helping organizations transform and elevate the performance of their business and workforce. Most recently, she held the Accenture leadership role of Managing Director for British Columbia. In 2016 and 2017, she was a recipient of the *Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award*. We look forward to drawing on her broad business expertise in this exciting chapter of our history.

## BUILDING A HOME FOR THE FUTURE

In January 2017, the Society announced the successful agreement with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) for a new and expanded care home that will be built on the German-Canadian Care Home's (GCCH) current site at 2010 Harrison Drive.

During the past year, the Society has worked closely with Vancouver Coastal Health and the City of Vancouver planning department. Several meetings have taken place with the City, which has given excellent feedback and support to the Society's visionary plans for a progressive seniors' care home. The City's desire to save the mature trees on the site was taken into consideration as the building design evolved.

The new German-Canadian Care Home will be a critical component of VCH's regional residential care rejuvenation strategy and a larger, positive transformation of long-term care for seniors across the country. The new care home design supports the Society's vision to build a home where residents' dignity, choice and happiness are valued, and all residential care standards set by the province are met or exceeded.

The new care home will be a state-of-the-art design incorporating several promising and proven practices from around the world including the small house concept and a staffing and operational model that is innovative, sustainable and nurtures residents and staff.

- Residents will enjoy privacy in single rooms that include a private shower.
- Nine residents will live in a household with kitchen, dining and lounge areas.
- Three households are grouped around a neighbourhood space that features activity

and seating areas and some work spaces for staff.

- Six neighbourhoods complete the village that further includes a large multi-purpose room for big events, a café, hair salon, art room, library, conservatory, and many outdoor decks.

The new care home will offer 162 beds, which are comprised of 150 beds funded by VCH and 12 private beds. The private beds will be directly managed by the Society, which plans to offer some for respite care.

There is a desire for increased integration into the community. This will be achieved through partnerships between the residential care home and community organizations. These partnerships support an exchange of knowledge, education, social connections and financial benefits for both sides.

The Society has been a valued and contributing member of the local community for over 50 years. The Society's membership has been a strong advocate for publicly funded seniors' care. The new care home is a vital project for the Society, VCH, the health care community, and the City of Vancouver as it will offer a bold and vibrant way of thinking about long-term care.

The successful execution of this project is strengthened by our supporters who share the vision for the future German-Canadian Care Home. We will be sharing the latest update on the progress of this very important project at the annual general meeting on June 18, 2018, and hope to see many of you there.

Jutta Purchase, CEO

## CARE HOME PROJECT UPDATE

It has recently been determined that the West side building can remain open during the construction period. The German-Canadian Care Home will therefore continue to provide care to approximately 50 residents in the current West building during the construction period. Once the new care home opens, these residents and staff will move to the new building.

## BOUQUETS

Our heartfelt thanks for the kind care you showed Hilda for the past 15 years. They were the happiest years of her adult life. She called this "Her Home." Many thanks.



*Zeugen ihrer Zeit - Lebensberichte von Zeitgenossen: Von links: Hans H. von Tiesenhausen, Else Maurer, Marianne Czerwinski, Freda von Hahn.*

## WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY

- David Leis
- Madeleine von Dehn
- Herta Lütke

## SOCIETY OFFICE

The Society office is staffed by Ruth Windisch every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 5pm. Ruth speaks German & English. You may phone her at 604-713-6562 or e-mail: [society@gcch.ca](mailto:society@gcch.ca)

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## OUR MISSION:

"Providing quality care and support for the aging"

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Oliver Grüter-Andrew	President
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Mark Sulzberger	Treasurer
Heike Roth	Director
Carola von Hahn	Director
Alex Sayn-Wittgenstein	Director
Petra Kuret	Director
Jutta Purchase	CEO

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS *DANK AN UNSERE SPENDER*

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

*Spenden von \$500 und mehr werden mit einem Eichenblatt anerkannt, in dem der Name des Spenders eingraviert ist.*

*Wir danken folgenden Spendern:*

- Mary M. Neumann in memory of her sister Hilda Herbst
- Edith Luer in memory of her husband Heinrich Bultmann
- Richard Dettmann
- Rogers Communications

## WISHLIST—*Wunschliste*

We are fundraising for two, comfortable recliners with power controls for the special care units. These recliners are well used by many residents while they are relaxing in the lounge. We issue tax receipts for donations of \$10 and more.

*Wir bitten um Spenden für zwei Ruhesessel mit elektrisch verstellbarer Rückenlehne und Fußstütze für unsere Demenzabteilung. Diese Ruhesessel werden von vielen Heimbewohnern gerne benutzt. Für Spenden über \$10 erhalten Sie eine Steuerquittung.*

## OUTREACH EVENTS

Unser Programm für den Sommer spricht Sie hoffentlich an und verlockt Sie dazu, alles stehen und liegen zu lassen und zu kommen!

Wir bieten Ihnen und Ihren Freunden ein abwechslungsreiches Programm bei Kaffee und Kuchen:

16. Juni Musik  
Ausschnitte aus bekannten und beliebten Musikfilmen mit Peter Alexander und Marika Röck und vielen anderen!
18. Juni Jahreshauptversammlung des Hilfswerks, Beginn 17.30 Uhr
30. Juni Film „Die Königin der Wüste“  
Als die wissbegierige junge Britin Gertrude Lowthian Bell (Nicole Kidman) ihren Vater anfleht, sie nicht im verregneten England versauern zu lassen, sondern sie in die weite Welt hinauszuschicken, arrangiert Thomas Hugh Bell (David Calder) im Jahr 1902 den Aufenthalt seiner Tochter bei einem Verwandten in Teheran. Ein Film von Werner Herzog, mit einer spektakulären Ausstattung und opulenten Landschaftsbildern.

### *Sommerpause*

15. September Film „Maria Montessori“ Teil 1

29. September Film „Maria Montessori“ Teil 2



Die Veranstaltungen finden jeweils am Samstag um 14:00 Uhr im Deutsch-Kanadischen Pflegeheim statt. Bitte beachten Sie, dass sich das Programm ändern kann. Mit Fragen wenden Sie sich bitte an Waltraud Custer Tel: 604-713-6562, E-Mail: outreachprogram@gcch.ca. Zusätzliche Informationen erhalten Sie auf unserer Webseite: www.gcch.ca. Herzlichen Dank unseren unermüdlichen ehrenamtlichen Helfern; nur durch ihr Mitwirken sind diese Veranstaltungen möglich!

Bitte benutzen Sie den Eingang zum Atrium vom Parkplatz aus (ausgeschildert).