



# German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC

## HAUSPOST

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROHES NEUES JAHR



Dear Members and Friends:

### **Fundraising Events**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraising events. The bazaar was again well attended and raised about \$16,000 for the care home. We were honored to welcome the new German consul general Dr. Klaus Schmidt and his wife Marie-Luise who mingled with the crowd in the Atrium, enjoying some potato salad, Sauerkraut and Fleischkäse. Thank you to the many volunteers who make the bazaar possible; volunteers include Society members, staff and families.

All good things come to an end. With these words the Master of Ceremonies of the benefit concert announced that the 2019 concert will be the final one. For 39 years, the German language choirs organized and participated in this much loved event. They also raised several hundred thousand dollars for the German-Canadian Care Home. The funds raised always provided for equipment and programs that improved residents' lives. They made a real difference. This last concert raised \$9,985. The money allowed us to purchase the Java Club Music Program, a research based program that incorporates music, conversation and coffee. It is a peer support program, as it facilitates residents supporting each other.

In response to the Telethon letter the Society received nearly \$3,000 in donations. Thank you to everyone who expressed their support.

### **Redevelopment**

During the fall, the project team continued working towards meeting the City's requirements for a rezoning application. We are pleased to report that in late December the rezoning application was submitted. It is planned to hold the second Open House on Wednesday, 13 March 2019, from 5 to 8 pm in the Atrium of the care home. We will show the building design plans which have been further refined and a model of the new buildings.

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## CARE HOME

The demand for residential care beds remains very high. The care home continues to admit new residents and maintains its commitment to high quality care services and support. I want to thank the leadership team and staff for their unwavering commitment to our residents and the organization. In the November Hauspost I spoke about wellbeing as a goal of care. This initiative was recently expanded to Bonn Haus and care aides have embraced this approach with much enthusiasm. The learnings gained will help staff to understand the root of responsive behaviors that we are observing in residents living with dementia. These will be incorporated into practice and will support positive interactions between staff and residents.

*With the best wishes for the New Year I remain, Jutta Purchase, CEO.*

### WISHLIST—*Wunschliste*

We would like to purchase portable audio equipment such as bluetooth speakers, iPods, MP3 players etc., small equipment that can be used by individual residents to listen to their favorite music in their room. Many residents are no longer able to participate in large group events and music programs but still enjoy listening to their musical favorites. A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$10 and more.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to all participants, sponsors and volunteers for making the 2018 Bazaar another very successful fundraising event. The total amount raised was over \$15,500.

A big Thank You to our sponsors:

Andy's German Bakehaus	Granville Island Hotel	Sodexo
Angela & Gabriel's	Guild Yule LLP Barristers & Solicitors	Starbucks
Baker's Art with Werner Schmidt	Maryanne Hughes & family	Terra Foods
BC Lions Football Club	Liquidation Furniture & More	The Keg Steak House & Bar
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Charlie's Chocolate Factory	MEET On Main Restaurant	UBC Department of Theatre & Film
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Costco Wholesale	Russell Hendrix Foodservice Equipment	Vancouver Alpen Club
Da Vinci's Home	Save On Foods	West Coast Sight Seeing
DYS Architecture	Silver Group Purchasing	White Spot Restaurant
Everything Wine		

## CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

The Christmas concert last November raised \$9,985. Thanks to the generosity of all the donors. The Care Home would like to thank the choirs, Karl Schindler & his Edelweiss Musikanten, MC Horst Zimmermann, and all the volunteers who donated their time and effort; we also thank 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

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

### **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:

- HH & Freda von Tiesenhausen
- Michelle & Grant Turnbull
- Christa & Fred Kleine
- Prospera Credit Union
- Werner & Helga Hoing Foundation
- Concordia Choir
- AVC Melody Choir
- MGV Lyra
- Jutta Purchase
- Jutta Mordhorst
- Roswitha & Rolf May
- Jeanny Lui
- Paul Wai Ming Chan
- Else Maurer
- Dorothee & Alfred Schenk
- Petra Kuret & John Maiorino

- Rogers Communications
- Richard Dettman
- Sodexo
- Kurt & Else Maurer Fund

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

- Dr. Arnold Dey in memory of Adolf & Alwine Dey
- Irma & Marvin Lamoureux in memory of Johanna & Richard Hibler
- Elsie & Harry Buchmueller in memory of Ilse Buchmueller

### **Wishlist**

In response to our Wish List in the last "Hauspost" we received donations towards the two comfortable recliners with power controls for the special care units. Thank you to the following donors:

- Gisela Knowles
- Edith & Hannelore Jerominski
- Maria Rivera
- Frank & Ulrica Steigenberger

## BOUQUETS

Our family thanks each and every one of you for all the care you gave to our mother over the last year and a half of her life. We could not have hoped for a better place for her. Despite her illness, you all treated her exactly how she deserved to be. You all helped her maintain her dignity until the end. She mattered as a person to you just as much as she meant to us, and that helped us cope and be comfortable with the situation. We all felt supported by you and your kindness. In her last days, especially, you gave us everything we needed, from providing us with privacy in her room to helping us screen the visitors.

## OUTREACH EVENTS

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

wir hoffen, dass Sie und Ihre Familie gut in das neue Jahr gerutscht sind!

Kommen sie mit Ihrer Familie und genießen Sie bei Kaffee und Kuchen unterhaltsame Nachmittage in Gesellschaft von Freunden und Bekannten. Nehmen sie die Gelegenheit wahr, sich mit neuen Gästen zu unterhalten und sie dabei vielleicht etwas näher kennenzulernen!

Wir freuen uns, Ihnen unser Programm für die nächsten Monate vorzustellen:

### **23. Februar**

Wir feiern Fasching! Mit Faschingsmusik, Büttreden, Humor und viel Spaß! Verkleiden sie sich, wenn sie Lust dazu haben!

### **9. März**

Film: "Der Hauptmann von Köpenick"  
Die Verfilmung des gleichnamigen Theaterstücks von Carl Zuckmayer erzählt die Geschichte des durch seinen genialen Coup im Oktober des Jahres 1906 weltberühmt gewordenen Kriminellen Wilhelm Voigt (gespielt von Heinz Rühmann).

### **30. März**

Frühlingsfeier mit Liedern, Gedichten und Geschichten.

### **13. April**

Vortrag: Pastor Hardo Ermisch „Berührt von Deinem Schmerz“ – Macht mich das Leid fertig oder werde ich mit dem Leid fertig –

### **27. April**

Film: "Kästner und der kleine Dienstag"  
Der Film aus dem Jahr 2016 ist ein an historischen Fakten orientiertes biografisches Drama über das Leben von Erich Kästner zwischen 1929 und 1945 und seiner Freundschaft zu Loehr, einem jungen Bewunderer seiner Bücher.

Um 14:00 Uhr servieren wir Kaffee, Tee und Kuchen, das Programm folgt dann um 14:30.

Wir freuen uns über Ihre Spenden, die Kosten für Kaffee und Kuchen und sonstige Auslagen zu tragen helfen. Bitte beachten Sie, dass sich das Programm ändern kann.

Mit Fragen wenden Sie sich 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!

## WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY

- Karin Bernauer
- Barbara Hawelka
- Marianne Tiggewerth

## SOCIETY OFFICE

The Society office is staffed by Susanne Freitag every Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm and Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm. Susanne speaks German & English. You may phone her at 604-713-6562 or e-mail: society@gcch.ca

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"Providing quality care and support for the aging"

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