



German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JAHRESHAUPTVERSAMMLUNG

We cordially invite all members to our
54th Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 17, 2019

5:30 pm: BBQ with sausages and German music

6:30 pm: Annual General Meeting
Atrium, German-Canadian Care Home

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The 54th Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019, 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

Board president Oliver Grüter-Andrew has completed three terms on the Board and will be stepping down. Carola von Hahn and Heike Roth are both up for re-election; Carola is at the end of her first term and Heike is at the end of her second term. Richard Wittstock was appointed to the Board and will need to be confirmed at the AGM.

Richard Wittstock is a partner in Domus Homes a leading condominium and rental home builder in the Greater Vancouver marketplace. Richard's extensive experience in building development will be of great value to the board and Care Home redevelopment project. Richard has a personal connection to the Care Home as his grandparents were residents at the Care Home. Richard looks forward to supporting the Society during this important time."



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On May 9, 2019, we celebrated our volunteers during the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event and thanked them for their support, kindness and service. Volunteers are an essential part of the Care Home and many programs and events would not exist without their help.

Residents need so much more than the care and services that staff can provide. Things like companionship, music, conversation, someone who listens and fun. Like all of us, residents desire the human connection with others. Volunteers fill this role in a very unique way as their work is offered voluntarily, with the sole purpose of helping someone else. Volunteerism is compassion in action.

The Care Home volunteers are a diverse group of people, including Society members, high school

students, church members, family members, staff members and residents volunteering to support other residents.



Some of our amazing volunteers

VISIT BY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



In early March, our Member of Parliament, Harjit Sajjan, Minister of Defence paid a visit to the Care Home. After a brief tour and introductions to several residents, the Minister met with Jutta Purchase, CEO and two board members to learn about the redevelopment project. He expressed a great interest in and his support of the project. We very much appreciate his engagement and time.

REDEVELOPMENT – OPEN HOUSE

On March 13, 2019, a second Open House was held for the community to view updated design plans of the new Care Home. The event was well attended; the architect and his team were on hand to show a model of the proposed buildings. The second Open House is part of the rezoning process; it was led by the City of Vancouver and several staff from the City's planning department were in attendance to take feedback from visitors.

Jutta Purchase, CEO



Architect team showing the new care home model to visitors at the Open House in March

BOUQUETS

On behalf of my husband, I first of all would like to thank you for the kindness and excellent service that was accorded to his residency at German-Canadian Care Home. The courtesy, care, and warmth of the nurses and the caregivers has made his stay very comfortable and at ease. The staff's patience and understanding of a patient suffering with dementia and Alzheimer made it easy to engage in communicating with him. His interest in music and dancing also contributed to a friendly connection with the staff. During the period of eight months of his stay the Care Home made me feel as if I found a second family who were taking care of him which gave me peace of mind and helped me to relieve some of the stress thinking of his condition. I really wished he could have stayed longer and forever more at the Care Home [...]. I am truly thankful and grateful for your kindness.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS DANK AN UNSERE SPENDER

Oak leaves / Eichenblätter

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

- Estate of Ian Robert McEown
- Wai Har Poon

Wishlist

In response to our Wishlist in the last "Hauspost" we received donations towards the portable audio equipment for our residents. Thank you to the following donors:

- Monika & Gunther Elwert

WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY

- Edeltraut Wittstock
- Nicholas von Hahn

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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OUR MISSION:

"Providing quality care and support for the aging"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

WISHLIST—*Wunschliste*

We continue to fundraise for 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.

OUTREACH EVENTS

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde, hier unser Programm für die nächsten Monate!

Wir wünschen Ihnen gute Unterhaltung und hoffen, dass sie Zeit finden, zu kommen und bei Kaffee und Kuchen die Nachmittage mit Familie und Freunden genießen.

15. Juni **Film “Highway to Hellas”**
Eine deutsche Komödie aus dem Jahr 2015, bei der verschiedene Kulturen aufeinander treffen. Ein deutscher Bankangestellter soll die Kreditwürdigkeit einer griechischen Insel überprüfen. Die Inselbewohner, voran der charmante deutsch-griechische Ladenbesitzer Panos, wollen das verhindern und bereiten dem Deutschen allerlei Schikanen!
17. Juni **Jahreshauptversammlung** des Hilfswerks, Beginn 17.30 Uhr
29. Juni **Musik-Programm**
„A Sing- & Swing-Along“ durch verschiedene Länder, begleitet von einer Auswahl beliebter Melodien mit dem André Rieu Orchester.

Juli August Sommerpause

14. September **Film “Katharina die Große” Teil 1**
Ein deutsch-US-amerikanisch-österreichischer Fernsehfilm über das Leben Katharina der Großen aus dem Jahr 1995. In der Titelrolle Catherine Zeta-Jones.
28. September **Vortrag “Verwandlungen”, Ullrich Schaffer**
Die weise Entwicklung unseres Lebens. Wir wissen, dass sich unser Leben ständig verwandelt. Wir sehen es an unserem Körper, an unseren Ansichten und an unseren Freundschaften. Verwandlungen drücken die Weisheit unseres Lebens aus. Ullrich Schaffer ist Schriftsteller und veröffentlicht Bücher und Kalender im Herder Verlag mit einer Auflage von über 5 Millionen, er fährt jedes Jahr zu Lesungen, Vorträgen und Seminaren nach Deutschland. Ullrich Schaffer ist das erste Mal bei uns zu Gast!
12. Oktober **Herbstfeier**
Mit Liedern, Geschichten und Gedichten feiern wir den Herbst.
26. Oktober **Vortrag “Die Walz oder Wanderschaft“, Vincent Remer**
Der Begriff Wanderjahre bezeichnet die Zeit der Wanderschaft zünftiger Gesellen nach Abschluss ihrer Lehrzeit. Die Walz war seit dem Spätmittelalter bis zur beginnenden Industrialisierung eine Voraussetzung zur Zulassung zur Meisterprüfung. Vincent Remer berichtet über seine “Walz“, eine alte deutsche Tradition, die wieder auflebt!

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).