



Hauspost

November 3 - November 21, 2020

CHRISTMAS FEST

a non-profit, online fundraising event for the
German-Canadian Care Home,
Vancouver BC

How to participate:

- Visit our website: www.ggch.ca
- Click on the link "Christmas Fest"
- This will take you to our Christmas Fest site November 3rd to November 20th.
- You can participate in the Christmas Fest in 3 ways:
 - a. Register for the auction and start bidding
 - b. Pre-order your favorite foods, meal options include Potato Salad, Sauerkraut & Sausages; Potato Salad, Sauerkraut & Meatloaf or a container of freshly cooked Sauerkraut.
 - c. Make a donation
- The auction closes at midnight of 20 November 2020. We will notify the highest bidder and arrange for the pickup of the item.
- There will be a curbside pick up for all the pre-ordered food items on Saturday, 21 November 2020 between 11:00 hours and 15:00 hours. Pickup is outside the care home building on 2010 Harrison Drive. There will be many staff and volunteers on hand to help.

Please support this important fundraiser for the German-Canadian Care Home.

We hope to welcome you again in person in 2021!

A warm & welcoming invitation to our first, online Christmas Fest

Due to the ongoing Covid19 pandemic, we are not able to hold our much-cherished Christmas Fest at the German-Canadian Care Home. Despite the Covid restrictions, we want to spread a little bit of Christmas spirit and find ways to connect with our members and friends. We therefore moved the Auction and Food Sale online, www.ggch.ca.

We hope that you will participate, spread the word among your friends and bid on the many, attractive items which were all donated by generous sponsors. Please see the instructions "How to participate" on the left of this page.

Our Society Secretary, Juliane Biet, would be pleased to help if you need support:
(604)-713-6562 or society@ggch.ca

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Dear members and friends,

I trust that you are well and are able to have the support you need during these unusual and difficult times. The pandemic has had a significant impact on life in the German-Canadian Care Home. We know now that many changes will remain in place for some time to come and we are adapting to this new reality. While the worry about a potential outbreak at the care home is always on our minds, residents are very happy that families are again able to visit regularly. Aside from social visits, families are coming in to help with care, especially around meal times.

Our work increasingly takes place online, Board meetings and Family Council meetings are on Zoom and residents connect with families via a tablet. I would like to invite our members and friends to follow us on this new path. I also express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported us during this difficult year. Our focus continues to be on a well-being approach to care.

Jutta Purchase



Welcome to the Society

Austin Lee
Elsa Forrer
Martin von Dehn

Thanks to our Donors

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

Dr. A. Dey | F. Grohne | V. & E. Eppich
H. & M. Wilke | M. Beauchesne
W. & I. Kuret | P. & L. Cotiamco
Fritz Ziegler Fund

In memory of
Ursula Voelklein

Annual General Meeting

Due to Covid19 the 55th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held virtually on September 21, 2020. 24 members joined the meeting via their computers from the comfort of their own homes.

Jutta Purchase, Chief Executive Officer of the German-Canadian Care Home, was recognized for 25 years of service. Her dedication to the Society and the care home is greatly appreciated. Mark Sulzberger, who served on the board for 9 years and Heike Roth, who served on the board for 7 years, resigned from the board of directors. Their long time service and commitment was recognized with a gift.

Ulf von Dehn started his third 3-year term. He and the new board members Kathrin McMath, Christine Craik and Rudolf Kischer were elected by acclamation.

Following the AGM, the board selected the new executives as follows:

- President: Petra Kuret
- Vice-President: Richard Wittstock
- Treasurer: Kathrin McMath
- Executive Member: Alex Sayn-Wittgenstein

The pandemic has created many challenges for the care home, but it has proven to be strong and resilient and focus continues to be on resident centred care.



Update on the Redevelopment



The work on the redevelopment of our Care Home is a very important project and continues. The redevelopment committee has been pursuing three parallel paths in an attempt to move the project forward. These include the ongoing negotiations with the City of Vancouver, discussions with Vancouver Coastal Health, and preparations for a fundraising campaign.

Specifically, the board is in negotiations with the City in regards to a Community Amenity Contribution that is part of the development permit. This is a recently added levy against the development of the North West parcel of the property which is intended as rental housing on top of the already existing levy against the care home portion of the project. In the meantime, construction costs have gone up significantly which adds to the financial pressures. As reported previously, the board commenced discussions with Vancouver Coastal Health earlier this year; this process unfortunately came to a halt with the onset of Covid19. In parallel the board is developing messaging for a fundraising campaign. This work is near completion and you will soon see and hear more about the Society's fundraising goals for the new care home.

The board is hopeful that negotiations with the City and VCH will wrap up by the end of the year and ground may be broken by the end of 2021. The board remains committed to delivering a first-class facility and the pandemic has highlighted that the small house model is the correct path for long term care. The Society has the opportunity to be a trailblazer for seniors care in British Columbia and build a senior's care home that will be a showpiece.

We are now online!

We are excited to announce that the German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC together with the German-Canadian Care Home is now online!

This is an opportunity to present the work of our Society in a contemporary way and also to reach a larger group of people. For now, we decided to use LinkedIn and Facebook as main social media sources. Facebook offers a wide range of possibilities: we can share content, publish events, start campaigns, as well as online fundraisers. LinkedIn is a business-oriented network and connects us with professionals. We can present the Society and our care home as a great place to work, recruit new members, staff and volunteers and increase public awareness within British Columbia.

What both networks have in common is that they depend on a large number of followers. We would like to invite all friends and members to follow us on LinkedIn and Facebook and share our events and posts.





GERMAN-CANADIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF BC
DEUTSCH-KANADISCHES HILFSWERK VON BC

We are now online!

We'll get through this together, even though we are apart.

How to connect:

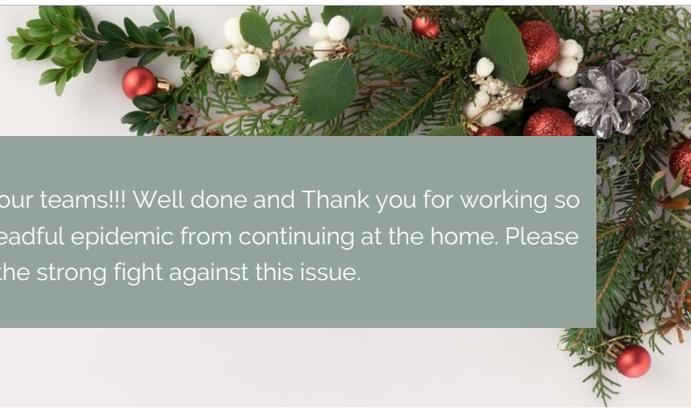
Sign in or Sign up to:




Search for "German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC"

more information at:
www.gcch.ca

Bouquet



Congratulations to you and your teams!!! Well done and Thank you for working so diligently to help stop this dreadful epidemic from continuing at the home. Please keep up the strong fight against this issue.

Outreach Events

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

wir hoffen, dass es Ihnen gut geht!

Da das persönliche Zusammenkommen in Gruppen auch für die nächsten Monate nicht sehr wahrscheinlich ist, werden wir leider noch etwas länger auf unsere gemütlichen Nachmittage mit Kaffee, Kuchen und Unterhaltung verzichten müssen. Wir vermissen Sie alle sehr, besonders die persönlichen Kontakte zu Ihnen, unseren Mitgliedern!

Das Outreach Programm wird, sobald es für alle Beteiligten sicher ist, wieder stattfinden! In der Zwischenzeit wird Waltraud durch monatliche Briefe und Telefongespräche mit Ihnen in Kontakt bleiben. Wir arbeiten weiter daran unsere Website so zu gestalten, dass Sie alle Informationen und Nachrichten die unser Care Home und die Society betreffen, nachlesen können. Bitte lassen Sie uns wissen, wenn Sie Anregungen geben möchten, die das Outreach Programm betreffen.

Halten sie uns die Treue bis wir uns wiedersehen!

Dear members and friends,

we hope you are well!

Since gatherings are not likely to happen in the coming months, we have to give up our cozy afternoons with coffee, cake and entertainment for a little longer. We miss you all, especially the personal contact to you, our members!

The Outreach Program will take place again as soon as it is safe for all participants! In the meantime, Waltraud will keep in touch with you through monthly letters and phone calls. We continue to work on our website so that you can get all the information and news regarding our Care Home and the Society. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

Please remain committed to us until we meet again!

German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC

Our Mission:

"Providing quality care and support for the aging."

The Society Office is staffed by Juliane Biet every Tuesday and Wednesday 8am to 4pm.

Juliane speaks German and English. You may phone her at 604-713-6562 or email society@gcch.ca

Board of Directors

Petra Kuret	President
Richard Wittstock	Vice President
Kathrin McMath	Treasurer
Alex Sayn-Wittgenstein	Director
Carola von Hahn	Director
Ulf von Dehn	Director
Christine Craik	Director
Rudolf Kischer	Director
Jutta Purchase	CEO

