

HAUSPOST



56th Annual General Meeting 56. Jahreshauptversammlung

The Board has set the date of the Annual Meeting for Monday, 20 September 2021 with the hope that the meeting can be held in person, in the Atrium of the care home. Details of the meeting will be finalized in August and we will be sending out an official invitation to the Annual Meeting in early September.

BOARD of DIRECTORS

VORSTAND

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of one new director, Dr. Robert Shaw.

Dr. Shaw's appointment will need to be confirmed by the membership at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

A brief biography can be found on the next page.

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New Board Member

Dr. Shaw was born in Taiwan, grew up in Richmond, and completed his studies in California, New York, and Hawaii, before returning to Vancouver, where he has been the Head of Medicine in Delta Hospital for the last 10 years; he also served as medical director for Mountain View Manor nursing home in Delta. He met his wife in 1985 while she was an exchange student from Hannover. Having learned German, he spent a month as an Arzt-im-praktikum in Hamburg, one semester at Universitaet Hannover, and watched the wall come down in Berlin in November of 1989. Dr. Shaw looks forward to work with the society and the board to foster German culture and continue to provide excellent nursing home care for all Vancouverites.



Redevelopment of the Care Home

During the past two years, the redevelopment project has been going through the rezoning process with the City of Vancouver, which has taken longer than expected and the outstanding issues have now been resolved.

The board recently engaged a project manager who will lead the redevelopment of the care home through the pre-construction phase. The project manager is working closely with Vancouver Coastal Health and BC Housing to confirm the final requirements for the project to begin.

It is expected that the care home will continue to remain open with 132 beds into 2022, and we still plan to keep 50 beds open in the West side building during the construction. The pandemic has reaffirmed that our small house model is innovative and will future-proof seniors care for generations.

BOUQUET

To the Staff of the
German-Canadian
Care Home:
THANK YOU

In deep
appreciation for the
excellent care you
all provided under
difficult
circumstances in a
year that will never
be forgotten.

Thank you for all
the work and
dedication for our
elders.

GEDICHTET UND GEDACHT....

Mein Kind, wir waren Kinder, Zwei Kinder, klein und froh;
Wir krochen ins Hühnerhäuschen, Versteckten uns unter das Stroh.
Wir krächten wie die Hähne, Und kamen Leute vorbei -
"Kikereküh!" sie glaubten, Es wäre Hahnengeschrei.
Die Kisten auf unserem Hofe, Die tapezierten wir aus,
Und wohnten drin beisammen, Und machten ein vornehmes Haus.
Des Nachbars alte Katze Kam öfters zum Besuch;
Wir machten ihr Bückling' und Knickse Und Komplimente genug.
Wir haben nach ihrem Befinden Besorglich und freundlich gefragt;
Wir haben seitdem dasselbe Mancher alten Katze gesagt.
Wir saßen auch oft und sprachen Vernünftig, wie alte Leut',
Und klagten, wie alles besser Gewesen zu unserer Zeit;
Wie Lieb' und Treu' und Glauben Verschwunden aus der Welt,
Und wie so teuer der Kaffee, Und wie so rar das Geld! ---
Vorbei sind die Kinderspiele, Und alles rollt vorbei -
Das Geld und die Welt und die Zeiten, Und Glauben und Lieb' und
Treu'.

HEINRICH HEINE

OUTREACH

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

Wir hoffen es geht Ihnen gut und sie
geniessen die ersten Sommertage!
Es ist eine Erleichterung für uns alle, dass die
Zahlen der Covid Erkrankungen zurückgehen
und wir langsam wieder zu einem etwas
normaleren Alltag zurückkehren können!
Wenn sich alles weiterhin gut entwickelt
rechnen wir damit, dass das Outreach
Programm ab September wieder beginnen
kann, wenn auch zunächst in einem etwas
kleineren Rahmen. Wir bleiben mit Ihnen
durch E-Briefe in Kontakt, hoffen aber sehr,
dass wir uns im September persönlich
wiedersehen werden.

Carola von Hahn

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**Wenn alle Brünnelein fließen,
so muss man trinken:
wenn ich mein'Schatz nicht
rufen darf,
tu ich ihm winken.
Ja, winken mit den Äugelein
und treten auf den Fuss,
s' ist eine in der Stube drin, die
meine werden muss.
Warum sollt' sie's nicht
werden, ich hab' sie ja so gern.
Sie hat zwei blaue Äugelein,
die leuchten wie zwei Stern'.
Sie hat zwei rote Wängelein,
sind röter als der Wein.
Ein solches Mädchen find'st du
nicht wohl unterm
Sonnenschein.
Leonhard Kleber**

**Liebeslied aus dem 19.
Jahrhundert, das zurückgeht
auf ein altes "Gassenhauerlin"
um 1535. Der Brunnen ist in
zahllosen Volksliedern nicht
nur der Treffpunkt der
Liebenden, sondern auch ein
Bild lebendiger Liebe. Das
"Treten auf den Fuss" war ein
altdeutscher Rechtsbrauch,
der Inanspruchnahme,
besitzergreifen bedeutete.
Dieser symbolische Brauch
wird schon im 13. Jahrhundert
erwähnt; und bei iener
Trauung von 1534 heisst es: "uf
den fuoz er ir trat." Im
vorliegenden Lied ist das
Fusstreten ein Zeichen der
Liebe.**

German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC

Our Mission:

**"Providing quality care
and support for the
aging."**

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Welcome to the Society

Robert Shaw

Thank You For Your Donations

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

**Inge Riebel - In memory of
George Riebel**
Anita & Günther Schrack
**Christine Chiba in memory
of Junichi Chiba**

News from the Care Home

During the past few months, the care home staff has continually adapted to the changing Covid-19 infection control guidelines; the most significant change to visitations in long-term care came into effect on 1 April 2021 which allowed for more flexibility for visits. Social visits could now include more than one designated family member or friend, families could visit in the resident's room and there were no longer restrictions on frequency or duration of visits. A welcome step towards more normalcy and increased social interactions.

Resident loneliness has always been of concern which has been well documented and researched. One can only imagine how the Covid-19 restrictions in long-term care exasperated this issue. A group of UBC researchers will be conducting research on "mitigating loneliness in long term care" and I am pleased to let you know that GCCH will be participating in this study.

Our dedicated and enthusiastic staff team has been very creative finding ways to bring joy into residents' lives. A favourite are twice weekly bus trips, mostly sightseeing trips to favorite local spots like Deep Cove, Vancouver beaches, Steveston or West Vancouver, often including an ice cream stop at a drive-through.

For now, everyone entering the care home is screened by our friendly screening staff at the main entrance. Staff continue wearing masks and eye protection at all times. Residents do not need to wear masks as the care home is their home. We are not yet allowed to bring back volunteers but hope to do so very soon.

I would like to wish you an enjoyable summer, perhaps with a bit of travel and get togethers with friends and family. Thank you for your interest and support; I look forward to seeing many of you in person at the annual meeting in September.

Jutta Purchase, CEO

