



# German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC Deutsch-Kanadisches Hilfswerk von BC

June 2022



## H a u s p o s t

We cordially invite all members to our

### 57th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / 57. JAHRESHAUPTVERSAMMLUNG

#### **Monday, June 20th, 2022**

BBQ, sausages & sauerkraut: 5:30 pm  
Annual General Meeting: 6:30 pm  
Atrium, German-Canadian Care Home

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The 57th Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022, 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.

Covid-19 safety precautions remain in place. All participants will be asked to show proof of vaccination and complete a Covid-19 screening at the door. We ask that you stay home if you are experiencing any flu like symptoms. Thank you for your understanding.

Our members and guests who wish to join the AGM from the comfort of their home, may request to receive a zoom link ahead of time by sending an email to [fsmith@gcch.ca](mailto:fsmith@gcch.ca)

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

This year, the terms of two directors are expiring. Carola von Hahn has served two terms and agreed to remain on the board. Richard Wittstock has completed his first term and also agreed to stay on. We thank both for their commitment, dedication and many volunteer hours.

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## CEO Report, Jutta Purchase

### Dear members and friends

It has been an unusually cool spring and we are certainly enjoying the occasional days of sunshine and warmer temperatures. Earlier this year, we had some Covid activity in the care home but fortunately, there have been no further cases in the last few months.

We are slowly able to invite again community groups such as members of church groups for spiritual reflections and music groups. Recently, a string orchestra from the Vancouver Christian school presented beautiful pieces of classical music to residents. This live performance lifted everyone's spirits and it was a joy to watch the group of young musicians.

The care home staff are preparing for the Accreditation survey which will take place in December of this year. This work will be completed during the next few months as there are several phases that must be completed. There is an increased focus on resident and family involvement in program decisions which aligns well with our wellbeing approach to care and principles of the Eden Alternative™.

I wish you an enjoyable summer and hope to see many of you at our upcoming annual meeting on Monday, 20 June 2022 at 17.30 hours in the Atrium of the care home.

### Redevelopment

The redevelopment project is scheduled to go to the Vancouver City Council in July of this year. The Board redevelopment committee will present a more detailed update at the annual meeting on 20 June 2022.

### Volunteer Appreciation

The slogan of this year's event was **Dedicated. Celebrated. Appreciated.**

After a two-year hiatus, we were very happy to be able to recognize our volunteers in person on May 26, 2022. For many months, volunteers were not allowed into the care home. During the last few months, volunteers are slowly returning again, much to the delight of residents. Volunteers have a special relationship with many residents, they are friends who visit and are particularly important for residents who have no families. We are looking for existing and new volunteers to help with recreation programs, bus trips, companion visits, special events and outreach events.

### In Memoriam - Jutta Mordhorst

Board Member 1980-1987 | 1995-1999

Jutta Mordhorst, long time Society member, died in January 2022, aged 97. Jutta began her association with the Society in 1977, when she took a job as secretary. After a few years, she changed to a volunteer position, as the editor of the newsletter, organizer and coordinator for special events such as bus and boat trip outings, and the annual Christmas bazaar.

From 1980-87 she served as a member on the board and then was a director on the board from 1995-99. In 1994, as a cultural outreach initiative, she started a German language poetry club for society members, and a few years later started a ballad club and also a book club. She remained active in the poetry club into her 90's. She made many friends through her activities with the Society and greatly enjoyed the times working and socializing with them.

## THANK YOU for your donations

### OAK LEAVES

Oak leaves are placed on our donor wall in recognition of donations of \$500 and more.

We thank the following donors for their generosity:

- Eibschutz Family Foundation
- Frederick Kranz
- Kurt & Else Maurer Fund
- Gerlinde Bader
- Dr. Barbara Seidel-Schuster
- Günther & Antya Schrack
- CanadaHelps

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

- Inga Delville-Pratt—In memory of Marianne & Otto Franz
- In memory of Freda von Hahn

### Wishlist

- Andrew & Caroline Heidrich

### BOUQUETS

#### **A note from a family member**

“I would like to say thank you for everything you are doing at GCCH, for each smile and each word with which you are brightening all residents’ days. Thank you. What you all are doing at GCCH truly is like bringing sunlight to the residents - thank you, thank you, thank you.

Unfortunately, I am the only one who visits, so for me it has been such a huge consolation during my illness to know V. is surrounded by people who really care about what they are doing. I know V. is not keen on taking part in social activities but even observing others gives him a spark of life.”

## GERMAN-CANADIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF BC

### **Our Mission:**

“Providing quality care and support for the aging.”

### **SOCIETY OFFICE**

The Society office is staffed by Ana Seya on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Ana speaks German and English. You may phone her at 604-713-6562 or e-mail at [society@gcch.ca](mailto:society@gcch.ca)

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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

### **WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY**

- Leonard A. Haffenden



## OUTREACH EVENTS

Wir freuen uns sehr, Sie endlich wieder zu unserem Outreach-Programm einladen zu dürfen. Wenn Sie Lust und Zeit haben, kommen Sie doch zu unseren Nachmittagen und genießen Sie ein abwechslungsreiches Programm bei Kaffee und Kuchen! Bis zum Ende dieses Jahres werden wir mit einer Veranstaltung pro Monat beginnen.

### Hier die Daten mit dem voraussichtlichen Programm

- 18. Juni:** *Sommergeschichten mit lustigen Einlagen und vertrauten Liedern und Gedichten.*
- 16. Juli:** *Vortrag: "Hoffnung eine Kraft in unserem Leben" Pastor Hardo Ermisch*
- 17. September:** *Vortrag: „Eine Kulturgeschichte: die Ukraine und Russland“ mit Dr. Florian Gassner (UBC)*
- 15. Oktober:** *Oktoberfest*

Um 14.00 Uhr servieren wir wie immer Kaffee, Tee und Kuchen. Das Programm folgt um 14:30 Uhr. Wir freuen uns über Ihre Spenden, die die Kosten für Kaffee, Kuchen und sonstige Auslagen tragen helfen.



### Hier einige wichtige Hinweise:

- Bitte benutzen Sie nicht den Haupteingang, sondern nur den Seiteneingang zum Atrium, über die Treppen oder die Rampe.
- Folgen Sie der Beschilderung nach rechts herunter und durch den unteren Parkplatz.

Wir appellieren an Ihre Mitverantwortung, schützen Sie sich und andere durch das Tragen von Masken, soweit dies während der Veranstaltung möglich ist.

Wenn Sie Fragen haben, wenden Sie sich bitte an Waltraud Custer, unseren Outreach-Koordinator.  
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Bitte haben Sie Verständnis, Programmänderungen sind vorbehalten.



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