



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



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CHRISTMAS FEST

NOVEMBER 2023

A cheerful invitation

We are happy to announce that we will once again hold a live Christmas Fest event. All activities will be centred around the Atrium and adjacent rooms. You are invited to enjoy some German food, potato salad, sausages or Fleischkäse and Sauerkraut. There will be coffee and cake, beverages and our famous Glühwein. All the food and some baking can also be pre-ordered online for take-out.

The online auction will go live on **Friday, 3 November 2023**.

Please visit our website www.gcch.ca for more information on how to participate.

Auction items can be picked up on **Saturday, 18 November 2023** during the live Christmas Fest event from 11 am to 3 pm in the Atrium.

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Dear Members & Friends

I trust that you had an enjoyable summer. In August, we again held our Family Day which was well attended by residents, families and staff. The bouncy castle was particularly popular with children and guests enjoyed the BBQ and entertainment.

During the spring, staff teams addressed all the quality standards that had not been met during the accreditation survey. Accreditation Canada allowed us to submit this additional evidence and subsequently awarded the German-Canadian Care Home "Accredited with Exemplary Standing". This is the highest, possible award and we are very proud of this achievement.

Although we are waiting for the funding approval for the care home redevelopment, we strive to maintain a pleasant environment for residents and staff now.

We recently painted many resident rooms, purchased new blinds and curtains and new furniture for our staff rooms.



Jutta Purchase, CEO

Annual General Meeting

The 58th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on June 26, 2023. 32 members joined the meeting. Dr. Robert Shaw, President, introduced fellow board members, the CEO and Jacklyn Kelly, auditor, MNP who presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2023. The Society ended the fiscal year with a small surplus.

Jutta Purchase, CEO presented her report for the administration of the care home. After a 6-year hiatus, due to the pandemic, the care home participated in an accreditation survey. As reported above, the care home was again awarded the highest possible rating "Accredited with Exemplary Standing".

The chair of the nominations committee reported that there currently are nine board members, four of which are seeking acclamation. The four board members seeking acclamation are Christine Craik, Rudolf Kischer, Ulf von Dehn and Alex Sayn-Wittgenstein. The board also put forward the appointment of Mark Sulzberger who agreed to step in as treasurer when Kathrin McMath resigned from the board in April 2023. All nominees were confirmed.

The Society's board of directors include Christine Craik, President; Richard Wittstock, Vice-President; Mark Sulzberger, Treasurer; Rudolf Kischer, Petra Kuret, Alex Sayn-Wittgenstein, Dr. Robert Shaw, Ulf von Dehn, Carola von Hahn.

Bouquet

A Thank You Note to the GCCH,

We would like to thank everyone at the GCCH so much for the care, compassion and love you have shown towards our father over the years he resided at the care home. You demonstrated your commitment to him daily, ensuring he was always comfortable and well looked after. He appreciated everything you did for him. He often told us how special you all were in his life. He loved you and he also loved the attention he received from you.

He has had a long time connection with the care home, first on the board, then supporting the building and development and finally as a resident. He cared deeply for everyone there and would want us to thank you for everything you did for him. You will always have a very special place in our hearts. We wish you well and good fortune. Thank you again for everything you have done for our family.

In Memoriam



During the summer months, the Society lost two, prominent, previous board members.

Dr. Hartmut Will passed away in July 2023. Hartmut had served on the Board of Directors in the early 1990s and again in 2010. He continued to take a deep interest in the work of the Society and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Society's efforts to rebuild the care home.

Heinz Stuhlmüller passed away in August 2023 at the care home. Heinz supported the Society for over 30 years and his support ranged from hands on, physical work to a leadership role as board chair. Based on his professional background, which was building development and construction, Heinz generously offered his support on the Board's building committee starting in the 1990s. Throughout the years, Heinz managed many large and complex renovation projects which improved the lives of residents and staff and ensured the longevity of the care home building. 🌸



Outreach Events

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde, hier unsere Vorschau auf die nächsten Veranstaltungen im November und Dezember:

Am 18. November findet unser alljährliches Weihnachtsfest statt. Diesmal freuen wir uns, Sie wieder persönlich begrüßen zu dürfen .

Am 25. November zeigen wir den Film "Margarete Steiff" mit Heike Makatsch .
Jeder kennt die weltberühmten Teddybären der Firma Steiff. Doch kaum jemand kennt die Lebensgeschichte der Mutter der Steiff-Tiere. Basierend auf dem Leben der deutschen Spielzeugherstellerin Margarete Steiff zeigt der Film ihren langen Weg von einem 10-jährigen Mädchen, das an den Rollstuhl gefesselt ist, zu einer der erfolgreichsten Schöpferinnen von Stofftieren.

9. Dezember Adventsfeier für Jung und Alt

Wir haben Kinder mit ihrer Musiklehrerin Margitta Krebs zu Gast, sie werden uns auf ihren Instrumenten Weihnachtsmusik vortragen. Ein Pianist wird uns beim Singen von Weihnachtsliedern begleiten und alle in vorweihnachtliche Stimmung versetzen.

Wenn sie möchten, bringen Sie doch Weihnachtsplätzchen für die bunten Teller mit.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

GCBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of our board of directors
we wish to congratulate
the German Canadian Business Association
on their 60th Anniversary!

Our Society members and friends who like to join
the GCBA Christmas Gala and Anniversary
on December 6, 2023
may find more information about this event at

www.germancanadianbusiness.com/events