



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



## HAUSPOST

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Health and happiness to you and your loved ones!

#### Our Mission

"Providing Quality Care  
& Support for Seniors"



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# Dear Members & Friends

I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. May 2024 be filled with new hopes, dreams and beginnings and bring success, happiness and gratitude.

The Society ended the year on a high note as we were able to welcome our community to the care home atrium to celebrate and raise funds for the German-Canadian Care Home during the annual Christmasfest in late November.

Many visitors came, enjoyed German food, Glühwein and good company, shopped for some Christmas presents offered by several vendors. The successful bidders of our online auction picked up their prizes, many beautiful items that had been donated by our generous sponsors.

Overall, the Christmasfest raised about \$16,000 for the benefit of the care home.

We look forward to the new year, to continue providing excellent care and services to residents and their families.

We are planning several events to appreciate and support our staff and volunteers. The quality of the care we provide rests with them.

Although we are actively pursuing the redevelopment of the care home, we will maintain the existing buildings and grounds. We recently painted several resident rooms, installed new carpet in one of the resident lounges, purchased a SuzyQ food cart, and invest in the maintenance of critical infrastructure in the care home.

Over the past months, we have updated and refreshed our website. It has a new and modern look, is easier to navigate, informative and visually pleasing. The new website is live as of early February. As always, we appreciate any feedback you may have. Please go to [www.gcch.ca](http://www.gcch.ca) for more information.

**Jutta Purchase, CEO**

## Bouquet

Staff have been wonderfully kind and patient.  
They've made a difficult transition much easier.  
Many thanks for all they do!



## Board of Directors

Christine Craik	President	Petra Kuret	Director
Richard Wittstock	Vice President	Ulf von Dehn	Director
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# Outreach Events

## Liebe Freunde und Mitglieder,

We are pleased to introduce Antje Mahintorabi, who recently joined the Outreach Team.

Antje resides in Vancouver with her family; she teaches German language classes at the Vancouver Westside German School. Welcome Antje to the German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC.

Antje will support Waltraud during the traditional Saturday events. In addition, Antje will present a new program, **kultur.WIR**, on the 4th Sunday of every month.



**kultur.WIR** will offer German and bilingual events geared to a younger demographic including children.

## Wir freuen uns, dass wir Ihnen ab Februar wieder zwei Veranstaltungen im Monat anbieten können.

Waltraud wird wie gewohnt und beliebt jeden 2. Samstag im Monat ein Programm anbieten. Antje Mahintorabi wird Waltraud beim Outreach Programm unterstützen und zusätzlich jeden 4. Sonntag im Monat ein Programm unter dem Namen "**kultur.WIR**" zusammenstellen. Es ist darauf ausgerichtet, sowohl eine jüngere deutschsprachige Altersgruppe anzusprechen als auch bilinguale Veranstaltungen zu präsentieren.

## Hier ist das voraussichtliche Program fuer die nächsten Wochen:

Am **17. Februar** feien wir Fasching/Carneval mit Live-Musik von Peter Paulus. Es wird Büttreden geben und es darf geschunkelt werden!

Am **16. März** wird Pastorin Ingrid Cramer-Doerschel eine Unterhaltung zum Thema "Einsam-Gemeinsam -Einsam" mit unseren Gästen führen.

Am **24. März** wird Ostern gefeiert. Dazu gehören Ostergeschichten, das Anmalen von Ostereiern und eine Ostereiersuche der anderen Art! Jeder, der daran Lust und Freude hat, ist eingeladen.

Am **13. April** zeigen wir „Ein Pyjama Für Zwei“ Dieser Film ist eine romantische Filmkomödie aus dem Jahr 1961, mit Doris Day und Rock Hudson.

Am **18. Mai** begrüßen wir den Monat mit Liedern, Gedichten und Geschichten. Alles dreht sich um den Wonnemonat Mai!

Am **25. Februar** wird Antje ein interaktives Programm präsentieren, bei dem die Geschichte von "Lars, dem kleinen Eisbären" im Mittelpunkt steht. Kinder ab 5 Jahren sind mit Eltern und Großeltern herzlich eingeladen. Der Nachmittag ist zweisprachig.



Die Programme beginnen um 2 Uhr nachmittags. Mehr Informationen erhalten Sie auf unserer Webseite:

[www.gcch.ca](http://www.gcch.ca)

# Christmas Fest & Online Auction

We are pleased to inform you that our Christmas Fest & Online Auction were again a great success. We would like to thank all of our sponsors who supported our fundraising efforts with their generosity. The event raised an impressive amount of about 16,000 dollars for the benefit of our Care Home.

Thank you to our sponsors, donors and participants for their contributions!

Your support truly makes a difference and is always appreciated!

## Thank you to our wonderful sponsors!

