



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



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Important Notice:

The 59th Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024.
You will receive the official invitation in late August.

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Dear Members and Friends

In June, we will be holding our annual Staff Appreciation event, with a BBQ Lunch, prize draws and recognition of long-time service at the care home. This year, two care aides are celebrating special anniversaries, 40 years, and 35 years of service, respectively. This accomplishment is a shining example of their dedication and engagement with our organization. Both employees continue to be energetic, committed staff members, who are always willing to adapt to new practices, new care approaches and new equipment. Their knowledge and experience are a true asset as they collaborate with new staff and provide guidance and expertise that comes from the wisdom gained from many years of experience.

Caring for seniors who live with dementia is not an easy feat. It takes a high degree of empathy to understand their needs and be able to communicate with them when providing care. Each person is different and there is no one-size-fits all approach.

As we are waiting for the final approval of the redevelopment project, we continue to make building improvements and purchase equipment necessary for the provision of care. We strive towards maintaining a high quality of care and are continuing on the path of quality improvement. At this time, the focus is on short term projects and service improvements which can be implemented immediately.

With the summer upon us, we beautified the gardens, created nice outdoor seating areas with shading and water mist stations, planted flowers and painted the faded lines in the parking lots. We are also planning for potential heat waves and will be upgrading window coverings, mobile AC units in the dining area and purchase fans.

Due to the ongoing negotiations about the approval of the redevelopment project, the board decided to schedule the annual meeting for Monday, 23 September 2024. All members will be receiving a written invitation prior to the annual meeting.

The financial audit of the Society was recently completed, and we are pleased to report that the Society ended the operating year with a surplus. The audited financial statements will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in September.

I would like to wish you a wonderful and enjoyable summer, and safe travels, if you are going away. Thank you for your interest and your support.

Jutta Purchase, CEO

Bouquet



"Thank you to all staff at the German-Canadian Care Home for providing such good care with kindness and support!"

-Family member

Oak Leaves

Donations of \$500 or more are recognized with an Oak Leaf on our Donor Wall

Gerlinde Bader
Barbara Seidel-Schuster
Larry Kanacs
Karl Walter
Fritz Ziegler Fund
Margery & Heinz Wilke
Harald Krebs
Betty Mack
Prospera Credit Union
Werner Kuret
Elke Swantje
Kathryn Jamieson
Irene Schmalz

Gunther & Antya Schrack
Otto & Regina Lukat
Diana Skene
Fograscher Family Fund
Silvia Wendland
Heidi Zube
Leo Franzen
Dr. Arnold Dey
Ingrid Kuret
Irma Lamoureux
Frithjof Grohne
Kurt & Dora Sander
Ron Hung
Maria & George Wygand

In Memory of:
Otto & Marianne Franz
Richard & Johanna Hibler
Inge Riebel
Anton Frankenberger
Kurt and Else Maurer
Marketa Goetz-Stankiewicz
Dorothy Stella Watson
Hugh Campbell
Ren Jong Hsu

Outreach Events

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

wir hoffen, Sie genießen den Frühling und haben Gelegenheit, im Grünen spazieren zu gehen.

Hier unser Programm für die nächsten Monate:

15. Juni

Wir zeigen den Film "Quartet ". Diese britische Filmkomödie, inszeniert von Dustin Hoffmann, spielt in einem Heim für pensionierte Opernsänger und dreht sich um die Bewohner, die sich auf ihr jährliches Konzert vorbereiten.

22. Juni

Haben Sie Kinder oder Enkel im Schulsystem? Der Vortrag von Patrick von Hahn, Schulrektor im „fast“-Ruhestand, erklärt das neue Notensystem für Schüler vom Kindergarten bis zur 9. Klasse sowie die Zielsetzung der Lehrpläne in British Columbia. Der Vortrag findet in englischer Sprache statt.

13. Juli

Die Lüneburger Heide - eine Filmreise durch die Lüneburger Heide mit Gedichten und Liedern von Herman Löns, vorgetragen von Hubertus Schendel.

Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Teilnahme!

Family Day



Our annual **Family Day** BBQ at the German-Canadian Care Home will be on **Saturday, August 24, 2024** from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. This free event will be outside in the garden, rain or shine.

We invite you and your family to participate in a day of sharing food, drinks and laughter with us. There will be sausages and buns, games, face painting, music and a bouncy castle!

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

Online Update

Have you heard?

We recently created and uploaded an introductory video that addresses frequently asked questions about the care home. It is available to watch on our website:

www.gcch.ca/introductory-video/.

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