



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



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INVITATION TO THE FREE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FEST



GERMAN BAKING

Explore traditional Christmas cookies, treats and German-style bread from local bakers.



CANDLES & CRAFTS

Local vendors will present their items for sale, including honey, candles, crafts and chocolates.



GLÜHWEIN

Taste the flavor of German Christmas Markets by enjoying our house-made mulled wine.

CHRISTMAS FEST



We are happy to announce that we will once again hold a live Christmas Fest. You can shop for crafts, baking, honey, beeswax candles and special soaps. All activities are centred around the Atrium and adjacent rooms. Try your luck at our bottle booth which is always a favorite game and sells out quickly. You are invited to enjoy some German food, potato salad, sausages or Leberkäse and Sauerkraut. There will be coffee and cake, beverages and our famous Glühwein.

All food and some baking can be pre-ordered online for those who prefer take-out.

The very popular online auction will go live on Friday, **November 1, 2024**. Please see "How to participate" on our website www.gcch.ca. Thank you to our sponsors who support the care home year after year. We appreciate their interest and generosity.

Auction items can be picked up on Saturday, **November 16, 2024** during the live Christmas Fest event.

DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

As we are heading into fall and are enjoying some beautiful warm autumn weather the staff continues the important work of caring for residents who are in need of help and support due to age-related frailty. We are currently working on improving the menu choices and created a room service menu where residents can order food outside the regular meal times.

In light of the redevelopment of the care home, we want to create a memory book summarizing the history of the German-Canadian Care Home and include many photos that capture the story and history of the care home in pictures. Stay tuned for more information.

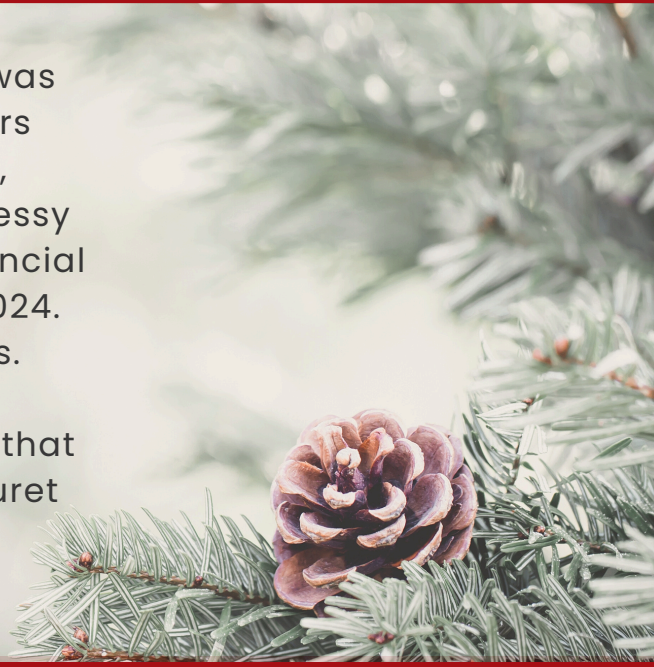
I hope to see many of you at our Christmas Fest on November 16!

Jutta Purchase, CEO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 59th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on September 23, 2024. Thirty-one members joined the meeting. Christine Weber, President, introduced fellow board members, the CEO and Jessy Lally, auditor, MNP, who presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. The Society ended the fiscal year with a surplus.

The chair of the nominations committee reported that there currently are nine board members, Petra Kuret and Dr. Robert Shaw are seeking acclamation. Both nominees were confirmed.



OUTREACH EVENTS

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde, wir freuen uns, Ihnen eine abwechslungsreiche Auswahl an Veranstaltungen anbieten zu können.

12. Oktober: Wir feiern in guter, alter Tradition das Oktoberfest! Freuen Sie sich auf Live-Musik, die zum Mitsingen, Tanzen und Schunkeln einlädt!

26. Oktober: Workshop mit Christine Spreter – “Age into Your SAGE”. Frau Spreter gibt Einblicke in die Funktionsweise unseres Verstandes und erläutert, wie unsere Verhaltensmuster unsere Einstellung zum Alltag und zu unserer Gesundheit beeinflussen.

9. November: „Füße“ – Welcher Schuh/welche Einlage ist richtig für meine Füße? Christian Johannsen, Orthopädiemeister und Inhaber des Fachgeschäfts FootSolutions in Vancouver wird über das optimale Fußbett und die Bedeutung der richtigen Schuhe für die Fußgesundheit sprechen.

24. November: Einführung in die Welt der “Märchen der Gebrüder Grimm”. Dr. Elizabeth Nijdam, Professorin an der UBC, stellt neue Erkenntnisse über die Märchen der Gebrüder Grimm vor.

7. Dezember: “Adventsfeier”: Wir begrüßen den Advent mit einer festlichen Feier mit Musik, Gedichten und den Darbietungen der Kinder der Surrey German School.

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people."

-Family member

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