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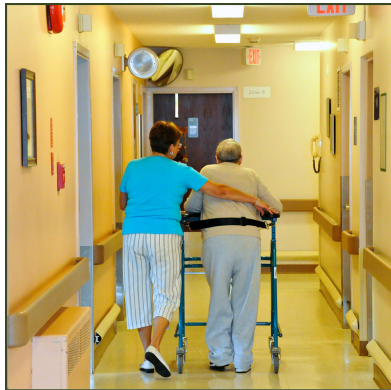
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MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU PEACE, JOY, AND HAPPINESS.



OUR MISSION

Providing quality care and support for the aging.



COMFORTZEIT

The Society's care concept named 'Comfortzeit®' describes the state of being it aims to achieve, an overall sense of comfort and contentment residents experience at this stage of their lives. This concept is embedded in the overall delivery of all care home services.



DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

As we welcome the new year, we reflect on the progress we have made and challenges we have met during the past months.

Our focus has been on advancing the care home redevelopment. Most of this work has taken place in the background but overall, the project continues to move forward. We understand that the lack of an announcement and tangible news has caused frustration and disappointment, but all parties involved remain highly committed to a successful outcome. The future need for long-term care spaces will only increase and our Society's project will be important in meeting this need.

We want to highlight several quality improvements we initiated in the past year. One is our "Better Meals" program, a number of very specific initiatives, offering residents more of what they want. A detailed survey with families and residents informed us about a list of food items and menu changes which include, among others, the addition of condiments and food toppings such as fresh berries, syrups, spice mixtures and a variety of sauces to customize and add flavor to a meal. A "Better Recreation" initiative is being implemented now. Again, residents and families told us what they would like to see, activities to pass the time, learn something new, listen to music and more. We are creating activity spaces around the building, a corner for watching TV or listen to music, have a conversation, play a game and more.

These small but impactful changes are made possible through the financial support we receive from donations. Thank you for your continued dedication, support and encouragement. With our best wishes for a happy and peaceful new year I remain,

Jutta Purchase, CEO

FROM THE POETRY CLUB

„Jahreswende“ von Ludwig Thoma.

Ich lob' es nicht, das alte Jahr,
Ich schimpf' es nicht. So wie es war,
So wie es jetzt noch vor uns steht,
Eh denn es ganz von hinnen geht,
Verbraucht und alt, die Taschen voll
Von unerfüllten Wünschen, soll
Es meinethalb vergessen sein!

Das neue tänzelt nun herein,
Mit falschem Lächeln im Gesicht,
Die Augen leuchtend, und verspricht
Dem einen dies, dem andern das,
Und allen viel, und jedem was
Und spitzt das Maul, ist zuckersüß,
Das richtige Spinatgemüs!

Dem sag' ich – gebt mir erst noch Punsch! –
Dem sag' ich: Ich hab' keinen Wunsch.
Bring, was du muß, nicht, was ich mag,
Und fahre ab am letzten Tag!



OUTREACH EVENTS

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

wir wünschen Ihnen und Ihren Familien ein glückliches, frohes und gesundes neues Jahr!

Wir freuen uns, Sie wieder bei uns begrüßen zu dürfen und Ihnen die Samstagnachmittage mit Kaffee, Kuchen und einem abwechslungsreichen, interessanten Programm zu bereichern.

15. Februar: Film: "Das Labyrinth der Wörter" ist ein französischer Spielfilm mit dem Schauspieler Gerard Depardieu.

Der Film erzählt mit viel Humor eine einfühlsame Geschichte über die Macht der Wörter und die damit verbundene Freude am Leben.

22. März: Reflexologie, ein Vortrag von Nicole Geramita, einer registrierten Therapeutin für Reflexologie.

29. März: Gemeinsamer Nachmittag mit Bewohnern des Heims und Gästen. Musikalischer Nachmittag mit Begleitung von Leo Aragio.

26. April Frühlingsfeier mit Liedern, Gedichten und Musik, um den Frühling zu begrüßen.

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We are pleased to inform you that our Christmas Fest & Online Auction were again a great success.

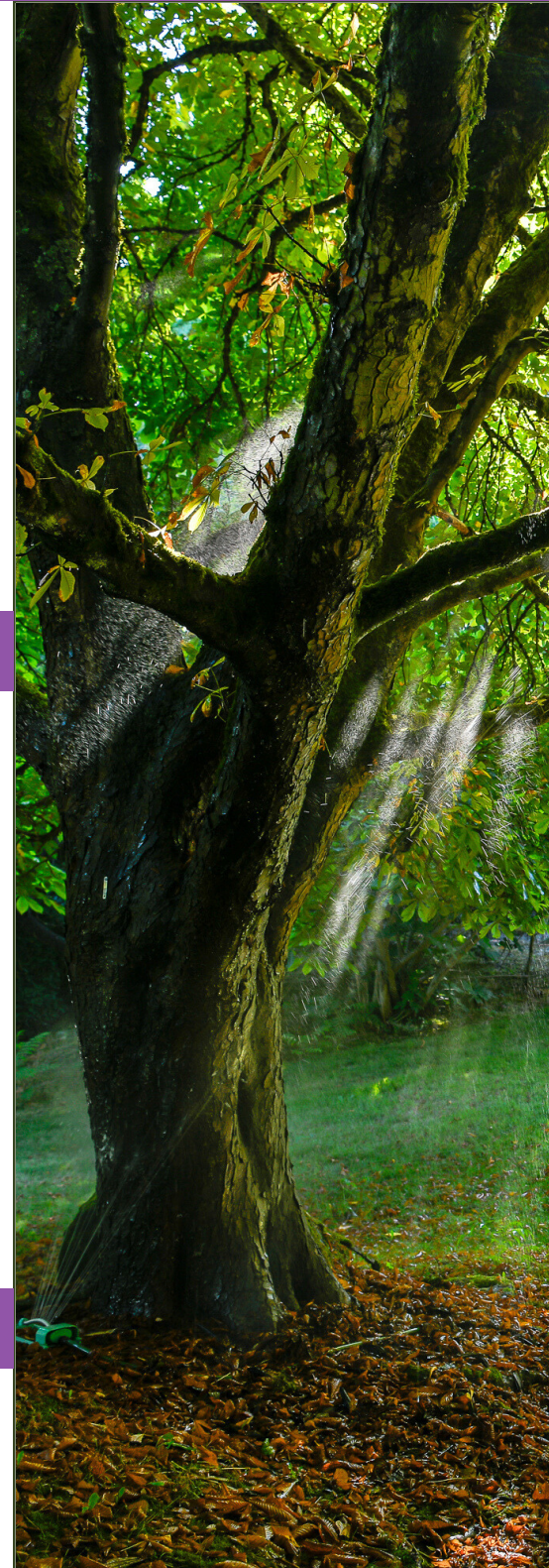
Thank you to our sponsors, donors, volunteers and participants for their contributions! Your support truly makes a difference and is always appreciated!

The event raised an impressive amount of about \$15,000 for the benefit of our Care Home.

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

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