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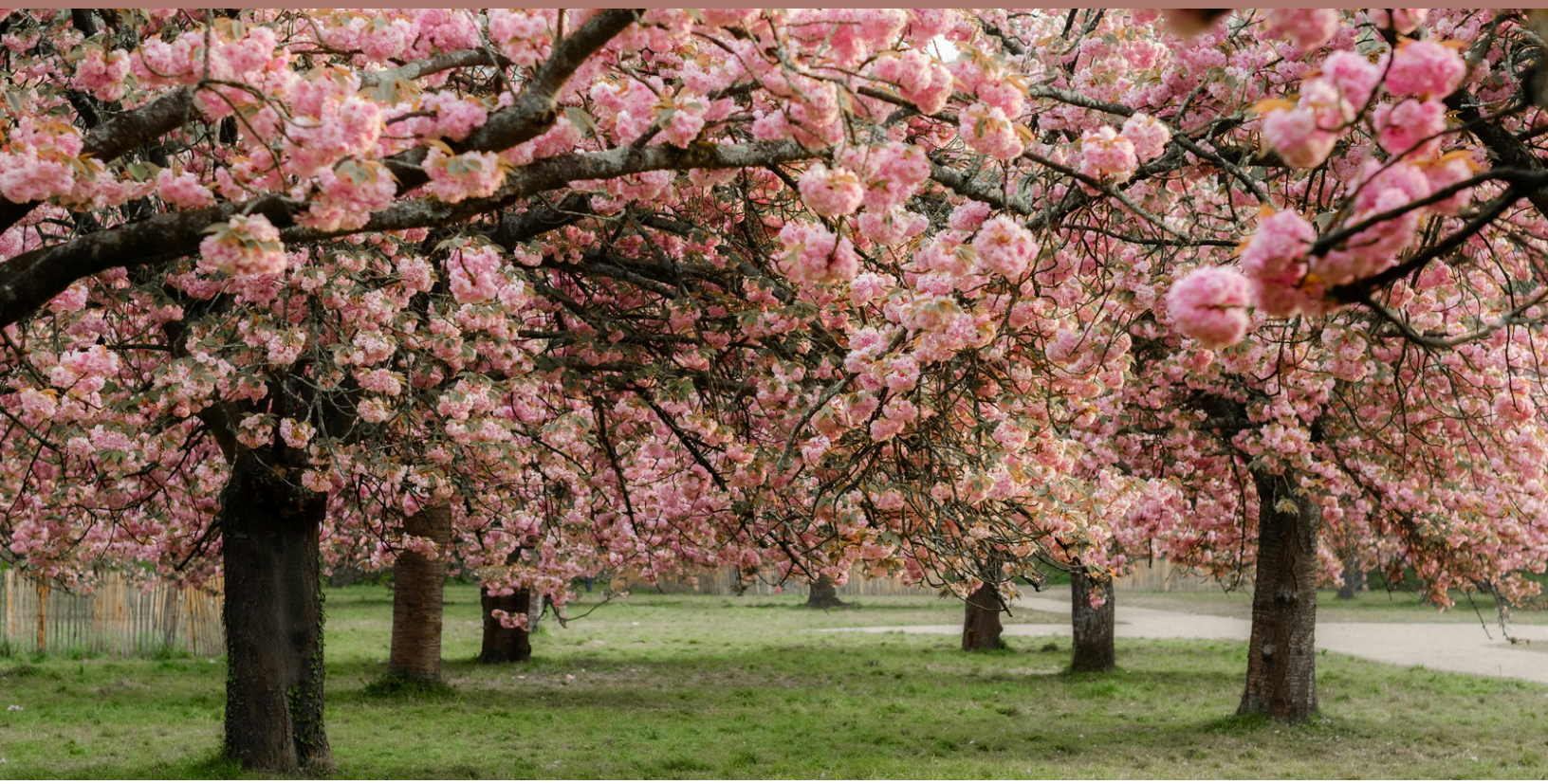

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WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Dear Members and Friends,

A warm hello to each of you as another new year at the German-Canadian Benevolent Society of BC gets off to an exciting start!

Our outstanding, long-serving CEO, Jutta Purchase, is retiring after an exemplary career spent nurturing both the Society and the Care Home at incredibly high standards. I am honoured and blessed to have been named the new CEO; I have huge shoes to fill and am excited to contribute to the legacy of excellence Jutta has created. As I get to know the organization, meeting the people that make up its membership is incredibly important… I invite you all to reach out any time for a conversation.

It's an incredibly busy time. Residents of the home are moving throughout February and early March to two temporary locations. In partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health, these locations (Dogwood Lodge and Central City Lodge) are presently renovating and updating to get them ready to receive our residents. As you can imagine, packing the possessions and furniture of 120 residents, plus office contents and the general accumulations of 55 years, is a monumental task. These care homes provide all the support services, including food, housekeeping, laundry and maintenance. Our existing care, recreation and management teams will be transferring to these new locations along with the residents. Everyone is working diligently to get the move done in as efficient and non-disruptive way possible!

Our venerable care home is slated for demolition in early April, allowing for the construction of our brand-new space, a 178 suite, state-of-the-art home purpose built with our Comfortzeit® care model in mind. Stay tuned for updates throughout the project over the next few years.

All this activity, all these innovations and all of this care is made possible in part by donations and financial support we receive from you, the members and friends of the Society. Thank you sincerely for your dedication and continued support.

Warmest Regards,
Michael Neumann

OUTREACH EVENTS

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

das Outreach-Team wünscht Ihnen allen ein gesundes und glückliches neues Jahr.

Wie Sie bereits wissen, stehen bei uns in den kommenden Wochen große Veränderungen an. Nach 18 Jahren kontinuierlicher Outreach-Arbeit an unserem bisherigen Standort werden wir erstmals den Ort wechseln. Voraussichtlich Anfang März ziehen wir vorläufig in eine unserer neuen Unterkünfte Dogwood Lodge. Nach Abschluss des Umzugs ist geplant, unser Outreach-Programm dort weiterzuführen.

Für Februar ist unsere Veranstaltung leider aufgrund des Umzugs abgesagt und wird zu einem späteren Zeitpunkt nachgeholt. Der genaue Veranstaltungsort für unsere weiteren Outreach-Events steht derzeit noch nicht endgültig fest. Sobald wir nähere Informationen dazu haben, informieren wir Sie umgehend per E-Mail.

Adresse Dogwood Lodge: 500 W 57th Ave, Vancouver, BC V6P 6E8

Nachstehend unser Programm

Samstag 14. Februar **Findet aufgrund des Umzuges nicht statt!**

Samstag 14. März
Dogwood Lodge

Von Berlin nach Manitoba: Europäische Geschichte in Kanadas Denkmälern

Ein Vortrag von Dr. Florian Gassner zu transnationalen Erinnerungskulturen zwischen Europa und Kanada

Samstag 18. April
Dogwood Lodge

Jährliches Frühlingssingen - mit Liedern, Gedichten und Geschichten

Bei Fragen wenden Sie sich bitte an Waltraud Custer
604-713-6562 or outreachprgram@gcch.ca

Wir freuen uns auf ein Wiedersehen in neuer Umgebung!

BOUQUET

"Just last week, my father was admitted to the Hospital, he was very unhappy and restless there. When he returned to GCCH, he was much relieved and though he has limited communication skills now, he was able to say to the nurse, that "he's home".

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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 $11,500 for the benefit of our Care Home.

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In memory of Griseldis Caritas Schwarz
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Pamela Haric 2025
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Dey Family 2025
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Ingeborg Girke 2025
Barbara Seidel-Schuster 2025
In memory of Ruth Dorothy Janson
Tae Helgeth 2026
Susan Brown 2025

Please note that, effective immediately, oak leaves will be issued for donations of $1,000 or more!

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