

BURGENLAENDER CLUB TORONTO INC.

BURGENLAENDISCHE GEMEINSCHAFT

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NEWSLETTER



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PICNIC - ANNA KIRTAG 2019

PICNIC ... PICNIC ... PICNIC ... ANNA KIRTAG... ANNA KIRTAG...

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED ...WIR LADEN SIE ALLE HERZLICHST EIN

Our traditional PICNIC - ANNA KIRTAG will be held at the Evening Bell Park, Adjala Township (7th Concession, Hwy #9 & # 50) on:

July 21, 2019 ... 21. Juli 2019, 9:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.

The program ... Das Programm

10:30 **Holy Mass** (in German) in front of the chapel

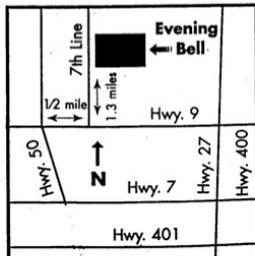
Food Service (catered by **VIENNA FINE FOODS**) will commence afterwards.

The **BAR** will offer a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Our wonderful **pastries**, home-made, much loved, arranged in cookie shells, will be for sale.

The great **GOLDEN KEYS** will play for your dancing and listening pleasure.

You can cool off in the **SWIMMING POOL** - always popular with the young, and the young at heart. Roy, as always, has **GAMES** prepared for our young and the not so young ones. They are very popular and most enjoyable.



NEW IDEA: If you would like to attend and are hesitant because of the lengthy drive, we are considering organizing a bus from the Hamilton area. It is important for us to know if there is enough interest. Paula Heinisch kindly offered to coordinate this endeavor. Please call Paula if you like the idea: 905-541-4448. Thank you, Paula.

THE PICNIC WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE - SINCE A LARGE CLUBHOUSE IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE.

PLEASE, PLEASE: The license prohibits guests from bringing their own alcoholic beverages. The Club could lose the license and be fined up to \$25,000.00. Please comply! **THANK YOU!!!**

ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - EUROPAWAHL

By the time you will have received this newsletter, the elections to the European Parliament will already have taken place. They were held from Thursday May 23 - Sunday May 26, 2019.

We received pertinent information to this topic after our Annual General Meeting had been held, and we could not pass it on to you except to those members who can be reached electronically. We did this but unfortunately, this is not even half of the membership population. If you have an e-mail address, please, please pass it on to us. This would help us all. Thank you.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY...NEUES AUS UNSERER GEMEINSCHAFT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Saturday, April 27th, 2019, our AGM was held at the Austrian restaurant *The Old Country Inn* in Unionville. It was a joyful gathering, about 55 people attended, and enjoyed the delicious Gulyas that was served. The food at the *Old Country Inn* is of top quality.

As always, we **commemorated** our beloved club members who passed away since the last AGM. The **Minutes of the AGM 2018** were read by Louis Leodolter, a Director on the Board.

The President, Eva Hergovich, discussed all **activities** that took place during 2018 (picnic, pastry class, Martinsfest). We all love our events, we agreed. Nevertheless, we had reduced attendance at the Picnic and at the Martinsfest. The **Pastry Class** was well received. Our demonstrators (Annie Leodolter, Emma Buczolits, Eva Hergovich), did it all free of charge, and St. Luke's church did not charge us for the use of their kitchen. As a token of appreciation, we gave the church a small honorarium. This event did not have a financial aspect as attendees paid \$5.00 for the ingredients and there were no other costs.

The Picnic: We had fewer guests and we need more volunteers! We would ask to please, for this one day, urge your sons/daughters, grandchildren and friends of the grandchildren, to volunteer for a couple of hours at the picnic. Our message to high school students: If you are short on volunteer hours in order to graduate, this would be the perfect opportunity to acquire the missing hours. Please call Eva Hergovich if you would like to volunteer at the picnic: 905 826 7986.

Martini Dance/Martinsfest: Many of our members no longer enjoy driving at night. For this reason, the format of the traditional Martinsfest has to be revamped. We are thinking of changing the starting time of the get-together, and finding a venue that is more accessible to ALL of our members (e.g., closer to the city core). For members from the Hamilton region, the Scarborough venue is a huge distance. A preliminary date for the Martinsfest has been set for **November 3, 2019**. The venue will be announced in the near future.

The treasury: Julie Perl (Vice President and Treasurer), presented a detailed report on the financial status of the Club. According to Julie, we are still "healthy" though caution is the order of the day. Members are asked to pay their membership fee promptly.

Finally, Rudy Graf, Vice President of the Club, conferred his **vision for the Burgenlaender Club Toronto**. The Club must regenerate its members in order to ensure sustainability. Rudy is already the second generation of Burgenlaenders, and he feels strongly that a commitment from his age group is a must in order to survive. To acquire financial help, *Corporate Sponsors for the Club* are being sought, and more media presence would be helpful. Sylvia Baliko offered to help in this regard.

Eva thanked everyone for their help and support. In addition to the board members, a number of people help us behind the scenes: Adolf and Helga Graf, Bernadette Toner, Vikki and Roy Kuzmich, Paula Heinisch, Roy Perl, Sylvia Baliko, Ingrid Weber (with a donation of \$100.00), and Jan Vacek. Our apologies if we missed any one inadvertently.

In German: Eine kurze Zusammenfassung der diesjährigen Jahresversammlung: Es war ein sehr frohes Zusammensein von etwa 55 Mitgliedern und das Gulyas das uns das Restaurant servierte wurde von allen sehr genossen. Die Diskussion drehte sich in erster Linie um unsere Veranstaltungen. Alle lieben den Anna Kirtag, da waren wir uns einig. Aber wir hatten einen Rueckgang an Besuchern. Auch benoetigen wir mehr freiwillige Helfer.

Ein Anziehungspunkt hier mitzuhelfen wäre für Studenten der High School denn das biete eine günstige Gelegenheit Volunteerstunden zu sammeln da 40 Volunteerstunden verpflichtend sind. Demnach ersuchen wir alle Mitglieder ihre Kinder und Enkelkinder zu engagieren und uns ein paar Stunden am Tag des Anna Kirtags zu widmen. Etwaige freiwillige Helfer werden gebeten, Frau Eva Hergovich anzurufen: 905 826 7986.

Die Mehlspeisklasse war erfolgreich und hat uns finanziell nicht belastet nachdem die Mehlspeisköchinnen (Annie Leodolter, Emma Buczolis, Eva Hergovich) das unentgeltlich machten und die Teilnehmer fuer die Zutaten \$ 5.00 bezahlten. Die St. Luke's Kirche stellte uns deren Küche kostenlos zur Verfügung. Als Dank gaben wir der Kirche ein kleines Honorarium.

Auch der Martinitanz gibt uns Bedenken zumal viele von unseren Besuchern am Abend nicht mehr gerne Auto fahren. Ausserdem sollte der Veranstaltungsort etwas zentraler liegen denn fuer Besucher aus der Gegend um Hamilton ist Scarborough schon etwas weit. Alle diese Aspekte werden ins Kalkül gezogen.

Ein vorläufiges Datum für das Martinsfest ist für den **3. November 2019** angesetzt.

Wir bitten das Datum vorzumerken.

Nach dem offiziellen Programm sassen wir noch zusammen und freuten uns einander wiederzusehen.

Sponsorship and Media Presence:

As discussed in the AGM report, Sylvia Baliko offered to help us out. Sylvia, a longtime member of the Burgenlaender Club, has a lot of experience in this field as she has been involved with the Tetra Society for many years. (sbaliko1@umpatico.ca)

Sylvia revived our **FACEBOOK site**. We are immensely grateful! Within days, Sylvia acquired a number of new followers. Thank you, Sylvia!

We also redefined our **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**. If a corporation, or a private person for that matter, wants to become a sponsor, this is the outline of the program:

SILVER:	\$100.00/year	Benefits: The company's logo on our Home Page, an ad on Facebook
GOLD:	\$250.00/year	Benefits: The company's logo on our Home Page, an ad on Facebook, an ad in our Newsletter
PLATINUM:	\$500.00/year	Benefits: The company's logo on our Home Page, an ad on Facebook, an ad in our Newsletter, free entrance (for two) at the Martini Dance and at the Picnic.

Looks attractive, doesn't it ?



With great sadness that we report on the passing of **Kurt KORNFEL**, a valued member of our community and a member of the *Burgenländische Gemeinschaft*. He died on May 10, 2019 surrounded by his family. We mourn his passing, along with his wife of 54 years, Ellen; and their children Joanne and James with their families. Opa will be dearly missed by Tyler, Taelyn and Brianna.

Josef Johann GROLLER, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2019 at the age of 90 years. Predeceased by his beloved wife Maria. Loving father of Joe (Joanne), and Jenny (Jack). Devoted grandfather of James. Josef will be greatly missed by his relatives and friends in both Canada and Austria.

Josef KIENBAUER passed away suddenly on February 19, 2019, a member of The Burgenlaender Club Toronto and of the *Burgenländische Gemeinschaft*. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sigrid (nee Stellmacher), daughters Gabriele and Karen (Bieman); son-in-law Curt, grandson Alex, granddaughter Megan, grandson-in-law Gord and great-grandson Nathan. Also mourned by his sisters in Austria, brothers and sister-in-law in Germany and nieces and nephews in Austria, Germany and the USA.

Passing of beloved members continued ...

Anna BALDASTI originally of Rauchwart, Burgenland, passed away on March 12, 2019 at the age of 88 in Belleville, ON. She was predeseased by her husband Julius, and is mourned by her two sons and their families; and by Margaret Baldasti, her sister-in-law.

We just heard some time ago, that **Johann POLZER**, originally of Kohfidisch, died on Nov. 7, 2018, surrounded by his family at the age of 94. He was a member of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto and of the *Burgenländische Gemeinschaft*. Beloved husband of the late Frieda. Loving father of Hilda Johnson and her late husband Ted, and Anita Pascht and her husband Robert. Adored grandfather of Sherry and her husband Andy Bailey and Laura Madera and her husband Alex Croal. Dear great-grandfather of Katya Bailey and Ewan Croal.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE! RUHET IN FRIEDEN! POČIVAJTE U MIRU!

NEUES AUS ÖSTERREICH ... NEWS FROM AUSTRIA

Hot off the Press: AUSTRIA HAS A NEW CHANCELLOR

The Austrian government consisted of a coalition of the Peoples' Party (ÖVP) and the Freedom Party (FPÖ). This coalition fell apart as the Vice Chancellor, Hans Christian Strache (FPÖ), resigned due to a compromising video that was published in the media. A non-confidence vote was tabled and the government of Chancellor Sebastian Kurz was defeated. New federal elections will take place in Septemeber of 2019. In the meantime, Austria's President, Alexander van der Bellen, appointed an interim Chancellor: **BRIGITTE BIERLEIN**, a judge and President of the Constitutional Court of Austria. (Verfassungsgerichtshof) For the first time, the Austrian Republic has a female Chancellor. She is 69 years old, and is not affiliated with any political party. CONGRATULATIONS!. Herzlichen Glückwunsch! Wir wünschen das Allerbeste!

A gentle reminder:

WELTBUND - TAGUNG 2019

**The yearly conference for Austrians
Abroad**

**Sept. 5 - Sept 8, 2019
in**

**EISENSTADT, the capital of
Burgenland.**

**Please check out our website for
registration forms.**

**All presentations and excursions
are in German.**



Brigitte Bierlein, Austria's new Chancellor

This notice arrived just as our newsletter was being sent to print:

Hell's Fury, The Hollywood Songbook

June 19-23, 2019

Harbourfront Centre Theatre - 231 Queens Quay West

Hell's Fury, The Hollywood Songbook is a new music theatre production featuring internationally-renowned baritone **Russell Braun** portraying the life of **Hanns Eisler**, one of Europe's most gifted mid-century composers. For a limited time, receive 15% off tickets. Details will be posted on our website.

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