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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members and Friends of the Burgenländer Club Toronto,

We hope that our abbreviated newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. These are unsettling times, but we want you to know that you are in our thoughts, you are not forgotten. Dr. Juergen Em, the President of the Weltbund der Auslandsösterreicher (the Burgenländer Club Toronto is part of the Weltbund), reminds us of the association's slogan: WELTWEIT FREUNDE (friends worldwide). Now, more than ever, we should think of each other, and connect while still maintaining our physical distance.

All around the world, the Covid-19 Virus is controlling our lives and our activities. For safety reasons, we have to cancel this year's Anna Picnic. We are so, so sorry. One day however, normal activities will return, and we are looking forward to this day when we again can get together. For this reason, we have set a tentative new date for this year's AGM:

October 4th, 2020 at the Old Country Inn in Unionville

Hopefully, this get-together will be possible. One never knows what tomorrow will bring. For now, may we ask you to please mark down the date; and if all goes well, we'll see each other relatively soon.

Liebe Mitglieder, liebe Freunde des Burgenländerklubs Toronto,

Das sind turbulente Zeiten. Trotz allem hoffen wir, dass es Ihnen allen gut geht, dass Sie gesund sind, und diese Tage gut über die Runden bringen werden. Wir denken an Sie, wir haben Sie nicht vergessen. Das Motto des Weltbundes der Auslandsösterreicher: "WELTWEIT FREUNDE", erinnert uns daran, dass wir vor allem dieser Tage miteinander verbunden bleiben und das trotz des Sicherheitsabstandes. Auch diese Epidemie wird vergehen und der gewohnte Alltag wird zurückkehren. Leider müssen wir das Picnic aus Sicherheitsgründe absagen. Deshalb haben wir ein neues Datum für die diesjährige Jahresversammlung vereinbart und hoffen, dass wir das auch schaffen werden.

Wie oberhalb in Englisch bereits angekündigt, wir planen die Jahresversammlung am **4. Oktober 2020** im Old Country Inn in Unionville abzuhalten. Wir hoffen sehr, dass uns das gelingen wird.

Für den Moment bitten wir Sie, das Datum vorzumerken. Wir werden Sie auf jeden Fall auf dem Laufenden halten.



Ostern 2020/Easter 2020

Die meisten von uns feierten das Fest im engsten Familienkreis. Most of us celebrated Easter only within our immediate family.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY / NEUES AUS UNSERER GEMEINSCHAFT



Sadly, we have to inform you of yet another passing within our community: Lorenz **Biricz**, a native of Kroatisch -Minihof, passed away on February 24, 2020 at the age of 95. Our condolences go to his family: His beloved wife of 61 years, Irene; children Diana (Stephen Grand) and son Larry (Isobel); six grandchildren, one great granddaughter; brother Matthias and sisters Mary and Eva. May he rest in peace. Gott gebe ihm die ewige Ruhe. Počivaj u miru Božjem!

Just as we were wrapping up this newsletter, we heard of devastating news experienced by our beloved Vice President and Treasurer, Julie Perl. Her cousin, **Johnny**, passed away unexpectedly due to COVID-19. Our sincere condolences go to Julie and her family.

CHANGES DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS EPIDEMIC:

The Picnic of the Burgenländische Gemeinschaft (to be held in Moschendorf, Burgenland) on July 5, 2020 is cancelled. - The office in Guessing is closed until further notice. - "Weltbundtagung der Auslandsösterreicher" (Vienna), scheduled for 08/27 - 08/30, 2020 is cancelled. - The traditional OKTOBERFEST in Munich is cancelled. - The Continental Austrian Club (Burlington) is closed until September 2020.

DAS JOURNAL (the German newspaper) printed in Toronto, is now available online. Please see the links below:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/pmw8yh1ufsnojdd/9-DasJournal_PDF_22_04_20_final.pdf?dl=0

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NEWS FROM AUSTRIA / NEUES AUS ÖSTERREICH

As of April 23, 2020, Austria has 15,002 Covid-19 cases and 522 Deaths due to the disease. The curve has, however, flattened; thus a loosening of restrictions has started, albeit very slowly and quite strategically. Every two weeks another rule is being removed depending on the results of new cases occurring. According to the Chancellor, Sebastian Kurz, should an increase of infections occur, these rules will be again implemented.

"Burgenland Heute", the daily ORF show on TV in Austria, reports on the changes that some communities in Burgenland are experiencing due to COVID-19. Purbach, a community within the district of Eisenstadt, is in the direct flight path of airplanes that take off from Schwechat/Vienna. 95% of flights that were usually taking off are staying on the ground. It is very, very quiet now in Purbach, which is somewhat eerie...

Most importantly, dear Members and Friends of the Burgenländer Club Toronto: Please stay well, take care, and keep in touch. If you have any questions or concerns, please remember that we are here for you. Give us a call, (905) 826 7986 or send us an e-mail: familyhergovich@gmail.com We'll be happy to respond. Our next newsletter will come out in September. We hope to see you all at the scheduled AGM in October.

Happy and healthy spring and summer to you all!

To all our readers of the paper copy: Due to the epidemic, we were not able to print multiple copies of this newsletter at our regular printing company. Our Board members kindly offered to print this newsletter on their home printers, and mail the copies to our members. Sometimes, when printed on various home printers, even a PDF document does not always align itself as it should. We apologize in advance. Many thanks to: Helga, Sylvia, Bernie, Lou, and Eva, for their home printer services and for the mailing.