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BURGENLAENDISCHE GEMEINSCHAFT

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NEWSLETTER

Fall/Herbst 2020



Dear Members and Friends of the Burgenländer Club Toronto,

We hope our note finds you, your family, and your friends well. It is the beginning of September 2020, and we did not think that it had to start off with yet another cancellation. Unfortunately, this is the case. For safety reasons, we have to cancel our Annual General Meeting that was scheduled for October 4, 2020.

Due to COVID 19, all activities of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto are postponed until further notice.

Wir müssen angesichts von COVID 19 alle geplanten Aktivitäten des Burgenlaenderklubs Toronto bis auf weiteres verschieben.

Liebe Mitglieder, liebe Freunde des Burgenländerklubs Toronto,

Wir befinden uns Anfang September 2020 und im Frühling hätten wir nicht gedacht, dass wieder von einer Absage die Rede sein wird. Leider ist es aber so. Aus Sicherheitsgründen müssen wir unsere, für den 4. Oktober 2020 geplante Jahresversammlung, noch einmal verschieben. Es tut uns sehr leid.

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BURGENLÄNDISCHE GEMEINSCHAFT

Due to these new circumstances, the office of the *Burgenländische Gemeinschaft* in Güssing, Burgenland, now has restricted office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The second issue of the 2020 newspaper edition of the Burgenlaendische Gemeinschaft was not printed due to COVID-19. The third issue of 2020, edition April - September, is being printed right now - and you will receive it in the mail in the not too distant future. It is # 454.

Das Büro der BG ist wegen der neuen Umstände nur mehr Montag, Mittwoch und Freitag von 9 bis 13 Uhr geöffnet.

Die Nummer zwei der Zeitung des heurigen Jahres ist wegen des Corona Virus ausgefallen. Und die Nummer drei ist derzeit in Druck. Es ist die Ausgabe April – September 2020 und trägt die Nr. 454.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY / NEUES AUS UNSERER GEMEINSCHAFT



Sadly, we have to inform you of several members from our community who have passed away:

Lukas **DOMOTOR** passed away peacefully on April 17, 2020 in his 91st year. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Irene, their son Joe, and daughter-in-law Menka. In Austria, he is mourned by his sister Ella, and brother Rudi, and their families. Lukas was a beloved member, had a welcoming smile, and will be missed by those who knew him.

Frank **OROVITS**, originally of Schandorf (Čemba), died on April 27, 2020 at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his dear wife Ella, and will be greatly missed by his children: Caroline, Annie and Frankie, and their families. For decades, Frank was a Board member of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto. He and Ella contributed greatly to the Club's development as they were always ready and willing to help when called upon. We'll be forever grateful for his contribution to the cause.

Amalia **Acs** (née Buswald) from Rohr, Burgenland, died on June 2, 2020. She is mourned by her loving husband of 67 years, Frank; daughter Christine and son Peter, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Predeceased by son Frank. Amalia was lovingly cared for by Frank until the dear Lord called her; as he visited Amalia on a daily basis.

Maria **Kuzmich** (née Jambrich) from Kroatisch-Minihof, passed away on July 22, 2020 in her 78th year. She will be dearly missed by her husband of 56 years, Joseph; their children: David, Mariana, Janet and Joseph, and their spouses; and by their five grandchildren. In her younger years, Marica was an active member of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto, and warmly welcomed many visitors to her home who came from Austria.

OUR CONDOLENCES GO TO THE FAMILIES OF LUKAS, FRANK, AMALIA AND MARIA.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE! DER HERR GEBE IHNEN DIE EWIGE RUHE! NEKA POČIVAJU U MIRU BOŽJEM!

NEWS FROM AUSTRIA / NEUES AUS ÖSTERREICH

In 2021, Burgenland will celebrate its 100th anniversary as a part of Austria. The *Landesmuseum Burgenland plus the Museum in Schlaining*, are in the process of preparing an exhibition of the North American migration of Burgenland. In addition to depicting the historical development, they are primarily interested in sharing and displaying individual stories of emigration and emigrants.

They are looking for memorabilia such as: personal documents, passports, suitcases, memorabilia from the old homeland, everyday objects related to an emigration story, postcards and letters to relatives and acquaintances, clothing, toys, photos or films, certificates of life in the new environment, items from support campaigns such as a care package from the USA or Canada, etc. These items all tell a story from two worlds; from different identities, that would be of interest to visitors of the exhibition. The items would remain in the lender's possession, and will be returned immediately after the end of the exhibition. Submission deadline is: **November 30, 2020**.

If you have anything to contribute and you wish to do so, please connect with the *Landesmuseum Burgenland* c/o: Mag. Gert Polster: 02682/ 600 -1212 OR Mag. Elke Ferderbar: 02682/600 - 1221. They are in charge of the collection campaign. E-mail address: post.a7-landesmuseum@bgld.gv.at

It should be noted that at the time of publishing this newsletter (Sept. 2020), COVID-19 infections have increased in Austria. ZEIT IM BILD reported that there were 327 new infections within one day. As a result, the Austrian chancellor Sebastian Kurz, strongly suggested that no more than 25 persons gather in **private** settings. This is a suggestion... !!!

BURGENLÄNDERS HONOURED and REMEMBERED

As was previously noted, our counterparts in the USA initiated a project, whereby Burgenlaenders who emigrated to North America and have passed in the meantime, will be honoured and remembered. **Their names, place of origin (PO) in Burgenland, year of birth (YOB), year of death (YOD), and their place of burial (POB), would be registered; if so desired. For women: Maiden Name (MN) is also included.** Mr. Frank Paukowits, who is in charge of this undertaking, had asked us to participate. We happily agreed, and have collected a lot of data in the meantime. Once our list has been completed, it will be mailed to Mr. Paukowits and merged with their list of emigrants from Burgenland.

Any Burgenlaender who came to North America and died on this continent, will be registered if we are given the information. It is not a requirement that he/she were to have been a member of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto.

We have a number of names, though often the information is not complete. Please find below, the names of people where we are **missing** one or more parts: either the year of birth, the place of origin, or the place of burial. For females, the maiden name is often missing from our database.

If the name of the loved one that you have mailed into to us is not found, that means that we have all the required information. If you still would like to be certain that family members or friends that you know of and would like to see registered, you can always call us. It is impossible for us to list all the names with all the completed information in one newsletter. We would like to have this project wrapped-up by October 2020. If there are any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.

Baldasti Wilhelm: YOB, YOD * **Baldasti Joe:** YOB * **Benko, Mike:** PO, YOB, YOD, POB * **Bogad John:** POB * **Bandl, Joe:** YOB, YOD, POB * **Bandl, Paula:** YOB, POB * **Bauer, Franz:** PO, YOB, POB * **Biribauer, Agnes:** YOB, YOD, POB * **Biribauer, Josef:** POB * **Biricz, Hildegard:** YOB, MN * **Bladek, Ottokar:** PO, YOB, POB * **Dietz Paula MN** * **Dietz Adelheid:** PO, POB * **Dirnbeck, Joe:** YOB, POB * **Dirnbeck, Mary-Lou:** PO, YOB, POB * **Dirnbeck, Frank:** PO, YOB, YOD POB * **Domoter, Josefine:** PO, YOB, POB * **Drimmel, Anna:** POB, MN * **Drimmel, Peter:** YOB, YOD, POB * **Emmer, Rita:** PO, YOB, POB * **Fleischmann, Otto:** PO, POB * **Gyaki, Helene:** PO YOB, POB * **Gyaki (husband):** First Name, YOB, YOD, POB * **Hacker, Emil:** PO, YOB, POB * **Holper, Alex:** PO, YOB, YOD, POB * **Kandesldorfer, Theresa:** POB * **Kienbauer, Josef:** PO, YOB, POB * **Koran, Joe:** YOD * **Koran, Rose:** PO, YB, YOD, POB, MN * **Katsich Stefan:** PO * **Katsich Mary** PO * **Kirschberger Paul:** PO * **Kovacs, John:** PO, YOB, POB * **Kohout, Annie:** YOB, YOD, POB * **Kornfehl, Kurt:** PO, POB * **Knopf, Friedrich:** PO, POB * **Loibl Katharina:** PO, YOB: PO, YOB, POB * **Loipersbeck, Alois:** POB * **Loipersbeck Julia:** YOB, YOD, POB, MN * **Lamprecht, A:** First Name, PO, YOB, POB * **Lieb, Elisabeth:** MN * **Miletich John:** YOB, POB * **Miletich (his wife):** First Name, PO, YOB, YOD, POB * **Meixner Heinz:** PO, YOB, POB * **Meixner Harry:** PO, YOB, POB * **Nuspl Theresia:** PO, YOB, POB, MN * **Orovits Eleonora:** YOB * **Polgar, Helene:** PO, YOB, POB * **Polzer, Frieda:** PO, YOB, POB * **Polzer, Johann:** POB * **Prets, Margaret:** YOB, YOD, POB, MN * **Price, Frank Paul:** PO, POB * **Prikosovich, Theresa:** YOB, POB * **Reininger, Rosalia:** YOB, YOD, POB, MN * **Reininger Richard:** PO YOB POB * **Resetar Stefan:** PO, YOB, POB * **Resetar Frieda:** PO, YOB, POB * **Rabold Josef:** YOB, POB * **Saurer Gustav:** PO, YOB, POB * **Stefanek, Fritz:** POB **Steinwender, Maria:** POB * **Stumpacher, Steve:** YOB * **Schneider, Josef:** PO, YOB, POB * **Schuler, Mary:** MN * **Schinagl, Christian:** PO, YOB, POB * **Schiefer, Henriette:** PO, POB, MN * **Schuh, Emil:** PO, YOB, POB * **Steiner, Franz:** YOB, YOD * **Steiner, Anna:** YOD * **Steiner, Emma:** YOB, YOD, MN * **Steiner Alois:** POB * **Thek, Juliana:** POB, MN * **Thek, Mary:** PO, YOB, POB, MN * **Trettl, Frank:** PO, POB * **Tanzer, Erna:** PO, YOB, POB, MN * **Wieder, George:** YOB, YOD, POB * **Wieder, Anna:** YOB, YOD, POB, MN * **Zemann Rosa:** PO, POB, MN * **Zimmermann Philip:** PO, YOB, POB



Picnic 2019

We all had a good time, didn't we?!

Das Picnic im Sommer 2019 war ein frohes Fest woran wir gerne denken.

Do you have email??
Please let us know your address.
It would make life easier.

Membership fee for 2020

A number of our wonderful members have forwarded the membership fee for this year to our Membership Convenor, Lou Leodolter. Unfortunately, as stated earlier, 2020 has not had any activities due to the pandemic. If you have already paid your membership for 2020, this will count towards the membership fee for 2021.

Having said this, if you feel so inclined, we would happily accept your fee as a donation towards the Club. We thank you for your loyalty to the Burgenlaender Club Toronto.

On Our Behalf/In Eigener Sache (Election Year 2020)

Had it not been for the pandemic, we would have had a new President and a new Board of Directors by now as this term has ended. The Board would like to thank everyone for their support and involvement. In turn, I would like to thank our Board members, and all our members, for their commitment and support.

I (Eva Hergovich) am not a candidate for reelection or for the new Board, as I have served on the Board of Directors for the past 11 years. It has been an honour; and for me, it has also been a labour of love.

At this stage, we do not know when we will be able to have the next AGM in order to follow protocol. It could be that we will have to appoint (rather than elect) a new Board - we just do not know at this point. In any case, we will keep you posted. Any thoughts, suggestions, or reflections are welcome.

Die Pandemie hat unser Leben verändert. Dieses Jahr hätten wir einen neuen (neue) Präsident(in) und einen neuen Vorstand gewählt. Ohne eine Jahresversammlung abhalten zu können, war eine Wahl einfach nicht möglich. Derzeit wissen wir nicht wann oder ob in nächster Zeit eine Jahresversammlung stattfinden wird. Vielleicht werden wir einen neuen Vorstand einfach bestimmen und nicht wählen, derzeit wissen wir das noch nicht. Es ist eine ganz neue Situation. Auf jeden Fall werden wir unsere Mitglieder auf dem Laufenden halten.

Ich (Eva Hergovich) werde für den neuen Vorstand nicht mehr kandidieren. 11 Jahre war ich im Vorstand, es war mir eine Freude und ich sah es als ein Privileg mitarbeiten zu dürfen. Allerherzlichsten Dank den Vorstandsmitgliedern und allen Freunden die uns/mich unterstützt haben.

Rudy Graf kindly agreed to "house" Club equipment at his place. Bless you, Rudy!
It is very much appreciated!