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NEWSLETTER

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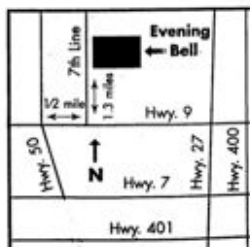
Summer : Anna Picnic 2013, Anna Kirtag 2013.

Fall 2013:

*Prominent visitor from Austria announced
Herbst 2013: Hoher Besuch aus Österreich angesagt*

Do You Know Your Fellow Club Members? Kennen Sie auch alle Klubmitglieder?

News from Our Community and from Austria/Neues aus unserer Gemeinschaft und aus Österreich.



WIR LADEN ZUM TRADITIONELLEN BURGENLÄNDER PICKNICK (ANNA KIRTAG)

HERZLICHST EIN.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE TRADITIONAL
BURGENLÄNDER PICNIC (ANNA PICNIC).

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013 at the Evening Bell Park, 7th Line,
Adjala Twsp., Hwy #9 & #50 (Map below)**

The program:

**10:30 a.m Holy Mass (NOT 11:00 a.m. as it used to be!) in front of
the chapel on the hill.**

Food Service will commence afterwards, offering our famous Schnitzel, Sausages, Salad, etc. prepared on the spot by our hardworking volunteers. As usual, many of our ladies will bring their well-known and well loved homemade baked goods that will be for sale. The Bar will offer a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

The **GOLDEN KEYS** have agreed to play for your dancing and listening pleasure.

You can cool off in the **SWIMMING POOL**, always popular by young and old **GAMES** will be organized for the young and the young at heart.

The Picnic will take place in any weather since a large Clubhouse is available for our use.

For more information, please call:

John Brunner: 905- 579-2951, Helga Graf: 416 249 6865, Eva Hergovich: 905 826 7986

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



Emma and Joe Folk reside in one of the adjacent apartments at the Danube Swabian Club in Toronto. Joe is the one, who provides the Board of Directors of the Burgenlaender Club with “liquids”, when they meet there. He is also the one who brings additional chairs, additional glasses, cups, if the need arises. Whenever and where ever help is needed, Joe is there when called upon and helps. On top of it, he does it with a smile. The former gardener is a model of “love thy neighbour”.

Today, we would like to tell you a bit more about Joe and Emma, who have been members of the Burgenlaender Club for many years. Joe was born in the town of India, in the province of Srem, part of the former Yugoslavia. Today, this is Serbian territory. However, at the time of Joe’s birth, the town of India was the home of 10,000 German speaking Danube Swabians. We wonder, how many German speaking people still live there??

In 1951, at the age of 19, Joe left the country of his birth and immigrated to Canada. Within a couple of days of his arrival, Joe met Emma Lieb at St. Patrick’s church, she was his first connection to Burgenland. Emma was born in Kitchener, ON. However, her father came from Unterpullendorf and her mother (nee Karall) came from Grosswarasdorf. They were natives of Burgenland. The Lieb girls, Emma had a sister, Mary, were members of the German speaking Parish of St. Patrick’s. As so many of our country folks, Emma and Joe met, became an item and were married in 1956. Their union was blessed with two children, Patricia and Robert. They have one grandchild, Leslie, who is now already 21 years old.

Throughout the years, Joe and Emma were committed members of the Danube Swabian Club as well as the Burgenlaender Club. They are proud of their ethnic heritage and if they are able to do so, they participate in all the events.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for their involvement and commitment to the cause. And for all your help Joe, a warm “VERGELT’S GOTT”. May we be blessed with your presence for years to come.



AGM 2013



1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE DANUBE SWABIAN CLUB/ JAHRESVERSAMMLUNG IM DONAUSCHWABENKLUB TORONTO.

On April 7, 2013, John Brunner, President of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto, welcomed with delight the many members that attended this annual event. The luncheon (Gulyas mit Knödel und Salat, Apfelstrudel und Kaffee) was delicious and we would like to thank Tony Baumann, President of the Danube Swabian Club and his staff for this excellent meal.

This year, we also had the great pleasure of welcoming recipients of scholarships that are given to descendents of members on a yearly basis. Vice president Bernadette Toner gave an overview on the practice of handing out scholarships. This was established 10 years ago at the initiative of the late Oskar Stubits. Seven young people responded to our invitation. They gave us some insight into their lives. Some of them are still studying while others have already established careers. Their reports were most impressive. Congratulations to them all! We are truly proud of them.

2. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

We are thrilled to welcome new members to the Burgenländer Club Toronto. Below are the names of our new members that joined since the previous AGM: Mr. James Craig, Miss Julia Craig, Mr. Rudy Graf, Miss Maria Hergovich, Ms. Lilly Rank, Mr. & Mrs. Steve and Karen Trnavsky, Mr. Tom Zander, Mr. Jeff Zygouras.

WILLKOMMEN! We hope we'll see you often at many of our events.

3. THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE IN TORONTO closed its doors some time ago. However, a local phone number was established, whereby information about Austria may be obtained via the Austrian National Tourist Office in New York, N.Y., without long distance charges: **416 967 3381**.

4. WEBSITE OF THE BURGENLAENDER CLUB TORONTO: It came to our attention at our Annual General Meeting, that many of us are not familiar with our website. Please note:

Address: www.burgenlanderclub.com

On the home page, in the right hand corner, you will find two languages listed: English and German. Click on the language of your preference. Then click on the topic of interest that is listed on the menu just below the title.

Während der Jahresversammlung wurde uns bewusst, dass einige unserer Mitglieder mit der Webseite unseres Klubs noch nicht vertraut sind. Wir möchten gerne aufmerksam machen:

Die Adresse: www.burgenlanderclub.com

Die Homepage zeigt auf der rechten Ecke die zwei Sprachen an, in denen diese Webseite verfasst wurde. Sie können zwischen Englisch und Deutsch wählen. Klicken sie auf die bevorzugte Sprache. Danach sehen sie das Menü und bitte klicken sie das Thema an, das sie im Moment interessiert. (Vermerk: Nach der neuen Rechtschreibordnung der deutschen Sprache, wird die Anrede einer Person oder einer Gruppe nicht mehr gross geschrieben).



It is with great sadness that we report of Burgenländers, who are no longer among us:

Anna Baldasti, passed away on March 15, 2013.

Theresa Zotter (nee Winkler), left this world on March 7, 2013.

Anna and Theresa are in our thoughts and our heartfelt sympathy goes to their families and friends.

May they rest in peace!



1. We report with great pleasure, that His Excellency, Ägidius Zsifkovics, the bishop of Eisenstadt,, will visit Toronto in late October. Please make note of the weekend of Oct. 26th, 2013. More detailed information will follow at a later date.

Mit grosser Freude berichten wir, dass Seine Exzellenz, Ägidius Zsifkovics, Bischof von Eisenstadt seinen Besuch angesagt hat. Bitte das Wochenende des 26. Oktobers 2013 vorzumerken. Nähere Informationen werden zu einem späteren Zeitpunkt bekanntgegeben.

2. **Elections** took place in Carinthia, Lower Austria and Tyrol. Landtagswahlen fanden in Kärnten, Niederösterreich und Tirol statt.

We are reporting only on the governing party and about Team Stronach, since Mr. Stronach is an Austro-Canadian. Wir berichten nur über die regierenden Parteien und über das Team Stronach, nachdem Herr Stronach auch aus Österreich nach Kanada ausgewandert ist.

Carinthia

37.1% Socialist Party (Governor Peter Kaiser)
11.2% Team Stronach,

Lower Austria

50.8% People' Party (Governor Erwin Pröll)
9.8% Team Stronach

Tyrol

39.56% People's Party (Governor Günther Platter)
3.40% Team Stronach

3. St. Margarether Opernfestival/St. Margarether Opernfestspiele:

We are thrilled to report, that the role of MIMI in La Bohème, will be sung by a Canadian Soprano: Ms. Marianne Fiset. Ms. Fiset is French Canadian and was born in Quebec City. By the way, a musical for children will also be performed: "Pippi Longstocking". Sounds like fun!

Wir freuen uns riesig zu berichten, dass die Kanadierin Marianne Fiset bei den Opernfestspielen in St. Margarethen die Rolle von MIMI in La Bohème singen wird. Marianne Fiset wurde in Quebec City geboren. Übrigens, ein Kindermusical "Pippi Langstrumpf" ist auch auf dem Programm. Klingt grossartig!



Ms. Marianne Fiset

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11.2% Team Stronach

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4. Austria has a **new minister** for Defense and Sport: Mr. Gerald Klug. The former minister for this department was Mr. Norbert Darabos of Kroatisch-Minihof, which is located in central Burgenland. Der neue Verteidigungs- und Sportminister heisst Gerald Klug. Vor ihm war für dieses Resort jahrelang Norbert Darabos aus Kroatisch-Minihof, im mittleren Burgenland zuständig.

3. Twenty years ago, ROMA were granted the status of an official ethnic group, the sixth ethnic group within Austria. This entails not only recognition of their existence in Austria, but also financial support in regards to their language and education. In Burgenland live around 2,500 ROMA. In Austria, there are officially six ethnic groups: Croatians, Czechs, Hungarians, Roma, Slovenians and Slowakians,

PLEASE
DO NOT FORGET:
PICNIC
JULY 22, 2013
WHERE: EVENING BELL PARK
7TH LINE, ADJALA TWS.P.
HWY #9 & # 50
WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

