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NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Burgenländer Club Toronto, Inc.

Arrangements for the Annual General Meeting are below:

DATE: Sunday, April 7, 2013

PLACE: The Danube Swabian Club, 1686 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, ON

TIME: 12:00 Noon

All attendees are invited to a free Gulyas luncheon followed by the meeting with reports from various members of the Board of Directors.

Please remember that only paid-up members may attend the Annual General Meeting. You may pay your membership fee at the meeting if you have not already done so.

This year, we have invited children and grandchildren of our members who have in the past received a scholarship from the Club. We hope that many of these young people will join us at the Annual General Meeting.

Please call by March 31, 2013 to confirm your attendance:

John Brunner: 905 579 2951

Helga Graf: 416 249 6865

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM on April 7th. This is an opportunity for you all to let us know, what you appreciate about the Club and maybe what you do not. As always, ideas and suggestions are welcome. The Executive Committee is here for YOU, please let us know of your thoughts.

The Board of Directors



Skiing in Austria

Burgenländer Klub Toronto, Inc.

Alle Klubmitglieder des Burgenländer Klubs Toronto sind zur kommenden Jahresversammlung herzlichst eingeladen. Bitte beachten Sie, dass den Statuten nach nur jene Klubmitglieder an dieser Versammlung teilnehmen können, die den Mitgliedsbeitrag voll bezahlt haben. Sollte es Ihnen entgangen sein den Mitgliedsbeitrag zu bezahlen dann haben Sie die Gelegenheit, diesen vor Beginn der Jahresversammlung zu begleichen.

Dieses Jahr haben wir auch Kinder und Enkelkinder unserer Mitglieder eingeladen, die in vergangenen Jahren vom Burgenländer Klub ein Stipendium erhalten haben. Wir hoffen viele von diesen jungen Leuten bei der Versammlung begrüßen zu dürfen.

DATUM: Sonntag, 7. April 2013

TREFFPUNKT:: Donauschwabenklub, 1686 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, ON

UHRZEIT: 12:00 Mittags

Allen Anwesenden wird ein kostenloses Mittagessen (Gulyas) angeboten. Danach berichtet der Vorstand von der Arbeit des vergangenen Jahres. Bei dieser Gelegenheit haben Klubmitglieder die Möglichkeit Fragen zu stellen, Meinungen zu äussern und etwaige Ideen oder Empfehlungen vorzubringen. Der Vorstand ist für SIE da, bitte teilen Sie uns ihre Gedanken mit,

Bitte rufen Sie uns noch vor dem 31. März 2013 an damit wir wissen, wie viele von unseren Mitgliedern tatsächlich teilnehmen werden.

Der Vorstand

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Do You Know Your Fellow Members?

Today, we would like to tell you a bit about the president of the Burgenländer Club, John Brunner. We asked him to tell us a bit about himself. Please find below about his life in his own words:

I was born in Unterschuetzen 74 Bezirk Oberwart BGLD, the son of Robert and Maria Brunner on the June 26, 1946.

Unterschuetzen was a close knit farming community. Growing up on the farm taught me, that honesty and hard work were the keys to success in life. After completing compulsory school, I entered into an apprenticeship as an auto mechanic. After completing my apprenticeship, I decided to visit Canada and stay, for a couple of years, with relatives who had previously immigrated.

Arriving in Canada on Dec. 19, 1964, I settled in Oshawa, Ontario and found work as an auto mechanic for a Volkswagen Dealership in Whitby. As any new person, the wages were not the greatest and I started looking for a better paying job. My search had ended when I found a good job in a boat factory. I started in the boat factory installing mechanical and electrical motors and instruments. Concurrently to my full time job, I attended night school classes at a local college to advance my education and upgrade my skills in hopes to advance my career. In the early eighties I joined General Motors where I worked in various departments throughout the plant until my retirement in 2007.

I met many young immigrants in my new home and found a home away from home when I joined the German Canadian Club, Club Loreley. I joined their Soccer Club and played many years of competitive soccer in the Motor City Soccer League. At one of the many events held at the Club I met my future wife, Lillian Brunner. After our wedding in 1969, my plans of returning to Austria had changed. I became an active member of the club where I served on the Board of Directors for



seven years. The last three years I served as President.

My time spent at Club Loreley introduced me to many people and I found other Clubs in which I always enjoyed attending their functions and dances. One of these Clubs was the Burgenlaender Club in Toronto. Not only was it an Austrian Club, but a Club from my beloved Province of Burgenland. I became a member in 1997. After years of attending various functions and meeting great people, the President, Dr. Walter Dujmovits in Guessing, appointed me representative of the Burgenländische Gemeinschaft. It is a very exciting position, which I gladly accepted. Wanting to become a more active member, I also joined the Board for Directors as Membership Director and after the AGM in 2010 was elected as President, where I have maintained that position for the past couple of years.

Coming to Canada and starting a family have blessed me. I have two daughters Natasha and Jennifer and am the proud Opa to three grand daughters. My daughters and their families are also members of the Burgenländer Club, which is important to me so that my heritage and Austrian traditions continue!

News from Our Community/Neues aus Unserer Gemeinschaft:

Sadly, we have to report to you of members within our community, who are no longer with us



May they rest in peace!

Rudolf Buczolits (76), originally from Kroatisch-Minihof, left this world peacefully on February 24, 2013 surrounded by his family. He suffered from cancer.

Emil Hacker (75), passed away on January 3, 2013 at Scarborough General Hospital with his family by his side, also from cancer.

Mary Lieb-Lyon (80) sister of Emma Folk, passed away on December 4, 2012 in Kitchener. Last fall, the Price family was struck by double tragedy:

Joe Price (86) originally from Nikitsch, passed away on Sept. 2, 2012 and a week after him, his son **Gerry Price (54)** was taken. Both of them suffered from cancer.

Rosa Zemann (90) passed away at Scarborough Gen. Hospital on December 4, 2012 after a brief illness.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Rudi, Emil, Joe, Gerry, Mary and Rosa.

On a lighter side, we would like to tell you about a special birthday that was celebrated not that long ago: **Frank Orovits**, for many years on the Board of Directors of the Burgenländer Club, was 80 years old on December 12, 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS FRANK! May you be blessed with good health, joy and happiness. And...you are the best looking eighty year old that we know of.

News from Austria/Burgenland/Neues aus Österreich/Burgenland

Bishop Stefan László, the first bishop of Burgenland, was born 100 years ago, on February 25th in Bratislava. In his honour, a symposium was held in Eisenstadt and a new book published: "Brückenbauer im Dienste der Kirche". He was bishop from 1960 until 1993 and died on March 8th, 1995. Bishop László was the first bishop, who spoke fluently three of the four languages of Burgenland: German, Croatian and Hungarian. / Der erste Bischof des Burgenlandes, **Stefan László** kam am 25. Februar 1913 in Pressburg zur Welt. Ihm zu Ehren wurde in Eisenstadt ein Symposium abgehalten und auch ein neues Buch veröffentlicht: "Brückenbauer im Dienste der Kirche". Als Bischof amtierte Stefan László 33 Jahre lang, von 1960 bis 1993. Er starb am 8. März 1995. Bischof László war auch der erste Bischof, der drei der vier Sprachen des Burgenlandes fließend beherrschte: Deutsch, Kroatisch und Ungarisch.



Volksbefragung: Am 20. Jänner dieses Jahres wurde in Österreich eine Volksbefragung durchgeführt. Die Bevölkerung wurde gefragt, ob Österreich die allgemeine Wehrpflicht beibehalten oder ob ein Berufsheer eingeführt werden sollte. 59% der Österreicher sprach sich für die Beibehaltung der allgemeinen Wehrpflicht aus. / On January 20th of this year, in a referendum, 59% of Austrians voted to retain the existing compulsory military service rather than to establish a professional army.



VIENNA: For the 4th time in a row, Vienna was chosen to be THE city in the world, that offers the best quality of life. How is that, are Austrians riding the Riesenrad all day long???

WIEN: Zum vierten Mal wurde Wien als DIE Stadt der Welt mit der besten Lebensqualität gewählt. Wie ist das, fahren die Österreicher den ganz Tag im Riesenrad herum???

BURGENLAND: This winter is, unlike any other, our native land is drowning in snow. (Feb. 24, 2013)

Das Burgenland versinkt im Schnee. Eine sehr ungewöhnliche Situation für unser ursprüngliches Heimatland.

*HAPPY EASTER, FROHE OSTERN, VESEO VAZAM,
KELLEMES HÚSVÉTI ÜNNEPEKET!*



We would like to wish all our members, their families and their friends:

**HAPPY EASTER,
EIN FROHES OSTERFEST,
BLAGOSLOVA PUN I VESEO VAZAM,
KELLEMES HÚSVÉTI ÜNNEPEKET!**

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**PLEASE
DO NOT FORGET:
AGM**

APRIL 7, 2013

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**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ON APRIL 7TH!**