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NEWSLETTER

Fall/Herbst 2016



PICNIC 2016/ ANNA KIRTAG 2016

Once again, we gathered for our annual Picnic/Anna Kirtag celebration. July 17th, 2016 was a gorgeous day and more than 550 patrons joined us for this occasion. Mrs. Gabriele Grof, the President of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto was pleased to welcome such a big crowd.

Rev. Father Günther Petricek, together with Deacon Hans Schwarzbauer celebrated HOLY MASS in front of the chapel thus looking after our spiritual needs. VIENNA FINE FOODS looked after our appetite as we thoroughly enjoyed consuming the fabulous Schnitzel and Bratwürste that they had prepared for us. THE GOLDEN KEYS entertained us all with wonderful music from years gone by. Our young ones and those young at heart loved the games Roy Perl had organized and we were so very grateful for having a chance to see each other and catch up on our lives. A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this event an enjoyable celebration.



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INVITATION
EINLADUNG
MARTINI DANCE 2016
MARTINSFEST 2016
November 12, 2016
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A few of our visitors were reminiscing about past picnics, how they once were. One gentleman told us that he remembered , when the entrance fee was \$ 5.00 per car, then it was \$ 5.00 per person and now it is \$7.00 per person. Ernst Grof, one of our longest serving volunteers, remembers those early days well.

May we address this issue of costs and expenses. The Evening Bell Park is rented from the Slovenian Community for the day. Over the years, the rent has gone up substantially. The entrance fee also covers the cost of the band and the insurance which is a must, A number of years ago, we used to prepare the food ourselves, make potato salad the day before and the Schnitzel were prepared on the premises on the day of the picnic. We were younger then. Today, we no longer are able to do this on our own, we have to have the food catered,. For this reason, the cost for the food has also gone up substantially for our guests as well as for us. There is very little profit. It might also be helpful to recall, that we are a charitable organization and our account is being examined on a yearly basis according to government regulations by an accountant firm. Again, there are costs involved for this service... It just isn't as it once was.

IMPORTANT: Austrian Presidential elections, info on page 4. Information zur Bundespräsidentenwahl auf Seite 4

FROM OUR COMMUNITY/AUS UNSERER GEMEINSCHAFT



Margaret Csenar (nee Weber)

celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this year. Margaret was born in Lower Austria and met her late husband, Felix of Unterpullendorf, in Vienna. They came to Canada with their young son Peter in 1954 where they established a very successful business and were blessed with two more children. Today, Margaret is the proud mother of Peter, Ronnie and daughter Evelyn, Oma to seven grandchildren and Ur-Oma to two great grandchildren. How happy Felix would have been could he have been part of this celebration.

Congratulations Margaret! Herzlichsten Glückwunsch! Wir wünschen das Allerbeste und noch viele glückliche Jahre im Kreise deiner lieben Familie!

MORE CELEBRATIONS ...

We are delighted to report, that **Helmut and Monika Penthor** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Monika, originally from Germany, met her loving husband Helmut, who grew up in St. Michael in Burgenland, here in Canada. They were married at St. Patrick's church in Toronto on August 20, 1966. Their union was blessed with two children and five grandchildren. Congratulations Monika and Helmut! We wish you continued joy and happiness and many more years of marital bliss.



AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF...

Otto and Elisabeth Perl celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. We are equally delighted to have the opportunity to congratulate them to such a remarkable milestone. Otto is a native of Podler (the South of Burgenland) and Elisabeth was born in Rumpersdorf, not far from Podler. They were married on May 3, 1953 in Rechnitz. Upon deciding to leave Austria in 1954, they sailed for Canada on the MS Italia and stepped on Canadian soil in Halifax.

Their union was blessed with four children, three sons (Otto jun., Rick, and Roy) and one daughter (Debbie). In the meantime, they have become happy grandparents to eight grandchildren. Roy, their youngest son was not that long ago president of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto. He is still very helpful and supportive at all of our functions. We are very grateful for his continued involvement.

Once again, congratulations Otto and Elisabeth! May you be blessed with many more years in joy and happiness. Wir gratulieren herzlichst!

Elisabeth and Otto on their wedding day

YOU ARE INVITED....SIE SIND EINGELADEN

to the 39th ANNUAL MARTINI DANCE
zum 39. JÄHRLICHEN MARTINSFEST

When: Saturday, November 12, 2016
6:30 pm Kitchen & Bar open; an outstanding buffet (Schnitzel or Pork Roast, \$16.00 p.p.) will be available; the bar offers alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages;
additionally, there will also be for sale delicious home-made baked goods prepared by our wonderful volunteers.

Where: Former Home of the Danube Swabians, 1686 Ellesmere Rd.
(east of McCowan), Scarborough, ON

Entrance fee: \$15.00 p.p.

Entertainment: 7:30 pm. The Golden Keys will play for your dancing and listening pleasure. A 50/50 draw will add to the entertainment.

Tickets & Reservations: Please call Mrs. Gabriele Grof, President, @ 416-282-5968. Usually, this event is sold out. For this reason we suggest to call in the not too distant future.

Alle unsere Mitglieder, Verwandte und die verwandt sein wollen, sind zu diesem Fest herzlichst eingeladen:

Wann: Samstag, 12. November 2016

Wo: Im ehemaligen Donauschwabenklub, 1686 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, ON, (das ist östlich von der McCowan, südlich von der 401 Autobahn)
Die Bar und die Küche werden um 18:30 geöffnet. Ein grossartiges Buffet Abendessen (Schnitzel oder Schweinsbraten, \$16.00/p.p.) erwartet Sie. Die Bar bietet alkoholische und alkoholfrei Getränke an. Zusätzlich werden noch hausgemachte Kekse und Kuchen die von unseren freiwilligen Helfern zubereitet wurden, angeboten.

Eintritt: \$15.00 p.P.

Unterhaltung: DIE GOLDEN KEYS spielen zum Tanz auf. Wir freuen uns, dass wir wieder diese Kapelle verpflichten konnten.

Eintrittskarten/ Reservierung: Bitte unsere Präsidentin, Frau Gabriele Grof, Tel: 416-282-5968 anzurufen.

Wir hoffen sehr, Sie alle an diesem Abend begrüßen zu dürfen. Normalerweise ist dieses Fest ausverkauft. Demnach empfehlen wir, zeitgerecht anzurufen.

SADLY, WE HAVE LOST DEAR FRIENDS

Julia Stangl, (94) passed away unexpectedly on June 10, 2016 in Toronto. Julia was the beloved wife of Frank and loving mother to Linda. She was a long time member of the Burgenlaender Club Toronto and a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church in Toronto. We will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Frank and Linda.



Josef Bandl, 86, a native of Jabing, passed away on July 9, 2016. He was the loving father of Joseph (Jeannette) and William and beloved Opa to six grandchildren. An active member in a number of Austrian interest groups including the Burgenlaender Club Toronto. Sepp will be missed by his many relatives and friends and by all of us.

Josef Farkas, originally of Kroatisch-Minihof, died on August 23, 2016 in Etobicoke at the age of 88. He will be dearly missed by Agnes, his wife of 59 years, his children Frank (Carol) and Bob and grandchildren Stephanie and Brandon. Many relatives in the US and Austria also mourn his passing. Naše sužalovanje!

Frieda Holzgethan, born in Kohfidisch, Burgenland, passed away on July 5, 2016. Frieda missed her husband and her daughter Margrid and the dear Lord decided to unite them. Her friends and family and many of us will miss her.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!! OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES! AUFRICHTIGSTE ANTEILNAHME!

**AUSTRIAN CITIZENS
ÖSTERREICHISCHE
STAATSBÜRGER:
GANZ WICHTIG! VERY
IMPORTANT!
BUNDESPRÄSIDENTENWAHL.**

Neues Datum: **4.Dezember 2016**
Bitte vernichten Sie die alten Wahlkarten, neue Wahlkarten werden ausgestellt. Bitte kontaktieren Sie Ihre Heimatstadt in Österreich.

The date for the election for a new President in Austria has been moved to **Dec. 4, 2016.**

Please destroy old voting cards as new ones will be issued. Please register with your home town in Austria.



Picnic 2016



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