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NEWSLETTER April 3, 2016

Members:

Please note our next meeting will be held on Sunday May 15, 2016, 10 a.m. at the Teutonia Club. This will be our final meeting at the Teutonia Club. Our speaker will be Franz Hauser. He will be taking us on a slide presentation tour of his latest trip. As always his photographic skills will enhance his presentation tremendously.

The April 3, 2016 meeting began with Günther Wolf thanking everyone for being present and making it clear that, as a group, we will be making major decisions regarding the future of our organization.

The following agenda items were discussed;

1. Hospice Funds

To date we have raised \$355.00.

Many more raffle prizes for the General Meeting and Father's Day picnic are needed. Please contact Günther Wolf if you wish to donate a prize or if you know of someone who may wish to donate a prize. .

2. General Meeting Dates for 2016:

Sunday May 15 (changed to this date because of the Teutonia Farewell Banquet on Sunday May 1 and Mother's Day May 8), June 5 (Note: location change to the Fogolar Furlan Club), Father's Day Picnic June 19, 2016 at Pelee Island Winery, Kingsville, Ontario.

3. Upcoming Guest Speakers:

Guest speakers are needed for our June 5, 2016 meeting at the Fogolar Furlan Club and for our upcoming meetings in the Fall.

If you know of someone who may wish to be a guest speaker please contact Günther Wolf.

4. Because of the Teutonia Club sale no further Teutonia Gift Cards will be distributed. Other sources of Gift Cards will now replace those no longer available from the Teutonia Club.

The group agreed to sponsor one hole at the upcoming May 14, 2016 Teutonia Golf Tournament.

5. **Correspondence:**

Details of the important March 13, 2016 General Meeting of the Teutonia Executive and Membership were provided. At this meeting a new executive was elected (effective June 1, 2016) and (the Fogolar Furlan Club was selected as the location for continuation of the Ferein Teutonia.

6. **Other:**

Form Letter Requesting Prize Donations: Members were informed that they are available from Günther Wolf.

Our Website is continually being updated. At the moment we are a bit behind in the updating process.

The Teutonia Club has been sold for \$1.5 million and the official closing is scheduled for May 30, 2016.

Annual Membership Dues: Annual Invoices have been handed out by our Treasurer, Franz Hauser. If you have not yet done so please forward the annual \$150.00 fee to Franz. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated. Thank you to all the members who have submitted their dues.

The **2016 Membership Booklet** is being delayed until further notice.

The **Father's Day Picnic** June 19, 2016: Preparations are almost complete. The Father's Day Picnic flier was distributed. Members, their family members, relatives and friends were encouraged to attend.

The Future of Our Organization: To assist in the discussion a table entitled **GCBPA Future 2016** with two columns (**Continue** and **Disband**) was distributed. An extensive and passionate discussion followed. After a lengthy period and after everyone was given the opportunity to speak if they wished to do so, a vote was called. Of those eligible to vote it was determined that we should continue as an organization, at least until the end of this year. It was also made clear that this issue could be revisited if that was the desire of the membership. It was the general feeling that our new meeting location, the Fogolar Furlan, should be given the opportunity to fulfill the needs of our group.

Respectfully submitted:

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