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NEWSLETTER - March 5, 2017

Members.

The March 5, 2017 meeting began with Günther Wolf introducing our guest speaker Bianca Rivera from Rivera Building Maintenance.

The following agenda items were discussed;

1. **Newsletters and Website:** Members were made aware that our Website will shortly be up to date again. The Feb. 5, 2017 Newsletter had been distributed via email.
2. **Hospice Raffle and Prizes:** Many more raffle prizes are needed for the upcoming Father's Day Picnic Sunday June 18, 2017. Please contact Günther Wolf if you wish to donate a prize or if you know of someone who may wish to donate a prize. .
3. **Hospice Funds:** Funds Raised to Date: Nov. 6, 2016 - \$110.00 + Dec. 4, 2016 - \$180.00 + Jan. 8, 2017 - \$85.00 + Feb. 5, 2017 - \$95.00 + March 5, 2017 - \$145.00 Total = \$615.00.
4. **Correspondence:** a) Mail was received from Heimat Windsor Banquet Centre/Home of the Bavarian Club regarding their upcoming Bockbier Festival Saturday April 1, 2017. An invitation was extended to all of us to attend this event.

b) The University of Windsor made us aware that there were no eligible applicants for our 2016-2017 \$500.00 Bursary.

c) The Siro Martinello Memorial Bursary Fund sent us a copy of their Booklet, thanked us again for our donation in 2016 and extended an invitation to all of us to participate in their 33rd Memorial Bursary Golf Classic July 16, 2017.

d) Mary DeGoey was kind enough to send me the names of a number of individuals (possible guest speakers) that might be interested in speaking to our group.
5. **General Meeting Dates for 2017:**
April 2, May 7 and June 4. Father's Day Picnic: Sunday June 18, 2017.
Guest Speakers are needed for meetings from Feb. to June.
If you know of someone who may wish to be a guest speaker please contact Günther Wolf.

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

7. **Other:**

Annual Membership Dues: Please see our treasurer Franz Hauser. Tax receipts were distributed.

Teutonia Updates: If you are a Teutonia Club Member please see your latest Newsletter. Please go to their Website for further information. Don't forget to pay your membership dues.

Alternative Methods of Raising Money for Hospice were again discussed and one alternative was implemented.

8. **The Future of Our Organization:**

It was emphasized that at the Sunday May 7, 2017 General Meeting the Future Direction of the GCBPA would be determined. Decisions must be made.

Motions will be brought forward by the general membership and the Executive re: the direction(s) our organization will follow in the future. These will be discussed and voted on. All members were urged to attend this very important meeting. Members not present will be contacted and also urged to attend.

9. Bianca Rivera was formally introduced. In her inspiring presentation she outlined the history of her company, challenges faced and overcome, future direction(s) of the company and individuals involved who made success possible. Reasons for her company's success and her role in the company.

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