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NEWSLETTER - February 5, 2017

Members.

**Please note our next meeting will be held on Sunday
March 5, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Fogolar Furlan Club. The guest
speaker will be**

The Feb. 5, 2016 meeting began with Günther Wolf unable to introduce our scheduled guest speaker because of his absence due to unforeseen circumstances..

The following agenda items were discussed;

- 1. Newsletters and Website:** Members were made aware that our Website is up to date and that the Dec. 4, 2016 and Jan 8, 2017 Newsletters 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
Total = \$375.00.
- 4.** Your Executive is still looking into possible arrangements for a visit to the new Hospice facility in Leamington.
- 5. Correspondence:** a) email was received from Heimat outlining upcoming events that will be taking place at their facility this year. An invitation was extended to all of us to attend, enjoy and participate these events.
b) Our first vice-president John Ganjo made us aware of the upcoming Teutonia Golf Tournament in memory of one of our former members, Max Ofner (deceased) on Saturday June 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Fox Glen Golf Course. He urged all of us to take part.
- 6. General Meeting Dates for 2017:**
March 5, 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.

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

8. **Other:**

Annual Membership Dues: Please see our treasurer Franz Hauser.

Teutonia Updates: were outlined. 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 discussed at length. Those in attendance, after lengthy discussion and the recommendation of the Executive, decided that a major Raffle would take place only at our Annual Father's Day picnic and none at our General Meetings. During the year \$100.00 dollars would be donated from our General Funds at each of our General Meetings. At the end of the year the money raised at the picnic and from our General Meetings would be donated to Hospice (a minimum of \$2000.00). Any donations from other sources would be added to this fund. A Donation Box will be available if anyone wishes to make a special donation on occasion.

9. **The Future of Our Organization:** Our president announced that he would be retiring/resigning June 30, 2017. He indicated that it was a great run serving you since the year 2000. Personal and health reasons were given as reasons for him stepping down before the end of his term..

The future direction of our organization was discussed at length. Our finances were discussed at length (i.e. bank account, membership dues, charitable donations, dispersals, etc.). Picnic fees for members, non-members, children, significant others, etc..were also discussed.

It was decided that we would not have a guest speaker at our May General Meeting, instead motions would be brought forward by the general membership and the Executive re: the direction(s) our organization would follow in the future. These would be discussed and voted on. All members were urged to attend this very important meeting. Members not present would be contacted and also urged to attend.

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