



## THE CANADIAN-AUSTRIAN SOCIETY OF TORONTO

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Dear Members and Friends:

The **BALL AUSTRIA 2013** was again a huge success, a combination of things, as for instance the fact that it was the 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Ball of the Canadian Austrian Society, and the very special Intermezzo presented by Canada's own Mark DuBois, Tenor, and his Protégée, Julia Obermeyer, Soprano, who took us on a wonderful musical stroll through Austria. The dinner was exceptional and we extend a most heartfelt "Thank You" to Joe Ebner, General Manager of the Delta Chelsea Hotel and his entire Staff. It was a wonderful evening, great get-together with old and new friends – next year you must really try to attend, it is well worth it. All of our guests left the Ball totally satisfied, some even with more than they came – our Tombola was again a veritable "horn of plenty", thanks to our many sponsors. Please find a list of these sponsors enclosed, so that you may try to visit them if you ever have need of one or the other of them. To see photos of the event, please access our website – [www.austriansociety.ca](http://www.austriansociety.ca) and you might just catch a glimpse of yourselves!

Our next event will be a **VIDEO EVENING**

**DATE:** Thursday March 21, 2013 – 6:45 p.m.  
**PLACE:** The Musket Dining Lounge  
40 Advance Road, Etobicoke – Tel. 416-231-6488  
**TICKETS:** \$5.00 p.p. administrative contribution, no booking necessary.  
Our host will prepare again a special dinner. If you intend to dine prior to the movie please come early so that we can begin the feature film punctually at 8:00 p.m.

The main feature will be an "oldie but goodie", very entertaining cult comedy

### "DIE FEUERZANGENBOWLE"

directed by Helmut Weiss and featuring the beloved Heinz Rühmann in the main role. The title refers to the *Feuerzangenbowle* punch consumed by a group of gentlemen in the opening scene. While exchanging nostalgic stories about their schooldays, the successful young writer Dr. Johannes Pfeiffer realizes he missed out on something because he was taught at home and never attended school. Pfeiffer decides to make up for this lack of experience by masquerading as a student at a small town high school and quickly gains a reputation as a prankster. Together with his classmates, he torments his professors with adolescent mischief. His girlfriend Marion unsuccessfully tries to persuade him to give up his foolish charade. Eventually, he falls in love with the headmaster's daughter and discloses his identity after provoking his teachers into expelling him from school.

The movie was produced and released during the last years of World War II and has been called a "masterpiece of timeless, cheerful escapism". The story is further remarkable in that Rühmann in the role of the undercover student was already 42 years old at that time but was able to play a secondary school student. The transformation of the accomplished writer back to a not-so-innocent schoolboy is an example of the cheerful escapism popular in German films at the end of WWII. The charm of the teachers lies in their old-fashioned attitudes and individual quirks.

Unfortunately, at the last video presentation the announced "Vorspann" did not work out, and we shall therefore show you "G'schichten aus dem Wienerwald" at this date. Vienna is the world's only metropolis with a vast continuous forest area in its immediate vicinity – the Vienna Woods, an area blessed with an unexpected wealth of wildlife. A team of natural history film-makers pursued the wild boars and crawled with the beetles to portray the living Vienna Woods over the period of one year. The other side of the coin is the romantic aspect of this lovely natural forest, where couples of all ages have been for years and years and are still taking their strolls and families make it their destination for week-end picnics and children's games.

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#### OTHER EVENTS

From the enclosed **Burgenländer Newsletter** you will note that their Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on April 7, 2013 at the Donauschwaben Club. You can find out more by accessing their website at [www.burgenlanderclub.com](http://www.burgenlanderclub.com).

#### BI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Will be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please make note of this important date, details will be mailed separately.

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

It is that time of year again at which we ask that you remit your annual membership fee for 2013 as per the enclosed invoice. We look forward to your monetary participation to keep the Society in sufficient funds to continue mailings and other administrative functions. These fees as you are all aware are only a small token for the many varied events we try to bring our members and friends. The address for remittances is on the invoice.

Come see "Die Feuerzangenbowle" at The Musket on March 21<sup>st</sup> and laugh yourselves silly!

**We wish you and your family and friends  
a very HAPPY EASTER !**

Sincerely yours

  
Christine Meyer  
President

