

German-American Club of Tucson



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By: Darlene Rietz

March 2014

President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends



Attendance at our Faschingstanz was only 53 members and 39 guests; not a great attendance, but the attendees seemed to enjoy the activities. There were considerably more costumes than last year, except for the male costumes, which were under-represented. The winning costumes were quite imaginative and well-deserving of the prizes. The winners were:

- Ladies: 1st place "Bobby" (London policewoman) Judy Herbert, guest
2nd place "Lobster" Nelly Hobrath
Honorable Mention "Silver Lady", guest
- Men: 1st place "Cook" Bernie Schulz
2nd place "Marshall" Hermann Kron
- Couples: 1st place "Patient & Nurse" Roger & Gerda Taylor
2nd place "Zorro & Senorita" Jay & Betty Myerns, guests

The membership meeting on March 19 is "Pizza Night" and will also be the meeting where the members can vote for the board of directors. Please make an effort to attend this meeting and vote for the Club representative of your choice.

Our Blumentanz on April 5 will have a Hawaiian theme and everyone is encouraged to dress appropriately. Of course, all attendees will receive a "lei" as they walk in and the food served will reflect the theme of the dance. Also, as a special treat, we again have contracted the Polynesian Dancers to entertain our members and guests during one of the intermissions. The music for dancing will be provided by Ken Novak.

Please mark your calendars to attend the election meeting on March 19 to elect the new Board as well as the Blumentanz on April 5 to enjoy some quality time with your friends.

Important: The date for the 2014 Club picnic has been changed from Saturday, April 26 to Sunday, April 27. The starting time remains at 2:00 pm. Please mark your calendars to reflect this change! Also, please

remember that the dances now start half an hour earlier; doors open at 5:00 pm, food served at 5:30, music starts at 6:00 and ends at 10:00 pm.

Anyone interested in getting to know some students of the German Club of the University? Their representative, Mr. Alex Ganz, has invited members of the GACT to join the students at their Stammtisch at the Café Passe at 415 North Fourth Avenue, Tucson, telephone 520-614-4411. Their Stammtisch is every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Please contact me if you are interested so we can attend their Stammtisch and, perhaps, have them attend our dances and possibly even become Club members (as you know, we need young members).

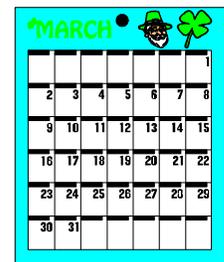
I look forward to seeing all of you at the Frühlingstanz on March 1 and our Blumentanz on April 5.

Wendell Heckeles, President

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Erna Heckeles	2 yrs	299-8683
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Aggie May	1 yr	885-7964
Hartmut Hausler	1 yr	299-5262
Webmaster	Tom Crisp	885-6833

Upcoming Club Activities

- March 1, 5:00 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese (Norm Siess)
March 5, 7 PM, board meeting
March 19, 6 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)
April 5, 5:00 PM, Blumentanz - Pork Roast (Ken Novak)
April 9, 7 PM, board meeting



April 16, 6 PM, membership meeting
 April 27, 2 PM, annual picnic at Crisp Ranch (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
 May 24, 6:00 PM, Board Recognition Dinner, TBD

Happy birthday to members celebrating a birthday in **March**



Vernon Gorter	02
Lucille Webb	02
Emil Loeffler	03
Mark Lunario	07
Regina Crisp	09
Monika Hueppe	12
Inge Lesko	13
Joseph Ortenreiter	18
Darlene Rietz	19
Karl-Heinz Fendt	22
Olga Streyar	23
Doris Wack	23
Brigitte Kaeser	27

Our annual picnic will be at the Crisp Ranch this year on Sunday, **April 27** at 2 pm. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.** The Club will be furnishing brats, beer, water and sodas. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service, silverware and chairs, as well as a table if you have one. Attendance is free for members and children of members, but guests over 12 will pay a nominal fee of \$10.00. Guest children under age 6 will be free and from age 6-12 will pay \$5.00. We need to know how many brats to buy so please call Jean at 546-6663 by April 21 or a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the membership meeting on April 16 so we know how many members and guests are attending.



Blumentanz



Our Blumentanz will be on April 5 at the FOP at 3445 North Dodge Blvd. Food will be served by club members at 5:30 for only \$8.00 per plate. It will be a Hawaiian theme with food in that theme. Please call Jean Brett before March 31 at 546-6663 for dinner reservations. Ken

Novak will be entertaining from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Polynesian dancers will perform. Doors open at 5:00 pm. The entrance fee for paid up members will be \$6.00; non-paid up members and guests will pay \$8.00. This will be our last dance until Oktoberfest so let's all come and have a great time. See the attached flyer for further details.

Member News

Thinking of you as you face your health challenges: **Anna Bevez, Louis Dauernheim, Phil Baca, Shirley Springborn, Greg Wack and Carl Unger.**



Sincere condolences on the passing of **Anna Schwarz**, a long-time member and mother to **Ingrid and Hermann Kron.** She died on

February 19. Services will be at East Lawn on March 1 with reviewal at 1:00 pm and funeral at 2:00 pm.

We want to welcome **Anne Esborn**, who joined the Club at the Faschingstanz. May you be a long and active member.



Election of the new board on March 19



Even though everyone is busy, I urge all the members to attend the membership meeting on March 19 to elect the new board. We need to ensure a quorum of members to be able to elect

the board in a timely manner. Also, please be prepared to submit your input for potential candidates. Anyone can run for any office they choose; let the membership choose who they want on the board.



Thanks for your contributions

For any club to continue to prosper and be successful, the help of many volunteers is required. The

following members deserve a big "THANK YOU" for their contributions with either hands-on activity, donations to the Club, or both at the "Faschingstanz".

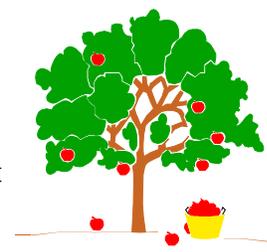
Tom & Gina Crisp	Jean Brett
Erna Hecke	Waltraut & Hartmut Hausler
Richard Hoppe	Nelly & John Hobrath
Aggie May	Ingrid & Hermann Kron
Darlene Rietz	Jerry Mullins
Gerda & Roger Taylor	Bernie Schulz
Doris Wack	Doug Van Dorpe
Gisela & Frank Ohlig	Charlotte Griffin
Christa Schrubbe	Stefan Weiss
Olga Claassen	Rosa Harshman
Sonja Papoutsis	Josephine Boehm
Sulfa & Ron Brauner	Lilian Kling

I realize that several other members also may have made contributions even though they were not on my list of volunteers. I apologize for any omissions and thank those contributors as well. Please, in the future, let me know about your contribution so I can properly recognize you in the name of the Club for your commitment. Thanks again.

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A Tree

A tree is God's creation everywhere on earth - including Brooklyn. It's said man once lived in trees. When he climbed down, life never again was to be quite so simple...yet only then did the tree get truly appreciated. For here was food and fuel and shelter. Then a weapon, a tool, a wheel, and transportation. And now it's floors, doors, veneers, piers, baskets, caskets...rubber for gaskets. It's a handle for brooms, shovels, rakes...syrup on pancakes. It's paper and paints...tars, spars, boxes and boxcars...storage bins and bowling pins. It's toothpicks and matchsticks...even plastics...materials for distillation, lamination, insulation...windows for ventilation, and a thousand and one other we-can't-do-withouts. Yet few people look at a tree in the same way. To the small boy it's a favorite and strategic place...where you build a treehouse, spot a woodpecker, cut slingshots and fishpoles, hang old tires and climb for fun. To the naturalist it's probing a fascinating world of buds, blossoms, bark, needles, cones and leaves...spectacles of color...and some 1,035 domestic species. Yet to a baseball player it's as simple as a stick of second-growth ash, sized and shaped to "feel like a million". To the artist it's inspiration...alone on a windswept hill, timberline patchwork on a mountainside, thick and verdant in a valley. To the homeowner it's beauty and shade and property value...also digging, planting, pruning, edging, feeding and a lot of other weekend work. To the hobbyist and craftsman it's a new bookcase, picnic table, paneled den, plywood shelves...a chance to become downright "immortal". To the timberman it's a bustling big business measured by cords and board feet. But most of all, a tree remains what it was in the first place...man's everlasting friend. For we'd sure be "stumped" for a mighty lot of things in a world without a tree!



Anyone with questions and/or comments about the GACT webpage, please contact the Club's webmaster, **Tom Crisp**, at 520-885-6833.





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