

German-American Club of Tucson



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By: Darlene Rietz

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President's Corner



Happy spring! There is nothing as great as springtime on the desert. We had a great Faschingstanz, with good food, music and gemütlichkeit. Thanks to Bernie Schulz, our chef, and all those that helped from morning til night. The attendance was excellent and we realized a nice profit as well. Thanks to the people who came in costume. The winners are: first place female: **Darlene Rietz**, Japanese Geisha; second place female: **Nelly Hobrath**, Card Playing Lady; first place male: **Hermann Kron**, Old Man on Life Support; second place male: **Anton Perzinger**, Caveman; first place couples: **Gisela and Frank Ohlig**, Card Sharks, second place couples: **Stefan and Ruth Weiss**, Indiana Jones and Bug Lady.

I hope to see many of you at our March 7 Frühlingstanz. Have you phoned in your reservation for dinner yet? We need to know by early this week if you are planning to eat with us. Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming events. Your board is planning some nice activities for the next several months.

This will be my last message to you as your president. I have had a great run with a fine supportive board. The election will take place at the March 18 membership meeting. Please come and vote. The installation of the new board will occur that evening. Please support your new president and board. It has been my pleasure to serve and wish our club continued success.

Our final dance until Oktoberfest is Saturday, April 4. Ken Novak will be playing from 7 to 10 pm. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be served from 6 to 7 pm. I hope you'll be able to come. Please bring some cut flowers from your own garden if you have any to spare to help decorate our hall for our Blumentanz.

Special thanks to **Gina and Tom Crisp** for so graciously opening their lovely ranch home again for our annual picnic. Here's hoping for a beautiful day together. We do need for you to sign up so we know how many steaks and brats to buy. Call me at 546-6663.

At our last membership meeting, it was mentioned that we donated \$100 to the German-American Heritage

Foundation in Washington, D.C. They welcome visitors if you are there. Their address is 1901 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20006.

See you soon,

Jean Brett, your "prez"

President	Jean Brett	546-6663
Vice Pres	Wendell Heckeke	299-8683
Treasurer	Doug VanDorpe	299-4290
Recording Secretary	Vacant - Volunteer?	
Corresponding Sec'y	Darlene Rietz	744-0789
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Hartmut Hausler		299-5262
Erna Heckeke		299-8683
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Trudy Dauernheim		290-5808
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Aggie May		885-7964

Upcoming Club Activities



Mar. 7, 5:30 pm, Frühlingstanz,

Norm Siess Band

Mar. 11, 7 pm, Board meeting

Mar. 18, 7 pm, Membership meeting, elections

Apr. 4, 5:30 pm, Blumentanz, **Ken Novak**

Apr. 8, 7 pm, Board meeting

Apr. 15, 7 pm, Membership meeting

Apr. 18, 2 pm, Annual picnic at Crisp Ranch

May 17, 11 am, Club Board Recognition Brunch, DM Officers' Club



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

Vernon Gorter	02
Lucille Webb	02
Emil Loeffler	03
Regina Crisp	09

Dwight Eller	12
Monika Hueppe	12
Inge Lesko	13
Lydia Hopson	16
Albert Hartley	17
Gladys Welty	17
Joseph Ortenreiter	18
Darlene Rietz	19
Trudy Kocher	21
Olga Streyar	23
Doris Wack	23
Susan Kanarick	25
Irene Cable	26
Bill Wilkinson	30
Ted Anderson	31

Blumentanz

Our Blumentanz will be on April 4 at the FOP at 3445 North Dodge Blvd. Food will be served by club members at 5:30 for only \$6.00 per plate. It will be open-face shaved ham on a roll, grape cluster, pickle with cake and coffee. Please call Jean Brett before April 1 at 546-6663 if you are planning to eat. Ken Novak will be playing from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 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.



Our annual picnic at Tom and Gina Crisp's home at 4231 South Pauline Lane is Saturday, April 18. If you need directions, please call Tom or Gina at 885-6833. We will be serving steak and

brats. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service, silverware and chairs, as well as a table if you have one. Drinks will be furnished by the club. 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 steaks to buy so please call Jean at 546-6663 by April 11 or a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the membership meeting on March 18 so we know how many members and guests are attending.

PLEASE NOTE: The **Crisps** have two green director's chairs left from last year's picnic, as well as many serving utensils. If these items belong to you, please let Gina or Tom Crisp know and take them home at the next picnic on April 18.



WOW!! We are so happy to welcome **15** new members who joined the club at our Fasching dance. They are **Paul Berg**, originally from Cokato, Minnesota; **Barbara Carlise**, from Wisconsin; **Ray Cress**, from Indiana; **Lydia Hopson**, from Frankfurt, Germany; **Monika and Werner Hueppe**, both from Germany; **John and Sonja Papoutsis**, John from Greece and Sonja from Germany; **Anton Perzinger** from Austria; **Guillermo and Ilsa Teran**, Guillermo from Douglas, AZ and Ilsa from Austria; **Don Weber** from Sleepy Eye, Minnesota; and **Margareta Zillgitt** from Germany. Also **Don Vogel** joined at the February membership meeting and **Gabi Yanez** recently joined..

Member News

Glad to hear **Rebecca Mullins** is on the mend after hip surgery several weeks ago. Please inform any board member (listed above) if you know of any members who are ill or hospitalized.



The club will recognize the members who serve on the board by hosting an appreciation brunch at DM Officers' Club on Sunday, May 17, at 11 am. Other members may also attend at a cost of \$17.50 per person including gratuity. If you wish to attend, you must mail your check payable to Douglas Van Dorpe, 3811 N. Camino Blanco, Tucson, AZ 85718 so he receives it by May 6. If you do not have base privileges, your name must be put on an entrant list.

Happy  Anniversary
Congratulations to **Gerda and Roger Taylor**, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on February 9 with a Mexican cruise with their family.

Congratulations also to **Shirley Springborn and Don Vogel**, who recently became engaged to be married.



The Letter “E”

The letter “e” is said to be the most unfortunate letter in our alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, and in torment - all the time. All of which is true. Still, it is never in war, always in peace, and always in something. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease, and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no life or heaven. It is the center of honesty and is always in love. It is the beginning of encouragement and endeavor, and the end of failure.

**Don't worry about tomorrow!
After all, today is the tomorrow
you worried about yesterday.**

Elections of the new board on March 18

Even though everyone is busy, I urge all the members to attend the membership meeting on March 18 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.

Submitted by Wendell Hecke

From Jean Brett's collection of limericks ...

The Hare and the tortoise
Modern Version
A rabbit raced a turtle,
You know the turtle won;
And Mister Bunny came in late,
A little hot cross bun!

Inscribed on a pint pot ...

There are several reasons for drinking,
And one has just entered my head;
If a man cannot drink when he's living
How the hell can he drink when he's
dead?

Did you know there is a town in
Ireland named Limerick?

