

German-American Club of Tucson



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President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
(Dear Members and Friends)

First, I would like to apologize for not being able to attend this year's election of the board due to personal reasons. I certainly wanted to attend the elections to accept the position of president in person and to meet and congratulate the new board of directors.

As the newly-elected president, I want to take this opportunity to officially accept the position and to thank all members of the German American Club of Tucson for their trust and vote of confidence in my ability to help the club thrive for, hopefully, many years to come. Past presidents have left some very big shoes to fill and I hope that I will be able to fill them and meet the membership's expectations.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Blumentanz, our last dance before the summer, enjoying the fine food being served and listening and dancing to the tunes of Ken Novak's band. The doors to the hall open at 5:30 pm, food will be served from 6 to 7 pm, and Ken's band will play from 7 to 10 pm.

As in prior years, Gina and Tom Crisp have graciously agreed to host this year's picnic on April 18 at their ranch. This club activity is always one of the highlights of the year with most of the members in attendance enjoying the Crisps' beautiful ranch. For their generosity, I would like to thank Gina and Tom in the name of the club. I hope to see all of you there. Please, bring a dish to share, your own plates and cutlery as well as tables and chairs (if you have them) to ensure everyone has a place to sit and enjoy. Gina and Tom cannot accommodate all members with those items.

Doug Van Dorpe is organizing the annual recognition brunch (thanks Doug) at the DM Officers' Club for the incoming and outgoing members of the board and their significant others. However, all other members are also welcome to join the group (at their expense) as long as they contact Doug. Please realize that seating with the group is limited; first come, first served rule will apply. Once the room's capacity has been reached, anyone else wanting to attend may have to sit in an adjacent room.



The Board of Directors is planning a fun outing/picnic at Rose Canyon in the Catalina Mountains for June 14. Hartmut Hausler is collecting the names of the persons planning to attend this activity. This should be a fun event and I hope many of you will attend.

Our annual Stammtisch get-together is scheduled for June 20 and will be at Mimi's Café located at the corner of Oracle and Wetmore. The dinner prices range from approximately \$8.00 to \$17.50 plus tax and gratuity. Please contact me to let me know that you will attend this activity. I need to know no later than June 5 the number of persons attending to ensure a sufficiently large room can be made available for this outing.

Additional activities before the Oktoberfest are the membership breakfast and the Gaslight Theater outings. More information for these activities will be forthcoming on a later date.

In conclusion, I want to, again, thank everyone for their vote of confidence and to ask for your continued support to ensure that we can enjoy at least some of the German traditions for many years to come.

Wendell Heckeke, President

President	Wendell Heckeke	299-8683
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Aggie May	1 yr	885-7964
Les Parsons	1 yr	623-9415

Upcoming Club Activities



- April 4, 5:30 pm, Blumentanz, Ken Novak playing
- April 8, 7 pm, Board meeting
- April 18, 2 pm, picnic at Crisp's ranch, 4231 S. Pauline Lane
- May 17, 11 am, Membership Recognition Brunch at O'Club DM
- June 3, 7 pm, Special Planning Meeting for Oktfest
- June 14, 11 am, Picnic at Rose Canyon Ramada #1
- June 20, 6 pm, Stammtisch Get-together, Mimi's Café at Tucson Mall, Oracle Road
- July 11, 8:30 am, Membership Breakfast, The Good Egg, NE corner Grant and Swan
- Aug. 5, 7 pm, Board meeting
- Aug. 15, 7 pm, Gaslight Theater
- Aug. 19, 7 pm, Membership meeting

Christel May-Yoas	01
Erika Eckhardt	02
Gisela Ohlig	06
Anna Schwarz	09
Marshall Nichols	12
Jerry Mullins	16
Christa Schrubbe	17
Janet Luszczek	21
Filiberto Baca	22
Rita Oflaherty	22
Wendell Heckeke	24
Marianne Ronquillo	24
Fritz Fauser	25
Evelyn Kubis	27
Marie Ortenreiter	27
Marlene Hilligoss	28



Congratulations to members celebrating a birthday in **April**

Cynthia Cooper 0
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Virginia Hellmund	03
Leslie Parsons	05
Erna Heckeke	09
Bernhild Koehler	14
Aiga Loeffler	14
Nancy Hartley	16
Ernest Knudson	17
Ronald Brauner	18
Josephine Boehm	19
Paul Berg	20
Sulfa Brauner	20
Barbara Carlise	24
Shirley Logan	25
Elizabeth Minarik	26



Welcome to two new members who joined the club at the March dance: **Rita Oflaherty** and **Marianne Ronquillo**.

Member News

Get well wishes to **Richard Leisure**, who suffered a heart attack during our last dance. Also, to **Anna Schwarz**, recovering from knee surgery, and **Heidy Fuhs**, who will have eye surgery in April. Please inform any board member if you know of any members who are ill or hospitalized.



Sincere sympathy to **Erna and Wendell Heckeke** on the death of Erna's sister Magdalena in Germany on March 12.

Also deepest sympathy to the Braucher family and friends on the death of **Betty Braucher** on March 19. Also sincere condolences to the Bolus family and friends on the passing of long-time member **Marianne Nieder** on March 21. May these ladies rest in peace.



Also to members celebrating in **May**



Picnic

April 18 is the date for our annual picnic at the Crisp ranch. It will start at 2:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share and tables and chairs, if you have them. Steak, bratwurst and drinks will be furnished. We need to know approximately how many steaks to buy so please call Jean at 546-6663 if you have not already signed up. Come on out to the picnic and enjoy a little gemütlichkeit with all your friends at the Club. There is no charge for members and members' children; guest children under 12 pay \$5.00 and over 12 is \$10.00. The Crisp ranch address is 4231 South Pauline Lane (map attached). Directions are: From Golf Links, go south on Harrison, over the Pantano Wash and turn left on Millmar, left again on Pauline Lane. Drive past the house on the right at the end of the road where you'll find plenty of parking in the rear. Please check in with Aggie May on your arrival to get your name tag. We ask that you please not start eating until the steaks and brats are done.

Tom and Gina Crisp and Cindy Luedke wish to thank everyone who sent cards and well wishes to them on the passing of Cindy's husband Dennis.



The Club is planning a picnic at Rose Canyon Ramada #1 on Sunday, June 14, starting at 11 am. The Club will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions, catsup and mustard. Please bring a side dish, chairs, tables, tablecloths and your own eating dishes, utensils and beverages. You might also want to bring cards, board games and a frisbee, etc. If you bring alcoholic beverages, do so at your own risk. It would be helpful if members could carpool as much as possible as there is limited parking. The Rose Canyon turnoff is approximately half way up the Mt. Lemmon Highway. The turnoff is marked and our ramada is the first one on the left as you enter.

As many of you know, Erna Hecke is our Club historian. If you have any extra pictures of Club events, please share them with Erna for the Club photo albums.



For your information, I am attaching to the back of this page, a menu from the American Inn, 305 E. American Avenue, Oracle, AZ (520-876-3333). Some friends ate there and recommend it if you want to eat German food.

However, they only serve this menu on the second Saturday of each month. We used to drive down to Tubac when Johanna had a restaurant down there. Driving to Oracle can't be any worse.



Happy Easter on April 12.



**H a p p y
Mother's Day
on May 10!**

**Remember to fly
your flag to honor
Armed Forces Day
May 16 and on
Memorial Day May
25.**

