

# German-American Club of Tucson

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## President's Corner

**L**iebe Mitglieder und Freunde  
Dear Members and Friends



Wow! What a great Christmas party - 136 members and 15 guests attended the GACT Christmas party and enjoyed the, as always, excellent food and the opportunity to see and chat with friends.

The Christmas program was very enjoyable, especially the wonderful performance by Inge Larsen, who treated us to three Christmas songs. These three songs were definitely one of the highlights of the evening. Thanks Inge! And a big "Thank You" goes to Doug Van Dorpe for arranging the party at the DMAFB and to Hermann Kron for organizing the Christmas program, as well as to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.

I can hardly believe that the year 2009 is almost over. Thankfully, due to the hard work of the Board of Directors and the members who volunteer their time or donate food and raffle items to the Club, the year was successful and the GACT continues to be a relatively strong Club. My hope for the New Year is that more of the new members become active. This will not only benefit the Club, but will also allow them to get to know other members and make new friends with whom to socialize.

As the year approaches the end, I want to thank all of the members of the GACT and especially the Board of Directors for their support and hope that all of you will continue to support the Club in the future. Please stay informed about the Club's activities by reading the monthly newsletter so ably created and distributed by Darlene Rietz and pay special attention to information about upcoming events.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all Club members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ich möchte diese Gelegenheit wahrnehmen um allen Mitgliedern und deren Familien Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch in's Neue Jahr zu wünschen!

Wendell Heckeke, President

President	Wendell Heckeke	299-8683
Vice Pres	Hartmut Hausler	299-5262
Treasurer	Doug VanDorpe	299-4290
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Council Members:		
Hermann Kron	2 yrs	790-8868
Erna Heckeke	2 yrs	299-8683
Doris Wack	2 yrs	825-2133
Trudy Dauernheim	1 yr	290-5808
Ingrid Kron	1 yr	790-8868
Aggie May	1 yr	885-7964

### Upcoming club activities:

- Jan. 6, 7 PM, board meeting
- Jan. 20, 7 PM, membership meeting
- Feb. 6, 5:30 PM, Faschings dance - Kessler Rippchen (Norm Siess)
- Feb. 10, 7 PM, board meeting
- Feb. 17, 6:30 PM, membership meeting (potluck - fried chicken)
- March 6, 5:30 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese (Norm Siess)
- March 10, 7 PM, board meeting
- March 17, 6:30 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)
- March 28, 2:00 PM, Kaffee Klatsch, Ramada 8, Udall Park
- April 10, 5:30 PM, Blumentanz - Port Roast (Ken Novak)
- April 14, 7 PM, board meeting
- April 21, 7 PM, membership meeting
- April 24, 2 PM, annual picnic at Crisp Ranch



Happy birthday to members celebrating their birthday in **January**

Helen Cannizzo 02  
Ingrid Kron 02

Ray Kanarick	05
Tom Crisp	20
Anna Graves	20
Stefan Weiss	20
Annie Kruse	21
Hartmut Hausler	25
Gerhard Kaeser	26
Douglas Van Dorpe	27
Carla Ohlig	29



Deepest condolences to **Christa Schrubbe** on the sudden death of her long-time friend Richard Halbach shortly before Christmas.



Welcome to new members **Robert and Tiffany Wedemeyer**, who joined in December 2009.

Achtung!  
 The Board of Directors discussed the possibility of starting a dance group for children. Erna Hecke contacted Bill Faust about teaching the children of members some German folkdances. Bill agreed that this would be a good idea and is willing to teach them. If you have small children or grandchildren and are interested in them learning and performing German folkdances, please contact Erna (299-8683) and let her know. If there is enough interest and we get a group large enough, the club will start this "Tanzgruppe für Kinder".

**REMINDER**

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$20 PER MEMBER ARE DUE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2010. PLEASE MAIL YOUR DUES TO THE CLUB P. O. BOX OR GIVE IT TO THE TREASURER AT A MEETING. IF NOT PAID BY THE END OF FEBRUARY, YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MAILING LIST.

**FASCHINGS DANCE**

Our Faschings Dance will be on February 6 at the FOP at 3445 North Dodge Blvd. We will have prizes for the best costumes - best man, best woman, best couple. Dinner at \$8.00 per person will be Kassler Rippchen, buttered red potatoes, sauerkraut, rolls, butter, coffee and cake. Reservations deadline for dinner is February 1. Just coffee and cake for \$2.00 will be available throughout the evening. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Entry fee for paid up members for the year 2010 is \$6.00; non-paid up members and guests is \$8.00. Norm Siess's band will be playing from 6 to 10 pm. See attached flyer.



**EIN GUTES NEUES JAHR!!!**