

German-American Club of Tucson

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Nachrichten

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By: Darlene Rietz

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President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends



Our annual "Erntedankfest" was not quite as well attended as in prior years (57 members, 16 guests), but was nevertheless successful and everyone seemed to enjoy the music and dancing to the Ken Novak band. The success was in no small part due to the efforts of the members who contributed food and raffle items and/or hands-on activities. I would like to express my gratitude and say "Thank You" to all these contributing members.

Despite the, literally, last minute change in location for our annual Christmas party, it turned out to be a very nice celebration. This success is due to the commitment, dedication, and hard work of the Board of Directors. I want to thank all of the board members (who had to jump through hoops to get the party organized within 3 days) for their help. 98 members and 9 guests attended the party and appeared to have a good time.

The Christmas program was very enjoyable, especially the wonderful performance by Inge Larsen, who treated us to a beautiful and well-received Christmas program. Inge's program was definitely one of the highlights of the evening. Thanks Inge and Rod! And a big "Thank You" goes to Hermann Kron for organizing the Christmas program as well as to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.

One item that must be addressed is to make all members aware that, when you address or telephone number changes, you must submit your changes to the Board. While attempting to contact all members who wanted to attend the Christmas party, the board was faced with several obsolete phone numbers and addresses. Please contact the board about any changes to your personal information to ensure that you can be reached in an emergency such as we just had.

I can hardly believe that the year 2010 is 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 Club continues to be a relatively strong club. My hope for the New Year is that all members

become more active, especially the newer ones. This will not only benefit the Club, but will also allow them to get to know other members and make new friends to socialize with.

As the year end approaches, 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!

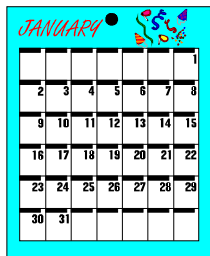
Ich möchte diese Gelegenheit wahrnehmen um allen Mitgliedern und deren Familien Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch in's Neue Jahr zu wünschen!

Wendell Hecke, President

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Upcoming club activities:

- Jan. 5, 7 PM, board meeting
- Jan. 19, 7 PM, membership meeting
- Feb. 5, 5:30 PM, Faschings dance - Kassler Rippchen (Norm Siess)
- Feb. 9, 7 PM, board meeting
- Feb. 16, 6:30 PM, membership meeting (potluck - fried chicken)
- March 5, 5:30 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese (Norm Siess)
- March 9, 7 PM, board meeting
- March 16, 6:30 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)
- March 27, 2:00 PM, Kaffee Klatsch, Ramada 8, Udall Park
- April 2, 5:30 PM, Blumentanz - Pork Roast (Ken Novak)
- April 6, 7 PM, board meeting
- April 20, 7 PM, membership meeting
- April 23, 2 PM, annual picnic at Crisp Ranch



cake for \$2.00 will be available throughout the evening. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Admission fee for paid up members for the year 2011 is \$6.00; non-paid up members and guests is \$8.00. Norm Siess's band will be playing from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. See attached flyer.

REMINDER

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$20 PER MEMBER ARE DUE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2011. 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.



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

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| Helen Cannizzo | 02 |
| Ingrid Kron | 02 |
| Don Harclerode | 14 |
| 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 |

FASCHINGS DANCE

Our Faschings Dance will be on February 5 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 January 30. Just coffee and



Sincere condolences to **Boyd Cable, Helmut Kron, Hermann and Ingrid Kron and Trudy and Ed Kocher** on the passing of Boyd's wife and Hermann, Helmut and Trudy's sister **Irene Cable** on November 27, 2010. Also deepest sympathies to friends and family of **Wolfgang Kintopp**, a former member, who died on December 14 of lymphoma.

Welcome to new members **Trudy Varga, Nancy Bannister, Gerald Spinks, Gigi Schnepat and Bruce Grant**, who joined the Club in November 2010.



We're wishing a speedy recovery to **Carla Ohlig and Josephine Boehm**, who broke her leg in California in November and now residing at Desert Life Rehab, here in Tucson. Get well soon.

Attention! Please be aware of the two items below.

I want to make everyone aware of an incident that happened at the Erntedankfest which should not have happened. The cooks and servers, who do not get a chance to eat early, sometimes select their dessert well before they eat and place their selection in the refrigerator. Some person(s) decided to raid the refrigerator and take these pieces of cake. This was extremely unfair to the persons working and should not be repeated. The desserts are to be selected from the cake table only and not from the refrigerator.

Also, we encountered a problem with the food at the Christmas party that needs to be addressed. Some of the meals were apparently not to some of the members' liking. They tasted the food and asked the servers to bring them a different meal. Of course, the servers complied; however, the Club then had to pay for the extra meal. A better way to handle this would have been to insist on an improvement of the original meal and not request a new one. After all, the restaurant is responsible to provide you with a meal that meets your expectations. Please, next time, if you have a problem with a meal and do not want to negotiate yourself, call me so I can negotiate with the manager without having to pay for an additional meal.

Please take every step necessary to avoid repeats of either of the two items discussed above.

Thanks.

Wendell



"A Cup of Tea"

When days are long and nights are blue
There's nothing like a cup of tea ...
A fragrant, happy, steaming brew
That serves to soothe life's troubled sea.

It warms the heart and dulls the pain ...
It irons out the wrinkled brow ...
The weary world looks good again
Across a cup of tea somehow.

So lift again that friendly cup
And drink an amber toast with me;
"To life and laughter, joy and love!"
There's nothing like a cup of tea!

Nick Kenney, NY Daily News

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