

# German-American Club of Tucson



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## President's Corner

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



While attendance at our Faschingstanz was not as high as in prior years, it was still well attended (73 members, 37 guests). And, thanks to the dedicated volunteers who pitch in with labor or donations, it was also successful. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the success of the get-together. However, the board has two concerns about our annual Faschingstanz:

1. There were not enough costumes; we need a lot more people willing to dress up and compete for the prizes. The board decided to significantly increase the prize money in the hope that we will see more people in costumes.

2. The cleanup of the hall starts too early. **I realize** the people doing the cleanup (thanks for the effort) want to get home also, but we need to wait with the cleanup until after the music stops. Of course, it would be helpful if all attendees would deposit their empty drink and food containers into the designated trash bins. We are, after all, not a restaurant but a social club where all members and guests are encouraged to clean up after themselves.

Even though there were not many costumes, they were imaginative and the prizes were well deserved. The winners were:

Ladies: 1st place "Clown" **Nelly Hobrath**

2nd place "Gypsy Rose" **Darlene Rietz**

Men: 1st place "Duck" **Hermann Kron**

2nd place "Mexican Caballero" **Hartmut Hausler**

Couples: 1st place "Zorro & Sheriff" **Roger and Gerda Taylor**

2nd place "Sailors" **Frank and Gisela Ohlig**

The membership meeting on March 16 will not only be "Pizza Night", but will also be the meeting where the members can vote for the board of directors, including the Alternate Board members. Please submit your nominations; any member can be nominated for any of the positions. In addition to the above activities, there will also be a one-hour dancing opportunity for everyone. Peter Kron, who lives in Colorado and plays accordion

for the German Club in Denver, has agreed to visit with us and play for our club's listening and dancing pleasure. Members who haven't heard Peter play before (he played once during an intermission) are in for a treat; he plays accordion excellently and is a gifted vocalist (singing and yodeling German songs). **ATTENTION: Due to all these activities, the membership meeting will start at 6:00 PM.** Please mark your calendars accordingly; the sooner we have a new board, the sooner we can enjoy the entertainment.

Our next three get-togethers are the Frühlingstanz, the Kaffee Klatsch, and the Blumentanz. The Blumentanz (April 2) 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.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Frühlingstanz March 5.

Wendell Hecke, President

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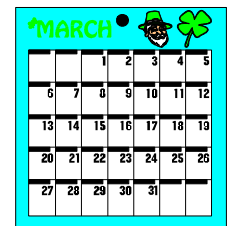
## Upcoming Club Activities

March 5, 5:30 PM, Frühlingstanz -  
Leberkaese (Norm Siess)

March 9, 7 PM, board meeting

March 16, 6:00 PM, membership  
meeting - Pizza (election)

March 27, 2:00 PM, Kaffee Klatsch, Ramada 8, Udall Park



April 2, 5:30 PM, Hawaiian Blumentanz - Pork Roast (Ken Novak)  
 April 6, 7 PM, board meeting  
 April 20, 7 PM, membership meeting  
 April 30, 2 PM, annual picnic at Crisp Ranch (please note new date)  
 May 21, TBA, Club Board Recognition Brunch, TBA  
 June 1, 7 PM, Special Planning Meeting for Oktfest  
 June 12, 11 AM, Rose Canyon Picnic, Ramada 1  
 June 25, 6 PM, Stammtisch, Mimi's on Oracle

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



Vernon Gorter	02
Lucille Webb	02
Emil Loeffler	03
Bruce Grant	04
Steve Stensel	05
Regina Crisp	09
Elfriede Bicknell	11
Monika Hueppe	12
Inge Lesko	13
Lydia Hopson	16
Joseph Ortenreiter	18
Sieglinde Bolus	19
Darlene Rietz	19
Trudy Kocher	21
Karl-Heinz Fendt	22
Olga Streyar	23
Doris Wack	23
Brigitte Kaeser	27
Bill Wilkinson	30
Ted Anderson	31
Robert Wedemeyer	31
Carmen Werth	31

We are so happy to welcome six new members who joined the club in February. They are **Elfriede Aarts, Donald Modaro, Ilse and Karl-Heinz Fendt and Frank and Lisalotte Gallant.**



## Kaffee Klatsch

The date, time, and location are as follows:



**Date: Sunday, March 27, 2011**

**Time: 2:00 pm (Ramada available all day, can come sooner and make a day of it)**

**Place: Udall Park, Ramada 8 (southeast corner of Sabino Canyon Road and Tanque Verde Road)**

Every member of the Club is invited to bake a cake which he or she brings to the gathering and donates to the Club to share with all the members. We will not be auctioning the cakes as we did last year.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their own table and chairs, dishes, eating utensils, etc. Please, no foam cups, plastic spoons or paper plates. A tablecloth would add a nice touch to the ambiance. Coffee, milk, and sugar to be provided by the Club.

Please call Hartmut Hausler at 299-5262 to sign up for this activity.



## Blumentanz

Our Blumentanz will be on April 2 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 28 at 546-

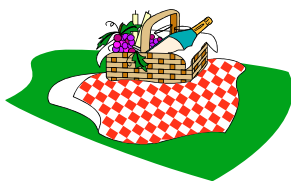
6663 for food reservations. Ken Novak will be playing from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. The entrance fee for paid up members will be \$6.00; non-paid up members and guests will pay \$8.00. This will be our last dance until Oktoberfest so let's all come and have a great time. See the attached flyer for further details.

## Member News

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Carla Ohlig, Loretta Unger, Margareta Zillgitt and Josephine Boehm.**



Our annual picnic at **Tom and Gina Crisp's** home at 4231 South Pauline Lane is Saturday, **April 30**



**(PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE).** 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 16 or a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the membership meeting on March 16 so we know how many members and guests are attending.

A very special "Thank You" to **Margaret (Toni) Keck** for her generous donation of \$500.00 to the **German American Club of Tucson**. The Board of Directors will put this donation to good use for some future activities of the Club. Thanks so much.

Wendell Heckeles, on behalf of the members.

I need a walker for my daughter's surgery. My daughter broke her leg last Sept. without having surgery. However, her leg is not healing properly and she now needs surgery. She needs to borrow a walker, preferably with wheels. Does anybody have one they are not currently using that we can borrow? Thanks so much.

Darlene Rietz



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### **Election of the new board on March 16**

**Even though everyone is busy, I urge all the members to attend the membership meeting on March 16 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.**

