



# German-American Club of Tucson

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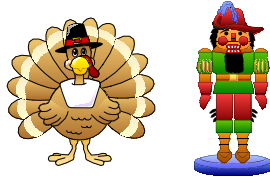
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November/December 2011

## President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde  
Dear Members and Friends

The annual Oktoberfest of the German American Club was successful, thanks to all the hard work by the dedicated volunteers. I want to thank all of the set-up and clean-up persons, the ticket sales persons, cooks, food servers and members who donated raffle items for their efforts. Without the hard work and/or generosity of all of you, the Oktoberfest would not have been as successful.

I do want to stress that we need more persons to help with the clean-up after the dance. Only a handful of members were left to clean up the hall and store the Club items in our storage area. Also, if you leave early, please ensure that the throw-away items from your table are placed in the trash containers.

For the "Erntedankfest" on November 5 the Club has engaged the "Sixties Garage Band". They play, as their name implies, songs from the 50's and 60's. So by all means, wear your 60's attire (if you still have any) and enjoy the music and dancing just like you did (almost) in the 60's.

Anyone planning to attend the annual Christmas Party on December 11 needs to read the "Attention" notice in this newsletter. It is imperative that you comply with the changed access requirements in a timely manner. If you want to participate in the entertainment at the Christmas Party, please contact Hermann Kron, our Christmas Party organizer. He is always looking for volunteers to contribute to the festivities.

**ATTENTION:** Due to lack of interest for a New Year's Eve Party at the FOP, the idea has been scrapped. There will be NO GACT organized party at the FOP on December 31.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Erntedankfest on November 5.

Wendell Heckeke, President

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### Upcoming club activities:



Nov. 5, 5:30 pm, 50's/60's

Erntedankfest - Sixties Garage  
Band

Nov. 9, 7 pm, Board meeting, plan  
for Christmas party

Nov. 16, 6:30 pm, Membership meeting - Potluck-  
Turkey/gravy

Dec. 7, 7 pm, Special board meeting to plan Fasching

Dec. 11, 4 pm, Christmas party, DM O'Club

Jan. 4, 2011, 7 pm, Board meeting

Jan. 18, 7 pm, Membership meeting

Feb. 4, 5:30 pm, Fasching dance - Norm Siess Band

Feb. 8, 7 pm, Board meeting

Feb. 15, 6:30 pm, Membership meeting - Potluck



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

William Thompson	01
Barbara Wilkinson	02
Hans Eckhardt	07
Margareta Zillgitt	14

Heidy Fuhs	18
Carl Unger	19
Ray Cress	24
Ernst Andreas	28
Charlotte Griffin	28



Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays in December

Olga Claassen	01
John Lesko	01
Inge Tepper	02
Bill Faust	11
Frank Hastings	11
Peter Tomas	12
Heinz von Forsch	17
Inge Fauser	18
Gerda Taylor	19
Bob Holdcraft	23
Lilian Kling	27

We wish a hearty welcome to new members, **Patricia Rafferty and Norman Hanniger**. Why not make it a point to introduce yourself and bid them a warm welcome at the next gathering?



*Our Christmas party will be held at the DM O'Club on Sunday, December 11 beginning at 4:00 p.m. The deadline for reservations is November 27.*

**Important Information about the Christmas Party!**

1. Every member MUST submit a check in the amount of \$30.00 per person (\$25.00 for guests) to Doug. As in prior years, \$20.00 of this amount is refundable and may apply to the member dues for the next year if you desire; the other \$10.00 is non-refundable and helps to defray the cost of the party expenses. Members who sign up and fail to attend will forfeit their \$30.00; guests who fail to attend forfeit their

\$25. No exceptions (the Club gets charged for the number of persons who signed up)!

2. All guests, including children, will pay \$25 for their dinner. The restaurant charges the Club the same for adults and children.
3. A cash bar will be open for two hours (4:30-6:30); however, no drink tickets will be handed out.

**Other changes to the Christmas Party procedure are as follows:**

The procedure for accessing the Air Force Base has changed due to a Defense Department directive. Attendees at the Christmas Party, who presently DO NOT have access privileges to the base and want Doug van Dorpe to be their sponsor, must submit the following information to Doug:

1. Provide your date of birth
2. Provide your Social Security number
3. Submit a \$30 check (to the order of GACT) for each member attending the party (\$25 for guests)

This information must be submitted to Doug in a timely manner to ensure he receives it no later than November 25 at the following address:

Doug Van Dorpe  
3811 N Camino Blanco  
Tucson, AZ 85718-7237

Anyone who has a sponsor other than Doug is responsible for ensuring that the pertinent information required for access to the base is submitted to whoever needs it.



*Doug Van Dorpe is again willing to sponsor our club members who wish to attend the new year's eve party at the Officers' Club. The hours are 6:00 pm to 1 am. The cost is \$35 per person in advance or \$40*

*at the door. The ticket price includes prime rib dinner which will be served from 7:00 pm to approximately 8:30 pm, one free drink, one door prize ticket per person, champagne at midnight and breakfast at 12:30 am. You must send your check made payable to Doug so he receives it no later than December 17. His address is 3811 N. Camino Blanco, Tucson 85718.*

**REMINDER**

Your 2012 dues are due and payable January 1. You may elect to have the club keep your deposit for the Christmas party

**More Volunteers Needed to Keep the Club Running Smoothly**

The membership meeting on October 19 was attended by less than 20% of the membership. This attendance is inadequate since this relatively small group of persons is requested to "volunteer" for all of the required tasks (setup, donate food and raffle items, ticket sales, cook, serve food and cake, cleanup, etc.). Please attend the membership meetings so you can vote on the activities of the Club and, occasionally, volunteer for some tasks. Some of our members, especially newer ones, may not know that all of our dances and outings need many volunteers to make the events successful. We are always looking for volunteers who contribute with hands-on activities or with donations for the raffle or for the dinners. These volunteers usually offer their services during the membership meetings. Occasionally, due to insufficient participation of members at these meetings, not enough volunteers can be found to support all of the activities which in turn requires the already signed-up members to contribute even more. I urge all of the members, and especially newer ones, please come to the meetings so you can contribute to the success of all our activities and to become part of the decision-making process for the direction of our Club. Also, this is a great way to get to know other Club members and make new friends.

Wendell Hecke, President



*Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr*



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*Warm wishes to all our members and their families for a plentiful and thankful Thanksgiving and a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year. A special prayer for all our military men and women as well.*