

# German-American Club of Tucson

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January 2012

## President's Corner



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

Our annual "Erntedankfest" was, by all metrics, a hit with all the attendees in no small part thanks to the great music by the Sixties Garage Band. I have never seen so many of our members dance as much and as long as at this dance. Due to the positive input from the attendees, the Board has decided to make this an annual event starting in 2013.

The Christmas party at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base was well-attended (97 members, 7 guests) and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. A big "Thank You" goes to Doug Van Dorpe for making all the arrangements at the Officers' Club, to Hermann Kron for organizing the Christmas program, to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event, and, last but not least, to Carl Russell for treating us to three solo Christmas songs. Thanks everyone!

I also want to thank all the members who donated canned goods for the food drive which was organized by the FOP. Our participation at this food drive was a last minute request by the FOP. The members were informed of it during the last membership meeting; unfortunately, since relatively few members were in attendance, this information was not disseminated to everyone.

One item that must be addressed again is to make all members aware that when your address, telephone number, or e-mail address changes, we need you to submit the changes to the Board so you can be reached in case of last minute changes or important reminders.

I can hardly believe that the year 2011 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 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 Heckeke, President

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## Upcoming club activities:

Jan. 4, 7 PM, board meeting  
Jan. 18, 7 PM, membership meeting  
Feb. 4, 5:30 PM, Faschings dance -  
Kassler Rippchen (Norm Siess)  
Feb. 8, 7 PM, board meeting  
Feb. 15, 6:30 PM, membership  
meeting (potluck - fried chicken)  
March 3, 5:30 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese (Peter Kron)  
March 7, 7 PM, board meeting



March 21, 6:30 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)  
 March 25, 2:00 PM, Kaffee Klatsch, Ramada 8, Udall Park  
 March 31, 5:30 PM, Blumentanz - Pork Roast (Ken Novak)  
 April 4, 7 PM, board meeting  
 April 18, 7 PM, membership meeting  
 April 28, 2 PM, annual picnic at Reid Park, Ramada 15

We're wishing a speedy recovery to **Elfrieda Nichols**. Get well soon.



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



Sincere condolences to the Kron family on the passing of **Boyd Cable**, their former brother-in-law, on December 10.

Auf wiedersehen, Boyd, may you rest in peace.

Helen Cannizzo	02
Ingrid Kron	02
Lisalotte Gallant	06
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
Elfriede Aarts	31

**REMINDER**

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$20 PER MEMBER ARE DUE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2012. PLEASE MAIL YOUR DUES TO THE CLUB P. O. BOX OR GIVE IT TO THE TREASURER AT A MEETING. **ANY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 31 WILL HAVE TO BE TREATED AS A NEW MEMBERSHIP AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE \$10 INITIATION FEE IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE.** 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 4 at the FOP at 3445 North Dodge Blvd. We will have prizes for the best costumes - best man, best woman, best couple. To entice more members and guests to attend our "Faschingstanz" in a costume, the Board has decided to increase the monetary prizes considerably for all three categories (\$50 first prize, \$25 second prize). We hope to see many more costumes at the dance in February for more fun and entertainment. 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 29. Just coffee and 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.



**Danke Schoen**

For any club to continue to prosper and be successful, the help of many volunteers is required. The following members deserve a big "THANK YOU" for their contributions with either hands-on activity, donations to the Club, or both at the "Erntedankfest":



Friedl & Don Amsden	Erika and Hans Eckhardt
Anna Graves	Charlotte Griffin
Luise Hastings	Erna Hecke
Richard Hoppe	Ingrid & Hermann Kron
Aggie May	Becky & Jerry Mullins
Elfriede Nichols	Carla Ohlig
Gisela & Frank Ohlig	Marie & Josef Ortenreiter
Darlene Rietz	Bernie Schulz
Roger Taylor	Ingrid & Doug Van Dorpe
Doris & Greg Wack	Margaret Zillgitt

I realize that several other members may have made contributions even though they were not on my list of volunteers. I apologize for any omissions and thank those contributors as well. Please, in the future, let me know about your contribution so I can properly thank you in the name of the Club for your commitment. Thanks again. Wendell Hecke



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**EIN GUTES NEUES JAHR!!!**