

# German-American Club of Tucson



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March 2012

## President's Corner

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



Attendance at our Faschingstanz was a little lower by members (70 vs. 73) and a little higher by guests (42 vs. 37). While more attendance at the dances by our members would be highly desirable, the attendees did enjoy the food and entertainment ( thanks Bernie and all other volunteers) and quite a few enjoyed the entertainment until the Norm Siess band stopped playing.

There were more costumes than last year, possibly due to the significantly increased prize money. The winning costumes were quite imaginative and well-deserving of the prizes. The winners were:

Ladies: 1st place "Masked Carnival Lady" **Gabriella Becker**

2nd place "Harem Dancer" **Sulfa Brauner**

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

2nd place "Indian" **Gerd Weber**

Couples: 1st place "Cow & Farmer" **Arlene and Ray Best**

2nd place "Gypsies" **Nancy Bannister and Gerry Spinks**

The membership meeting on March 21 will be "Pizza Night", and will also be the meeting where the members can vote for the board of directors. The Board MUST have one more person on the Executive Council to ensure that a deadlock cannot occur. Please submit your nominations; any member can be nominated for any of the positions.

Our Blumentanz on March 31 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. The music for the Blumentanz will be supplied by Peter Kron, who will visit us from Colorado. Quite a few of you heard Peter last year after a membership meeting and the consensus was to hire him for some of our dances. Peter is an outstanding musician with a great repertoire of German and American music and great singing and yodeling ability.

Please mark your calendars to attend the nominating meeting on March 21 to elect the new Board as well as the Blumentanz on March 31 to enjoy some quality time with your friends.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Frühlingstanz March 3, the Kaffee Klatsch on March 25 and our Blumentanz on March 31.

Wendell Heckeke, President

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

## Upcoming Club Activities

March 3, 5:30 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese - **Norm Siess**

March 7, 7 PM, board meeting

March 21, 6:00 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)

March 25, 2:00 PM, Kaffee Klatsch, Ramada 8, Udall Park

March 31, 5:30 PM, Hawaiian Blumentanz - Pork Roast - **Peter Kron**

April 4, 7 PM, board meeting

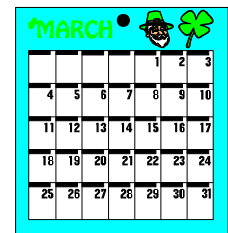
April 18, 7 PM, membership meeting

April 28, 2 PM, annual picnic at Reid Park Ramada 15

May 12, 11:30 AM, Club Board Recognition Brunch, Tanque Verde Guest Ranch

June 6, 7 PM, Special Planning Meeting for Oktfest

June 10, 11 AM, Rose Canyon Picnic, Ramada 1



June 23, 6 PM, Stammtisch, TBA

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



Vernon Gorter	02
Lucille Webb	02
Emil Loeffler	03
Regina Crisp	09
Elfriede Bicknell	11
Monika Hueppe	12
Inge Lesko	13
Joseph Ortenreiter	18
Darlene Rietz	19
Trudy Kocher	21
Karl-Heinz Fendt	22
Olga Streyar	23
Doris Wack	23
Brigitte Kaeser	27
Robert Wedemeyer	31

### Kaffee Klatsch



The date, time, and location are as follows:

**Date: Sunday, March 25, 2012**

**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.

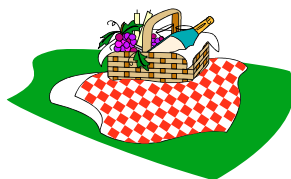
Everyone is encouraged to bring their own table and chairs, dishes, eating utensils, etc. Please, no foam cups, plastic spoons or paper plates. A tablecloth would add a nice touch to the ambiance. Coffee, milk, and sugar to be provided by the Club.

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



We are so happy to welcome **Annette and Robert Walter** who joined the club in February.

Our annual picnic will **not** be at the Crisp Ranch this year; it will be at Reid Park Ramada #15 on Saturday, **April 28**. Take 22<sup>nd</sup> Street tp Country Club, go north and take the first exit on the right into the park where there is plenty of parking. It has not yet been decided what meat the Club will be serving. 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 much meat to buy so please call Jean at 546-6663 by April 23 or a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the membership meeting on March 21 so we know how many members and guests are attending.



### Blumentanz



Our Blumentanz will be on March 31 (**please note new date**) 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 26 at 546-6663 for dinner reservations. Peter Kron 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 **Traudl Hall**.





Sincere condolences to **John and Nelly Hobrath** on the recent death of John's brother Frank in Cleveland.

**Thanks for your contributions**

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 "Faschingstanz".

Don Amsden  
Trudy Dauernheim  
Liane Gregg  
Erna Hecke  
Richard Hoppe  
Aggie May  
Elfriede Nichols  
Darlene Rietz  
Roger Taylor  
Doris & Gregg Wack  
Margaret Zillgitt

Jean Brett  
Gina Crisp  
Waltraud & Hartmut Hausler  
Nelly & John Hobrath  
Ingrid & Hermann Kron  
Becky & Jerry Mullins  
Josef Ortenreiter  
Bernie Schulz  
Ingrid & Doug Van Dorpe

**Election of the new board on March 21**



Even though everyone is busy, I urge all the members to attend the membership meeting on March 21 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.

**Recipe for 5# Kartoffelsalat**

5 lbs. Red potatoes  
1 lb. Bacon  
2 tbsp. flour  
1 c. water  
1 c. apple cider vinegar  
1 tbsp. + 1 tsp. salt  
2 tbsp. sugar  
1/2 onion, sliced thin and diced  
1 tbsp. + 1 tsp. chopped fresh or dried parsley  
Scrub potatoes but do not pare; cook until tender in boiling salted water; set aside to cool. Meanwhile, fry bacon until very crisp, remove from fat and crumble. (I cut it in 1/4 inch pieces before I fry it.) Drain bacon grease, leaving small amount with drippings in pan; add the flour and blend well; then gradually stir in the water and vinegar. Cook over direct heat, stirring constantly until the mixture boils and thickens. Add salt, sugar and thinly sliced and diced onion. Peel and thinly slice potatoes, add bacon to potatoes and pour on the hot dressing. Sprinkle with parsley. Mix well, serve warm.

I realize that several other members also 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 recognize you in the name of the Club for your commitment. Thanks again.

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