

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

Since the success of a dance can partially be measured by the “good times” the participants have, I can say that our well-attended Oktoberfest this year was quite successful. The attendees seemed to enjoy the food as well as the music by Peter Kron, who is truly an excellent musician with a great repertoire of German and American songs. Hopefully, we will be able to get Peter to visit with us from Colorado in the future and entertain us with his ability. It was also great to see a number of young guests, who seemed to enjoy the activities as much as the regular members.

Of course, no dance can be successful without the hard work by the dedicated volunteers who donate their time to the club. A big “Thank You” to all the volunteers who helped make the dance successful, especially Bernie Schulz, our dedicated cook who worked almost all evening with cooking, cleaning and selling leftover food. Also, I would like to say “Thank You” to the unknown donor of the gift certificate to be raffled off for the volunteers who contributed to the success of the Oktoberfest.

Our next dance is the “Erntedankfest” on November 3. The dance is “western”-themed so, if you feel like dressing up, wear your cowboy or cowgirl outfit for some extra fun. Erna and I will not be able to attend (we will be on a cruise), but I am confident that, with the help of all the volunteers, the dance will be successful.

IMPORTANT: Anyone planning to attend the annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15 needs to read the “Important Information about the GACT Christmas Party” notice in this newsletter. Regretfully, there cannot be any exceptions. 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 read a story or poem or to join the choir.

Anyone interested in attending the New Year's Eve Party at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base needs to contact Doug Van Dorpe (299-4290), who will add your name to the “invited” list, thus allowing you access to the base. The cost for the party at the base will probably be the same as last year (\$40 per person) and will include two meals, entertainment, and party favors.

Wendell Heckeles, President

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Aggie May	2 yrs	885-7964
Ingrid Kron	2 yrs	790-8868

Upcoming Club Activities

Oct 3, 7 pm, Board Meeting

Oct 17, 6:30 pm, Membership Meeting, **Pizza Night**

Nov 3, 5:30 pm, **Erntedankfest** - Ken Novak - Western Barbecue

Nov 7, 7 pm, Board Meeting

Nov 14, 6:30 pm, Membership Meeting - **Potluck-Turkey**

Dec 5, 7 pm, Board Meeting

Dec 15, 4 pm, Christmas party, DM O'Club

Jan. 9, 7 pm, Board Meeting

Jan. 16, 7 pm, Membership Meeting





Congratulations to members celebrating a birthday in **October**

Inge Reece	03
Shirley Springborn	03
Robert Walter	03
Nancy Bannister	09
Rebecca Mullins	14
Frank Ohlig	25
Ed Kocher	29

And to members celebrating birthdays in **November**



William Thompson	01
Hans Eckhardt	07
Margareta Zillgitt	14
Heidy Fuhs	18
Carl Unger	19
Theopolis Pace	27
Charlotte Griffin	28

As well as members celebrating 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

ERNTE-DANKFEST (Harvest Dance)



Be sure to mark your calendar for our Club's Erntedankfest western barbecue dance

on November 3 at the FOP. Doors will be open at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served by club members from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Meal will be barbecue beef on a roll with pickle, cowboy beans, salad, cake and coffee for \$7.00. Cake and coffee only, \$2.00. Ken Novak will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. See attached flyer. Wear your jeans and cowboy boots and bring your friends for a fun evening.



Get well wishes for a speedy recovery to **Louis Dauernheim and Carl Unger.**

Sincere condolences to friends and family of **Robert Wedemeyer**, who died on June 14.



Regretfully, we also lost his wife **Tiffany** as a member because she moved to Oregon. May Bob rest in peace. Auf wiedersehen.

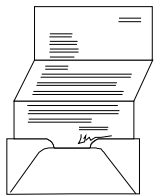
Thanks for your contributions

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 Oktoberfest:

Don & Elfriede Amsden	Jean Brett
Erna Herckele	Waltraud & Hartmut Hausler
Richard Hoppe	Nelly Hobrath
Aggie May	Ingrid & Hermann Kron
Darlene Rietz	Josef & Marie Ortenreiter
Roger & Gerda Taylor	Bernie Schulz
Doris & Greg Wack	Ingrid & Doug Van Dorpe
Stefan Weiss	Olga Claassen
Werner Hueppe	Christa Schrubbe
Don Vogel	Luise & Frank Hastings
Charlotte Griffin	Sulfa Brauner
Anna Graves	Inge Fauser
Aiga Loeffler	Shirley Springborn

I realize that several other members also 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 contributions so I can properly thank you in the name of the Club for your commitment. Thanks again.
Wendell Heckeke

The club members wish to welcome two new members, **Eleanor Volz and Michael Kud-Kudisaroff**, who both joined at the Oktoberfest dance.



The following is an excerpt from a letter to Darlene Rietz from Cynthia Cooper. I thought some older members might find it of interest:

...While the service was a moving tribute to Truman, Richard Hoppe injected a light note into the sad occasion, but his reminiscences were only a fraction of the fun days of long ago.

While sorting out things, I came across a few photos that pertain to the early days of the club. I also found a membership list as of June 1983. Sadly, there are 32 names of members who have passed away. Some were close friends. I noticed that Bernie joined in October 1979, which was toward the end of our active years in the mid-eighties. Until then one of us was always on the board. I was treasurer for years. When I took over the club's bookkeeping, it had been a haphazard affair until I switched to double-entry bookkeeping. Then I was recording secretary for some years. And the year I was vice president I had to step in the president's shoes when Tony Fuentes quit without notice. In between my stints, Truman was a council member. He was always supposed to bring the bratwurst to the dances, but he would forget, to cause a mad dash to the stores to buy hot dogs. So finally, Erna Schabinger always pinned a note on Truman's shirt pocket to let me know what he was supposed to bring.

As to the enclosed photos, the important one dealing with the club's history is the one where Truman fills a glass of punch for Anneliese Fuentes, who was the club president for years until she died very young. By the way, I made that punch every Christmas for years and there are some funny stories about that strong "refreshment" which only the old-timers will remember. Another photo is Frank Hastings and Truman bartending at a Hawaiian dance. We had some prominent bands at those dances while we were decked out in our Hawaiian garb. Two photos deal with our picnics at the Norman Ranch. Seated at the table were Frank and Luise

Hastings, Bob and Luise Lehner and Flory Perillo. The other photo shows the cooks: Paul Scholcz, Martin Bolus, Richard Hoppe, Bill Johnson, can't remember the next name, and the "chief cook" Truman. Truman designed and made 4 custom grills. Each grill took 15 chicken halves, so it always took 4 cooks to tend the grills. The most chickens we had were 90 or 180 halves so you can figure out why it took so long to get it all done and why the cooks were three sheets to the wind by the time the picnic started. They started cooking at 10 in the morning; that is also when the beer was delivered. I always made the basting sauce from scratch. It was mostly white wine, lemon juice, oil and herbs.

One photo is in front of a place where we had the dances for a while. It was a church on Pima Street that had been converted into a beer garden. It did not exist very long. The photo shows Ferdi Kristofl, Truman, me, Phil and Karoline Baca, Frank Hastings (acting up) and I can't tell who is looking down.

An important photo for the club's history is from 1977 when the German Club took part in the opening ceremonies of the Kino Hospital. ...

Among Truman's things, I also found his original membership card where he paid the initiation fee of \$10 on November 3, 1965. At the very first meeting on that October 1965 Sunday afternoon at the ice rink on Speedway, only a handful of people signed up. Most signed up at the next meeting on November 3. A few signed up in December. At the time we incorporated, I believe in January 1966, every one who was a member at the time of incorporation became a charter member. There were 97 of us and I know this because my friends, the Perillos, were the last numbered members at Nos. 96 and 97. At number 55, I am the last of the charter members. As far as I know, there is no one else who has been a member from the beginning without interruption, although I am aware that some original members dropped out for a time and later rejoined, wanting their original membership number back.

Since the photos and things stirred my memories, I thought the club's history might benefit from the musings of an old-timer.

Please include a huge **thank you** for me in your next Nachrichten to the members who came to honor Truman, and for the many cards I received."

Cindy Cooper

REMINDER: Your 2013 dues are due and payable on January 1. You may elect to have the club keep your deposit for the Christmas party.



Important Information about the Christmas Party!

The requirements for accessing the Air Force Base are virtually the same as last year, except Wendell will collect the information and fees. Members and their guests who presently DO NOT have access privileges to the base and want Doug Van Dorpe to be their sponsor must submit the following items to Wendell, who will collect the information and fee for Doug:

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

This information must be submitted to Wendell in a timely manner to ensure he receives it NO LATER than December 3 (Requests and fees received after this date will not be honored.) at the following address:

Wendell Heckele
1730 E. Calle de la Culebra
Tucson, AZ 85718

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. The fees must still be submitted to Wendell by December 3. Anyone who sends the above items to Doug or the Club Post Office Box instead of Wendell will NOT be on the access list.

Other changes to the Christmas Party procedure are as follows:

1. Every member MUST submit a check in the amount of \$30.00 per person (for guest fees, please see information shown below) to Wendell. 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. **IMPORTANT:** Members who sign up and fail to attend will forfeit their \$30.00 and guests will forfeit their submitted amount. No

- exceptions. The Club gets charged for the number of persons who sign up!
2. Cost to guests is as follows:
Adult cost is full price of \$25
Children 13 and up is full price of \$25
Children 7-12 years is \$12.50
Children 4-6 years is \$6.25
Children 3 and under are free.
3. A cash bar will be open for two hours (4:30-6:30); however, no drink tickets will be handed out.

May you always have work for your hands to do,
May your pockets always hold a coin or two,
May the sun shine bright on your windowpane,
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain,
May the hand of a friend always be near you,
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Irish Blessing Quote



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



*Frohe Weihnachten und ein
gutes neues Jahr*

*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.*



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