

German-American Club of Tucson

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Nachrichten

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By: Darlene Rietz

January 2013

President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends

The Board of Directors of our club is losing three of its valued members due to personal or health reasons. We need to fill the following positions to ensure the club continues to function properly:

1. Recording Secretary: This position requires attendance at the Board and Membership Meetings and submittal of the minutes of these meetings.
2. Executive Council Member: This position performs all the necessary tasks to advertise the club's dances (local newspapers and any known groups that might be interested).
3. Executive Council Member: This position performs special assignments, such as helping with the organization of the club's activities and helping other council members.

I appeal to all members, but especially the newer ones who have not served on the board before, to respond to this need. It is imperative that these positions be filled as soon as possible. Please, anyone interested in one of the above positions, contact me, Wendell, or one of the other board members to let us know that you are interested in keeping the club functioning properly by contributing your time to it.

Regrettably (well, maybe not so regrettably since we were on vacation), Erna and I were not able to be at the Erntedankfest. However, I understand the dance was a success attended by 70 persons. A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who helped make the dance successful.

The attendance of members at the Christmas party at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base was less than in prior years (74 members, 10 guests); however, everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. A big "Thank You" to Doug Van Dorpe for making all the arrangements at the Officers' Club, to Hermann Kron for organizing the Christmas program, to Tom Crisp for bringing his audio equipment, and to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event. Thanks everyone!

Several members complained about not getting the information for the Christmas Party. In many cases, this is due to a change in their home address, email address or telephone number. I have to stress again that, when your address, telephone number or email address changes, you need to submit the changes to the board so you receive the Newsletter in a timely fashion. If you are having problems receiving the Newsletter, please contact Darlene Rietz so she can ensure you receive it, if necessary, via snail mail. However, you do need to READ the Newsletter; if you have accidentally removed the Newsletter from your email, you can always find it at "<http://www.germanamericancluboftucson.com/>".

The Club's next dance, our annual "Faschingstanz", is on February 2, 2013. Since I believe that you have more fun attending in a costume, I encourage you to make an effort to dress up for the occasion. The monetary prizes for the three categories (males, females, couples) will be \$50.00 for first prize and \$25.00 for the second prize. Please remember, each costume can only enter one category. I hope to see many more costumes at the dance in February for more fun and entertainment.

I can hardly believe that the year 2012 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!

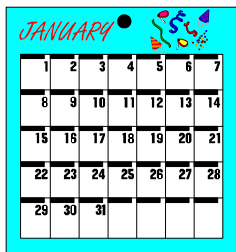
Ich möchte diese Gelegenheit wahrnehmen um allen Mitgliedern und deren Familien Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch in's Neue Jahr zu wünschen!
Wendell Heckeles, President

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Tom Crisp	20
Anna Graves	20
Stefan Weiss	20
Britta Sneepe	22
Hartmut Hausler	25
Gerhard Kaeser	26
Douglas Van Dorpe	27
Elfriede Aarts	31

Upcoming club activities:

- Jan. 9, 7 PM, board meeting
- Jan. 16, 7 PM, membership meeting
- Feb. 2, 5:30 PM, Faschings dance - Kassler Rippchen (Norm Siess)
- Feb. 6, 7 PM, board meeting
- Feb. 20, 6:30 PM, membership meeting (potluck - fried chicken)
- March 2, 5:30 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese (Norm Siess)
- March 6, 7 PM, board meeting
- March 20, 6:30 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)
- March 24, 2:00 PM, Kaffee Klatsch, Ramada 8, Udall Park
- April 6, 5:30 PM, Hawaiian Blumentanz - Pork Roast (Inge Larsen)
- April 10, 7 PM, board meeting
- April 17, 7 PM, membership meeting
- April 27, 2 PM, annual picnic at Crisp Ranch



FASCHINGS DANCE



Our Faschings Dance will be on February 2 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 28. 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 2013 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.

Caring thoughts to **Louis Dauernheim and Carl Unger** as they cope with their medical problems.



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

Helen Cannizzo	02
Ingrid Kron	02
Annette Walter	03

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":



Don Amsden	Inge & Arno Tepper
Stefan Weiss	Charlotte Griffin
Gina & Tom Crisp	Don Vogel
Richard Hoppe	Nelly & John Hobrath
Aggie May	Jerry Mullins
Gerda & Roger Taylor	Christa Schrubbe
Eleanor Volz	Jean Brett
Darlene Rietz	Bernie Schulz
Olga Claassen	Ingrid & Doug Van Dorpe
Doris & Greg Wack	Margaret Zillgitt
Shirley Springborn	

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 Heckeke

Little Humor

As a young girl, I went with my family to see the Grand Canyon. Near the end of our trip, Dad said, "We're running out of money - we better head for home." I piped up, "Daddy, I have some money. You've been leaving it on tables at restaurants, so I picked it up for you."

Submitted by Ingrid Kron

EIN GUTES NEUES JAHR!!!



REMINDER

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$20 PER MEMBER ARE DUE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2013. 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.



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