

German-American Club of Tucson



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By: Darlene Rietz

March 2013

President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends



Attendance at our Faschingstanz was only 58 members and 35 guests. This indicates that less than half of the members attended, which is not enough attendance to keep the Club running smoothly (the attendance of the guests helped). There is a core of members who usually support the Club's activities, unfortunately not as many as we would like and expect, resulting in more work for the supporting members and in financial losses to the Club.

While more attendance at the Club's dances by our members would be highly desirable, the attendees did enjoy the food and entertainment and a fairly large number of members stayed until the Norm Siess band stopped playing and they all pitched in to help with the cleanup. Thanks to all who helped!

The number of costumed attendees dropped considerably. There were only two costumed couples, three men, and only the ladies were well represented. The Board had counted on more costumes due to the increased value of the prizes. Since the number of costumes actually declined, the Board decided to re-address the prize structure and change it back to what it was before last year.

The membership meeting on March 20 will be "Pizza Night", and will also be the meeting where the members can vote for the board of directors. Unfortunately, we will lose two valued members of the Board due to health and/or personal reasons; however, we are fortunate to have two members agree to fill these two positions. A big "Thank You" to **Trudy Dauernheim** and **Shirley Springborn** for their services to the Club and a big "Welcome" to **Sulfa Brauner** and **Sonja Papoutsis** for volunteering their time for the good of the Club.

Our Blumentanz on April 6 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. Also, as a special treat, we have contracted a popular

group of Polynesian Dancers to entertain our members and guests during one intermission. The music for dancing will be provided by Inge Larsen, who has provided excellent entertainment at other clubs frequented by Club members..

Please mark your calendars to attend the nominating meeting on March 20 to elect the new Board as well as the Blumentanz on April 6 to enjoy some quality time with your friends.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Frühlingstanz March 2, the Kaffee Klatsch on March 24 and our Blumentanz on April 6.

Wendell Heckeles, President

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Upcoming Club Activities

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, 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

May 25, 6:00 PM, Board Recognition Dinner, Chads

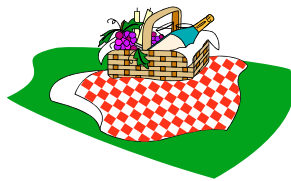




Happy birthday to members celebrating a birthday in **March**

Vernon Gorter	02
Lucille Webb	02
Emil Loeffler	03
Mark Lunario	07
Regina Crisp	09
Monika Hueppe	12
Inge Lesko	13
Joseph Ortenreiter	18
Darlene Rietz	19
Karl-Heinz Fendt	22
Olga Streyar	23
Doris Wack	23
Brigitte Kaeser	27

Our annual picnic will be at the Crisp Ranch this year on Saturday, **April 27** at 2 pm. 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 21 or a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the membership meeting on April 17 so we know how many members and guests are attending.



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 to share with all the members.

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

Blumentanz

Our Blumentanz will be on April 6 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 31 at 546-6663 for dinner reservations. Inge Larsen will be entertaining from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Polynesian dancers will perform. 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



Thinking of you as you face your health challenges: **Anna Bevz, Louis Dauernheim, Frank Hastings, Shirley Springborn and Carl Unger.**

Kaffee Klatsch



The date, time, and location are as follows:

Date: Sunday, March 24, 2013
Time: 2:00 pm (Ramada

available all day, can come sooner and make a day of it)

Members may be interested to know that Norm Siess was recently named to the State of Michigan Polka Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Norm.

Election of the new board on March 20



Even though everyone is busy, I urge all the members to attend the membership meeting on March 20 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.



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".

Tom & Gina Crisp	Jean Brett
Liane Gregg	Anna Graves
Erna Hecke	Waltraut & Hartmut Hausler
Richard Hoppe	Nelly & John Hobrath
Aggie May	Ingrid & Hermann Kron
Darlene Rietz	Becky & Jerry Mullins
Gerda & Roger Taylor	Gisela & Frank Ohlig
Doris & Greg Wack	Bernie Schulz
Werner Hueppe	Ingrid & Doug Van Dorpe
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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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