

# German-American Club of Tucson

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## President's Corner



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

The attendance of members at our dances keeps dropping. At the "Erntedankfest" on November 2 only 48 members were present. This attendance is not enough to keep the Club functioning properly. The Board of Directors is asking the membership to let us know what direction the Club needs to take to increase the attendance. Please, fill out the attached survey to express your suggestions for Club activities.

Even though the Erntedankfest was attended by only 68 persons (including 20 guests), all the attendees seemed to enjoy the music by the Sixties Garage Band. It appears that, when this band plays, more attendees are dancing than at some of our other dances. Because of this, we will try to have them play for the Club at least once per year if the band is available. I want to say a special "Thank You" to **Bernie Schulz** for preparing the meal and to all the volunteers who helped to make the dance successful.

The attendance of members at the Christmas Party at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base keeps shrinking (65 members, 5 guests); however, everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. A big "Thank You" to **Trudy Dauernheim** for making all the arrangements at the Officers' Club, to **Hermann Kron** for organizing the Christmas program, to **Inge Larsen** for the entertainment and to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event. A very special "Well Done" to **Mark Coleman** who, even though he has a limited German language vocabulary, made it a point to entertain us with a riddle in German, and to **Dorothea Williams** for teaching Mark and giving us another riddle in German. Thanks everyone!

The Club's next dance, our annual "Faschingstanz", is on February 1, 2014. I encourage all attendees to make an effort to dress in costume for the occasion and try to win a prize. There will be monetary prizes for each of the three categories (male, female, couple). Please remember, each costume can only enter one category. I hope to see many costumes at the dance in February for more fun and entertainment. Also, please notice all our dances will start

half an hour earlier (doors open at 5:00 pm) starting with the Faschingstanz.

I can hardly believe that the year 2013 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 GACT continues to be a club for another year. 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!

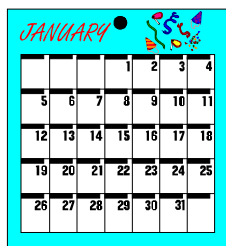
Ich möchte diese Gelegenheit wahrnehmen um allen Mitgliedern und deren Familien Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch in's Neue Jahr zu wünschen!

Wendell Heckeke, President

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**Upcoming club activities:**

Jan. 8, 7 PM, board meeting  
 Jan. 15, 7 PM, membership meeting  
 Feb. 1, 5:00 PM, Faschings dance -  
 Kassler Rippchen (Norm Siess)  
 Feb. 5, 7 PM, board meeting  
 Feb. 19, 6:30 PM, membership  
 meeting (potluck - fried chicken)  
 March 1, 5:00 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese (Norm Siess)  
 March 5, 7 PM, board meeting  
 March 19, 6:30 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)  
 April 5, 5:00 PM, Blumentanz - Pork Roast (Ken Novak)  
 April 9, 7 PM, board meeting  
 April 16, 7 PM, membership meeting  
 April 26, 2 PM, annual picnic at Crisp Ranch



coffee and cake. Reservations deadline for dinner is January 27. Just coffee and cake for \$2.00 will be available throughout the evening. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Admission fee for paid up members for the year 2014 is \$6.00; non-paid up members and guests is \$8.00. Norm Siess's band will be playing from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. See attached flyer.



We're thinking of these members as they face their health challenges:  
**Anna Bevz, Anna Schwarz,  
 Louis Dauernheim, Carl Unger  
 and Greg Wack.**



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

Helen Cannizzo	02
Ingrid Kron	02
Annette Walter	03
Tom Crisp	20
Anna Graves	20
Vernon Schindler	20
Stefan Weiss	20
Britta Sneepe	22
Hartmut Hausler	25
Ross Roberts	25
Gerhard Kaeser	26
Douglas Van Dorpe	27
Elfriede Aarts	31

**FASCHINGS DANCE**

Our Faschings Dance will be on February 1st at the FOP at 3445 North Dodge Blvd. We will have prizes for the best costumes - best man, best woman, best couple. 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,

**REMINDER**

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$20 PER MEMBER ARE DUE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2014. 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.

We wish a hearty welcome to  
**Rosa and Meredith (Mert)  
 Harshman**, who joined the  
 Club at the November dance. We hope you  
 will be long, active members.



Sincere condolences to Hermann Kron and his family on the passing of his brother Willie Kron, on November 30. Auf wiedersehen, Willie, may you rest in peace.



### 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 at the "Erntedankfest" with either hands-on activity, donations to the Club, or both:

Friedl Amsden	Waltraut & Harmut Hausler
Anna Graves	Charlotte Griffin
Frank & Luise Hastings	Gina Crisp
Richard Hoppe	Ingrid & Doug Van Dorpe
Aggie May	Jerry Mullins
Elfriede Nichols	Olga Claassen
Gerda & Roger Taylor	Christa Schrubbe
Darlene Rietz	Josef Ortenreiter
Ron & Sulfa Brauner	Bernie Schulz
Doris Wack	Dorothea Williams
Jean Brett	Mark Coleman
Nelly Hobrath	Hermann & Ingrid Kron
Erna Hecke	

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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