

German-American Club of Tucson



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April-May 2014

President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends
Thank you for your continued vote of confidence and support in electing me president of the GACT. A special "Thank You" goes to all of the board members, including **Roger Taylor** (who joined the Board as an alternate) for their support and commitment without which the Club could not continue to function. Thanks all!



Unfortunately, Erna and I were not able to attend the Fruhlingstanz, but I understand the attendees enjoyed the dance. A special "Thank You" to **Hartmut Hausler** for picking up the Leberkase in Phoenix and to **Bernie Schulz** for preparing the meals for all the guests. And, of course, a big thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the dance a success.

For this year's Blumentanz we will have Ken Novak provide the music for dancing. Also, as a special treat for the attendees we have contracted the Polynesian Dancers to perform during the 8:00 PM intermission. These dancers will be adding a nice touch to the Hawaiian-themed dance.

As in prior years, **Gina and Tom Crisp** have graciously agreed to host this year's picnic (April 27; note the date change) at their beautiful ranch. For their generosity, I would like to thank Gina and Tom in the name of the Club. The meat to be provided by the Club will be "weisse Bratwuerste", which will be purchased from the butcher in Phoenix. As always, the Club will also provide wine, beer, soft drinks and water. Members please bring a side dish to share. Please make sure you contact Jean Brett if you are planning to attend so the proper quantity of food and drinks can be purchased. Please, bring your own plates and cutlery as well as tables and chairs (if you have them). Gina and Tom cannot accommodate all members with those items. Also, as with Leberkaese, members who want some of these brats for their home use will be able to order them through Hartmut. Detailed information about purchase of brats for home use is on page 3 of this Newsletter.

The annual recognition dinner of the Board, scheduled for May 24, will be at El Corral on River Road. All of the board members and their significant others will be guests of the Club. Any other member or guest who wants to accompany the Board to the restaurant is more than welcome to join the group. Members and guests who want to attend this outing will be able to select their dinner from a list of five entrees (Prime Rib, BBQ Ribs, Filet Mignon, Chicken, and Salmon). All attendees must contact Wendell (299-8683) no later than 05/17 with their dinner choice to enable me to make the proper reservations.

The results of the recently submitted surveys indicate that most members who responded want the Club to arrange for more day trips. The Board is, therefore, planning an afternoon trip to Angelika's German Imports in Sierra Vista on May 14, 2014. Members and guests who want to participate will meet at the Fry's parking lot at Golf Links and Kolb and carpool to Sierra Vista. All members and guests who want to join us on this trip must let me know no later than May 7 to enable me to give Angelika a head count so she can plan for our group.

In conclusion, I want to, again, thank everyone for their vote of confidence and to ask for your continued support to ensure that we can enjoy German traditions and mingling with friends for many years to come.

I look forward to seeing you at the Blumentanz on Saturday, April 5.

Wendell Heckeke, President

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Upcoming Club Activities

April 5, 5 pm, Hawaiian Blumentanz, Ken Novak, pork roast
 April 9, 7 pm, Board meeting
 April 16, 6 pm, Membership meeting
 April 27, 2 pm, picnic at Crisp's ranch, 4231 S. Pauline Lane
 May 14, 11 am, Meet for trip to Angelika's, Sierra Vista
 May 24, 6 pm, Board Recognition Dinner at El Corral, River Road and Campbell
 June 4, 7 pm, Special Planning Meeting for Oktfest
 June 14, 6 pm, Stammtisch Get-together, TBD
 July 12, 8:30 am, Membership Breakfast, The Good Egg, NE corner Grant and Swan



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

Cynthia Cooper	02
Erna Hecke	09
Aiga Loeffler	14
Ronald Brauner	18
Anne Esborn	18
Josephine Boehm	19
Sulfa Brauner	20
Gabriella Becker	25
Elizabeth Minarik	26

Also to members celebrating in **May**



Erika Eckhardt	02
Gisela Ohlig	06
Marshall Nichols	12
Jerry Mullins	16
Christa Schrubbe	17
Filiberto Baca	22
Wendell Hecke	24
Evelyn Kubis	27
Marie Ortenreiter	27
Marlene Hilligoss	28

Picnic

April 27 is the date for our annual picnic at the Crisp ranch. It will start at 2:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share, your own dishes and cutlery and tables and chairs, if you have them. White bratwurst and drinks will be furnished. We need to know approximately how many brats to buy so please call Jean by April 13 at 546-6663 if you have not already signed up. Come on out to the picnic and enjoy a little Gemütlichkeit with all your friends at the Club. There is no charge for members and their minor children; guest children under 12 pay \$5.00 and over age 12 is \$10.00. The Crisp ranch address is 4231 South Pauline Lane. Directions are: From Golf Links, go south on Harrison, over the Pantano Wash and turn left on Millmar, left again on Pauline Lane. Drive past the house on the right at the end of the road where you'll find plenty of parking in the rear. Please check in with Aggie May on your arrival to get your name tag. We ask that you please not start eating until the brats are done.



Member News

Thinking of you as you face your health challenges: **Phil Baca, Louis Dauernheim, John Lesko, Shirley Springborn, Greg Wack, Loretta Unger and Carl Unger.**

We look forward to seeing all these members at our annual picnic.

Sincere condolences to **Marie and Josef Ortenreiter** on the passing of Marie's brother in Germany. May he rest in peace.



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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 “Frühlingstanz”.

Jean Brett	Waltraut & Hartmut Hausler
Richard Hoppe	Nelly Hobrath
Aggie May	Jerry Mullins
Darlene Rietz	Josef Ortenreiter
Roger & Gerda Taylor	Bernie Schulz
Doris Wack	Doug Van Dorpe
Charlotte Griffin	Olga Claassen
Sonja Papoutsis	Christa Schrubbe
Gina Crisp	Stefan Weiss
Gisela & Frank Ohlig	Frank Hastings
Eleanor Volz	Friedl Amsden
Trudy Dauernheim	

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 thank you in the name of the Club for your commitment.

The storage area of the Club was in such disarray that the management of the FOP requested it be cleaned up. A group of members volunteered to help with the task. I would like to convey a very special “Thank You” to the following members who worked for several hours to straighten out the storage area.

Richard Hoppe Roger Taylor Sonja Papoutsis Gina Crisp Tom Crisp Mike Kud-Kudjaroff	Hartmut Hausler Nelly Hobrath Jerry Mullins Erna Heckeke Gerd Weber Hermann Kron
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Again, “Thanks” to all for helping with the cleanup and a special “Thanks” to **Richard Hoppe** for providing food and drinks to the volunteers. By the way, the storage area looks great; my hope is that it will stay that way.

Information for buying brats for home use

The decision was made to serve “weisse Bratwuerste” at this year’s picnic at the Crisp Ranch. The price of these brats from the Phoenix butcher varies by the quantity we purchase, but is about half of what we would pay here in Tucson. The Board has agreed to give the members an opportunity to buy some for home use just like last year. The weight of the brats is approximately 1/4 pound each and costs about \$1.00 per sausage. The final price will be determined once the brats have been bought, but will probably be a little less than \$4.00 per pound. The deadline for contacting Hartmut at 299-5262 to place an order is no later than April 16. Arrangements must be made to pick up the orders at the FOP on April 25 at 4:00 PM. Hartmut will accept orders for the brats in five pound increments (i.e., 5, 10, 15, etc.). The orders must be paid at the time of the pickup, either with cash or a check made payable to Hartmut Hausler. Please contact Hartmut or Wendell for any questions.



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Happy Mother's Day on May 11



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