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By: Darlene Rietz

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President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
(Dear Members and Friends)



GACT, we have a problem.

After informing all members in the last two newsletters that a reservation for attending the annual picnic at the Crisp Ranch must be made with Jean Brett by April 13 (or sooner), a total of 51 persons made reservations and some of those made reservations literally the day before the picnic. The actual number of attendees was 75. It is almost impossible to plan a gathering when almost 50% more persons show up than was planned for; the cooks actually had to limit the food until everyone had at least one sausage before hungrier persons could have more food. After discussing this issue with some board members, it was decided that, in the future, persons who didn't reserve a spot for dinner at a dance or picnic would not be served until all of the "reserved spots" had eaten. Please understand the need to implement this change!

At the membership meeting on January 15, the members expressed their desire to start the meetings earlier and voted to start all of them at 6:00 pm. The number of persons attending the membership meeting on April 16 was 11 (not enough to make the Club run smoothly); all but two were board members. The attendees at this meeting reversed the starting times for the membership meetings to the original starting times; meetings with food start at 6:30 pm, meetings without food start at 7:00 pm.

Attendance at the Blumentanz on April 5 was quite low (49 members and 39 guests). Also, the Polynesian Dancers were not nearly as well received as last year. This was a completely different group than last year except for one person. Their performance was too long, too much talk, and not enough dancing. We will not have the same entertainment for the April dance next year.

The picnic on Sunday, April 27, at Gina and Tom Crisp's ranch was attended by 75 persons and was very successful (except for the reservation thing mentioned above); even the weather was perfect and everyone appeared to have a great time. The sausages were

excellent (thanks Bernie and Hermann for cooking) as were all of the side dishes brought by the members. Again, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions and a special "Thank You" to Gina and Tom Crisp for their generosity for the use of their beautiful ranch.

The Stammtisch outing on Wednesday, May 14, to Angelika's German Imports in Sierra Vista was attended by 36 members and guests. It was a great way for friends to get together, to chat, and get to know each other a little better.

The annual recognition dinner was held at El Corral restaurant on River Road on Saturday, May 24, and was attended by all of the Board of Directors and most Alternate Directors, the directors' significant others and 8 additional members. This get together gave me the opportunity to thank all members of the Board, their spouses, and all members who actively support all of the Club's activities. Again, a big "Thank You" for all of your contributions.

Our next annual Stammtisch outing will be on Saturday, June 14, at 6:00 pm at the Cheesecake Factory at 60 West Wetmore Road (by Tucson Mall). Please contact Wendell (299-8683) on or before June 8 if you wish to join the 20 persons already signed up for this event.

The membership breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m. at The Good Egg (NE corner of Grant and Swan). Please mark your calendar if you are planning to attend.

Several members expressed interest in a trip to a local casino. The Board decided to arrange for a get together at the Casino del Sol, 5655 West Valencia Road, Tucson, on Wednesday, August 6, at 11:00 am.

In conclusion, I want to wish everyone a pleasant and safe summer. I look forward to seeing all of you at the beginning of the next season.

Wendell Hecke, President

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Upcoming Club Activities

June 4, 7 pm, Special planning meeting for Oktoberfest

June 14, 6 pm, Stammtisch Get-together at Cheesecake Factory, behind Tucson Mall

July 12, 8:30 am, Membership Breakfast, The Good Egg, NE corner Grant and Swan

Aug. 6, 11:00 am, trip to Casino del Sol, 5655 W.

Valencia Rd., Tucson (not a Club sponsored event)

Sep. 3, 7 pm, Board meeting

Sep. 17, 6:30 pm, Membership meeting - **Potluck-Ham**

Sep. 27, 5:30 pm, **Oktoberfest Dance** - **Ken Novak**

Oct. 1, 7 pm, Board meeting

Oct. 15, 6:30 pm, Membership meeting-**Pizza night**

Oct. 18, 6 pm, Stammtisch, TBD

Nov. 1, 5:30 pm, **Erntedankfest** Tanz- Peter Kron

Nov. 5, 7 pm, Board meeting, plan Christmas party

Nov. 19, 6:30 pm, Membership meeting-**Potluck**

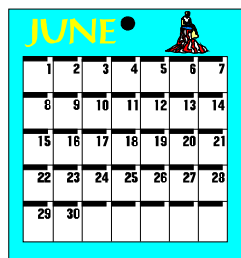
Turkey

Dec. 3, 7 pm, Special board meeting to plan Faschingstanz

Dec. 6, 6 pm, **Gaslight Theater Christmas Show**

Dec. 14, 4 pm, Christmas party, O'Club

Dec.31, TBA, New Year's Party - Not a Club sponsored function



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

Werner Hueppe	03
John Hobrath	06
Elfriede Nichols	06
Arno Tepper	11
Elfriede Amsden	12
Trudy Dauernheim	20
Mickey Griffin	21
Guillermo Teran	25
Ilsa Teran	25
Michael Kud-Kudijaroff	26
Sonja Papoutsis	27

Also congratulations to those members celebrating birthdays in **July**



Hermann Kron	03
Don Vogel	07
Loretta Unger	13
Aggie May	18
Meredith (Mert) Harshman	21
Richard Hoppe	21



And also a very happy birthday to members celebrating in **August**

Luise Hastings	03
Jean Brett	11
Mike Bevz	17
Louis Dauernheim	19
Don Amsden	21
Ingrid Van Dorpe	21
Helga Ortlinghaus	25

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.**



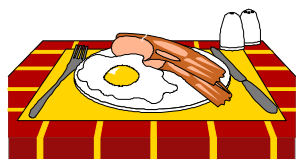


Sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Hans and Erika Eckhardt**. Erika passed on April 3 and, sadly, Hans joined his wife in heaven on May 26. Auf

wiedersehen, Erika and Hans. May you both rest in peace.

Stammtisch

The Club has reserved a location for our annual Stammtisch at 6 pm on June 14 at the Cheesecake Factory, behind the Tucson Mall. If you are planning to go, please call Wendell at 299-8683 no later than June 8.



Our **annual breakfast** will be July 12 at 8:30 am at The Good Egg, NE corner of Grant and Swan. All members are welcome.

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 "Blumentanz".

Erna Hecke	Frank Hastings
Richard Hoppe	Waltraut & Hartmut Hausler
Inge & Arno Tepper	Nelly & John Hobrath
Darlene Rietz	Jerry Mullins
Roger & Gerda Taylor	Maria & Josef Ortenreiter
Doris Wack	Bernie Schulz
Sonja Papoutsis	Ingrid & Doug Van Dorpe
Sulfa Brauner	Christa Schrubbe
Anna Graves	Gina & Tom Crisp
Olga Claassen	Lilian Kling
Stefan Weiss	Trudy Dauernheim
Ingrid & Hermann Kron	

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.

A Father's Day Blessing

For all your wise and caring ways, your guiding hand, your words of praise, for teaching by the way you live that love is measured by what you give - You're treasured in a very special way. May the blessing and love of our Heavenly Father be yours in abundance this Father's Day and always!

Happy Father's Day to all Dads, Granddads and Great Granddads on June 15.



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- on JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY.



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