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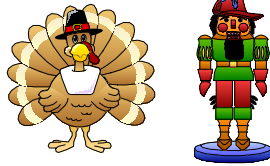
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By: Darlene Rietz

November/December 2014

President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und
Freunde

Dear Members and Friends

The annual Erntedankfest was, by all metrics, a hit with all the attendees in no small part thanks to the great music by Peter Kron. The attendance at the event was low (51 members and 16 guests); however, the attendees seemed to truly enjoy Peter's performance. Several attendees commented we should engage Peter more often. I hope we can do just that after Peter and his family move to Tucson permanently.

As always, Bernie Schulz did an excellent job of preparing the food for the dance. A big "Thank You" to Bernie and all the persons who contributed to the success of the Erntedankfest.

As most of our members know, the Club purchases food for the number of persons who reserve a meal plus a few extras for walk-ins, such as guests who do not know the procedure. Please be aware that, if you reserve a meal and decide not to eat, the Club winds up with excess food. At the Erntedankfest we had five attendees who reserved a meal, but chose not to eat and five no-shows. Please remember to clean up after yourselves at the end of the dance.

The last membership meeting of the year on November 19 will be our annual Turkey Dinner Potluck. Please plan to attend! We will be discussing the Christmas party at the DMAFB and answer any questions you might have.

The recent survey about club activities showed that the top desired activity is daytrips. Several of our members have gone on such daytrips organized by "On the Road Again for You, LLC". Anyone interested in participating in one of these daytrips, please contact Fran at 520-490-3709 for any information. You might want to let other members know about your plans - the more attendees the better. Please be aware that these trips are not sponsored by the Club and are not covered by the Club's insurance.

IMPORTANT: Anyone planning to attend the annual Christmas Party on December 14 needs to read

the "Important Information about the GACT Christmas Party" notice in this newsletter. Regretfully, there cannot be any exceptions. If you would like to participate in the entertainment at the Christmas party, please contact Hermann Kron, our Christmas Party organizer. He is always looking for volunteers to read a story or poem or to participate in the singing of Christmas carols.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the November 19 membership meeting.

Wendell Hecke, President

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Upcoming club activities:

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

Potluck- Turkey/gravy

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

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

Jan. 7, 2015, 7 pm, Board meeting

Jan. 21, 7 pm, Membership meeting

Feb. 7, 5:00 pm, Fasching dance - **Norm Siess Band**

Feb. 11, 7 pm, Board meeting

Feb. 18, 6:30 pm, Membership meeting - **Potluck**



Happy birthday to members
celebrating their birthday in
November

William Thompson

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Kati Wilson

09

Margareta Zillgitt

14

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| Heidy Fuhs | 18 |
| Carl Unger | 19 |
| Charlotte Griffin | 28 |

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays in **December**



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| Olga Claassen | 01 |
| John Lesko | 01 |
| Inge Tepper | 02 |
| Mark Coleman | 11 |
| Bill Faust | 11 |
| Frank Hastings | 11 |
| Gerda Taylor | 19 |
| Bob Holdcraft | 23 |
| Lilian Kling | 27 |



The members welcome Syvana Amsden-Elias, the daughter of Don and Friedl Amsden, who joined the Club in October. May she be a long active member.

SICK LIST:

Thinking of these members as they face their health challenges: **Jean Brett, Frank Ohlig, Helen Cannizzo, Louis Dauernheim, Shirley Springborn, Carl Unger and Greg Wack.**



SAD NEWS

My younger sister died in Missouri on October 29. The many expressions of condolence at the Erntedankfest were much appreciated. May she rest in peace.

Darlene Rietz



Sincere condolences to **Marcelina Gorter** on the recent passing of her father.



Our Christmas party will be held at the DM O'Club on Sunday, December 14 beginning at 4:00 p.m. The deadline for reservations is December 1.

Important Information about the Christmas Party!

The requirements for accessing the Air Force Base is virtually the same as in prior years with Doug Van Dorpe collecting the information and fees. Members and their guests who presently DO NOT have access privileges to the base and want Doug to be their sponsor must submit the following information to him:

1. Provide your date of birth
2. Provide your Driver License Number
3. Provide your Social Security number
4. Submit a \$30 check (to the order of GACT, not to Doug) for each member attending the party (\$28 for guests)

This information must be submitted to Doug in a timely manner to ensure he receives it no later than December 1. Requests and fees received after this date will not be honored) at the following address:

Douglas Van Dorpe
3811 N Camino Blanco
Tucson, AZ 85718

Anyone who has a sponsor other than Doug is responsible for ensuring that the pertinent information required for access to the base is submitted to whoever needs it. The fees must still be submitted to Doug by December 1. Anyone who sends the above items to anyone else instead of Doug will NOT be on the access list.

Other changes to the Christmas Party procedure are as follows:

5. Every member MUST submit a check in the amount of \$30.00 per person (for guest fees, please see information shown below) to Doug. As in prior years, \$20.00 of this amount is membership dues for the next year; the other \$10.00 helps to defray the cost of the party expenses.

IMPORTANT: Members who sign up and fail to attend will forfeit their \$30 and guests will forfeit their submitted amount. No exceptions! The Club gets charged approximately \$28 per person for the

number of persons who sign up. Therefore, any persons who sign up early and fail to cancel their attendance within the above-mentioned deadline (Dec. 2) will be penalized and forfeit their payment requiring them to repay their membership for next year.

6. Cost to guests is as follows:
 Adults cost is full price of \$28
 Children 13 and up, full adult price of \$28
 Children 7-12 years \$14
 Children 4-6 years, \$7
 Children 3 and under are free \$0.00
7. A cash bar will be open for two hours (4:30-6:30); however, no drink tickets will be handed out.

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 "Erntedankfest".

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| Erna Hecke | Nelly Hobrath |
| Richard Hoppe | Waltraut & Hartmut Hausler |
| Aggie May | Rosa Harshman |
| Darlene Rietz | Ingrid & Hermann Kron |
| Doris Wack | Bernie Schulz |
| Roger Taylor | Gina & Tom Crisp |
| Don & Friedl Amsden | Syvana Amsden-Elias |
| Charlotte Griffin | Olga Claassen |
| Jerry Mullins | Christa Schrubbe |
| Gisela Ohlig | Frank Hastings |
| Sonja Papoutsis | Josef & Maria Ortenreiter |
| Lilian Kling | |

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 contribution. Thanks again. Wendell Hecke

Warm wishes to all our members and their families for a plentiful and thankful Thanksgiving and a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year. A special prayer for all our military men and women as well.



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