

# German-American Club of Tucson

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## President's Corner

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



The annual Christmas party of the GACT was, as usual, a big success attended by 66 members and 12 guests who enjoyed the excellent food and festive venue. There was a little confusion due to last minute program changes, but, despite that, the program continued quite nicely. The big surprise of the evening was the rendition of "Als der Nikolaus kam" (poem by Erich Kästner) from memory by Marc Coleman in German. "Well Done" Marc. Another big "Thank You" to Doug Van Dorpe for making all the arrangements at the Officers' Club, to Hermann Kron for organizing the Christmas program, to Tom Crisp for bringing his audio equipment, to Inge Larsen for singing several Christmas songs, to Roger Taylor for representing Santa Claus, and to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event. Thanks everyone!

We had several members who reserved a spot at the Christmas party, but did not show up nor did they call to cancel the reservation. Remember, the Club must pay for the meal of no-shows! Therefore, the rules specify that no-shows forfeit their deposit and, in order to remain members, must pay their membership fee again.

The party also provided me with the opportunity to present Shannon Luedke a Certificate of Appreciation to thank her in the name of the Board of Directors for the great job she is doing with the GACT web page. Please, visit the improved web page and find out for yourself how easy it is to navigate it.

The Club's next dance, our annual "Faschingstanz", is on February 7, 2015. Imagine, you can be anything you want to be for one evening so why not dress up in the costume of your dreams and, perhaps, 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 a lot of costumed attendees at the dance in February for more fun and entertainment.

One final reminder - when you change your address, telephone number, or email address, please contact either Aggie, Darlene, or me to let us know of the change to ensure you continue get your Newsletter and we can contact you with important information.

I can hardly believe that the year 2014 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 relatively strong 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 Hecke, President

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Elfriede Aarts

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**FASCHINGS DANCE**



Our Faschings Dance will be on February 7 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, coffee and cake. Reservations deadline for dinner is January 31. 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 6:30 to 10:30 pm. See attached flyer.

**Upcoming club activities:**

- Jan. 7, 7 PM, board meeting
- Jan 21, 7 PM, membership meeting
- Feb. 7, 5:00 PM, Faschings dance - Kassler Rippchen (Norm Siess)
- Feb. 11, 7 PM, board meeting
- Feb. 18, 6:30 PM, membership meeting (potluck - fried chicken)
- March 7, 5:00 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese (Norm Siess)
- March 11, 7 PM, board meeting
- March 25, 6:30 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)
- April 11, 5:00 PM, Boogie-Woogie Night - Pork Roast (60s Garage Band)
- April 15, 7 PM, board meeting
- April 22, 7 PM, membership meeting
- April 25, 2 PM, annual picnic at Crisp Ranch

**REMINDER**

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$20 PER MEMBER ARE DUE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2015. 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.



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

- Helen Cannizzo 02
- Ingrid Kron 02
- Tom Crisp 20
- Anna Graves 20
- Stefan Weiss 20
- Hartmut Hausler 25
- Ross Roberts 25
- Douglas Van Dorpe 27



We're thinking of these members as they face their health challenges: **Jean Brett, Frank Ohlig, Helen Cannizzo, Louis Dauernheim, John Lesko, Shirley Springborn, and Carl Unger.**

We wish a hearty welcome to **Ed and Inge Hocheder**, who joined the Club in January. We hope you will be long, active members.





**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	Mark Coleman
Jean Brett	Hermann & Ingrid Kron
Nelly Hobrath	Erna Heckeke

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 Heckeke

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Milo Loeffler

EIN GUTES NEUES JAHR!!!

