

German-American Club of Tucson



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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 for their continued support and commitment without which the Club could not continue to function. Thanks all!



Erna and I were not able to attend the Fruhlingstanz (we were cruising off the coast of South America), but I understand the attendees enjoyed the dance. However, only a few persons stayed long enough to help with the cleanup of the hall after the dance. Please help with required tasks if you can. A special "Thank You" to **Hartmut Hausler** for picking up the Leberkaese 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 April dance on April 11, the Boogie Woogie Night, the 60's Garage Band will provide the music for dancing. As their name implies, attendees will be treated to tunes from the 50's and 60's so, by all means, dress in jeans and poodle skirts if you still have them.

Members have decided to have another outing to the Casino del Sol, 5655 W. Valencia Road, on May 14 at 12:00 noon. Everyone welcome! Attendees will carpool and meet in the lobby of the main entrance.

As in prior years, **Gina and Tom Crisp** have graciously agreed to host this year's picnic on April 25 at their beautiful ranch. For their generosity, I would like to thank Gina and Tom in the name of the Club. The main dish 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. If you call after the deadline, the Club cannot guarantee that there will be enough food and drink to accommodate you. Also, 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 in last year, 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 2 of this Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at the Boogie Woogie dance on Saturday, April 11.

Wendell Heckeke, President

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Upcoming Club Activities

April 11, 5 pm, BoogieWoogie Blumentanz, 60s Garage Band, pork roast

April 15, 7 pm, Board meeting

April 22, 7 pm, Membership meeting

April 25, 2 pm, picnic at Crisp's ranch, 4231 S. Pauline Lane

May 14, 12 pm, Meet at Casino del Sol Casino

May 23, 6 pm, Board Recognition Dinner at El Corral, River Road and Campbell

June 3, 7 pm, Special Planning Meeting for Oktfest

June 13, 6 pm, Stammtisch Get-together, TBD

July 11, 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 Heckeke	09
Aiga Loeffler	14
Ronald Brauner	18
Anne Esborn	18
Josephine Boehm	19
Sulfa Brauner	20
Gabriella Becker	25
Elizabeth Minarik	26

Picnic

April 25 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 15 at 546-6663 if you have not already signed up. Come on out to the picnic and enjoy a little Gemuetlichkeit 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.



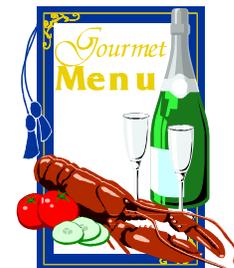
Member News

Thinking of you as you face your health challenges:

Josephine Boehm, Louis Dauernheim, Frank Hastings, Bob Holdcraft, John Lesko, Roger Taylor, and Greg Wack. We look forward to seeing all these members at our annual picnic.



Sincere condolences to **Wendell and Erna Heckeke** and family on the passing of Wendell's sister in Pennsylvania on March 20. May she rest in peace. Also deepest sympathy to friends and family of **Marie and Joseph Ortenreiter** on the sudden passing of Joseph on March 27. Joe just celebrated his 88th birthday and he and Marie have been married 65 years. Auf wiedersehen, Joseph. May you rest in peace.



Recognition Dinner at El Corral

The annual recognition dinner of the Board, scheduled for May 23, will be at El Corral on River Road. All 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 the regular menu or, if preferred, from a special banquet menu. All attendees must contact Wendell (299-8683) no later than 05/16 to enable me to make the proper reservations.

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 \$1.25 per sausage. The final price will be determined once the brats have been bought, but will probably be about \$4.90 per pound. The deadline for contacting Hartmut at 299-5262 to place an order is no later than April 15. Arrangements must be made to pick up the orders at the FOP on April 24 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.

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 "Fruhlingstanz".

Richard Hoppe	Nelly Hobrath
Aggie May	Jerry Mullins
Darlene Rietz	Bernie Schulz
Doris Wack	Doug Van Dorpe
Charlotte Griffin	Olga Claassen
Sonja Papoutsis	Christa Schrubbe
Gisela & Frank Ohlig	Hermann & Ingrid Kron
Jean Brett	Inge Tepper
Werner Hueppe	Don & Friedl Amsden

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.



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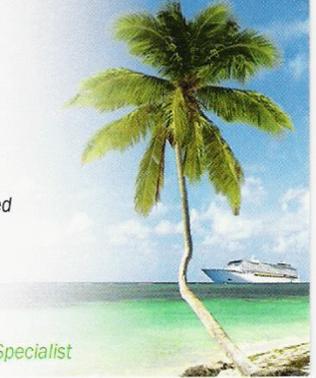
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Happy Easter on April 5



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