

German-American Club of Tucson

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Nachrichten

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By: Darlene Rietz

January 2016

President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends

The annual Christmas party of the GACT was, as usual, a big success attended by 61 members and 10 guests who enjoyed the excellent food and festive venue. A 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 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 one of the board members to inform them that one of the family members was sick. Remember, the Club must pay for the meal of no-shows! Therefore, the new rules specify that no-shows, who have not contacted a board member to inform them of an illness, forfeit their deposit and, in order to remain members, must pay their membership fee again. The old rule made no exception for illness! More about this new rule in the next Newsletter!

The Club's next dance, our annual "Faschingstanz", is on February 6, 2016. 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. The rules for the prizes are changing: all costumes will march at the same time (not male, female, and couples) and the best four costumes will win a monetary prize. 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 Darlene, or me to let us know of the change to ensure you continue to get your Newsletter and we can contact you with important information.

I can hardly believe that the year 2015 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, albeit smaller, club. 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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| Aggie May | 1 yr | 885-7964 |

Upcoming club activities:

- Jan. 6, 7 PM, board meeting
- Jan 20, 7 PM, membership meeting
- Feb. 6, 5:00 PM, Faschings dance - Kassler Rippchen (Norm Siess)
- Feb. 10, 7 PM, board meeting
- Feb. 17, 6:30 PM, membership meeting (potluck - fried chicken)
- March 5, 5:00 PM, Frühlingstanz - Leberkaese (Norm Siess)
- March 9, 7 PM, board meeting
- March 16, 6:30 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)
- April 6, 7 PM, board meeting
- April 16, 5:00 PM, GACT 50th Anniversary Ball, Savoy Opera House - Peter Kron
- April 20, 7 PM, membership meeting
- May 7, 2 PM, TBD, annual picnic



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.

REMINDER

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$20 PER MEMBER ARE DUE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2016. 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**

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| Tauheed Chaudhry | 01 |
| Ingrid Kron | 02 |
| Tom Crisp | 20 |
| Anna Graves | 20 |
| Hartmut Hausler | 25 |
| Ross Roberts | 25 |
| Douglas Van Dorpe | 27 |
| Elfriede Aarts | 31 |

FASCHINGS DANCE

Our Faschings Dance will be on February 6 at the FOP at 3445 North Dodge Blvd. We will have prizes for the best four costumes - no male, female or 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 2016 is \$6.00;



Thinking of you as you face your health challenges: **Phil Baca, Mike Bevz, Josephine Boehm, Frank Hastings, John Lesko, Aggie May, and Olga Streyar.** Please inform a board member of any members that are ill.



Thanks to all the German Club members for the donation to Fountain of Life Church and the heartfelt condolences to me and my family upon the death of my husband Louis. Thank you! Trudy Dauernheim



Thank you to my anonymous benefactor who sent me belated birthday greetings and a gift card in appreciation of my contribution to the Club. Bernie Schulz

A January Poem

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house nothing would fit me, not even a blouse. The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd tasted at the holiday parties had gone to my waist. When I got on the scale there arose such a number! When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber), I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared, the gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared, the wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese, and the way that I'd not said "No, thank you, please." As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt, I said to myself, as I only can, "You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!" So away with the last of the sour cream dip. Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip. Every last bit of food that I like must be banished, 'til all the additional ounces have vanished. I won't have a cookie, not even a lick. I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick. I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread or pie, I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry. I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore, but isn't that just what January's for? Unable to giggle, no longer a riot. HAPPY NEW YEAR to all and to all a good diet!



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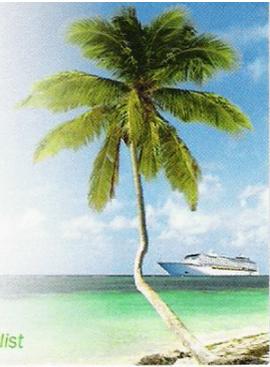
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