

German-American Club of Tucson



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By: Darlene Rietz

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President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends



The attendance of members to the GACT's Oktoberfest on 9/24 was somewhat underwhelming (35 members) and, as at several previous dances, without the guests (33 guests) the hall would have looked a bit deserted. However, we did manage to sell a total of 56 meals resulting in a small profit for the Club. While the attendance was somewhat low, the attendees seemed to enjoy the food, the music and especially the entertainment. A big "Thank You" to Bernie Schulz and Hermann Kron for the great meal and to all the dedicated volunteers who donated their time to the club to ensure the dance is a success. Also, many thanks to Bill Faust and his folkdance group for their performance. The "Schuhplattlers" are always a favorite entertainment of the Oktoberfest attendees. This year was especially enjoyable with 16 dancers performing at the same time. Well done Karen and Bill Faust and the whole folkdance Group.

The Board is arranging a Stammtisch get-together at the Claim Jumper Restaurant at 3751 Broadway for 10/15/2016 at 6:00pm. The last dinner at the Claim Jumper was enjoyed by all attendees so it was decided to repeat the outing. Call Wendell at 299-8683 by 10/09 if you want to attend.

Our next dance is the "Erntedankfest" on November 5. The dance is "western" themed so, if you feel like dressing up, wear your cowboy or cowgirl outfit for some extra fun. The music will be provided by the Garage Band; they play a lot of 50's and 60's music so I am sorry that I will miss out on some of that eras dancing since we are on a cruise.

Our annual Christmas party will be on Saturday, 12/10/16. The deadline for submitting the required fees to Doug van Dorpe is 11/30/2016. All procedures for attending the Christmas Party are the same as in prior years. Please see the detailed instructions for the Christmas Party elsewhere in the Newsletter.

As previously announced, the Board decided to make some changes to the Christmas party. We are planning to have fewer songs, poems, and stories and have a Christmas present exchange instead.

Christmas present exchange rules are as follows:

1. Anyone interested in participating (it's strictly voluntary) brings a nice, gender neutral but can be humorous, present to the party. It must be gift wrapped!
2. The value of the present must be between \$15.00 and \$20.00.
3. Every present is marked with a number and every presenter draws a (hopefully different) number from a container.
4. When Santa calls the number you drew, you will get the present with that number.
5. Every recipient of a present takes it to the table and opens it so all attendees can see it.

Wendell Heckeke, President

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Munich's Oktoberfest "Wiesn" History, Traditions and Party



This year marks the 178 Oktoberfest in Muenchen (Munich). Munich's Oktoberfest is one of the biggest folk fairs in Europe. On October 12, 1810 the site on which it is held was the venue for a large horse race held to celebrate the marriage of Crown Prince Luitpold, later King Ludwig of Bavaria, and Princess Therese von Saxe Hildburghausen. A few years later it became the venue for the annual Oktoberfest. The festival usually starts the last two weeks in September and ends the first week in October. Approximately 7-8 million people from around the world will crowd the huge tents and last year's record of beer consumption during the 16 days was seven million Mass (1 liter) Beer. The food served are grilled whole Chicken, Brats, Sauerkraut, Gulasch, Schweinebraten mit Knoedel, Schweinshaxn, The super-size Pretzels and the large beautifully decorated Lebkuchen Hearts on a ribbon are a favorite especially among lovers and kids to hang around their necks. The tents have "oompah-pa" bands and also modern bands for the younger crowd. Of course, there are many goody booths offering souvenirs, etc., rides, shooting galleries and much more.

On the first Oktoberfest weekend, there is an annual mile long parade of all the different German ethnic groups dressed in their old-time traditional costumes and marching bands. Traditionally, the opening always starts on a Saturday at 12 o'clock noon by the major of Munich tapping the first barrel of beer shouting "O'zapft is!" No beer can be served at the Oktoberfest before this ceremony has been performed. You haven't lived until you personally experience the unbelievable "Stimmung" (atmosphere) in these tents. I know because I am a real "Muenchner Kindl."

By Erna Hecke

Upcoming Club Activities

- Oct. 5, 7 pm, Board meeting
- Oct. 15, 6:00 pm, Stammtisch, Claim Jumper
- Oct 19, 6:30 pm, Membershp Meeting - Pizza Night
- Nov. 5, 5:00 pm, **Erntedankfest** Doug Higgins Garage Band - Western BBQ
- Nov. 9, 7 pm, Board meeting, plan Christmas party



Dec. 10, 4 pm, Christmas party, DM O'Club
 Dec. 14, 7 pm, Special board meeting to plan Faschingstanz



Congratulations to those members celebrating birthdays in October

Shirley Springborn	03
Gisela Tassler	06
Frank Ohlig	25
Inge Hocheder	30

ERNTE-DANK-FEST (Harvest Dance)



Be sure to mark your calendar for our Club's Erntedankfest western-themed dance on November 5 at the FOP. Doors will be open at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served by club members from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Meal will be barbecue beef on a roll with pickle, cowboy beans, salad, cake and coffee for \$7.00. Cake and coffee only, \$2.00. Doug Higgins Garage Band will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. See attached flyer. Wear your western duds and bring your friends for a fun evening.



The Club is happy to welcome three new members: David Petersen, who hails from Akron, OH, and his wife Brigitte, who was born in Hermeskeil, Germany. Also welcome to Leo Elbert who is coming to us from Spokane, WA.

Thinking of these members as they face their health challenges: **Jean Brett, Anna and Mike Bevz, Josephine Boehm, Walt Kubis, John Lesko, Aggie May, Olga Streyar, Arno Tepper and Don Vogel.**



Sincere condolences to **Heidy Fuhs** and her friends on the passing of her life partner/companion **Joe Britt** on August 30 and sincere sympathy to friends of **Joe Ramirez** who passed in August. Joe and his wife, Addie, owned the Hofbrau Haus for some years. Auf wiedersehen, gentlemen. May you rest in peace.

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 "Oktoberfest":

Erna Hecke Nelly Hobrath Richard Hoppe Darlene Rietz Bernie Schulz Roger & Gerda Taylor Christa Schrubbe Olga Claassen Leo Elbert Doug Van Dorpe	Waltraut & Hartmut Hausler Ingrid & Hermann Kron Sonja & John Papoutsis Trudy Dauernheim Werner Hueppe Gerd Weber Gabriella Becker Karen & Bill Faust Anne Esborn
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I realize that several other members may have made contributions as well 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 Hecke





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