



German-American Club of Tucson

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Nachrichten

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By: Darlene Rietz

November/December 2016

President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends



For the annual Erntedankfest Hartmut Hausler contracted the always popular Garage Band for the entertainment. Erna and Wendell always look forward to the Garage Band's music; however, this year they were not able to enjoy dancing to some of the popular tunes of their youth due to some traveling plans. They hope all the attendees had a great time at the dance. The attendance of members at the Erntedankfest was quite low - 25 members and 6 guests. I realize that several members had travel plans they could not change; however, we should expect to have more than the above number of our 103 members participating in the Club's activities. At the present rate of member participation, we soon will have to consider restructuring our Club to continue to be viable.

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.

The Stammtisch on October 19 at the Claim Jumper Restaurant was well attended - we had 27 members and 4 guests in attendance. Our designated area was a bit noisier than last time, but the food was good and camaraderie was excellent. Perhaps we should plan more Stammtisch outings in the future! Any suggestions?

Our annual Christmas party is on Saturday, December 10. The deadline for submitting the required fees to Doug Van Dorpe is November 28. 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.

IMPORTANT: Anyone planning to attend the annual Christmas Party on December 10 needs to read the "Important Information about the GACT Christmas Party" notice in this newsletter. Regretfully, there cannot be any exceptions to the rules outlined.

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 gift exchange rules are as follows:

1. Anyone interested in participating (it's strictly voluntary) brings a nice, gender neutral, but can be humorous, gift to the party. It must be gift wrapped!
2. The value of the present must be between \$15 and \$20.
3. Every gift is marked with a number and every giver 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 gift takes to the take and opens it so all attendees can see it.
6. If you are planning to participate in the gift exchange, please advise Hermann Kron that you are planning to participate.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas Party on December 10.

Hermann Kron, Vice President

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Upcoming club activities:

Nov. 9, 7 pm, Board meeting to plan Christmas party

Dec. 10, 4 pm, Christmas party, DM O'Club

Jan. 4, 2017, 7 pm, Board meeting

Jan. 18, 7 pm, Membership meeting, Pizza Night

Feb. 4, 5:00 pm, Fasching dance - **Norm Siess Band, Kassler Rippchen**

Feb. 8, 7 pm, Board meeting

Feb. 15, 6:30 pm, Membership meeting - **Potluck, Chicken**





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

Kati Hecke	09
Heidy Fuhs	18
Mahlon Kriebel	18
Monika Kriebel	18

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays in **December**



Olga Claassen	01
John Lesko	01
Inge Tepper	02
Bill Faust	11
Gerda Taylor	19
Lilian Kling	27
Rosa Harshman	28



The members welcome **Jean Corona and Larry McGarry**, who joined the Club in October.

May they be long active members.

SICK LIST:

Thinking of these members as they face their health challenges: **Don Amsden, Anna and Mike Bevez, Jean Brett, Josephine Boehm, John Lesko, Aggie May, Frank Ohlig, Olga Streyar, Arno Tepper, Don Vogel, and Greg Wack.** Also, wishing a speedy recovery to **Tom Crisp**, who will have a total knee replacement on December 6.



Our Christmas party will be held at the DM O'Club on Saturday, December 10 beginning at 4:00 p.m. The deadline for reservations is November 28.

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 (payable to the order of GACT, **NOT to Doug**) for each adult member and guest attending the party. For admission for children, see the information shown below.

This information must be submitted to Doug in a timely manner to ensure he receives it no later than November 28. Requests and fees received after this date will not be honored.

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 November 28.

Christmas Party procedure are as follows:

1. Every attending 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 \$10 (but NOT their membership fee) as long as someone contacts a board member of their inability to attend, 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 (Nov. 28) will be penalized and forfeit their \$10 payment for the Christmas Party.

2. Cost to guests is as follows:
 - Adults cost is full price of \$30;
 - Children 13 and up, full adult price of \$30;
 - Children 7-12 years \$15;
 - Children 4-6 years, \$7.50;
 - Children 3 and under are free.
3. 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.

Richard Hoppe	Nelly Hobrath
Darlene Rietz	Ingrid & Hermann Kron
Jerry Mullins	Bernie Schulz
Sonja Papoutsis	Christa Schrubbe
Doug Van Dorpe	Anne Esborn
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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.
Hermann Kron

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.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr



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