



# 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 by electing me president of the GACT for the 9<sup>th</sup> time. Also, a hearty "Thank You" to all the board members for their continued commitment to the Club without which it could not continue to exist. Thanks all!

For this year's Frühlingsstanz the attendance was average (we need more members supporting activities), but the attendees seemed to enjoy the good food (thanks Bernie and Hermann) and the music by Norm Siess. Unfortunately, this dance was the last time Norm played for us; he is retiring after 31 years. The GACT thanked Norm for his many years of providing excellent music for the Club and surprised him with a "Thank You" card, a "Certificate of Appreciation" and a gift. Thank you Norm! You will be missed.

By the way, we do have an excellent replacement for Norm Siess – Peter Kron, an excellent musician who has an extensive repertoire of German and American music, will play most of our dances starting in fall.

Our April dance is usually one of our less attended festivities so I was pleasantly surprised to see 42 members and 14 guests enjoying the Senior Sock Hop. Thanks to the many volunteers offering to help with the preparations, the "Kalte Platte" lunch plates looked very appetizing so it was not surprising that 50 lunches were purchased. It is interesting to note that a number of attendees did not like some of the ingredients, such as the blood sausage, only to tell me after the meal that it was quite tasty and they wanted to know where it could be purchased for home use. Also, a lot of attendees stayed to the end of the dance because it was still light outside when everyone left. Since I consider the Senior Sock Hop to have been successful, I will ask the board members to consider making it an annual event.

As in prior years, Gina and Tom Crisp have graciously agreed to host this year's picnic on **Sunday, April 23**, 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 Johnsonville Brats. 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 Anne Esborn (477-7447) no later than April 17 if you plan to attend so the proper quantity of food and drinks can be purchased. If you call after the deadline, the Club cannot guarantee 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.

Several members have expressed interest in another day trip so the board planned a carpool trip to the Willcox Wine Festival on Saturday, May 20. The festival starts at 11:00 am and lasts until 5:00 pm. The members and guests who want to participate will meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot at Fry's at Golf Links and Kolb (7050 E. Golf Links) and carpool to Willcox. The plan is to have dinner at a restaurant of the attendees' choice after closing of the festival. Please contact me if you want to participate.

The annual recognition dinner will be held on **Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 pm, at the El Corral restaurant at 2201 W. River Road**. This outing gives me and all other members a chance to thank the members of the Board and their significant others for their efforts and dedication to keep the Club running smoothly. As always, all members and their guests are welcome to join the Board for this dinner. Anyone wanting to attend, please contact Wendell at 299-8683 no later than May 14 to be added to the list to ensure a proper size room can be reserved.

Our next Stammtisch will be on Saturday, **June 10 at 6:00 pm**, at the Outback Restaurant at Swan and Grant Roads (4871 E. Grant Road). Please contact me on or before June 3 if you wish to participate in this Stammtisch get-together.

In conclusion, I want to wish everyone a pleasant and safe summer. I look forward to seeing many of you

at the several of the Club's planned outings and, hopefully, all of you at the beginning of next season.

Wendell Heckeke, President

**Upcoming Club Activities**



- April 5, 7 PM, board meeting
- April 23, 2 PM, annual picnic, Crisp Ranch
- May 20, Willcox Wine Festival, meet at Fry's parking lot, 7050 E. Golf Links, to carpool
- May 21, 6 PM, Recognition Dinner, El Corral, 2201 W. River Road
- June 10, 6 PM, Stammtisch, Outback, 4871 E. Grant Road
- July 8, 8:30 AM, Membership breakfast, First Watch, Grant & Swan Roads
- Sept. 6, 7 PM, board meeting
- Sept. 20, 6:30 PM, Membership Meeting, Potluck – Ham
- Oct. 7, 5 PM, Oktoberfest, Peter Kron, Bratwurst
- Oct. 11, 7 PM, board meeting
- Oct. 14, 6 PM, Stammtisch, TBD
- Oct. 18, 6:30 PM, Membership meeting, Pizza
- Nov. 4, 5 PM, Erntedankfest, Peter Kron, Rouladen, Red Cabbage & Spätzle
- Nov. 8, 7 PM, board meeting
- Dec. 9, 4 PM, Christmas party, Officers' Club
- Dec. 13, 7 PM, board meeting

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Happy birthday to members celebrating a birthday in **April**

Cynthia Cooper	02
Rita McFarlin	04
Erna Heckeke	09
Aiga Loeffler	14
Ronald Brauner	18
Anne Esborn	18
Josephine Boehm	19
Sulfa Brauner	20
David Petersen	22
Gabriella Becker	25
Elizabeth Minarik	26

Also to members celebrating in **May**



Gisela Ohlig	06
Marshall Nichols	12
Jerry Mullins	16
Christa Schrubbe	17
Tom Wulff	17
Inge Larsen	20
Wendell Heckeke	24
Evelyn Kubis	27
Marie Ortenreiter	27
Marlene Hilligoss	28

The Club wishes to welcome **Erika Geyer**, who joined the Club in March. She was born in Nurnberg, Germany. Say hello next time you see her.



Thinking of you as you face your health challenges: **Don Amsden, Anna and Mike Bevez, Walt Kubis, Frank Ohlig, Shirley Springborn and Arno Tepper**. Please inform a board member of any members who are

ill.

Our annual picnic will be at the Crisp Ranch on Sunday, April 23 at 2 pm. The Club will be furnishing brats, beer, water, wine and sodas.



Please bring a dish to share, your own table service, silverware and chairs, as well as a table if you have one. Attendance is free for members and children of members, but guests over 12 will pay a nominal fee of \$10.00. Guest children under age 6 will be free and from age 6-12 will pay \$5.00. Please call Anne Esborn at 477-7447 by April 17 to be placed on the attendance list if you are planning to attend. We need to know how many members and guests are attending so the proper quantity of food and drinks should be purchased.

**Senior Sock Hop**

Erna Hecke	Richard Hoppe
Darlene Rietz	Inge Larsen
Sonja & John Papoutsis	Anna Graves
Gina & Tom Crisp	Lucille & Earl Webb
Larry McGarry	Rod Cathardt
Roger & Gerda Taylor	Jean Brett
Hartmut Hausler	Nelly Hobrath
Hermann & Ingrid Kron	Bernie Schulz
Doug Van Dorpe	Olga & Leo Elbert
Christa Schrubbe	Lilian Kling
Trudy Dauernheim	Elfriede Aarts
Heidy Fuhs	

I realize that several other members also 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.

Wendell Hecke



**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 for our last two dances:

**Fruehlingstanz**

Erna Hecke	Richard Hoppe
Darlene Rietz	Gerd Weber
Sonja Papoutsis	Anna Graves
Gina & Tom Crisp	Rosa & Mert Harshman
Lucille & Earl Webb	Larry McGarry
Liane Gregg	Gisela & Frank Ohlig
Waltraut Hausler	Hartmut Hausler
Nelly Hobrath	Hermann & Ingrid Kron
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 (Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)

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