



German-American Club of Tucson

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President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,



The attendance of members at this year's

Frühlingstanz was somewhat higher than last year at 55; however, we had considerably less guests – only six (last year 49 members and 18 guests). The lower attendance did not impact the diners' enjoyment of their meals of Leberkäse and customary side dishes so ably prepared by Bernie Schulz, Hartmut Hausler, and several other members who contributed to the effort. The venue was also very nicely decorated due to the efforts of our Event Coordinators Erna Hecke, Sonja Papoutsis, and Mariza Kron. A big "Thank You" to the cooks, event coordinators, and all their helpers and members who contributed to the success of the event. Of course, Peter Kron did his usual best to entertain the attendees.

The rendition of the "Schnitzelbank" was met with chuckles repeatedly but probably primarily due to "Wardrobe Malfunctions" afflicting "Professor Allwissend (Know-It-All)" Erna Hecke; her cap seemed to have a mind of its own and wanted to reposition itself on her head.

I do want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to **Green Things and Fry's Food Store** for their generous contributions of flowers to the club, enabling our decorators to make the hall look truly spring-like and festive. A big "Thank You" to **Fry's and Green Things** for the live flowers donated to the German-American Club for the Frühlingstanz (Spring Dance). It was very much appreciated!

The membership meeting on March 20 is "Pizza Night" and is also the meeting where the members will select their choices for the Board of Directors. All Executive Board positions, five Executive Council positions, and up to 6 Alternate Council positions are to be voted on. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and vote for the Club representative of your choice.

To accommodate the members who are uncomfortable driving after dark, the GACT continues

with, what has become an annual event, the afternoon Sock Hop. Since last year's dance was quite successful it was decided to repeat the same format. The Sock Hop will take place in the dance hall at the **Crisp Ranch at 4231 S. Pauline Lane, Tucson, AZ 85730 on April 6**. The attendance tickets for members and guests alike will be only \$ 5.00 per person and the attendees can purchase **only** soft drinks, water, and coffee using the **honor system** (\$1.00 per drink is suggested). If you and your guests want to partake of the offered fare, please contact Wendell (299-8683) by March 30 to reserve a meal. Attendees can bring their own favorite alcoholic beverage to share with their friends. There will be no alcoholic beverage for sale. The music will be provided by CD's using American and German melodies from the Sock Hop era and other favorites.

As in prior years, Gina and Tom Crisp have graciously agreed to host this year's picnic on **Sunday, April 28** 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 "Kirkland 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 Wendell (299-8683) no later than **April 21** if you plan to attend so the proper quantity of food and drink 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.

As you probably know by now, the GACT Board of Directors is exploring the possibility of organizing a **New Year's Party for the GACT Membership** and their friends in the dancehall of the Crisp Ranch. The dinner for the party would be fully catered with the menu decided on by a team. Appetizers for the event would be provided by the organizing team as would the party favors. Music for dancing will be via a DJ (Peter Kron). No alcoholic beverages will be available for sale; however, attendees may bring their own and share it with friends. Water and coffee will be provided by the organizing team. The fee for the party will be in the

range of \$25.00 to \$30.00. If you haven't already done so, please contact Wendell, Renate, or Mariza to let them know you are interested in attending this event.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Sock Hop on April 6 at the beautiful Crisp Ranch.

Wendell Heckeles, President

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The Club wishes to welcome two members, **Gregory and Ulrike Malcolm**, who joined in February. We hope they will be long active members.

Thinking of these members as they face their health challenges:

Diane Burgess, Anna Graves, Mert Harshman, Aiga Loeffler, Jerry Mullins, and Roger Taylor. Please inform a board member of any members that are ill.



Election of the new board on March 20

Even though everyone is busy, I urge all the members to attend the membership meeting on March 20 to elect the new board. We need to ensure a quorum of members to be able to elect the board in a timely manner. Also, please be prepared to submit your input for potential candidates. Anyone can run for any office they choose; let the membership choose who they want on the board.

Upcoming Club Activities

- March 6, 6:30 PM, board meeting
- March 20, 6:30 PM, membership meeting - Pizza (election)
- April 6, 12 noon, Sock Hop, Crisp Ranch, CDs
- April 10, 6:30 PM, board meeting
- April 28, 2 PM, annual picnic, Crisp Ranch
- May 4, 6 PM, Recognition Dinner, El Corral
- June 15, 6 PM, Stammtisch, Claim Jumper
- July 6, 8:30 AM, First Watch Breakfast



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

Vernon Gorter	02
Lucille Webb	02
Emil Loeffler	03
Adolph Fejfar	04
Regina Crisp	09
Monika Hueppe	12
Darlene Rietz	19
Leo Elbert	20
Mariza Kron	20



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 "Frühlingstanz".

Erna Hecke	Hartmut Hausler
Darlene Rietz	Nelly Hobrath
Gerd Weber	Ingrid & Hermann Kron
Sonja Papoutsis	Louie Stroud
Inge Larsen	Bernie Schulz
Gina & Tom Crisp	Doug Van Dorpe
Lucille & Earl Webb	Lilian Kling
Heidy Fuhs	Trudy Dauernheim
Liane Gregg	Gerda Taylor
Erika Geyer	Mariza & Peter Kron
Monika Hill	Marianne & Mike Paris
Waltraut Hausler	Gerald Lachenschmid

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 recognize you in the name of the Club for your commitment. Thanks again.

Wendell Hecke

Our annual picnic will be at the Crisp Ranch on Sunday, April 28 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. We need to know how many brats to buy so please call Wendell (299-8683) by April 21 or sign up on the sign-up sheet which will be circulated at the membership meeting on March 21 so we know how many members and guests are attending.



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