



German-American Club of Tucson

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By: Darlene Rietz

April 2019

President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,



A disappointingly small group of members (19 out of 100) showed up at one of the most important meetings in recent history to vote for the new Board of Directors and to discuss a new venue for future Club activities. While I am honored to be the Club president for the 11th year in a row, I am concerned about the lack of member participation in finding a new venue for our dances – only a handful of members have responded to my email requesting membership input. WE ARE LOSING OUR HALL!

I do want to submit a hearty “Thank You” to all the Board members who have committed to continue serving on the Board; without their dedication our Club could not continue to prosper. It is also my exceptional pleasure to welcome four members who have joined the Board of Directors. **Mariza Kron** has accepted the position of Vice President and **Gisela Aaron, Renate Ramirez,** and **Gerald Lachenschmid** have accepted positions on the Executive Counsel. Please welcome these four members in their new positions.

Sadly, three of our long time Directors have left the Board: **Ingrid Kron, Lucille Webb,** and **Earl Webb** resigned from the Executive Council and **Hermann Kron** resigned from his position as Vice President and accepted an Alternate Council position. All four are making this change due to personal reasons. I thank all four of them for their many years of help on the Board and hope they will continue to be active members of the Club for many years to come.

The Sock Hop on April 6 at the beautiful Crisp ranch (“Thank You” Gina and Tom) was,

by all metrics, a success. The weather was great and the venue, as always, was beautiful. It was a pleasure seeing 60 attendees (47 members and 13 guests) enjoying the “Kalte Platte” lunch so beautifully prepared by Renate Ramirez, Gisela Aaron, Hartmut Hausler, Erna Hecke, Gina Crisp, Sonja Papoutsis, and Trudy Dauernheim. The fruits and little flags on the plates were a nice touch making the meal even more appetizing. “Thank You” all for a great meal. Also, the attendees seemed to enjoy the music and participated in some of the 60’s type dances. After the dance ended, a number of attendees decided to continue socializing with Tom and Gina and the remaining attendees. Erna and I had to attend a birthday party for our grandson so we could not enjoy socializing a little longer.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the winners of the 50-50 raffle – Erna Hecke and Meika Kerner for their generosity in donating their winnings back to the Club. Thanks Ladies!

I consider the Senior Sock Hop to have been a resounding success; we will continue to plan the April dance for the afternoon and, if possible, at the same venue.

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 bratwurst. 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 me - Wendell - at 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.

The annual recognition dinner will be held on Saturday, **May 4 at 6:00 PM**, at the El Corral restaurant on 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 me at the number shown above **no later than April 27** to be added to the list to ensure a proper size room can be reserved.

Our next Stammtisch will be on Saturday, **June 15 at 6:00 PM**, at the Claim Jumper Restaurant at 3761 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716. Please **contact me on or before June 8** if you want 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 several of the Club's planned outings and, hopefully, all of you at the beginning of next season.

Wendell Heckeles, President

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Upcoming Club Activities

- April 10, 6:30 PM, board meeting
- April 28, 2 PM, annual picnic, Crisp Ranch
- May 4, 6 PM, Recognition Dinner, El Corral, 2201 W. River Road



- June 15, 6 PM, Stammtisch, Claim Jumper, 3761 E. Broadway
- July 6, 8:30 AM, Membership breakfast, First Watch, Grant & Swan Roads
- Sept. 4, 6:30 PM, board meeting
- Sept. 18, 6:30 PM, Membership Meeting, Potluck – Ham
- Oct. 5, 5 PM, Oktoberfest, Peter Kron, Bratwurst
- Oct. 9, 6:30 PM, board meeting
- Oct. 16, 6:30 PM, Membership meeting, Pizza
- Oct. 19, 6 PM, Stammtisch, TBD
- Nov. 2, 5 PM, Erntedankfest, Peter Kron, Rouladen, Red Cabbage & Spätzle
- Nov. 6, 6:30 PM, board meeting
- Dec. 6, 4 PM, Christmas party, Officers' Club
- Dec. 31, TBD, New Year's Eve Party, Crisp Ranch



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

Cynthia Cooper	02
Rita McFarlin	04
Erna Heckeles	09
Aiga Loeffler	14
Ronald Brauner	18
Sulfa Brauner	20
Gabriella Becker	25
Elizabeth Minarik	26

The Club wishes to welcome **Gregory and Ulrike Malcolm**, who joined in February. Say hello next time you see them.



Thinking of you as you face your health challenges: **Diane Burgess, Anna Graves, Mert Harshman, Aiga Loeffler, Aggie May, Jerry Mullins, and Roger Taylor**. Please inform a board member of any members who are ill.

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. Please call Wendell at 299-8683 by April 21 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.



The beauty of life does not depend on how happy you are, but how happy others can be because of you.
(author unknown)



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 or donations to the Club for our Sock Hop:

Erna Heckeke	Doug Van Dorpe
Mariza & Peter Kron	Monica Hill
Sonja Papoutsis	Heidy Fuhs
Gina & Tom Crisp	Erika Geyer
Lucille & Earl Webb	Carol Toohey
Liane Gregg	Gisela & Mike Aaron
Renate Ramirez	Hartmut Hausler
Marianne & Mike Paris	Monika Weyer
Gerda Taylor	Trudy Dauernheim
Antje Roach	

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 Heckeke



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